



Newsletter: August 2017

August Picnic

Our August Picnic is just around the corner!

Jan Ober reminds us that the first event of our 2017-2018 club year is our Annual Picnic! Always held on the last Tuesday in August, our picnic will be fairly late in the month: on Tuesday, **August 29th**. We'll gather at **5pm**, start eating by **5:15pm**, and adjourn about **7pm**.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH is collecting the following at the picnic. They suggest that if you bring a salad to the picnic - bring size 2/3 panties; a main dish - size 4/5; if you bring dessert - size 6 or 8; and if you bring a drink - size 10 **OR** little boys swim trunk/underpants combinations.

HOME LIFE is collecting school supplies and monetary donations at the picnic.

What to Bring

Please bring a dish appropriate for serving no more than 8 people. According to the first letter of your last name, you should bring:

A- D	Salad
E- I	Dessert
J-Z	Main Dish

We'll provide beverages and paper goods.

Program

Besides good fellowship, we look forward to enjoying a brief review of the exciting year ahead of us!

Location Information

We've found King Park to be an ideal location for kicking off our club years! So we'll gather again at King Park, a City of Westminster Park off of the western part of Chase Street (parallel to Green Street). (address: Chase Street, Westminster, 21157; directions below).

We've again arranged for the covered pavilion, which is right next to the park's driveway, with tables and benches for us all. You can park either in the park's lot or along the cul de sac near the park. The terrain is flat and there are restrooms close by.

Yearbooks Supplements

We will **not** be passing out our yearbook supplements at the picnic. Instead we will pass them out at the Board meeting and Club meeting in September.

Directions

Take Route 27 south, beyond the intersection with Main Street.
Take the 3rd right off of Route 27 after crossing Main Street, onto Chase Street.
King Park will be just ahead of you.



Hope to see all of you there!

A Message from Our Presidents:

Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

The cooler days are a comin'!! September is just around the corner. Our summer has been busy with many happenings such as:

- holding an Executive Board meeting in June to evaluate the past year and look ahead to a new year.
- assisting **HOME LIFE** and **PUBLIC ISSUES** in the early planning of a Domestic Forum for Wednesday, October 25 from 6:30 – 9:00 at the Arts Council. Save the date and share with others.
- attending various CSP meetings and learning about exciting new projects or the continuation of established projects.

We want to thank Nancy Porter, Carol Graff and Suzanne Albert for the time they gave to organizing the archive files at the Carroll County Historical Society and also thanks to Nancy and her husband, Alex, for moving a filing cabinet to store additional files.

We are anticipating an exciting year of developing leaders, serving others and living the volunteer spirit. Each meeting will include a fun and happy experience for all our members and guests.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual picnic on Tuesday, **August 29th** at King Park at **5:00**. It is a great time to bring a guest.

Fundraising Committee

Bev Humbert reports that we are pleased to announce this year's holiday ornament will be the "caboose" at the college. This ornament will be sold in celebration of the college's 150th anniversary. A large portion will be sold at the college bookstore, but be assured there will be ornaments available at our September meeting for those interested. The cost for this limited edition will be \$20.00. A special thanks to Lynn Walter for her photography skills in getting a great picture of the caboose to be used as the design of our ornament.

In an effort to prevent "overload" of GFWC fundraisers this year, please consider the list below of those already planned. We have been very mindful of the number of money raising activities that have happened in years past and hope this list will help other committees in their planning. It is encouraged that any thoughts for additional committee fundraising ideas go through the Board and Fundraising chair. Thanks very much for understanding.

August-September IHOP breakfast or lunch, Ornaments
September - Flea Market awaiting final word – on the wait list
October – Boscovs
November – Terri Lynn Nuts
December – Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction
January – Heifer/Unicef/Food Collection – to be determined



February – Cutlery
March – Lunch and dramatic presentation
April - Possible field trip.
May – Spring Luncheon

Arts CSP

ARTS CSP is assembling our next Art Show at the Nonprofit Center that we're calling **Color My World**. It will be installed on September 18th. You will see the new exhibit at our October club meeting.

Babs Condon reports that the Club will be holding a "Painting Party" on Wednesday, **September 20th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm** in the basement of the Church of the Brethren, 1 Park Avenue in Westminster. Dessert will be provided by the **ARTS CSP** Committee. Lyndi McNulty will be the lead painter (aka – instructor) who will not only provide everything we need but will also give us hints, suggestions, encouragement, etc. – so that all can create a FUN masterpiece. Having done this twice myself already – I just have to say – if I can do it – anyone can do it. Please think about joining us and having an evening together. Cost is TBD – more details at our summer picnic.

Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's

Boscov's has designed a program called Friends Helping Friends to help non-profits (like us!) to earn money. It provides the group with Shopping Passes to sell for **\$5** each to its members and friends. Then, on Tuesday, **October 17th from 9am - 11pm**, Boscov's advertises a special day filled with fun where holders of these Shopping Passes get 25% off of almost every item in the store! Plus, Boscov's will be offering fabulous prizes and providing refreshments and entertainment throughout the day. (You can read more about the program at <https://www.boscovs.com/wcsstore/boscovs/images/html/community/community.html>)

The ARTS CSP is excited to have signed us up to participate this year. Everyone wins! You get 25% off what you buy; GFWC gets **\$5** to help support the arts in our community; and Boscov's gets a store full of happy shoppers.

So start that list of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, thank-you gifts, hostess gifts – and, of course, holiday giving! – so you can make the most of your savings! You can buy your Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass for **\$5** from the ARTS CSP at our picnic on **August 29th**. Please see **Kathy Rittler** for the passes.

Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that since we are facing a tight budget, the committee is urging club members to carefully review details of the suggested fundraiser---magazine subscriptions. Booklets will be available at the picnic and club meetings through November. Nancy Porter will handle orders at meetings or you can order online. You can renew subscriptions as well as order new ones. This is a "win-win" for club; you can order gifts for yourself and friends and the club receives 40%.

"Read Across Carroll County" will be held on Friday, **March 2, 2018** and Monday, **March 5, 2018**. Please mark your calendars now.



Monetary donations for 24 "Backpacks for Education" for Shepherd's Staff and in cooperation with the Home Life Program, Taneytown Elementary School, will be accepted at the picnic, September Board and General meetings.

And remember, the Used Book Sale will begin again at the September meeting. This is a great way to read great books for a minimal price, and it's a good fundraiser for the Education CSP. We do not want to have to discontinue this nice facet of our club---we began in the earlier years with book reading being a vital part of our tasking before we delved into more community service projects. But for the book sale to continue, we need members to take bags of books home with them at the end of the meetings, and bring them back the next month. The ladies on the Education CSP cannot be carrying 30 or 40 books each to every meeting.

Magazines! Your Orders Help Our Club!

Nancy Porter reports that the **EDUCATION CSP** will once again sell magazine subscriptions as a fundraiser. Nancy will be our main club contact and the fundraiser must be completed by **November 15th**, when she will send in our group order. Here are some of the details.

Nancy has catalogs and has also provided us a list of the available magazines in Excel spreadsheet (attached to the Newsletter). There are well over 1,000 magazines for you to choose from! Many, like *Southern Living*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, and *Country Living*, come in digital format as well as paper.

Nancy set up an online account for us using her name as the contact. You can go online at www.APmags.com/store. Enter the code **HW34TKZV** and you may need to enter Nancy Porter as the student's name to see our campaign progress and magazines available for you to order while online. Online, you can also renew a current subscription; your new subscription will start after the current one ends. Nancy has even provided a flyer for you to give to friends who might also want to order online, which we've also attached.

Remember, you can certainly order magazines for yourself, but also consider the idea of giving magazines as holiday or birthday gifts to family and friends. See Jackie or Nancy for the certificates you can print and complete to give for your gift.

GFWC Westminster receives 40% of the amount sold through our fundraiser! That could add up to a lot of money that we can put to some great causes! So please, encourage your friends and relatives to order magazines from us.

Subscriptions take about 4-6 weeks to start once we have turned in all of the orders on November 15th. Please email Nancy with your order at NancPorter@gmail.com, including the following

- ✓ name of magazine
- ✓ code number
- ✓ price of subscription
- ✓ name and address of person for the subscription



Or you can bring your order and check to our September, October and November meetings. Make the check payable to Nancy Porter. Nancy will send one check for the entire fundraiser when it ends on **November 15, 2017**.

International Outreach CSP

Sally Marks reports that the International Outreach Committee and volunteer seamstresses met to discuss the future of our adorable little dresses project as well as make plans for the coming club year. The decision to continue making little dresses and infant blankets was unanimous. Keep in mind that there is an expense with the project. Our first attempt to collect supplies will be made at the picnic. Requests are as follows:

Rickrack, medium width, in white, yellow, pink or lime green OR
Fabric suitable for little girls' dresses OR
Girls underpants made of 100% cotton.

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We are also watching how UNICEF reaches out to emergencies and we will contribute to them when the need arises. The most recent problem was no running water in Namaela Junior School in a community in Malawi, so girls could not attend school. UNICEF installed water pumps and the whole community prospered. No more carrying water from a lake which carried illness to the community; no more dangerous collection of lake water where a child had been killed by a crocodile and girls could go back to school.

The following thank you letter is from Krysten North, a pediatrician at a hospital in Malawi:

Dear Ladies of the Westminster Women's Club,

Thank you for the generous donation of blankets, dresses and hats for children of Malawi! It is getting to be the cold season here and many children have little to wear to protect them chilly nights and mornings. The items have been distributed between children in our cancer, malnutrition and infant nursery units. In a country where the average income is less than \$2 a day, your kindness can make a significant impact for the kids who get to enjoy the items that you made. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Krysten North

Home Life CSP

The **HOME LIFE CSP** will once again work with the **EDUCATION CSP** to provide school supplies and needed clothing for Taneytown Elementary. As we've learned, this school has many students in need but their parents often don't (or can't) make use of the wonderful Back-



to-School Backpacks program at Shepherd's Staff. So we are targeting this school in particular to help these children in need.

We'll be collecting school supplies and monetary donations at the **August picnic** and at the **September general meeting**. We are grateful for your generosity.

Publicity Committee

Nancy Porter reports that Mary Lou has stepped down as co-chair of publicity. Publicity now consists of Nancy Porter, Chair, Sandy Sidlovsky and Kathy Rittler. Please email Nancy (nancporter@gmail.com) with any photo opportunities that arise.

Book Browsers Committee

Gini Bosse reports that **Book Browsers** will be meeting at the home of **Jo Harp** on Monday **September 18th, 2017**. The book is *Lilac Girls* written by **Martha Hall Kelly**. **Jo Harp** will lead the discussion.

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

Junior Woman's Club of Westminster (JWC)

The Juniors would like our help with their Consignment Sale. This is their biggest fundraiser. Below are the times for sorting the clothing and for the sale. If anyone is able to bake cookies, please deliver to the Ag Center any time on Friday morning.

Friday 8/25 from 8:30 am- 6 pm -- Sort clothes and items

Saturday 8/26 from 7am-1 pm -- Sale

1 -3:30 pm -- Sort unsold clothes and items

3:30-4:30 pm -- Consignors pick up unsold items; clean up

If you can help, please contact, Mimi Ducane, the coordinator of the volunteers at ducanevork@gmail.com or [443-293-2880](tel:443-293-2880) regarding volunteering for the sale. The Juniors would prefer to have volunteers let them know in advance what time they will be there; however, we will not turn away help if you just show up!

Member Birthdays this Month

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

JoAnn Barlow	August 14	Susan Thomas	August 22
Barbara Vransy	August 15	Jane Sharpe	August 24
Barbara Humbert	August 16	Dorris Whitford	August 25



Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Resignations

Eve Schaeffer

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **September 2017** newsletter is **Wednesday, August 23rd**.
- ✓ 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) 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) by the **23rd of the month** preceding publication.