



## Newsletter: January 2017

### January Club Meeting

We begin the new year with our next meeting on Tuesday, **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. We are pleased to have **Drew Baker** of the **Old Westminster Winery** as our first guest speaker of the year. In his short presentation that he calls **Turning Wine into Water**, Drew will share with us how the Baker family's Carroll County start-up has had a significant impact on the lives of over 300 children in Uganda by making drinking water available to them. For these needy children, quite literally, **Water is Life**.



Our hostesses will be the **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP**. As usual, we'll meet at the **Non-Profit Building** on Clifton Boulevard in Westminster. Refreshments and mingling start at **1pm** and our meeting starts at 1:30pm.

Don't forget to wear your **name tag** and to **carpool** if you can.

### A Message from Our Presidents:

**Barbara Humbert** and **Norma Jean Swam**

## Happy New Year!

With excitement still in the air from the holidays, we are looking forward to an outstanding year of our club activities. There are many opportunities to support and give back to the community throughout our **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSP)**. Please remember you do not have to serve on a specific CSP to participate in their activity or event. We will be energized to begin 2017 with renewed enthusiasm and new experiences to share *unity in diversity*.

Good news to share! We have assisted our first **Children in Transition** with a gift certificate to purchase **new clothes** at **Old Navy**. We have had several donations made from members and community members to begin this special project. Thank you for considering adding to this fund in your end of year contributions.

According to the **Carroll County Times**, reporting of **domestic violence** in Carroll County is **up by 35%**. That may not mean more instances, but may mean better reporting or empowerment of victims to come forward. Recognition was given to all groups who are working to raise awareness and do what they can to assist victims. Let's continue to be vigilant in 2017! As our Home Life CSP has been reminding us:

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

*Barb and Norma Jean*



## More From Norma Jean and Barb LEADS Candidate

Applications for candidates for **LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) are due by **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2017. 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 are required to accompany the application.

### Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award

Please also 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 we've made our selection at our January meeting. The Club's 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.

## Year-End Reports Due in January

**Nancy Porter** asks that each **COMMUNITY SERVICE** and **COMMITTEE** Chair submit her year-end report to Nancy by Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please send your reports to her electronically at [NancPorter@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Fundraising Committee

### Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction Recap

**Bev Humbert** reports that our December **Silent Auction** was very successful! From our preliminary accounting, it appears we made around **\$1,300**.

Many thanks to everyone that helped make our **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** such a success. We especially thank our Fundraising Committee members, our donors of items for the auction – and to our bidders. Way to go everyone!



## 2016 Christmas Ornaments Available

Still looking for one special remaining gift after Christmas? The **GFWC 2016 Ornament**, the **Almshouse of the Carroll County Farm Museum**, is available at the following locations around town: Carroll Arts; Historical Society Shoppe; Antique Mall; Maryland State Store; and the Farm Museum Administrative Office. Help support GFWC in this fund raising effort.



## Theodore Roosevelt's Daughter

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for a luncheon and dramatic presentation of **Alice Roosevelt Longworth**. We look forward to seeing all of you there. We'll have tickets for sale at the January meeting.

## Arts CSP

Clare Berent reports the following:

### Festival of Wreaths

Thanks to those who worked at the Festival of Wreaths. The Arts Council is very appreciative of the help we provide - and it's fun.

### Art and Photography Exhibit

The **Maryland GFWC Art and Photography Exhibit** is still welcoming entries for the state convention in April! Artists and photographers – we urge you to start thinking and planning ahead for this exhibit at the state convention because **the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>**. We'll have more details in the February newsletter.



### Non-Profit Art

We'll be installing the next art show at the Non-Profit Center, **Inner Visions**, on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, where it will remain until April.

## Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports:

### Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Our reading event for the **Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration** will on **Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, this year. We'll have sign-up sheets for your participation will be available at the January board and general meetings.



### Used Books Sale Resumes!

Our **Used Book Sales** will resume at our January meeting. Jackie also asks those of you who have so kindly stored books discard those titles that just keep hanging around month after month. Let's make room for fresh choices!



## International Outreach CSP



Linda Kjeldgaard reports that **The Dress Project** sent 75 dresses to Guatemala. Thanks to all the seamstresses and contributors of underwear. **Dinah Smelser** made up packets of fabric, thread, tape, and directions for all of them.

## Home Life CSP



**Jean Picardi** and **Mary Dudderar** report that this Christmas, the **HOME LIFE CSP** bought gift cards and personal items for fourteen adults residing at **New Life for Girls**. We also bought gifts for four of the children living there.

## Book Browsers Committee

**Gini Bosse** reports that the **BOOK BROWSERS COMMITTEE** will meet on **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10am** will be to discuss *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham. Trinka Cueman will lead our discussion and Jo Harp will be our hostess. Please join us!



## CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **PUBLICITY -COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **PUBLIC ISSUES CSP**
- ✓ **JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB (JWC)**

## Member Birthdays this Month

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

- Linda Witter..... January 4
- Babs Condon ..... January 6
- Virginia Falcon ..... January 20
- Jo Harp ..... January 21
- Mary Upman ..... January 21
- Debbie Schaeffer ..... January 30



## Yearbook Updates

We have had no Yearbook Updates reported this month.

## Newsletter Deadline

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

### 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 Monday** of the month, or one week plus a day before each of our meetings. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Debbie Schaeffer** ([m-dschae@comcast.net](mailto:m-dschae@comcast.net)) by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of the month** preceding publication.