



Newsletter: October 2017

October Club Meeting

Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 10th** when our speakers will be **Rachael Hughes and Kelley Rainey** who will be talking about the Educational Programs on Domestic Violence in CCPS. Our hostesses will be the **PUBLIC ISSUES 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:

Looking at the AARP magazine this morning, I was interested in the section on State News. Did you know that Maryland had 27% of those over 65 donating time to volunteerism? Our club certainly gives back in many hours of service in a variety of ways. So, remember to keep a record of the hours you devote to GFWC activities to share with the chairs of the various CSPs and committees sometime in December, as reports are due to Clare and Nancy in January. The log form is attached.

As you know we are gearing up for our first Domestic Violence Education and Prevention forum on Wednesday, **October 25th** at the Carroll Arts Center at 91 W. Main Street from **7 to 9 PM**. The doors will open at 6:30 PM. The Bollinger Barnes Insurance Agency is allowing us to park in their parking lot behind their building off the alley. Please spread the word to all your friends about this educational opportunity. The flyer for this event is attached to the newsletter for you to make copies and share with others. The ladies of the Home Life and Public Affairs CSPs will be serving desserts and drinks. Donations will be accepted for Family and Children Services and Rape Crisis Intervention Services.

Update on Barb and Dave Humbert: Dave was released from CHC on Wednesday, September 13 and is resting at home now.

Let's have a wonderful year of living the volunteer spirit through our many acts of service and great kindness.

Club Dues

Our Treasurer, Barb Gunther, will be collecting dues at our October and November meetings 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.

Nomination for a State Officer

Norma Jean, Western District Representative to the Nominating Committee reports that if you would like to recommend someone for nomination to be a State Officer, please let her know by **October 15**. In order to qualify the person must be an



active member and you need their permission to present that name to the committee. It is suggested that the club send a letter of endorsement as well.

Fundraising Committee

Thanks to our club ladies that help set up, operate and take down the Flea Market at the Ag. Center on September 2nd. We even had some husbands show up to help! Our profit with sales and donations came to **\$513**.

Our Tuesday night outing to IHOP restaurant netted us nearly **\$80**. Thanks to those hungry ladies and families that showed up.

Upcoming Fundraising Committee events include selling our college caboose ornament at **Fall Harvest Days** at the Farm Museum on Saturday, **October 14th**. Volunteers are needed. Email Bev (beverlycreations47@yahoo.com) if you can help in 2 hour shifts that day.

Get ready for our December Luncheon and Silent Auction. Be on the lookout around your home for quality, nearly new items you may wish to donate for our auction that day. Further information will be coming at our next meeting and newsletter.

Remember our new ornament, plus past ornaments, will be for sale at October's meeting.

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.

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 Book Browsers will be on Monday, **October 16th** at **10am**. Lura Griswold will lead our discussion of *The Boys in the Board: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. Join us at the home of Jackie Hering – 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 Jackie at 410-848-9036.

Helping Hands

Charity begins at home. We know that there are times when our club members could use a hand while dealing with complex circumstances. Even if there is support, sometimes you wish you did not have to keep asking the same people for help.

If you need assistance during an illness or while recovering from a surgical procedure, help is at hand. There are club members who will help bring in groceries, pick up prescriptions, or do light housekeeping; such as vacuuming, taking out trash, bringing in the mail. We can drive people to doctors or PT appointments or have meals brought in.

Contact by email Clare Berent **AND** Nancy Porter **AND** Carol Graff, in case one is out of town, and help will be organized. We'd prefer to keep the travel area restricted to local driving, but will do whatever we can to accommodate.

We are compiling a list of who is available to be one of the helping hands. Please email **all three** of us to be included as a helper and what you would be willing to do. Then as a need for assistance arises, the person who needs the help should email **Clare (berentlc@aol.com), Nancy (nancporter@gmail.com), and Carol (cargraff53@gmail.com)** and they will try to arrange for a helper. Please email your willingness as soon as possible so that we can compile this list should a need arise. Thanks.

Arts CSP

Carol and Babs say thank you from the **ARTS CSP** for the club's support of the paint night fundraiser. Details will follow at the October meeting.

Knitting Affinity Group

The **Knitting Group** will meet **Tuesday, October 17th**, at Ginny Houser's house at 1pm. Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either AerobicGinny@gmail.com or 410-848-2441.

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**. 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 October meeting.

Western District - Fall Board Meeting

You are invited to attend the Fall Board Meeting for the Western District. The date is Saturday, **October 21st** at Urbana Wesley Chapel, 3519 Urbana Pike in Frederick. The hostess will be GFWC Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Registration is 9-10am and is \$3.00. Lunch is at 12:30 and costs **\$15**. Lunch consists of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw and biscuits. The speaker will be Kitty Devilbiss from the Frederick County Department of Aging, Meals on Wheels Program. Please let Barbara Gunther know if you plan on attending by **October 8th**. Please bring a shoebox filled with the following items:

We are asking that every attendee brings one or more empty shoeboxes and a selection of the following stable food items. We will sort the items donated and pack the shoeboxes as our service project before presenting them to our speaker.

ONLY single serving sized items should be selected. All food must be in original manufacturing packaging. Unfortunately, they are unable to accept homemade items, or food that has been reappportioned into smaller containers.

Please consider the ease of opening containers when making food selections, but anything you might enjoy eating will most certainly also be enjoyed by our homebound friends.



Please try to coordinate with your club members to purchase enough of each of the following items for every Shoebox your club brings. It is easier to buy in bulk than getting one of two of each item. For example: if your club brings 12 boxes, one person might bring a 12 pack of water, a 12 pack of juice and 12 cans of soup. Another member could buy 12 cans of tuna and a 12 pack of fruit cups. And so on...

One bottle of water
Single serve container(s) (box, can, or bottle) of 100% juice (1 or 2)
Single serve canned, instant or shelf stable soup, stew, or casserole
One can of tuna, ham, or chicken
Individual serving of shelf stable Milk (1 or 2)
Single serve cups or cans of fruits and vegetables (2 or 3)
Single serve cups of ready to eat pudding (1 or 2)
Single serve box of cold cereal or hot cereal (oatmeal, cream of wheat)
Single serve packet of dried fruits (1 or 2)
Single serve packets (2) or (1) small jar of peanut butter
Single serve packets of crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars and/or snack bars

You may also choose to bring wrapped hard candy, hot chocolate packets, individually wrapped tea bags or coffee, or individual packs of cookies.

Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that members generously donated **\$165** for the 25 "Backpacks for Education" project at Shepherd's Staff and Taneytown Elementary School. The used book tables will be open with some new selections. Please shop for new books during the social hour. The Bxotops for Education collection jar will be on a table on the right side of the room along with a basket for aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

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. **We already have around \$900 of sales which means the EDUCATION CSP will receive 40% of that or around \$500. Please review the list which I have attached again. Renewals and digital subscriptions are available also.**

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 **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 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.

International Outreach CSP

SERRV

Please save **October 30th** 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.

Heifer

November is Heifer Project donation month. As an extra incentive to you for making donations: Heifer works with over 30,000 farmers in Haiti, where 145mph winds, heavy rain, and dangerous storm surges have already displaced over 10,000 people and an estimated 2.2 million may be impacted. This looks to be the biggest disaster in Haiti since the 2010 earthquake. Please consider making a donation to help Haiti through the Heifer Project. Donations will be accepted at the **November** meeting.

Francis Scott Key Food Bank

Currently, 1 in 9 individuals overall, and 1 in 6 children in Maryland face food insecurity on any given day. Without the kindness of people like you, we couldn't possibly continue to get millions of pounds of food each year onto the tables of our neighbors in need. The FSK food pantry is open during the school year. The goal is to help families in need receive food from donations of frozen, refrigerated, and canned goods. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from **3:00 - 4:00** in **Room 805**, but follows the CCPS calendar so is closed on school holidays. Please park in the lower lot of the school. Recognizing that some older residents are no longer able to drive, RSVP has stepped up to help by organizing the "Seniors with Groceries" project. Volunteers can pack and deliver food for residents who have difficulty coming to the Food Pantry site. If you know of a home-bound individual who could benefit from the services provided by volunteers, or if you would like to volunteer to serve with RSVP Carroll County, please contact Barbara Norman, RSVP Carroll County at [410-386-4646](tel:410-386-4646) or



Barbara_norman@experienceworks.org. You may donate on line at the Maryland Food Bank as well as at the school.

Change in Hostesses

The Education CSP will now be the hostess in November. The International Outreach CSP will now be hostess in February.

By-Law Changes

There are two changes to the Club's bylaws that need to be approved. The first one in purple describes the purpose of the CC Children in Transition Committee. The second proposes to leave whatever money is in CC Children in Transition's budget because they are donations. The red language will be stricken and the purple language is new. This will be voted on at the October meeting.

Section 4A. CC Children in Transition Committee. (new)

The CC Children in Transition Committee shall consist of members who coordinate with the Carroll County Public Schools to fill the immediate needs of homeless students and families as they begin to get on the road to stability and security by providing clothing, shoes, bedding, toiletries, etc. (this will be renumbered at a later time).

Section 5: Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of a chairman, a member at large, and the club Treasurer. ~~It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and submit copies of the annual budget to the Board of Directors prior to the September meeting. The budget shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the September meeting.~~ Yearly, a budget is created and reviewed by the Budget Committee and presented to the Board for approval at the first board meeting September and presented to the full membership at the regularly scheduled meeting in September. During budget preparation, anticipated receipts and disbursements are reviewed. The CSPs are allotted funds for their respective budgets to be used for community service projects as they designate. The Treasurer closes the Club's books on June 30 each year. Whatever budgeted funds that the CSP has not allocated will revert back into the operating funds for the Club. Carroll County Children in Transition standing committee is funded entirely by donations therefore does not fall into the category of the CSP budgeted service groups; therefore, all funds that remain in the CC Children in Transition on June 30 of each year will remain in their budget and not revert back into the club's operating budget.

Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

Jan Ober reports that our **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** will be held on **Tuesday, December 12th** at the **Westminster Elks Club Lodge** this year. Our guest speaker will be **Lauren Silberman** whose topic is ***Wild Women of Maryland: Grit and***



Gumption in the Free State. 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 at jan7474@aol.com or 410-876-6958 if you have any questions.

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 44th **Annual Mistletoe Mart** will be held on **November 9th, 10th, and 11th** 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 9th and 10th are 10am to 8pm and Saturday November 11th from 10am to 4:30pm**. Admission is **\$5** for adults and **free** 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.

Member Birthdays this Month

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

Evelyn Babylon	October 4	Joan Eichhorn	October 16
Beverly Humbert	October 5	Jackie Hering	October 17
Ginny Houser	October 7	Jayne Stocksdales	October 19
Lois Gilbertson	October 9	Pat Harter	October 21
Kathy Rittler	October 13	Lorraine Stoner	October 22
Dawn Thomas	October 15	Trinka Cueman	October 25
Mary Dudderar	October 16	Becky Barbour	October 26

Yearbook Changes

Resignation – Dory Shilling



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Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **November 2017** newsletter is **Monday, October 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.