



Newsletter: September 2017

September Club Meeting

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, **September 12th** when our speaker will be **Karen Pelton**, who will be speaking about the *Make a Wish Foundation*. Our hostesses will be the **ARTS 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 Co-President Norma Jean:

As autumn ushers in cooler temperatures and the colorful foliage appears, we are encouraged about all the opportunities of service our GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. offers locally and internationally.

This month, Jane Sharpe, Carolyn Seabolt and myself enjoyed a ladies' getaway to JoAnn Barlow's family home in Elkins, West Virginia. As we approached Elkins, we were welcomed by the GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins' sign and their lovely garden off of Route 33. During our visit, we enjoyed hospitality, craftsmanship and the generosity of southerners. The Augusta Festival, a juried craft exhibit, was enlightening as to the talents and craftsmanship of the local artists.



Saturday night's entertainment at the Davis and Elkins College on the Mountain Stage was an exhilarating time with great entertainment by musicians playing jazz, gospel, bluegrass and honkytonk.

Chris Wood, President of Davis and Elkins College and former associate pastor at the Westminster United Methodist Church gave the welcoming speech. He gave fine words to relate to others as the college welcomes students during the next two weeks. His words equally apply to our lives as we prepare for a new club year.

1. Education – never stop learning! As clubwomen, take on a new hobby, challenge your own goals, take a class or do a workshop, attend a district or state meeting.
2. Transformation – step out of your comfort zone. If another CSP is doing a special project, offer your hand to their cause. Weed the garden at Belle Grove Square, attend the paint night, or bake cookies for the October 25th event.
3. Vocation – having some 88 club members who have such a variety of skills from their employment years, makes for outstanding skill sets, talents and leadership.
4. Creativity – clubwomen who are willing to “step outside the box” to be of service to others are truly living the volunteer spirit.
5. Beauty – living in a climate zone where we can enjoy the changing of the seasons allows us to partake of the natural wonders of the magnificent elements of creation.



Additionally, this getaway weekend allowed us to connect with Rosemary Thomas, formerly the COO of GFWC International and now the new V.P. of Development and Institutional Advancement at the college as of July. She is settling into her new habitat and took us around the gorgeous campus on a golf cart. Her new house even has a ballroom on the top floor. Oh, and Chris' wife, Lisa, has just joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins. With Rosemary and Lisa lending their skills, this group will be doing many new service projects.

Barb and I have attended several CSP meetings and committee meetings as we prepare for this 2017-2018 year. Lately, Barb has been "Nurse Jane Fuzzy-Wuzzy" for Dave since his hip replacement surgery in early August. He is doing well and appreciates all the "get well wishes" from the club members.

As we begin this new club year, let us not forget those meaningful lines from our Collect: "... and O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind."

P.S. Chris Wood will be preaching at the United Methodist Church of Westminster on Sunday, **September 17th** at the 8:30 service.

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

Club Dues

Our Treasurer, Barb Gunther, will begin collecting dues at our August picnic for the club year 2017/2018. Why not get yours out of the way early in the year? Annual dues are still **\$65** for Active members and **\$75** for Associate members.

Fundraising Committee -- Flea Market on September 2nd

Bev Humbert reports that our Flea Market at the Shipley Center in Westminster will be held on Saturday, **September 2nd** from **8am - 2pm**. We hope to have a lot of nice donations and that you gals will come out and shop! We realize that this is short notice, so please pull together what you can.

We Need Your Wonderful Donations! These are some suggestions for items that have sold well before:

Jewelry: packaged in small plastic baggies (**polished and cleaned please**)

Children: toys and books

Entertainment: books, particularly best-sellers; movie DVDs

Kitchen / Bath: décor; small appliances and tools

Household: small decorative items; glassware; small items of furniture; antiques!

Garden: fancy planters; statues; garden décor; flower pots

Christmas: decorations; holiday gift items



Your rule of thumb in choosing your items to donate for the flea market: Would you be excited to buy the item you donate?

Can You Volunteer a Couple of Hours?

Bev needs volunteers for the following shifts to make the Flea Market a success:

Friday, September 1st – Accept Donations at Drop-Off

We need volunteers to help with receiving the items our members drop off and arrange them for display at our booths.

Accept Donated Items -- **2pm – 4pm** (4 people needed) and **4pm – 6pm** (4 people needed to help set up)

Saturday, September 2nd –

Two Persons to assist Norma Jean from **6am – 9am**

Two persons to assist Fran and Ginger from **8am – 10am**

Three persons to assist Claire from **10am – 12noon**

Three persons to assist Bev from **12noon – 2pm**

Three persons to assist Lorraine to help clean up from **1:30-3pm**

PLEASE RSVP TO BEV HUMBERT (410-303-3418) OR (beverlycreations47@yahoo.com) WITH YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP AND WHEN. Wear an apron with pockets to keep your money for change secure. GFWC Name tags too. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR AND A SNACK. IT SHOULD BE FUN!

New Ornament

This year's ornament is the "caboose" from McDaniel College. This ornament is in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the college. The cost will be **\$20** each and they will be available at the September 12th meeting.

Fall Harvest Days

Volunteers will also be needed to sell ornaments at the **Fall Harvest Day** at the Farm Museum on **October 14th**. More information will follow.

IHOP Fundraiser

Ladies are also invited to come to lunch at the IHOP Meadow Creek as a late summer fundraiser. The date for the event will be announced at a later time. 20% of the receipts will be given to GFWC. Please plan to bring a friend.

Domestic Violence Awareness and Presentation

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is the signature project of GFWC. Our club, in partnership with RCIS (Rape Crisis Intervention Services), decided to hold a community evening of education and presentation. On Wednesday, **October 25th** from **7-9pm** we will host a forum at the Arts Council.



The agenda includes:

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Terry Smack

Foolproof Skits: Intimate Relationships, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking

Panelists discussing services and consequences:

Moderator: Mrs. Babs Condon

Kelly Rainey, Family and Children Services

Rachael Hughes: RCIS staff

Candace Parrot: MD Task Force on Human Trafficking

Brian DeLeonardo: State's Attorney

Light refreshments will be served (provided by our clubwomen). Please spread the word about this forum to your family, neighbors, and friends! Home Life and Public Issues are assisting with this event. Donations will be accepted and will go to Family and Children Services and Rape Crisis Intervention Services.

Tagline: "What you don't know can hurt her.

What you learn can help her.

What you do can save her."

Book Browsers

Gini Bosse reports that the first meeting this season of the BOOK BROWSERS will be on Monday, **September 18th** at **10am**. Jo Harp will lead our discussion of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Join us at the home of Jo Harp – all are welcome to join us! If you are a regular attendee but won't be coming, or if you are coming for the first time, please call our hostess Jo at [410-259-0958](tel:410-259-0958).

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 15th**. You will see the new exhibit at our October club meeting. This show runs until January 12, 2018.

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**. 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. The cost is **\$30** – 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.

Beneficiary Committee - Suggestions Needed for Funds

Jane Sharpe reports that she needs all your suggestions for the recipients of the Beneficiary Committee's funds by the **October meeting**. Please contact Jane (jSharpe@mcdaniel.edu), Lura Griswold ([410-848-9635](tel:410-848-9635)), Ginny Houser (AerobicGinny@gmail.com), Pat Minnich (PatriciaMinnich@aol.com), or Jayne Stocksdales (ajStocksdales@verizon.net) with your ideas. The beneficiary committee guidelines are attached with the newsletter. Please fill out with your suggestion and bring this form to the September meeting.

Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that 24 backpacks have been filled with school supplies for needy children. Twelve were delivered to Shepherd's Staff along with additional assorted school supplies, and 12 will be delivered to Taneytown Elementary School. Monetary donations to defray the cost of putting together these backpacks (about \$11.00 each) will be collected at the picnic on August 29, the Executive Board meeting on September 5, and the general meeting on September 12. Just look for the tie-dye, bright backpack--a real eye-catcher!

The used book table will be open at each of our meetings throughout the club year except December and May. Boxtops for Education will be collected throughout the club year for William Winchester Elementary School to purchase needed equipment. Members are also encouraged to collect coupons and gently-used children's and adult books and magazines for the "Take Home Library" at Shepherd's Staff. These items may be brought to meetings or dropped off on Carroll Street in Westminster at Shepherd's Staff.

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. Nancy



and Jackie have catalogs and Nancy also provided us a list of the available magazines in Excel spreadsheet that was part of the August newsletter.

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**.

Home Life CSP

Mary, Sue and Jean report that there is great news! We are selling the Terri Lynn nuts again for a fundraiser. We will have the brochures at the picnic as well as at the September meeting. We would like to take all your orders at the October meeting so that we may have the nuts for our November meeting. As before, you may order online at any time at www.terrilynnfundraising.com but remember you have to pay shipping. Thank you.

Many thanks to Jackie Hering and the education committee for their kindness in including Taneytown Elementary in their backpack distribution. When we delivered them to the school they were so grateful and said they had parents calling requesting them.

The school still needs the followings: Protractors, 12 pack Colored Pencils, Dry Erasers, Binder Dividers, or Rulers. You can bring them to the picnic or to the September meeting.

State Board of Directors Meeting

The State Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, **September 19th, 2017** at 10am. Registration will be held from 9:15-11am. The meeting is hosted by the Eastern Shore District and will be held at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant, 6304 Suicide Bridge Road, Hurlock, MD 21643, 410-943-4689. The registration fee is **\$3** per person (to be collected at the door). Lunch will be your choice of Crab Cake or Lemon Chicken (Write your choice on the reservation form), Chef's Choice of Vegetables Dessert Coffee, Tea, or Iced Tea and the cost is **\$26**. The speaker will be Sheila Murphy, MCAT, Community Wellness Chief, Cecil County Department of Community Services, will talk about the impact and influence of the arts on our busy lives. ALL club members are encouraged to attend. Please let Barbara Gunther know by **September 6th** if you would like to attend.



Junior Woman's Club of Westminister (JWC)

Everything Children Consignment Sale

Mimi Ducane says thanks to all of the *wonderful ladies who are making cookies and plan to help* at their Consignment Sale on **August 26th**. *We appreciate it!* They will donate any items that don't sell to the Human Service Programs of Carroll County (HSP). Mimi also wrote that the best thing about the sale every year is *the teamwork with members and volunteers*.

Member Birthdays this Month

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

Marjorie Lohnes	September 5	Mary Lou Poirier	September 18
Peggy Slater	September 6	Eva Coppersmith	September 22
Nancy Hiatt	September 7	Dianna Davis	September 30
Karen Pelton	September 13	Barbara Gunther	September 30
Tata Welliver	September 16		

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

CSP and Committee Changes

Carol Graff	Arts CSP	new Co-Chair
Carol Shook	Arts CSP	Removed from CSP
Nancy Griesmyer	Archives	Removed from Committee
Lynn Walter	Fundraising	Added to Committee

Newsletter Deadline

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

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminister 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.