



Newsletter: October 2016

October Club Meeting

Our October meeting will be Tuesday, **October 11th** when our hostesses will be the **HOME LIFE CSP**. We look forward to our speaker **Brenda Harkavy**, Assistant State's Attorney, who will talk about **County Resources in Preventing Domestic Violence**.

As an employee of the State of Maryland, Brenda is not allowed to receive the honorarium we present to those who provide programs for us. Instead, she has made a **special request**: *Our office is currently putting together a collection project for **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Would the Club be willing to help fill some of our "Survival Satchels"?* Brenda will bring information on the collection project to our October meeting.



Jan Ober asks that we please be prepared to say **YES!** to helping with the Survival Satchels, which are reusable, linen bags to contain items needed by women and children who have fled their abuser. Jan is including officers and community service committees in this plea.

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.

Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

Jan Ober reports that our **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** will be held on **Tuesday, December 13th** at the **Westminster Elks Club Lodge** this year. Our guest speaker will be our very own **Maryl Harshey** who will share with us her experience of sharing **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**.



We've attached a Reservation Form with all the details about the event. Contact Jan (jan7474@aol.com; 410-876-6958) if you have any questions.

A Message from Our Presidents:

Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

What a beautiful start of fall! Cooler days, cloudless blue skies, crisp crunch of leaves in the yard... It is time to think of **gathering new members** to join our club.

Please **invite a friend** to join us for a fall club meeting. Take a friend to lunch, a walk in the woods, or share an upcoming event of our club in the community, and while you are together, share the opportunities of being a **GFWC Westminster** member. Share thoughts about the new relationships they will make, our many projects assisting others, and that we are giving to the local community in many ways as well as internationally. (Linda and Lorraine are planning an orientation for new members on Monday, October 17th, place and time to be announced).

Living the Volunteer Spirit contributes to the betterment of others and our club does make a difference! Looking forward to seeing you for our program meeting on Tuesday, October 11!

- Barb and Norma Jean



Fundraising Committee

Donations for the Silent Auction

Bev Humbert reminds us that it's that time again! Time to think about the **Silent Auction**, to be held at our **Holiday Luncheon** on **Tuesday, December 13th**. We encourage you to give some thought to **items** you may wish to donate to the event. Look in your dresser drawer, closet, and basement to see if you have anything suitable to donate. We welcome **New** to **Like New** items. Let any committee member know what your might have on hand to donate. **Baked goods** are always welcome, too!



Also, if you have a **favorite retail store or restaurant** and feel comfortable about asking for a donation from them, please see Bev at our October meeting for a **Thanks for Donating** letter.

Holiday Ornament

The **Office of Tourism** was thrilled that the **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** selected the **Almshouse at the Farm Museum** as this year's **GFWC Holiday Ornament**. As of September 25th, the ornament is in production and we hope to have it available for sale by **October 16th**.

Arts CSP

Clare Berent reports on the following Arts CSP events:

Boscov Shopping Passes Still For Sale!

On Tuesday, **October 18th**, a **\$5 Boscov's Shopping Pass** can yield substantial savings at **Boscov's** from **9am to 11pm**. Those who have purchased the Shopping Pass will enjoy **25% discounts** on men's, women's, and children's apparel, handbags, sleepwear, fashion jewelry, and more. There are 10% to 15% discounts on most other items throughout the store, such as toys, housewares, small appliances, and furniture. Sale of the Shopping Passes benefits the **ARTS CSP** and will be for sale at our club meeting. Or, you can call **Clare** at 410-386-0750.

Gathering Artists

The **ARTS CSP** is assembling our next **Art Show** at the Nonprofit Center that we're calling **Gathering Artists**. It will be available for viewing on **October 6th** so you'll be able to take a look at it at our October club meeting.

Carroll Live On Stage!

The **ARTS CSP** is pleased to let you know about an exciting concert on Saturday, **October 15th**, at **7:30pm** at Westminster High School. **Alina Kiryayeva**, an outstanding **concert pianist** from the Ukraine who made her orchestral debut when only 11 years old and has won numerous awards the world over, will be delighting attendees with her music.

This is the second **Carroll Live on Stage** concert of the season, but it's not too late to get season tickets for the remaining concerts. For more information, go to www.CarrollLiveOnStage.org or call 410-848-7123.



Beneficiary Committee

Jane Sharpe reports that the **BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE** needs all of your suggestions for the recipients of their funds by our October meeting. Please contact Jane (jSharpe@mcDaniel.edu), Lura Griswold (410-848-9635), Ginny Houser (AerobicGinny@gmail.com), Pat Minnich (PatriciaMinnich@aol.com), or Jayne Stocksdales (ajStocksdales@verizon.net) with your nominees.

Conservation CSP

Flower Power POSTPONED!

Jo Harp reports that she is postponing the *Flower Power Fundraiser* until the spring – which will be a more welcome time to buy flowers for planting anyway. Taking a closer look at the dates, she realized that there's just too little time to meet the ordering and payment deadlines. So hold on to your order forms until early in 2017. She'll have more details for us in the coming months.

International Outreach CSP

Donations for World Food Month



Linda Kjeldgaard reports that October is *World Food Month*. GWFC in Westminster uses this month to support our local food bank. Please **bring non-perishable food** to the October 11th meeting. The **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP** will transport the items to **Food Sunday**. Let's make it a bountiful day!

SERRV in October

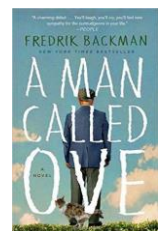
Please save **October 31st** for a volunteer day at **SERRV**. Let **Sally Marks** know by calling her at 410-848-4064 or emailing her at sbMarks@verizon.net if you can make the date. Activities could be pricing handcrafted items or bulk mailings.

If you would like to visit the *SERRV Outlet Store*, the **fall hours** are in effect. They are Tuesday thru Saturday 10am - 5pm.

Book Browsers Committee

Gini Bosse reports that **BOOK BROWSERS** will next meet on Monday, **October 17th** at 10am at **Lura Griswold's** home. **Becky Barbour** will lead our discussion of *A Man Called Ove* (pronounced OOO-vah) by Frederick Backman. Everyone is welcome to join us!

If you regularly attend but will not be coming this month, or if you are coming for the first time, please call Lura at 410-848-9635.



Education CSP

Used Books Sale

Jackie Hering reports that the **EDUCATION CSP** will continue the *Used Book Sale* in October. Be sure to stock up for your fall reading pleasure!



Magazines! Your Orders Help Our Club!

Nancy Porter reminds us all about the new fundraiser for the **EDUCATION CSP** that **Jackie** told us about at our September club meeting. **Nancy will be our main club contact** and the fundraiser must be **completed by December 1st**, when she'll send in our group order. Here are some of the details.

The Many Magazines You Can Order

Listing of Magazines

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

Online List of Magazines

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 **6JKE6TTY** to see the 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.

Reasons for You to Participate

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.

Why It's a Great Deal For Us

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.

What To Expect

Subscriptions take about **4-6 weeks** to start once we have turned in all of the orders on December 1st. 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 October and November meetings. Make the check payable to Nancy Porter. Nancy will send one check for the entire fundraiser when it ends on December 1st.



Home Life CSP

Mary Dudderar and Jean Picardi report the following:

Nuts!



The **HOME LIFE CSP** will have nuts for sale at the October meeting, your last opportunity to get some delicious treats that would make great gifts for the holidays! So come with your gift list in hand to be sure you don't forget anyone!

Hostesses in Costume

HOME LIFE will provide **refreshments** for the October meeting. We suggest our CSP members wear **BLACK** and **ORANGE** and wear a **mask** if you have one.

Candlelight Vigil Refreshments Needed

We need club members' help with **cookies and treats** for the **Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil** on **October 19th** from 6pm to 7pm at McDaniel College. We will have a sign up at the October meeting. As always, we appreciate your support. Everyone is invited to come to this very meaningful event.



Proclamation

Jean has arranged with **County Commissioner Wantz** for a **County Proclamation** to declare October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Our club will be mentioned in the proclamation and we hope to have an opportunity for a publicity shot. Bring your smiles!

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

Public Issues CSP

Robin Allers reports that **PUBLIC ISSUES** will coordinate the collection project outlined and presented by our October speaker for **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. This would include collecting money, putting the "**Survival Satchels**" together, etc. More details to follow.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB**
- ✓ **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**



Member to Member

The Big Band Merry Christmas Concert

Fran Rock invites us all to a **Big Band Merry Christmas Concert**, featuring the Carroll County Jazz Ensemble, at **7:30 pm** on Saturday, **December 3rd** at the Westminster High School. The tickets cost **\$12** each for adults and **\$7** for children and students. Proceeds benefit **Access Carroll**. Make your check payable to Access Carroll, Inc. and send to Fran or contact Fran at FrancesRock@hotmail.com or 410-876-1795. See <http://www.accesscarroll.org/big-band-merry-christmas-concert/> for more information.



Mistletoe Mart

Nancy Griesmyer will be selling admission tickets to this year's Mistletoe Mart at the November meeting if anyone would like to buy a ticket in advance to avoid the lines to get in, since this is such a popular event. She reports:



The 43rd **Annual Mistletoe Mart** will be held on **November 10th, 11th, and 12th** at the **Ascension Episcopal Church (23 North Court Street, in Westminster)**. There will be **over 50 juried crafts** and unusual gift shops, a café serving delicious lunches and dinners, a tea room, and a country store. This year there are also some newcomers! Several new jewelry vendors, a new Christmas ornament vendor, and a new wood crafts vendor will have items to dazzle us!

The **hours** on Thursday and Friday November 10th and 11th are 10am to 8pm and Saturday November 12th from 10am to 4:30pm. Admission is **\$7** for adults and **\$1** for children under the age of 12. If you keep your registration card, it will get you in **all three days** of the Mart, so you can come and go as you like.

Chair-ity Auction

Barb Gunther told us at our September meeting about an unusual silent auction to benefit the **Emerging Diagnostic & Treatment Technology** at **Carroll Hospital**. Presented by the **Carroll Hospital Auxiliary**, the **Chair-ity Auction** features chairs of all kinds created and embellished in unique ways by nearly 30 local artists. Admire and bid on rockers, Adirondacks, children's chairs, benches, kitchen chairs, and bar stools in the Main Lobby of the hospital (**200 Memorial Ave, Westminster, MD 21157**) from Monday, **October 3rd** at 10am through Friday, **October 7th** at 4pm.

See <http://www.carrollhospitalcenter.org/News/Default.aspx?sid=1&nid=1642&showBack=true&PageIndex=0> or call 410-871-7280 for more information.



Member Birthdays this Month

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

Evelyn Babylon..... October 4
Beverly Humbert..... October 5
Ginny Houser..... October 7
Lois Gilbertson..... October 9
Kathy Rittler..... October 13
Dawn Thomas..... October 15
Mary Dudderar..... October 16



Joan Eichhorn..... October 16
Jackie Hering..... October 17
Jayne Stocksdales..... October 19
Pat Harter..... October 21
Lorraine Stoner..... October 22
Trinka Cueman..... October 25
Becky Barbour..... October 26

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Name, Address, and Phone Number Changes

Pat Minnich..... 208 St. Matthew Court
Westminster, MD 21158
Pat's phone number and email address remain the same

Resignations

Marge Simmons

Newsletter Deadline: Please note this important change

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **November 2016** newsletter is **Thursday, October 20th**. We'll provide more details about this change at the October meeting.
- ✓ 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 a week and a day before each of our meetings. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Debbie Schaeffer** (m-dschae@comcast.net) by the **20th of the month** preceding publication.