



## Newsletter: January 2018

### January Club Meeting – NOTE NEW TIMES

Happy New Year! Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 9th** when our speaker will be Karen Knoigsburg, who will be speaking about **Get Connected Resource Center: Resources for Our Community**. Our hostesses will be the **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**.

As usual, we'll meet at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in Westminster. Refreshments and mingling start at **12:30pm and our meeting starts at 1:00pm. Hostesses at noon.**

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

### A Message from Our Presidents: **Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam**

It is so nice to sit down with a cup of tea to ponder happenings for 2018. As we look forward there are several changes in 2018.

- Due to the Board meeting scheduled for the day after the first day of 2018, a holiday, it was decided that having a quorum may be difficult. Therefore, there will be **NO BOARD** meeting on Tuesday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**.
- We will be trying a new time for the start of our meetings, so on Tuesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>, the business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.** rather than 1:30.
- Selecting an outstanding clubwoman for our club will be done at the **January 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting.
- The nominating committee will begin their task in January to have a new slate of officers to present to the Board and membership at the March meetings. Please consider serving if you are asked by the committee.
- Annual reports will be due to Clare Berent on or before **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks to all who helped to make 2017 another great year for the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, culminating with our wonderful Holiday Luncheon. We both want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

### 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.

## Year-End Reports Due in January

**Clare Berent** asks that each Community Service and Committee Chair submit her year-end report to her by Sunday, **January 14th**. Please send them to her electronically at [berentlc@aol.com](mailto: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.

## 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**. Applications are due by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

## Knitting Affinity Group

Ginny Houser will **NOT** be having knitting in December.

## Nominating Committee

The nomination committee is seeking names/suggestions for persons interested in serving as officers for the Woman's club. The offices are: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. (Some current office holders may be staying on!) Elections will take place in March, 2018. You may contact any of the following nomination committee members with your suggestions:



Fran Rock, chair  
Sue Thomas  
Dinah Smelser  
Mary Lou Poirier

## Fundraising Committee

Oh what a fun time we had at the silent auction and luncheon. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success.

I am pleased to report that the silent auction fundraiser took in **\$1535**. Congratulations to everyone! Be on the lookout at our next meeting for our January fundraiser introducing RADA cutlery.

## Arts CSP

**ARTS CSP** is assembling our next Art Show at the Nonprofit Center that we're calling *New Year in Art*. You will see the new exhibit at our February club meeting. This show runs from January 12<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Education CSP

**Jackie Hering** reports that the used book table will be open at the January meeting. Boxtops for Education and pull tabs will be collected.

Random House will have 1800 books available for us in the middle of January. The committee will appreciate all the assistance you can provide to label, bag and deliver about 2200 books to the schools before March 2. Sign-up sheets will be available at the board and general meetings. I think you will be pleased to be working in our new "home".

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## Home Life CSP

**Sue Thomas** reports that the Home Life Committee would like to thank everyone for participating in our successful sale of Terri Lynn Nuts. We hope you enjoyed them over the holidays and as gifts for family and friends. As always our profit will be used to better the lives of those in need.

## Publicity Committee

**Nancy Porter** reports that she will be finalizing the scrapbook for 2017 in **January**. If there are any awards, letters, pictures, or correspondence that you would like to include in the scrapbook, please give them to her as soon as possible.

## Book Browsers Committee

Gini Bosse reports that BOOK BROWSERS will be on Monday, **January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Lura Griswold will lead our discussion of *A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver* by



Mark Shriver. Join us at the home of Jean Picardi – 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 Jean at 410-871-3790.

## 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](mailto:nancporter@gmail.com)) instead of Debbie.

## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will meet Wednesday, **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at **1:30pm** to finalize plans for the fundraiser of a luncheon and fashion show of the **Brides of Yesteryear** which will be held on **June 16, 2018** in the UCC fellowship hall. The meeting will be held at **Norma Jean's** house. More information will be shared at a later date.

## Public Issues CSP

The **PUBLIC ISSUES CSP** 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 **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	Rice
Spaghetti sauce	Peanut Butter and Jelly



Granola bars  
Fruit snacks

Noodles  
Hamburger Helper

## Member to Member

Barb Gunther has a flyer attached about a boat trip to see the cherry blossoms for **April 4, 2018**. This trip is sponsored by Carroll Hospital Auxiliary as we continue to raise money for the expansion of the Family Birthplace and the introduction of the Couplet Care Program.

## Member Birthdays this Month

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

Witter, Linda	January 4
Condon, Babs	January 6
Falcone, Virginia	January 20
Harp, Jo	January 21
Upman, Mary	January 21
Schaeffer, Debbie	January 30

## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **February** newsletter is **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
- ✓ Be sure to read our little ***Fine Print Box*** at the end of each Newsletter!

Happy  
Holidays!

### The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

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