



Petal Power

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President's Message

May 2018

Hi Ladies

Yay, Yay, Spring has finally sprung, but it sure hasn't helped the Orioles to spring into a win...

I attended the GFWC 119th Convention this past weekend at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, MD. It was one of the best convention I have ever attended. I was in awe of all the hard work and dedication these ladies put into this. A local high school, Altholton, presented the colors. All of the programs were very informative and former Governor Ehrlich's wife, Kendel, was a guest speaker.

The food was great and for entertainment we had two gentlemen in their Scottish kilts, one playing the bag pipes and one on the snare drum. They played the militaries branch theme songs and had the ladies stand as the songs were played if you or anyone in your family served in that branch of service, it was very moving.

Another guest speaker was an author by the name of Susan M. Boyer, I had never read her books nor heard of her, but after she gave a brief synopsis of a few of them, I couldn't wait to go out in the lobby, where she was selling her books and autographing them. Well I just had to buy all six of them, can't wait to get started!

This is just a few of the highlights, of this convention, there were the baskets for raffles, 50/50 boards, vendors and lots of fun at Christy's bingo. Of course there is always some business to be taken care of, such as voting on the changes within the bylaws, reports from clubs.

This was a bittersweet convention for our own Reno Eitel, it was her last hurrah as GFWC State President, as she handed over her gavel to the incoming president, Dottie Gregg. Reno probably spent the week after the convention, just chilling out.

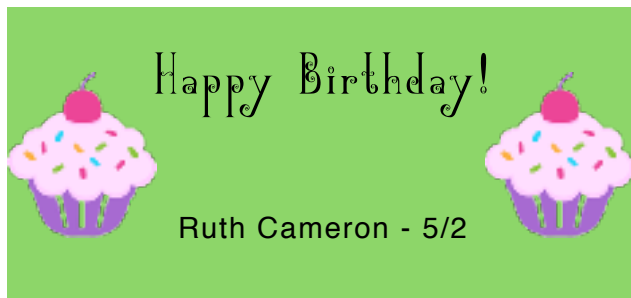
I am looking forward to our mother/child dinner on May 10th. All my Best,

Dottie Bishoff
443-402-1421



Are you a member of Facebook? Help us spread the news of all the great work we do and attract new members by liking us on Facebook!

Petal Power submissions are due by the 26th of the month!



Dates to Remember

May 3rd - Baltimore District Board of Directors Meeting

May 10th - Monthly Meeting



Hospitality

Madeleine Murphy
410-569-0477

Please call in your dinner order to one of the ladies listed below by noon on the Saturday before the meeting. If you have to cancel, please do not call the restaurant, call Madeleine.

The May 10th dinners are: Lasagna, Shrimp Scampi, and Chicken Parm

Hostesses: Barbara Albers (410-679-5260) and Barbara Ledford (410-679-1166)

Social hour begins at 6 pm, Meeting begins at 6:30 pm, and dinner is served at 7 pm!



Conservation

Jeanette Petric
410-679-0959

Maureen Cornett
410-676-4428

The membership of **Ocean Conservancy** has helped all the wildlife that calls the ocean their home and depends on a clean ocean. They also partner with other organizations to keep plastic and trash from our oceans and waterways. Over 30 years, Ocean Conservancy has sponsored International Coastal Cleanup (annual event). More than 12 million volunteers from 153 countries collected 228 million pounds of trash!

Susquehanna Wildlife Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting native wildlife and habits in the Lower Susquehanna River watershed and surrounding areas. Its done through rescue, rehabilitation, public education, research and conservation efforts.

Continue saving tabs, towels, blankets, cat and dog food, and used eyeglasses.

Home Life

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

Rose Marie Vaccaro
443-372-5404

I want to thank Rose Marie Vaccaro for getting together the list of items our ladies are contributing for the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House. Thanks to all those who are donating the food items for this event as well. This wouldn't happen without all of you.

This is our last event for the year so any money we have left in the budget will need to be dispersed to a charity so if any of the ladies on our committee have an idea who to make the donation to please let me know. See you at the meeting!!



Education

Barbara Albers Barbara Ledford
410-679-5620 410-679-1166

We are still reading with our elementary school students, but the school year is soon over. Of course, we will start again in September, so I hope that some of you will consider joining us next year.

Please continue saving your labels, box tops, and Redner's tapes, and give to Barbara L.

I'd like to thank all of the members who participated in our biannual skit for the Federation Friendship night: Sue Harrington, Karen Conte, Madeline Murphy, Tina Naumann, and Rosemary Sebula. Ladies, you did a great job!!!

Arts

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

Local Events:

May 5 – May 7th: Harford Community College Actor's Guild Production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Various performance times.

May 15th: *An Evening of Chamber Music*. Harford Community College at 7:00 pm.

May 19th: *Evening of Jazz*. Harford Community College at 8:00 pm.

May 19th – May 21st: *Beauty & the Beast* performed by the Harford Dance Theatre. Harford Community College. Various performance times.

Various Dates - Girls Night Out at Towne Grill & Pub. Check with location for upcoming paint sessions.

PERRY POINT VA MEDICAL CENTER VISIT APRIL 24

Rose Marie Vaccaro, Betty Manthei, Joan Swanson, Tina Naumann and Barbara Knapp traveled to the VA Medical Center and visited about 10 men (many were at a prayer service this day). During the 1 hour visit we saw men from the Viet Nam era who shared memories of military service. Some of the men have very few visitors and very much enjoyed our conversation. We had a few laughs and heard a few stories about the cruelty of war. Thank you to all who donated the under ware, socks, body wash, puzzle books, and deodorant. All donations were accepted with gratitude.

HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SOUTHERN PRECINCT APPRECIATION COFFEE

We will be serving our local precinct coffee and light refreshments on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 a.m. What a pleasure it is to interact with the men and women who keep us safe. This is a once a year opportunity to personally thank the deputies for their service to our community. All are welcome to join us.

ANGELS SUPPORTING YOUR TROOPS

This Dundalk area organization collects items for care packages sent to soldiers in war zones. They work year around to prepare boxes of 50-55 items for each soldier of toiletries, snacks, small games, socks, hats and even treats for K-nines. Joan Swanson has a more complete list. Please bring your donations to any general meeting and Joan Swanson or Reno Eitel will deliver them to the distribution site.

CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, AND MONETARY DONATIONS FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Please report the dollar amount of clothing and household items you give to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, Am Vets or other veteran support groups to Barbara Ledford. Funds generated from the sale of your donations benefit our veterans. We will also track any reported monetary donations made to organizations supporting our soldiers and veterans.

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

This program provides cost-free communication services to active duty military members through the recycling of cellphones and accessories. Rose Marie Vaccaro will take donations to the Exit Realty collection site.

Donations made to the Public Issue Program projects are greatly appreciated and always each member's choice.

We collected **22** bras for "*Free the Girls*" this year. A heartfelt thanks to everyone that donated.

This committee also made a donation to Unicef on behalf of the Club.

We recently held our final fundraiser for the 2017-2018 year and as usual it was a success. Our annual tea was held on April 28th and we had about 110 ladies attend. Everyone had a very nice time.

Again we want to thank all our ladies who made those beautiful baskets to raffle, all the door prizes and especially our workers, who we would not be able to have the success without. These include the ladies who helped make the favors, sell the raffle tickets, be runners for the door prizes, greeter and table check-in (and anywhere else where needed). THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Helpful Hints

"When a Con Man Calls" (Doug Shadel)

Can you spot an imposter? 85% of adults are confident they can, according to a recent AARP survey, but the majority of the survey participants flunked the "Imposter IQ" quiz (available at aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork)!

Experts call this the illusion of invulnerability - the belief that frauds happen to others but not you. Overconfidence in your ability to stop bad guys is a dangerous thing - imposter fraud is among the fastest-growing scam types precisely because so many of us think we are immune to it.

Here are a few examples of actual imposter scams playing out across the country:

- ♦ The Utility Company - "We will be shutting off your electricity in 24 hours if you don't pay the past-due amount on your bill immediately."
- ♦ The IRS - "You owe taxes and are at grave risk of large fines or jail time if you do not settle this situation immediately."
- ♦ The Military Rep - "I'm from the Veterans Administration and you are entitled, as an ex-soldier, to benefits from this program, I just need to know the following information..."
- ♦ The Bank Verifier - "There's a data problem with your checking account. Please verify this information so we can confirm things and fix the error."
- ♦ The Account Password - (In an email) "Your account has been locked, please re-enter your username and password on this site (site is a fake site)."

The takeaway? Never accept a pitch or give information to a stranger -on the phone, in person, or over the Internet- without first independently verifying that it's legitimate!!