



Newsletter: December 2017

December Club Meeting

We are very much looking forward to our annual **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** on Tuesday, **December 12th**, at the **Westminster Elks Club Lodge**. 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**. If you have not yet made your reservations, time is of the essence! The deadline to make reservations is Tuesday **December 4th**. Contact **Jan Ober** (jan7474@aol.com; 410-876-6958) if you have any questions. Ms. Silberman's book will be for sale at the luncheon.

As usual, the auction will remain open for bidding throughout the luncheon. If anyone still has items to donate for the auction, please email **Bev Humbert** (beverlycreations47@yahoo.com) to give a description and then you are welcome to bring them to the Elk's Club on the day of the event.

Future Club Meetings

This is to inform you that **starting for the January meeting, the meeting will start at 1:00, the social time will start at 12:30 and hostesses should start setting up at 12:00.**

A Message from Our Presidents:

On a lovely autumn day, Saturday, October 21, seven of us headed to Urbana, Frederick County, for the Western District Board meeting, led by Jo Harp, Western District President. The speaker for the day was Kitty Devilbiss who shared about the Meals on Wheels shoebox project of Frederick County. Meals are delivered five days a week, but if there is inclement weather or inability to deliver, the client has a shoebox filled with staples in an emergency. The twenty-four who attended had the opportunity to fill over 40 boxes with staples to assist someone in need of a meal and support this project.

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season, please consider donating to one of our special projects. For the person on your list who has everything think about donating money in their honor to:

- Carroll County Children in Transition.
- The Scholarship Fund.
- Women of the World, Heifer International.
- Family and Children's Services.
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services.

Checks should be made to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. On the memo line write the destination of the monies. A note or card will be sent to the recipient if you give the name and address to the Treasurer who will share with the Corresponding Secretaries to send a notification of your generous gift.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah,

Barbara and Norma Jean



Newsletter Temporary Change

Debbie Schaeffer will be taking a hiatus from helping with the newsletter for the next few months. Until further notice, please send your paragraphs to **Nancy Porter** (nancporter@gmail.com) instead of Debbie.

LEADS Candidate

Please consider applying to be a **LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) candidate. Applications for candidates are due by **February 1, 2018** and must include two letters of recognition.

The candidate **should exhibit:**

- ✓ leadership capabilities
- ✓ commitment to the Federation
- ✓ understanding of community service
- ✓ interest in pursuing higher leadership positions in GFWC

The candidate **may not have:**

- ✓ held an elected position at or beyond the state level
- ✓ previously attended a LEADS program

Let Norma Jean or Barb know if you want to apply.

Book Browsers

There will be no book browsers in December.

Year-End Reports Due in January

Clare Berent asks that each Community Service and Committee Chair submit her year-end report to her by Saturday, January 14th. Please send them to her electronically at berentlc@aol.com. Nancy sent all the Chairs sample reports a couple of months ago. These reports need updating with any new items and sent to Clare as soon as possible.

Why the Year-End Reports are Important

Nancy and Clare will make copies of the reports for our President and also include them in our official files for March at the Historical Society. They will then send the reports to the District, State, and International Headquarters. The reports will further be used at our State Convention in April 2018 to determine which of the various Clubs in Maryland should be recognized for their performance during the prior year.

Helping Hands

Marjorie Lohnes (marjorie.lohnes@verizon.net), Ellen Lawrence (ELlawre@gmail.com) and Fran Rock (francesrock@hotmail.com) are pleased to be chairing the Helping Hands committee. We are currently working on creating a workable system for both volunteers and



those who need a helping hand. Thank you to the many club members who have volunteered to be a part of this group. This is a committee of unlimited membership with many hands making light work. We will provide more information following the holidays.

However, the group is already up and running; so, if you have a need or know a club member who may need some assistance, please e-mail Marjorie, Ellen or Fran (copying the others) with your request. As a reminder possible requests might include:

- Meals;
- Transportation;
- Errands;
- Light housekeeping; and/or
- Companionship (visit, phone call).

If you would like to be added to the list of helpers simply contact Marjorie, Ellen or Fran.

Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award

Please start thinking about which club member you would like to nominate as our Club's representative in the contest for **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman**. Members who are ineligible are: current Executive Committee of the Federation, honorary GFWC-MD presidents, and former recipients of the award.

A narrative of up to 500 words will need to be written about the nominee once one is chosen at the **January meeting**. The nominee is expected to attend the State convention in April where the decision will be made as to the winner. Emphasis is placed on club-sponsored activities accomplished and can also include district and state involvement.

Ineligible members are the current members of the GFWC Maryland Executive Committee, honorary GFWC Maryland State Presidents, and former recipients of the award.

Membership Committee

Linda Witter asked that if there are any Club members who need name tags to please let her know and she will bring you one at the next meeting.

Arts CSP

Barbara Vransy wants us to know that we have a wonderful opportunity to get into the holiday spirit while serving our community. The **Carroll County Arts Council's** 20th annual **Festival of Wreaths** will be running from **November 24th to December 3rd**. They need volunteers like you! The Council will assign each volunteer to a room where you will be seated behind a table while you watch over the wreaths and enjoy decorations you didn't have to hang. This fun event is sure to start your Holidays with a smile! See the volunteer shifts available for volunteering at the Arts Council at <http://ccac.ivolunteer.com>. Generally, the shifts are:

- ☐ 10am-1pm
- ☐ 1pm-4pm
- ☐ 4p.m.-7p.m



Be among the first to sign up to ensure you obtain the day and time you prefer. If you don't feel comfortable volunteering electronically, call Barbara at 410-374-3308 and she will register you or you can call the Arts Council directly at 410-848-7272.

Also many thanks to Dawn Thomas for creating the Club's wreath. Look for the wreath at the Arts Council.

Knitting Affinity Group

Ginny Houser will be hosting the **Knitting Group** on Tuesday, **November 28th** at **1:00pm**. Please let Ginny know if you are coming at AerobicGinny@gmail.com or 410-848-2441.

Beneficiary Committee

Jane Sharpe reports that the Beneficiary Committee has met and considered the organizations submitted to them for review. It has been announced at the Board Meeting and approved that the 2017 Beneficiary contribution of \$1,000 will be made to the Carroll County 4-H Development Program. This program benefits all Carroll County youth with various educational activities and experiences.

Education CSP

We hope you share our gratitude to Scott Moser, Department of Public Works, for securing space for us to use to process books for the "Read Across Carroll County" project. It is located on Shaffer Ave., behind Vetville. There are no steps and there's a garage door that allows a vehicle to enter. He also provided tables and chairs.

The November meeting was great for "used book sales"---\$27.00. Books will be available at the January meeting and "Boxtops for Education" and aluminum pull tabs will be collected also.

Sign-up sheets for reading on March 2nd and 5th will be available in January.

Many thanks to those who placed orders for magazines. This fundraiser raised \$1302. The Club receives 40% of this (\$520.80) which will go towards the projects of the Education CSP.

International Outreach CSP

Sally Marks reports that volunteering at SERRV has been discontinued until further notice.

The **INTERNATIONAL CSP** thanks the club for their donations to Heifer Project International. A donation of **\$250** was received.

Public Issues CSP

The **PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM** will be accepting donations on an ongoing basis for use by those transitioning from domestic violence situations. Often, victims leave dangerous domestic conditions unexpectedly with little or no time to pack even the most basic necessities. Last year, generous Club members donated enough items and cash to fill more than 40 purple Survival Satchels. Our major campaign will take place during **December and January** when we will be collecting donations of the articles listed below as well as cash gifts at the December luncheon and the January meeting. Terry Smack suggests taking advantage of "Buy One, Get One Free" promotions and donating that "free" item to the cause.



Do remember that full-size portions are most useful. While our major push takes place during the next couple of months, donations are welcome all year. Thank you in advance for your active engagement in this important project. Donations need not be in a purple bag but should be labeled for domestic violence campaign.

List of items needed:

Personal Care Essential List:

Laundry Powder	Dish/dishwasher soap
Dryer Sheets	Any and all cleaning supplies
Disinfectant wipes	Feminine products
Shampoo/conditioner	Winter hats/gloves/scarves
Paper products (towels & toilet paper)	New single sheet sets
Washcloths/hand soap/face wash	New mattress covers/pads

Non-perishable food:

Canned vegetables	Granola bars
Spaghetti sauce	Fruit snacks
Rice	Noodles
Peanut Butter and Jelly	Hamburger Helper

Junior Woman's Club of Westminster (JWC)

The Juniors' are sponsoring Santa's Workshop on **December 9th, 2017** from 1-4 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at the corner of Bond and Green Streets. **Register by November 30th**. Cost is **\$20** for children ages 4-11.

Member Birthdays this Month

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

Davis, Gainor	December 6	Smelser, Dinah	December 22
Smack, Terry	December 9	Soisson, Karen	December 22
Marks, Sally	December 11	Minnich, Patricia	December 22
Berent, Clare	December 14	Swam, Norma Jean	December 23
Buchanan, Janet	December 15	Caton, Bonnie	December 24
Hobart, Janice	December 17	Martin-Johnson, Judi	December 27
Hollinger, Joan	December 18	Mathias, Betty	December 31

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:



New Members

We heartily welcome these new members to **GFWC Westminster**.

Terry Smack 3775 Erin Jacob Drive
..... Taneytown, MD 21787
..... 443-250-9855
..... peacheterry@gmail.com
..... transferred from the Juniors

Membership Type Changes

Joan Eichhorn..... Now an associate
Janet Buchanan..... Now an associate
Peggy Slater..... Now an associate

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **January 2018** newsletter is **Friday, December 22nd. I made it a day earlier because of Christmas.**
- ✓ Be sure to read our little ***Fine Print Box*** at the end of each Newsletter!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING from your Newsletter Editors Debbie Schaeffer and Nancy Porter!



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The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminster Newsletter** editor is Nancy Porter (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 **Nancy Porter (nancporter@gmail.com)** by the **23rd** of the month preceding publication.