



## Newsletter: April 2017

### April Club Meeting

Our April meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** and will be a general meeting, when our speaker will be **Steve Wantz, Carroll County Commissioner**, who will be speaking on the topic of *Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going*. Our hostesses will be the **PUBLIC ISSUES-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 begins 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

The State Board meeting on February 21 was attended by seven club members. Sally Marks and Dinah Smelser shared the making of the "little dresses" project by the **INTERNATIONAL CSP**. Several ladies from other clubs were very interested in pursuing making and sending the dresses to foreign countries.

The speaker for the afternoon was the granddaughter of Dottie Gregg, President-Elect of Maryland, who spoke about starting food pantries in several high schools in Cecil County. All members attending were to bring food items. Her car was filled with pantry supplies when she left.

The official announcement was made that there will be only three districts in 2018 in Maryland.

The dinner for the Junior Club was well-received. There were fourteen juniors and ten of our members present. Bev Humbert led the group in a get-acquainted activity. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The fundraising event with Alice Roosevelt Longworth was a very nice afternoon with 38 guests attending. We had a delicious bag lunch and a very entertaining and educational Alice.

Much to our disappointment, the March business meeting had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm. Consequently, you will see some business items added to the agenda for the **April 11<sup>th</sup>** meeting. We look forward to welcoming five new members as well as hearing from Commissioner Steve Wantz who will be sharing with us his role and expectations for Carroll County.

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



## GFWC Federation Day

On Monday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm**, **Mayor Kevin Utz** will be signing a proclamation for recognition of **GFWC Federation Day** at City Hall at Emerald Hill. We hope many members can attend this event, as member Suzanne Albert is the Westminster Council President.

## Carroll's Labor Day Flea Market on April 15<sup>th</sup>

Our next Flea Market /Yard Sale will be Saturday **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Shipley Arena in Westminster. We have 6 tables again this time! The money collected will go towards the scholarship fund. Here's how you can help:

### What to Donate

We want this to be our best sale yet, so please clean out your closets and cupboards. As you look for good things to donate, remember that some of the best-selling items for us have been: jewelry packaged in small baggies; household items; toys; books; movie DVDs; and some small furniture.

### Drop-Off Location and Time

You can drop-off the items you want to donate from **12pm to 6pm** on Friday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### Questions?

**Many more volunteers are needed to help with the flea market.** There are only a few names on the list currently. So please contact Norma Jean for more information or to volunteer at [410-871-0741](tel:410-871-0741) or [njSwam@comcast.net](mailto:njSwam@comcast.net).

## Maryland Annual Convention

The Maryland Annual Convention will be **April 29-30, 2017**. The location is the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. Reservations are due by **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The Pre-registration cost is **\$15**. Registration at the door is **\$20**. The cost of the hotel room is **\$129** for a single/double plus 13% tax. The Call was sent out by mail so it isn't attached to the newsletter. If you need it, please contact me.

## Spring Luncheon

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>** from **11:30am – 2pm** at the Kruger Chapel and Auditorium at Carroll Lutheran Village. The cost is **\$35** per person. The reservation form is attached to this newsletter. Please fill in with your entrée choice and bring to the April meeting with your check. Because of the March snow, we have missed one reservation opportunity for the luncheon so get those reservations in as soon as you can. Reservations are limited to 100 people and guests are welcome. Please mail your form and check to Jan Ober at 247 Bell Rd, Westminster, MD 21158. The speaker will be Christopher Scotton, *Author of* **THE SECRET WISDOM OF THE EARTH**.

The menu is as follows:



Baby Greens with Heirloom Tomato, Cucumber and Dijon Ranch Dressing  
Warm Rolls with Creamy Butter

**Entrees (choose one)**

Pepper Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Minted Peach Gremolata  
Honey Lime Glazed Atlantic Salmon  
Portabella Stuffed Mushroom with Feta, Spinach,  
Sundried Tomato and Balsamic Drizzle

(All entrees served with Herb Couscous and Tarragon Roasted Squash)

**Dessert --**

Petite Black Forrest Cheesecake with Raspberry Garnish

## **Historical Society of Carroll County – Babs Condon**

Our own **Babs Condon** will be speaking at the Historical Society's monthly Box Lunch Talk at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street in Westminster, at **noon** on Tuesday **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Her talk will highlight accomplishments of our Westminster Woman's Club in the Westminster community as it celebrates its 150-year history. The cost is **\$3** for members and **\$7** for non-members.

## **GFWC 2017 Annual Convention - June 23-26, 2017**

The convention will be at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, California. GFWC California hosts the 2017 Annual Convention from **June 23-26, 2017** in the greater Palm Springs area. A location and property not to be missed, the JW Marriott holds a luxury spa, world-class golfing and tennis, and dozens of on-site shops and eateries just minutes from your room. You never have to leave the grounds...but if you do, Palm Springs has fabulous shopping, celebrity home tours, and hiking trails.

**Friday, June 23-** Board of Directors meeting and GFWC California State Night

**Saturday, June 24** - Opening Ceremony

**Monday, June 26** - Gala Banquet

***GFWC Rate of \$145 per night!***

### **Traveling to Convention**

It's not too early to start looking and booking. Search early and often to get the best flight deals. Many travel websites and apps have price alerts. Type in your projected travel dates and they'll send you a text or email when prices drop.

### **Recommended Arrival Dates**

Wednesday Evening, June 21 – if you are doing the early Thursday tour



Thursday, June 22 – most popular arrival day

Friday, June 23 – for those not doing tours but still want to attend State Night later that evening or the Opening Ceremony the next morning

### **Recommended Departure Date**

Tuesday, June 27 – Convention concludes after the Monday Gala Dinner

The nearest airport is Palm Springs International Airport (PSP), about 20-25 minutes from JW Marriott Desert Springs.

## **Westminster's Memorial Day Parade**

Mary Lou Poirier reminds members that although it is not yet posted on the city's website, Westminster's 150th Memorial Day Parade is expected to be on **May 29, 2017**. It will begin at **10am** on Pennsylvania Avenue. It will end on Church Street at approximately **11am** with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony. We invite all our past and current presidents to be specially honored with a corsage and to ride with us. Wear your patriotic colors and wave the flag as we march, walk, or ride through downtown Westminster in an old-fashioned, hometown parade. Please sign up to participate at the April or May meeting. We also need cars (convertibles or other standout vehicles would be wonderful!) and drivers, so if you can provide a car and driver, let us know. On the sign-up sheets, you can indicate if you can provide a vehicle and if you'd like to ride or walk. We'll provide additional details to those who sign up. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, call or email Mary Lou at 410-871-9102 or [gloupoirier@gmail.com](mailto:gloupoirier@gmail.com).

P.S. If you have never attended this parade, even if you don't want to participate in the march, just bring a chair or sit on the curb and enjoy this patriotic event while remembering those lost while serving our country. Everyone smiles and waves their flag at you, whether they know you or not. It is a special day.

## **Arts CSP**

Clare Berent reminds us that the Peep Show approaches! This perennial favorite will take place at the Carroll County Arts Council from **April 7<sup>th</sup>** to the **19<sup>th</sup>** from **10am to 7pm daily**. The promotional photos for this year's display prove that our local artists have done it again and a fun time is guaranteed to all who visit. This event requires a large amount of people-power to present. If you can sign up for a shift or two to help out, it would be much appreciated. You can sign up online at [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org) or call [410-848-7272](tel:410-848-7272).

## **Education CSP**

Jackie Hering reports that 24 Easter Literacy Buckets have been filled --12 for Shepherd's Staff and 12 for Taneytown Elementary School. Members will have an



opportunity to make a monetary donation towards these buckets at the April meeting. Used book tables will also be open for business, so plan to stock up for the summer.

## International Outreach CSP

**Sally Marks** reports that there will **NOT** be any **SERRV** day in April.

## Home Life CSP

**Mary Dudderar** asks members to please consider attending the Cooking Lesson Luncheon at the Career and Technology Center on Friday **April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **12pm**. This is an important fundraiser for the club and has been well attended in the past. This fundraiser also supports the Career and Technology Center's Culinary Arts program. The food is always delicious and it is wonderful to hear the students share information on the preparation of all the delicious foods on the menu.

Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting.

Where: Café at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center (CCCTC)  
When: Friday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **12pm**  
Presenters: The Culinary Arts Class *featuring* Chef Tim Norwood  
Cost: **\$30** per person  
Proceeds Support: GFWC Westminster and The Culinary Arts Program of CCCTC  
<http://www.carrollk12.org/ctc/programs/business/culinary/default.asp>

## Book Browsers Committee

Book Browsers will meet **April 17<sup>th</sup>** to discuss *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamole. The meeting will be at the home of Nancy Hiatt. Nancy will also lead the discussion. Any who wish to come are very welcome. Please join us.

## Scholarship Recipient

**Norma Jean** reported that the recipient of the Carroll Community College scholarship is **Jacqueline Young**. Norma Jean wanted to pass on Jacqueline's information in case Club members wanted to send her notes of encouragement. Her address is 940 Wampler Lane, Westminster, MD 21158.

## CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ **BENEFICIARY CSP-X**
- ✓ **FUNDRAISING**
- ✓ **PUBLIC ISSUES CSP-X**



## Member to Member

### Walk A Mile in Her Shoes

The Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County is sponsoring a community walk to stand up against sexual violence. To be held on **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10am** at Dutterer Family Park at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Monroe Street. The cost to walk is **\$10**. The cost for t-shirt and walk is **\$20**. All participants are asked to fundraise \$50 or more. For more information, visit [www.walkamilecc.org](http://www.walkamilecc.org). If you would like to support Norma Jean, please follow this link to donate -- <https://runsignup.com/Race/41610/Donate/PmtdmStndFrdQmk>

## Member Birthdays this Month

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

Pat Hyde	April 1
Lynn Walter	April 1
Cathy Hartman	April 2
Dory Shilling	April 4
Gini Bosse	April 5
Carol Graff	April 12
Nancy Heiberg	April 15
Nancy Groft	April 17
Linda Payne	April 18

## Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

### New Members

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

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## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **May 2017** newsletter is **Monday, April 24<sup>th</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 **Nancy Porter** (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.