



Newsletter: September 2018

September Club Meeting

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, **September 11th**, when our speaker will be Lynn Wheeler, Director of Carroll County Libraries, who will be speaking about *Developing Exploration Commons at 50 East for Our Community*. Our hostesses will be the **PUBLIC ISSUES**.

As usual, we'll meet at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in Westminister. Refreshments and mingling start at 12:15pm and our meeting starts at 1:00pm.

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

A Message from Our Presidents: Clare Berent and Linda Kjeldgaard

September is a time of beginning for so many things. Fueled by cooler temperatures as fall approaches, we make plans for the season ahead. In our early school days, we pledged to turn our book reports in early, get straight A's, and do all kinds of wonderful things, all of which seemed possible.

In keeping with that optimistic spirit, we ask that you make a September resolution. No, not to keep three freshly sharpened pencils in your pencil case at all times, but rather to move the work of the Club up a notch or two in your priorities. There are many exciting things on our roster for this Club year and to accomplish them, we need to take a club-wide approach. We have always supported each other, but it is even more important now to reach out to Committees and CSPs other than those to which you belong. We know travel plans and other obligations often leave groups short-handed from time to time. So, live the volunteer spirit within the Club by looking for ways to help everyone achieve their goals for this club year, and we will all earn an A plus.

State Board Meeting – September 18, 2018

Dottie Gregg, the new State President, has invited all club members to attend the Board meeting on **September 18th** starting at 10am. Registration is from 9:15-11 am and will be \$3.00. Lunch will consist of crab and corn chowder, Quiche served with a spinach salad and carrot cake for dessert. The location is Comfort Inn and Conference Center of Bowie, 4500 Crain Highway in Bowie. The cost is \$28. The topic is a Marketplace of Possibilities. Adjournment is approximately 3pm. **Please let Barbara Gunther know by September 2nd if you want to go to the meeting.**



Welcome Back!

We are happy to announce that two of our associate members are able to rejoin the general membership. Dr. Janet Buchanan and Kathy Rittler will once again be active participants and we extend a warm welcome to them both.

Violence Against Women Act

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) protections and programs support and fund essential services for survivors and their families. Funding for these programs will expire on September 30th and we need your help to ensure the continuation of these necessary programs.

Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (TX) recently introduced **H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018**. Among the highlights, H.R. 6545 increases investment in sexual violence prevention programs to address the skyrocketing need and demand for community prevention programs. Imagine finally gaining the courage to remove yourself and your family from an abusive situation, only to be told that funding has been cut to domestic violence assistance programming. This is why your voice is so important!

We need many bipartisan co-sponsors to move this bill forward before the programs expire on September 30th. We urge you to contact your Representative in Congress today!

Take Action

Western District Board Meeting – October 20, 2018

It is our Club's turn to host the Western District Meeting – We will be welcoming the members of the GFWC Western District on Saturday, October 20th. Much work has been done in preparation, but we will be requesting help to make this a memorable event. We foresee needing assistance with making name tags, manning the sign-in and registration desks, setting up the room at St Paul's, assembling items for a gift basket to be raffled off and more. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, please contact Linda and Clare to offer any assistance you can.

Club Dues

Our Treasurer, Barb Gunther, will be collecting dues at our September, October and November meetings for the club year 2018/2019. 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.



Southeastern Region Conference

The Call for the SER Conference is attached. The dates are **November 1-3, 2018** and the location is the DoubleTree by Hilton (Winston-Salem University), 5790 University Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 336-767-9595. Another available hotel is Holiday Inn Express Peters Creek at \$120/night. Reservations are due before **October 15th**.

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)), Karen Soisson (410-861-8176) 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.

Book Browsers Committee

Gini Bosse reports that Book Browsers will be on Monday, **October 15th at 10am**. Eva Coppersmith will lead our discussion of *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. Join us at the home of **Lura Griswold** – 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 Lura at 410-848-9635.

Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that we are going to try something new this year concerning the used book sale - any member can donate books at any meeting; any of those books not sold should be taken home by the donor. She suggests leaving the title at two meetings and if it hasn't sold, then the donor should take it home to dispose of it.

Jackie is happy to report that 24 backpacks were filled: 12 delivered to Shepherd's Staff and 12 to Taneytown Elementary.

The reading dates for Dr. Seuss are Friday, March 2 and Monday, March 5. Please save the dates on your calendar now.

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 WC9918. Then 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.

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 Westminister 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 **GFWC-WCOW**. One check for the entire fundraiser will be sent when it ends on **November 15, 2018**. A completed sample form is attached so that you can follow the format.

Fundraising Committee

Bev Humbert says to Get Ready - Get Set - SHOP! Jayne Stocksdales is ready to help you do just that by selling Shopping Passes to the annual Boscov Friends Helping Friends event. It being held on Tuesday, **October 16th** from 8 AM to 11 PM. The pass entitles you to 25% off many items in the store such a men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories. Discounts of 10% are offered on small appliances, toys and rugs. And 15% off cosmetics, fine jewelry, housewares and more. The cost is \$5.00 per pass with all ticket proceeds going to the Fundraising Committee.

Fundraising is pleased to announce our participation in a Flea Market at the Ag. Center for Saturday, **September 22nd**. Pat Harter has kindly stepped forward to chair the event. Be on the lookout for items you may wish to donate. Helpers will be asked at the picnic to volunteer a few hours to help Pat.

REMINDER: Bev Humbert is looking for the "loan" or donation of antique candy dishes for display at the Farm Museum over the holidays. Please label your dish and bring it to the



October meeting. Anyone offering a dish gets one free admission to the Farm Museum during the Christmas season.

Home Life CSP

Sue Thomas reports that Home Life will once again be selling those wonderful Terri Lynn nuts as their fall fundraiser. Brochures will soon be given out and orders are due at the October meeting. Thank you for your past support of this project. Proceeds will help many in need.

Piece of History

My husband volunteers at the Historical Society and found this picture portraying the Woman's Club performing a play in 1917. I thought that you might like to see it.

Member Birthdays this Month

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

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

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Membership Type Changes

- Janet Buchanan..... now Active
- Kathy Rittler now Active

Resignations

- Carol Graff – moving out of state

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **October 2018** newsletter is **Sunday, September 23rd**. Send to Nancy Porter at nancporter@gmail.com.