



Newsletter: May 2018

May Club Meeting

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **May 8th** 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 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

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

There are only a few weeks remaining for us as Co-Presidents, and we want to thank you for making this term a very positive and active administration. Your examples of kindness and federation friendship have been exemplary. Thank you for your support and willingness to demonstrate living the volunteer spirit.

A total of ten proudly represented our Club at the GFWC MD Annual Convention on April 21st and 22nd in Columbia at the Sheraton. Our Club received the following:

Recognition of Outstanding Projects for Originality in the areas of Community Projects in Education, International Outreach and Students Homelessness Initiative.

Recognition for Excellence in the areas of Community in Arts, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Students Homelessness Initiative Program.

Recognition for participating in GFWC MD Tree-Mendous Maryland.

As Spring finally arrives and you are making your summer plans, please continue to lead with your heart and look for opportunities to be kind and thoughtful of others.

In Federation Friendship,

Barbara and Norma Jean



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.

GFWC's Group Rate of \$159/night opens on Thursday, March 1. The room block closes on Monday, May 28, at midnight. The best way to reserve a room is online at <http://group.curriocollection.com/GeneralFederationOfWomensClubs>. You may also call for reservations at 855-271-3620; press 1 to make a new reservation.

GFWC's user-friendly online registration system is quick, secure, and easy. Paper registration is available upon request. Registration closes on **June 1**. For assistance, contact Jennifer Simpson, Events Coordinator, directly at [202-628-2478](tel:202-628-2478) or via email at JSimpson@GFWC.org. The GFWC Room Block at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel is now open.

The Call to Convention will be in the March+April Issue of Clubwoman Magazine, which is scheduled for distribution the second week of March. It will contain detailed information regarding travel/accommodations, agenda, tours, projects, awards, and more. Online registration officially opens on March 1 and can be accessed using this link <http://www.cvent.com/d/ytgrfx>, but you may want to first read the Call for a complete understanding of Convention activities.

To help with flight and hotel booking, here is a quick summary of Convention highlights.

Thursday, June 21 – AM and PM tours – Basilica and Brews and Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms

Friday, June 22 – AM tours (Architecture of St. Louis, Basilica and Brews, and Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms), 2016-2018 Board of Directors meetings, LEADS, Mississippi Valley Region Hosts "Winter Wonderland" Welcome Banquet

Saturday, June 23 – Opening Ceremony, Partner Awards Luncheon, Junior Awards Banquet and "Speakeasy Soiree" Fun Night

Sunday, June 24 – Partner Workshops, GFWC Workshops, Region Banquets

Monday, June 25 – Elections, Service Project, Awards Lunch, GFWC Style Project Runway Conservation Challenge, "A Celebration of Volunteer Spirit" Gala Banquet

Tuesday, June 26 – Education and ESO Awards Brunch, Installation Banquet, Installation

Wednesday, June 27 – 2018-2020 Board of Directors Meeting



Westminster's 151st Memorial Day Parade

Mary Lou Poirier and Linda Payne remind members that Westminster's 151st Memorial Day Parade will be on **May 28, 2018**. It will begin at **10am** on Pennsylvania Avenue and end on Church Street at approximately **11am** with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony. To honor our past and current presidents we invite them to ride with us in this traditional hometown parade. Signup sheets will be available at the May meeting. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

We encourage you to take part on Memorial Day as a participant or by taking a chair down to Main Street to sit and watch the parade. It is a very special day to honor and remember our servicemen and women killed in active duty.

Western District News

Jo Harp reports that GFWC Maryland - Western District, Inc. invites the women of our club to attend the spring Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, **May 16th**. The hostesses will be the GFWC Civic Club of Oakland. The meeting will be held at Dutch's at Silver Tree, 567 Glendale Road, in Oakland. Registration is from 9:30 - 10:00 and the fee is **\$3.00**. Luncheon reservations are **\$18.00** and will feature beef tips, scalloped potatoes and a vegetable or vegetarian pasta (upon request). Please let Barb Gunther know by **May 2nd** if you plan to attend.

This meeting will include election of officers for 2018-2020 and reports of outstanding projects. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet new club women and learn about the different levels of GFWC Maryland. See the Call and Registration Form attached to this newsletter.

Book Browsers Committee

Book Browsers will meet **May 21st** to discuss ***The Hired Girl*** by Laura Amy Schlitz. The meeting will be at the home of Trinka Cueman. Jackie Hering will lead the discussion. Any who wish to come are very welcome. Please join us.

Business Cards

For those who haven't heard, the Club now has business cards that contain our P.O. Box address, our email address and the GFWC website. You can write your name and phone number on the cards. Please see Clare Berent or Linda Kjeldgaard to get some for yourself.

Education CSP

There are hundreds of books in our "new home" that need labels. If you have a free hour or two during the summer, feel free to stop in and affix some labels in the books. Remember to sign in and out. See me at the May meeting if you have questions.



Please continue to save Boxtops for Education (each has a value of .05). for William Winchester School. Also save tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Fundraising Committee

Bev Humbert says: Take a chance on a lovely, large woman's tote bag filled with all kinds of "goodies". It will be on display at our spring luncheon. Purchase your chance to win when you come in the door. All proceeds benefit the Fundraising Committee.

Want dinner out! Look for your IHOP Dinner Out flyer at the Spring Luncheon. On Wednesday, **May 30th**, we invite all members and their relatives to IHOP as a Fundraising event. As in the past, it should prove to be a fun and profitable event. The times will be from 4 – 8 pm. See you there!

Newsletter Committee

Nancy Porter reports that there will be no newsletters for June or July. The deadline for the August newsletter is Monday, **July 23rd**.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee's fundraising luncheon and fashion show, *Brides of Yesteryear and Today*, will be held on Saturday **June 16th** at noon (doors open at 11:30) at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ at Bond and Green Streets in Westminster Hall at Belle Grove Square. Please complete the flyer to select your entrée and to make your reservation. Reservations will be accepted at the May meeting or may be mailed with check to Ellen Lawrence, 3111 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158 by **June 1st**. Make your reservation early as seating is limited. Make your checks payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. **See the attached flyer.**

The committee needs young women to be models for the fashion show. Please help us by identifying potential models from among your daughters, granddaughters and young friends who may match the sizes below. If you know someone who would be willing to be a model, contact Karen Pelton, Marjorie Lohnes or Norma Jean Swam.

Currently models of the following sizes are needed:

3 models who are 5' 2"—sizes 2-4, 6-8 and size 6

2 models who are 5' 4"—both size 10

4 models who are 5' 6"—sizes 4, 6, 8-10, 10

1 model who is 5' 9"—size 10



Yearbook Committee

The Committee will be working this spring and summer to update the yearbook. Because of time constraints, this year we will **NOT** be confirming your address, phone numbers and email, **so please be sure to notify Nancy Porter (nancporter@gmail.com) or Kathleen Hutzell (thehutzellfamily@gmail.com) of any changes to your information.**

Member to Member

Thomas Sterner: Shaking the Tree – art exhibition

April 13 – June 1 – Gallery in the Scott Center

Carroll Community College

1601 Washington Road, Westminster

Monday – Thursday 7 am – 11 pm

Friday and Saturday 7 am – 4:30 pm

Member Birthdays this Month

Join us in celebrating the birthdays of these fine fellow club-women for the months of May, June and July:

Susan Case	May 18	Nancy Porter	May 23
Beverly Backof	May 21	Fran Rock	May 24
Sandy Sidlovsky	May 21		
Trudy Snader	June 6	Carol Kershner	June 22
Suzanne Albert	June 12	Robyn Allers	June 23
Lynda Lockard	June 21	Rosemary Hanger	June 25
Sandy Ferguson	June 22		
Jeanne Herr	July 1	Nan Sanders	July 25
Gerri Reck	July 2	Nancy McCrickard	July 26
Jan Ober	July 4	Martha Wiseman	July 29
Lura Griswold	July 11	Linda Kjeldgaard	July 30
Ellen Lawrence	July 19		
Carolyn Boner	July 23		

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Name, Address, and Phone Number Changes

Lois Gilbertson..... 7200 Third Avenue, C-19
Sykesville, MD 21784
443-609-3086



Email Address Changes

Linda Kjeldgaard..... lindakjel@gmail.com

Membership Type Changes

Suzanne Albert now an Associate

Resignations

Bonnie Caton
Dorris Whitford

Newsletter Deadline

This will be the last newsletter of the Woman's Club fiscal year September 2017 through May 2018. We will take a **short hiatus for June and July**. We'll send you our next newsletter in **August**. Deadline for submission of items for the August newsletter is **Monday, July 23rd** to Nancy. **Nancy will be doing the newsletter by herself, so please send articles directly to nancporter@gmail.com.**

Nancy and Debbie wish you all a fun-filled and safe summer!

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) by the **23rd of the month** preceding publication.