



## Newsletter: February 2018

### February 2018 Club Meeting

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 13, 2018** when our speaker will be Steven Wantz, Director of Institutional Advancement at Carroll Community College, who will be speaking about *What is New at Carroll Community College?* Our hostesses will be the **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH.**

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.

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

### A Message from Our Presidents:

Barbara and Norma Jean give a special thank you to Clare Berent and Nancy Porter for their hard work in preparing our 2017 year-end reports prior to the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Copies are required to be sent to various state officers and will be distributed to Club members later. Thank you to all CPS chairs and committee chairs for your outstanding reporting.

At our January meeting it was shared about the challenges and accomplishments of astronaut Peggy Whitson who went from being an Iowa farm girl to commander of expedition 16 in 2008. Her focus and challenge to us is to go outside of our box and to make a difference in the world. Everyone in attendance was given a paper butterfly and asked to write down the way they would accept the challenge. We challenge all members to look for opportunities to take flight, become anew and make a difference in 2018. Fly like a butterfly!

### Maryland Board of Directors Meeting

The State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 20, 2018 at 10am.** It will be held at Holly Hills Country Club at 5502 Mussetter Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754. Registration is open from 9:15 am – 11am. The cost for lunch is \$28.00. Please let Barbara Gunther know before February 5<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to attend. The Call and Reservation form is attached.

### Arts CSP

Our newest art show entitled "A New Year in Art" was hung on Friday, January 12 which will run until May 18, 2018.

Eight artists contributed the following:

Debra Richardson - eight beautiful watercolors.

Mike Oehlers - five photos of train engines from yesteryears.

Frank Reaver - four oil paintings on canvas.



Lainey Shruehl - four pen and ink drawings and 3 digital photographs.

Ruth Perkins - a variety of mediums including: pen and ink, colored pencils, chalk and computer.

Ginny Houser - five photographs and one oil painting of her grandmothers.

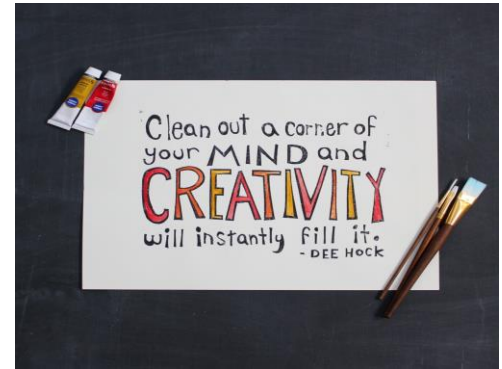
Michael Smith - six Giclée photographs.

Derek Williams - seven oil paintings on exhibit.

The **ARTS CSP** hopes you all enjoy this exhibit as much as the last one. If anyone knows of a local artist for our next show – please share their contact information with us.

Many thanks to Dawn Thomas for her contribution of the beautiful fall wreath for the Arts Council wreath auction.

Creativity is a beautiful thing!



## Book Browsers Committee

Gini Bosse reports that Book Browsers will be meeting on Monday, **February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Becky Barbour will lead our discussion of *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen* by Hendrik Groen. Join us at the home of Betty Mathias– 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 Betty at 410-848-4244.

## Education CSP

**Jackie Hering** requests that you bring your calendar, so you can note the time and school where you are volunteering to read for the celebration of Dr. Seuss' 113th birthday on Monday, March 5. There is a need for about 70 readers at 9am and 4 readers in the afternoon at about 1pm.

Members will be needed to bag and deliver books to the schools prior to the reading event.

Contributions will be accepted at the February and March meetings for the Easter/Spring Literacy Baskets for Shepherd's Staff and Taneytown Elementary School.

The used book tables will be open in February and March. This fundraiser may be discontinued if there is not increased participation.

Thanks.





## Fundraising Committee

**Beverly Humbert** is pleased to announce the return of Mikele Stillman from the Hanover Historical Society for our St. Patrick's Luncheon celebration. At noon on Friday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** we will have a brown bag Hahn's sandwich lunch followed by a dramatic presentation performed by Ms. Stillman. We will meet again at the Church of the Brethren. Please come prepared to purchase your ticket at our next meeting. Bring a friend!

Our January meeting fundraiser of RADA Cutlery made a profit of \$108. Pretty good for a short amount of time.

## Helping Hands Committee

The work of the Helping Hands committee, chaired by Ellen Lawrence, Fran Rock and Marjorie Lohnes, has begun. The purpose of the committee is to provide temporary services for members who need some support. Thank you to the many club members who have volunteered to be a part of this committee. We welcome any member who is willing to help. Please be in touch with Ellen, Fran or Marjorie if you would like to be added to the Helping Hands committee. This is a committee of unlimited membership with many hands making light work.

Because of the outstanding response from club members, it has been possible to divide the committee into three teams. Each team will be headed by one of the chairs. To access the services of the Helping Hands committee, simply e-mail one of the chairs, copying the others, with any requests for services needed along with associated dates and times. The responsibility for meeting the needs of members will rotate among the teams. The work of each group will be coordinated by the team leader who will call on her team members to provide requested services.

Members may request services such as:

- Meal preparation (include any information related to dietary restrictions and preference along with the number of people to be served);
- Local transportation;
- Prescription drop-off;
- Companionship (visits and/or phone calls);
- Errands—by agreement; and
- Light housekeeping—by agreement.

The committee has already begun to serve club members and we look forward to helping others. We hope that the structure that has been created will help to make this new service both effective and responsive.

## Knitting Affinity Group

Ginny Houser will be having knitting on **February 20, 2018** at 1:00 pm.



## Public Issues

The **PUBLIC ISSUES CSP** wishes to thank all those who generously donated items and funds to support victims of domestic violence during our major campaign in December and January. We will continue to accept donations on an ongoing basis. 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. Donations need not be in a purple bag but should be labeled for domestic violence campaign. The list of useful items is below. Thank you!

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

## 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.

## Junior Woman's Club of Westminster (JWC)

Attached is a flyer for the Junior Mid-Winter Rally on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Member Birthdays this Month

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

Shook, Carol..... February 7  
McAllister, Nancy..... February 12  
Kidder, Connie..... February 13



## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **March 2018** newsletter is **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
- ✓ 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*** current 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](mailto:nancporter@gmail.com)) by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of the month** preceding publication.