



Newsletter: December 2016

Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

Turkey Day is behind us and we embrace the upcoming holiday season! We are very much looking forward to our annual **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** on Tuesday, **December 13th**, at the **Westminster Elks Club Lodge**. Our guest speaker will be our very own **Maryl Harshey**, who will share with us her experience of spending a **Christmas With the Mafia**, sure to be a fun story to enjoy together.

We are pleased that the cost per person to attend will still be **\$35**. If you have not yet made your reservations, time is of the essence! The deadline to make reservations is Tuesday December 6th. Contact **Jan Ober** (jan7474@aol.com; 410-876-6958) if you have any questions

As usual, the auction will remain open for bidding throughout the luncheon. If anyone still has items to donate for the auction, please email **Bev Humbert** (beverlycreations47@yahoo.com) to give a description and then you are welcome to bring them to the Elk's Club on the day of the event. Thanks to everyone for your consideration.

A Message from Our Presidents: Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

District Consolidation Vote

As promised, here are the results requested by the **GFWC MD Strategic Long Range Planning Committee**:

- ✓ Option 1: Consolidate the Districts into three - 11 votes
- ✓ Option 2: Keep present (5) Districts intact - 0 votes
- ✓ Option 3: Eliminate Districts - 37 votes
- ✓ Blank: No vote – 3 votes

The results of our voting were mailed to Julie Gibbs in Ocean City prior to the due date November 20.

Ornaments

Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to visit local bazaars, shops around Carroll County and the merchants selling our ornament for us (MD store, Carroll Arts Center, Historical Society, the Farm Museum, and our own fundraising committee).

Best Wishes to All

We are looking forward to the many exciting programs and events in 2017 sponsored by the various CSP's and committees.

Happy holidays to you and your family.

*In Federation Love,
Barb and Norma Jean*



Year-End Reports Due in January

Nancy Porter asks that each Community Service and Committee Chair submit her year-end report to her by Saturday, January 14th. Please send them to her electronically at NancPorter@gmail.com. Nancy sent all the Chairs sample reports a couple of months ago. These need updating with any new items and returned to Nancy as soon as possible.

Why the Year-End Reports are Important

Nancy will make copies of the reports for our President and also include them in our official files for March at the Historical Society. She'll then send the reports to the District, State, and International Headquarters. The reports will further be used at our State Convention in April 2017 to determine which of the various Clubs in Maryland should be recognized for their performance during the prior year.

LEADS Candidate

Applications for candidates for **LEADS** (**L**eadership, **E**ducation, and **D**evelopment **S**eminar) are due by February 1st. The candidate should be a person who demonstrates leadership capabilities, exhibits a commitment to the Federation, an understanding of community service, an interest in pursuing higher leadership positions in GFWC, has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level, and has not previously attended a LEADS program. Please consider applying to be a candidate.

Let Norma Jean or Barb know if you want to apply, since two letters of recommendation have to accompany the application. We've attached the candidate flyer.

Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award

Please start thinking about which club member you would like to nominate as our Club's representative in the contest for **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman**. Members who are ineligible are: current Executive Committee of the Federation, honorary GFWC-MD presidents, and former recipients of the award.

A narrative of up to 500 words will need to be written about the nominee once one is chosen at the January meeting. The nominee is expected to attend the State convention in April where the decision will be made as to the winner. Emphasis is placed on club-sponsored activities accomplished and can also include district and state involvement.

Book Browsers

Gini Bosse reports that **BOOK BROWSERS'** next meeting will be on **January 16th**. **Trinka Cueman** will be the discussion leader of the book **West with the Night** by Beryl Markham. Our hostess for the meeting is **Jo Harp**. All are welcome.





Fundraising Committee

Silent Auction – Getting Excited!

Bev Humbert reports that the *Silent Auction* preparation is well under way. You may look forward to a variety of items for bid. We try to provide things from low-priced to higher, more competitively-priced items. These will include an enameled Smithsonian bracelet, organic skin care products, Longaberger baskets, assorted Christmas items, Frederick Keys Baseball tickets, a Farm Museum Admission Package, and a Tour and Tea opportunity at McDaniel College. Plus, you can look forward to bidding on a \$100 housecleaning certificate, an Applebee's Restaurant gift card, a Bud's at Silver Run gourmet dinner certificate, and an offer of 6 months of desserts!

Plan on a wonderful event! We look forward to seeing you there.

Holiday Ornament Available

Don't forget to get your **2016 Holiday Ornament** of the *Almshouse*, perfect for yourself and nearly every person on your gift list! You can find them at the Farm Museum, Carroll County Historical Society, McDaniel College Bookstore, the Carroll Arts Center, and the Antique Mall. They make wonderful gifts for the holidays!

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Dramatic Presentation

We are pleased to announce the Fundraising Committee will sponsor a *St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Dramatic Presentation* on **Friday, March 17th**. Mark your calendar today so you don't miss out!

Our *Living History Presentation* will be brought to us by Ms. **Mikele Stillman**, Program Chairperson of the Hanover Historical Society. She will present herself as **Alice Roosevelt Longworth**. It should be a wonderful afternoon. Reservation information to follow next month.

Arts CSP

Donations

Clare Berent reports that the **ARTS CSP** met on November 8th and decided to donate **\$300** to the **Carroll County Arts Center** and **\$250** to the **Boys and Girls Club of Westminster** for art supplies. These donations will be made in December.

Festival of Wreaths

Dawn Thomas has created a beautiful wreath to represent the club in the *Festival of Wreaths*. It is a lush piece which features magnolia blooms, a variety of greens, and other seasonal embellishments. It represents the grace and peace of this time of year. Our gratitude to Dawn for a job well done. Please stop in to see it.



Carroll Arts Center: Christmas Events

The **ARTS CSP** wants to make you aware of two popular Christmas events at Carroll Arts Center:

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol presented by Maryland Ensemble Theatre on Friday, December 9th at 8pm and on Saturday, December 10th at 3pm and 8pm.

A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas

A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas by the Eric Byrd Trio on Friday, December 16 at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 17 at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m.

Home Life CSP

New Life for Girls

Mary Dudderar reports that the **HOME LIFE CSP** will be shopping for Holiday gifts for New Life for Girls. We will deliver them in the middle of December.

Cooking Lesson Coming Soon

We will be getting together with Chef Tim at the Career and Technology Center to get a date and make plans for the Cooking lesson luncheon to be scheduled for next April.

Always Remember

A simple reminder to keep vigilant:

What you don't KNOW can HURT her.
What you LEARN can HELP her.
What you DO can SAVE her.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ Beneficiary Committee
- ✓ Education CSP
- ✓ International Outreach CSP
- ✓ Publicity Committee
- ✓ Public Issues CSP
- ✓ Junior Woman's Club

Member Birthdays this Month

Join us in celebrating the birthdays of these fine fellow club-women:



Gainor Davis.....December 6	Patricia Minnich December 22
Sally Marks.....December 11	Dinah Smelser December 22
Clare BerentDecember 14	Karen Soisson December 22
Janet Buchanan.....December 15	Norma Jean Swam ... December 23
Janice HobartDecember 17	Betty Mathias..... December 31
Joan Hollinger.....December 18	





Yearbook Updates: New Members

We heartily welcome these new members to **GFWC Westminster**.

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Please add Gainor and Carol to your Yearbooks.

From the Editors

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our January, 2017 newsletter is Friday, December 23rd.
- ✓ Be sure to read our little **Fine Print Box** at the end of each Newsletter!

Holiday Cheer to All

Holiday Cheer!

Your Newsletter Editors **Debbie Schaeffer** and **Becky Barbour** wish each and every Club member a very **Merry Christmas** and a safe and **Happy New Year!**

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminster Newsletter** editors are **Debbie Schaeffer** (assemble submissions, initial draft) and **Becky Barbour** (final editing and formatting, email distribution). We publish the newsletter **ten times per year**, with a break during the summer months of June and July. We **distribute** the newsletters to our members on or about the **first Tuesday** of the month, or one week before each of our meetings. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Debbie Schaeffer** (m-dschae@comcast.net) by the **23rd of the month** preceding publication.