



## Newsletter: March 2018

### March Club Meeting

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 13th** when our half-note speakers will be Jo Harp and Joan Hollinger, who will be speaking about **Westminster Gardens**. Our hostesses will be the **HOME LIFE CSP**. Come prepared to vote on the new officers for our Club. Also come prepared to share ideas on how to improve our Club – new projects that you want to do, new outreach ideas to the community, ideas for new committees, ideas to bring in new members, etc. We want to make the upcoming year an exciting one to keep the Club going and to bring in new members. So start thinking now!!!

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 Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

After a bleak, gray and chilly winter, looking for cures for cabin fever can be a challenge, so here are a few suggestions.

- \* Plan a getaway for a few days with family or friends.
- \* Schedule a lunch date with an old friend, perhaps from college or high school.
- \* Rekindle a friendship with someone from your past.
- \* Make an appointment for a spa time or a pedicure.
- \* Visit one of the walking paths around Carroll County either alone or with a club member.
- \* Look at seed catalogues or visit Bowman's for inspiration of new garden ideas.
- \* Try a new recipe and invite others to share.

As the March winds blow think about clearing your calendar to read on **March 2 or 5** and attend the brown bag luncheon on **March 16** to hear about Eleanor Roosevelt, a fascinating presentation.

How are you doing with your challenge for 2018? Maybe it is a work in progress, like ours. Don't give up; the year is young. Think Spring. Signs of Spring will be heading our way this next month!!

### Member Volunteer Form

It is time again to choose the Committees and/or CSPs on which you would like to serve during the next club year. We suggest that you scroll through the Club Reports for Work Done in 2017 that were emailed to you on February 4th. This will give you an overview of the work done by each entity, so you can choose one that best suits your interest and time availability.



It is suggested that we periodically change the groups we work with to keep ourselves and the club fresh.

Attached is a Member Volunteer Form that needs to be filled in and returned to Nancy Porter. Please fill in all blanks and answer the question about being a chairperson. Please consider choosing a different CSP/Committee this time. The job descriptions have been updated, and you can read what is involved in being a chair of a different committee. You can bring this Form to the March meeting (give to Clare) and April meeting (give to Nancy), send to Nancy by email ([nancporter@gmail.com](mailto:nancporter@gmail.com)) or mail it to Nancy at 4210 Apache Court, Westminster, MD 21157.

## Spring Luncheon

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>** from **11:30am – 2pm** at the Kruger Chapel and Auditorium at Carroll Lutheran Village. The cost is **\$35** per person. The reservation form is attached to this newsletter. Please fill in with your entrée choice and bring to the March or April meeting with your check. Or you can mail your form and check to **Jan Ober** at 247 Bell Rd, Westminster, MD 21158. The speaker will be **Babs Condon**. Her topic is: *Sharing the Past of the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster.*

The menu is as follows:

Pumpkin Bisque

### **Entrees (choose one)**

Mixed Green salad with apple chicken salad, or

Mixed Green salad with shrimp salad, or

Vegetarian mixed salad

Multi grain rolls and butter

Multiple beverages

**Dessert --** Carrot Cake

## Maryland Annual Convention

The 119th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Md. from April 21-22, 2018. This will be the first ever convention of Generals and Juniors combined. The theme will be "Women Creating Positive Change ... Living the Volunteer Spirit" & "Broken Crayons Still Color." Please refer to the Official Call for more details. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

## GFWC Annual Convention

The Annual Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from June 22 – 26, 2018. The nearest airport is the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) which is about 20-25 minutes from the St. Louis Union Station Hotel where the convention will be held. There are several tours arranged to see the highlights of St. Louis. More details will follow.



## House Bill 404

At the State Board meeting, it was requested that Club members write to their delegates and ask that they vote to pass House Bill 404. This bill is attempting to add human trafficking as a Crime of Violence. Crimes of Violence also include murder, manslaughter, kidnapping and rape, just to name a few. Please consider doing this.

## Book Browsers Committee

**Gini Bosse** reports that BOOK BROWSERS will be on Monday, **March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Trinkia Cueman will lead our discussion of *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* by Rinker Buck. Join us at the home of Becky Barbour (810 Wisteria Drive) – 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 Becky at 443-564-4033.

## By-Laws Committee

**Barbara Gunther** requests that the following change should be made to the By-Laws. The red language will be removed, and the blue language will be added.

### ***Treasurer***

The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the club and shall deposit same in the bank designated by the Board of Directors. She shall pay all bills properly approved by the Chair of a Community Service Program or the President. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and report to the club at all Board of Directors and business meetings, usually in November, January and March. A written report shall be presented annually to all members in September. Federation dues shall be paid as prescribed. **and a membership roster shall be forwarded to the MFWC Treasurer and The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine.** The Treasurer shall send in reservations for all State and District meetings and shall order the pin for the incoming President in January. She shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee. Accounts of the treasurer shall be closed by June 30.

**Then adding the language in blue.**

### **Section 7: Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee shall consist of at least four members. They shall oversee all membership business and record keeping as stated in Article III. The Committee is responsible for organizing and presenting at least one new member Orientation per year. **The membership chair shall forward a club roster to the Maryland Corresponding Secretary to facilitate distribution of The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine.**

## Education CSP

Monetary donations will be accepted at the March Board and General meetings for the 12 Easter Literacy Buckets for Shepherd's Staff and the 12 Spring Literacy Buckets for Taneytown Elementary School. The "used book table" will be open for business before and after the



meeting. Aluminum pull tabs are still being collected for the Ronald McDonald House. Box-tops for Education are collected and donated to William Winchester Elementary School.

## 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. After extensive research Mrs. Stillman will delight us with a historical lecture about Eleanor Roosevelt. Trusting the offering she brought us last year, we should all enjoy ourselves again. We will meet again at the Church of the Brethren. Please come prepared to purchase your ticket at our next meeting. Bring a friend!

## Home Life CSP

**Mary and Jean** report that the cooking lesson luncheon will be held Tuesday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **12pm**. **HOME LIFE** will be selling tickets to this fun event at the March and April meetings. The menu is not known at this time, so the flyer will be circulated later. Please consider supporting this important fundraiser!

Where: Café at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center  
When: Tuesday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **12pm**  
Presenters: The Culinary Arts Class *featuring* Chef Tim Norwood  
Cost: **\$30** per person  
Proceeds Support: GFWC Westminster and The Culinary Arts Program of CCCTC  
(<http://www.carrollk12.org/ctc/programs/business/culinary/default.asp>)

## International Outreach CSP

The **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP** will be collecting nonperishable food and personal care items for Carroll County Food Sunday at the March meeting. Cash donations are also appreciated.

Dresses galore are still in demand. More are headed to Guatemala in April.

No word from SERRV at this time.

## 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

June and warm weather will hopefully be coming! With that time of the year, we think of brides and weddings. The scholarship committee is pleased to announce an elegant affair titled, "Brides of Yesteryear and Today". This event will include a light luncheon and a fashion



show highlighting many members' beautiful wedding gowns from the 1930's to present day. It will be held in the Westminster Hall at Belle Grove Square at **St. Paul's United Church of Christ** at Bond and Green Streets in Westminster on Saturday, **June 16, 2018 at noon**. Price is **\$35** and 84 seats will be available for sale. Reservations and money will be collected starting in April with checks made out to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster. This is a whole club project to support scholarships for students at Carroll Community College and McDaniel College. We would appreciate having volunteers assist us with serving and other areas. Please come, have an enjoyable afternoon and support those students!

## Women's History Month

### **Please join the General Federation of Women's Clubs for our annual Women's History Month Reception**

This March marks the 32nd Women's History Month celebration. Thousands of cultural, historic, and philanthropic institutions around the country will celebrate the rich and formidable contributions of women throughout history. On **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, GFWC will host our annual Women's History Month Reception at Headquarters. Dr. Marjorie Spruill, Professor Emerita at the University of South Carolina, will discuss her new book *Divided We Stand* and the historic events surrounding International Women's Year and the National Women's Conference of 1977.

**The Women's History Month reception will be held from 2 p.m-4 p.m. March 8.** Light refreshments will be served. Join us for what is sure to be a truly historic and enlightening event!

## Westminster's Memorial Day Parade

Mary Lou and Linda Payne remind members that although it is not yet posted on the city's website, Westminster's 151st Memorial Day Parade is expected to be on **May 28, 2018**. It will begin at 10am on Pennsylvania Avenue. It will end on Church Street at approximately 11am with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony. We invite all our past and current presidents to be specially honored with a corsage and to ride with us. Wear your patriotic colors and wave the flag as we march, walk, or ride through downtown Westminster in an old-fashioned, hometown parade. Please sign up to participate at the April or May meeting. We also need cars (convertibles or other standout vehicles would be wonderful!) and drivers, so if you can provide a car and driver, let us know. On the sign-up sheets, you can indicate if you can provide a vehicle and if you'd like to ride or walk. We'll provide additional details to those who sign up. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, call or email Mary Lou at [410-871-9102](tel:410-871-9102) or [gloupoirier@gmail.com](mailto:gloupoirier@gmail.com).

P.S. If you have never attended this parade, even if you don't want to participate in the march, just bring a chair or sit on the curb and enjoy this patriotic event while remembering those lost while serving our country. Everyone smiles and waves their flag at you, whether they know you or not. It is a special day.



## Member to Member

The Carroll Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars!

**DATE:** April 19, 2018  
**WHERE:** Martin's Westminster  
**COST:** \$45

As in the past, the auxiliary holds 4 tables for our members. Always a fun time while raising funds for the Couplet Care Program and Renovation and Expansion of The Family Birthplace at Carroll Hospital. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be attending and either give me your checks at the March meeting or mail to me at: 933 Hughes Shop Road, Westminster, MD 21158. Checks should be addressed to Carroll Hospital Auxiliary. Many members have not had the opportunity to attend in the past - why not give it try. Something new every year!!! Thanks, Barb Gunther

## Member Birthdays this Month

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

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| Carolyn Seabolt | March 1  |
| Nancy Griesmyer | March 16 |

## New email address:

Please correct Marjorie Lohnes' email address as follows:

[marjorie.lohnes@outlook.com](mailto:marjorie.lohnes@outlook.com)

## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **April** newsletter is **Friday, March 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.