



Newsletter: December 2018

December Club Meeting

We are very much looking forward to our annual **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** on Tuesday, **December 11th**, at the **Best Western Westminster Hotel**, 451 WMC Drive. Many of you know that Bart Walter is recuperating from a fall accompanied by a broken rib. Because of his injury, our speaker for the Holiday Luncheon will be Dr. Alex Ober sharing a talk entitled: **Color Blind-Lt. Col. Paul Bates, WMC class of '31**. We are pleased that the cost per person to attend will still be **\$35**. Holiday Luncheon Reservations are due with payment by **November 30th**. Please select either: chicken marsala, salmon or pasta primavera and send a check for \$35.00 per person to: Jan Ober, 247 Bell RD Westminster, MD 21158/phone 410-608-3413.

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 Best Western on the day of the event.

LEADS Candidate

Please consider applying to be a **LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) candidate. Applications for candidates are due by **February 1, 2019** 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 Clare or Linda know if you want to apply.

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 deadline is **March 1, 2019**. 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.

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** 21st annual **Festival of Wreaths** will be running from **November 23rd to December 2nd**. 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 will be hosting the **Knitting Group** for Tuesday, **November 27th** from 1:00-3:00. Please contact Ginny at AerobicGinny@gmail.com or 410-848-2441 if you'd like to come.

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 2018 Beneficiary contribution of \$1,000 will be made to the Carroll County Public Library Exploration Commons at 50 East.

Book Browsers Committee

There will be no book browser meeting in December.

Conservation CSP

Thank you to everyone who brought shoes to the November meeting to help support the Soles4Souls project. We will be collecting shoes again at our February meeting. The sale of one pair of shoes can provide 5 meals for a family in Haiti. 20 pairs of shoes can provide a year's worth of shelter for a family in Haiti. 30 pairs of shoes can provide a year's worth of schooling for a girl in Honduras. They create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.



The Conservation CSP will be handing out flowers to shut-ins in January. Please notify Norma Jean if you know someone that would enjoy a breath of spring in January.

As we approach the winter months, we would like to remind everyone of the dangers of frozen pipes and the damage a broken pipe can cause. If you are going away for an extended period of time, shut off your water and then turn the faucets on. This will drain the remainder of the water from the pipes. Even a small amount of water in the pipes can freeze and cause your pipes to break.

Also remember to stay hydrated. It is just as easy to become dehydrated in the winter as it is in summer as winter brings drier air. Drink plenty of water. It boosts your immune system, reduces muscle fatigue and may actually help you maintain or lose weight. Many people exercise less and eat more in winter months. When properly hydrated, your body is far more efficient at breaking down fats and converting them to energy, which helps you stay warmer.



Education CSP

Nancy Porter reports that our magazine sales totaled \$1159. Our commission totaled \$463.60. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising is working on a cookbook project to be completed in 2019. This started as a suggestion by Judi Martin-Johnson using the 1988 cookbook put out by the club and has morphed into a cookbook of old and new recipes. We hope to have it sent to print in the spring, so we would like to begin collecting recipes this fall. Please send them by email or print to Linda Kjeldgaard. Include your name and/or the name of the person you would like to have mentioned as the author.

While your fundraising chair Bev Humbert was recovering from knee surgery, Lorraine Stoner and many other helpers set into motion an autumn tea held on November 10th. Bev wishes to extend her appreciation for their amazing effort. She understands everyone had a wonderful time. Happily, our treasurer reports a profit of \$1,164.74 for the event. Lorraine used her finely honed skills and eye for detail to craft an event that was gracious and elegant. It was an excellent way for us to introduce GFWC to our friends and to enjoy each other's company.



Maggie's Restaurant had never done a tea before but were willing to take on the challenge and did a great job. Thanks to a generous benefactor, we were gifted with many unique tea pots, tea cups and other tea related items to be sold or auctioned to profit the Fundraising Committee.

Our holiday luncheon and silent auction is just around the corner. Please come and enjoy the many items available for bid this year. Some of them include the gold-plated White House ornament, a tea pot filled with assorted teas and a certificate for homemade scones, a glass pitcher and serving set, a complete set of "brand new" London Fog luggage, assorted gift baskets filled with chocolate, wine, art supplies and more. Several ladies have offered to bring baked goods to the event also. **If you have any items you wish to donate or favorite recipes to bake, please let Bev know via email so she can include them in the catalog.** Looking forward to a wonderful day.

CABOOSE ORNAMENT AVAILABLE AT THE LUNCHEON AT \$20.

Come prepared to purchase one or more for those loved ones who missed out last year.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION – It is a great feeling to know our GFWC sisters were thinking of me during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you for the nice note of support and comfort. Bev. Humbert

Home Life CSP

Pots, pans, dishes, cutlery, dish towels, broom and dust pan! And more! The Home Life CSP partnered with Carroll County Habitat for Humanity to provide these kitchen items and much, much more! What fun shopping for the new Habitat homeowner! Thanks to the numerous club members who so generously donated gift cards, cash or kitchen items Natasha's new kitchen is well stocked. We shopped at Kohl's sale with a 30% off coupon, plus the club's tax-exempt id and some Kohl's cash for savings of \$72. Gift cards for Target & cash helped us out there. Large items like a crock pot, toaster oven, and Kitchen Aid mixer were purchased/donated. Cleaning supplies magically appeared also! Many new items were discovered at the Methodist Church's flea market as well as wonderful finds at The White Rabbit.

International Outreach CSP

The **INTERNATIONAL CSP** thanks the club for their donations to Heifer Project International. A donation of **\$531** was received.

Membership Committee

Marjorie Lohnes reports that we have two new members to welcome, Theresa Boyd and Sushma Sidh. Their contact information is at the end of the newsletter. Theresa lives in Westminster with her husband and is the mother of two grown sons. We look forward to seeing her skills in event planning and fundraising. Sushma lives in Westminster with her husband



and is the mother of two sons. She is interested in education, health education, public issues and conservation.



Theresa



Sushma

Junior Woman's Club

See the attached flyer for Santa's Workshop on **December 8, 2018**, 1-4pm, St. Paul's United Church of Christ located on the corner of Bond and Green Streets. Please consider bringing your grandchildren. Also pass this along to your friends.

Member to Member



The Lovely Ladies of the Southeastern Region

Member Birthdays this Month

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

Gainor Davis December 6
Terry Smack December 9
Sally Marks December 11
Clare Berent..... December 14
Janet Buchanan..... December 15
Janice Hobart..... December 17
Joan Hollinger..... December 18



Dinah Smelser December 22
Karen Soisson December 22
Pat Minnich December 22
Norma Jean Swam December 23
Judi Martin-Johnson December 27
Betty Mathias December 31

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

New Members

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

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Membership Type Changes

Nancy McAllister switched to associate member

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **January 2019** newsletter is **Sunday, December 23, 2018**.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING from your Newsletter Editor Nancy Porter!



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