

February 2011

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER

**Wear Red For Hear Month!
Club Meeting
February 8, 2011**

February promises to be an informative and fun meeting - one you won't want to miss! Our special guest will give all of us ideas with a presentation *Be Fit After Fifty!* Book Browsers will lead a brief discussion on *Little Bee* since we missed this last month. And, several chairs of our Programs will be giving you updates on what's happening. See you next Tuesday!

Special collections this month - you decide what you'd like to bring!

- * Watches for the American Mural Project - see below
- * Used Books and cash to buy books at the Used Book Sale
- * Purses - slightly used and new - for SKIT (Seniors Keep In Touch)
- * Eyeglasses for the Kiwanis
- * Pop-Tops for the Ronald McDonald House
- * Used Cards for ARC
- * Box Tops for Education
- * Check or Cash to Purchase a Pearl Bracelet - proceeds benefit Access Carroll for Osteoporosis treatment

Social starts at 1:00 - hosted by the International Outreach Community Service Program. Meeting starts at 1:30 at the Carroll Non-Profit Center, Clifton Boulevard, Westminster.

Community Service Programs News

ARTS PROGRAM

American Mural Project - GFWC has partnered with the American Mural Project in Winsted, CT. AMP is a nonprofit arts education organization with partnerships across the country. AMP is in the process of creating the largest indoor collaborative artwork in the world - a three-dimensional mural 120 feet long, five stories high and six to ten feet deep. The mural will be made of a wide variety of materials. GFWC members can participate by collecting watches which will be incorporated into the finished mural. Starting in January we will be collecting watches for this project. We all probably have an old watch or two tucked away that could be donated or have friends or relatives who would like to get rid of some watches.

Historical Print - An historical print of the 1848 painting, "The First Prayer in Congress" by T. H. Matheson was donated by Sally Cartwright to the Women's Club. It is a picture of the first congress which convened in 1774. The club had it professionally framed by Gizmos Art who donated the material and labor. The framed print was donated to the Non-Profit Center in December and is now hanging in the lobby.

Festival of Wreaths - To support our local arts council, a Christmas wreath was made in December and entered in the Carroll Arts Council Festival of Wreaths. Dawn Thomas and Joan Antonio collaborated on making this wreath with a nutcracker theme. It was auctioned for \$125, benefiting the Carroll Arts Council.

Art Exhibit at the Non-Profit Building - Thanks to the generous donations of our members, \$500 was donated to the Non-Profit Center for the purchase of walker track hardware for the hanging of art work. Contractual decisions have been made regarding insurance, type of art, drop off and pick up procedures and other details. Artists, Lyndi McNulty and Pam Zappardino, have agreed to be curators. The first exhibit should be ready by Spring. Having only women artists for the first exhibit is being considered in recognition of the club's 100 year anniversary. Volunteers will be needed to help with the drop off day.

Poetry and Short Story Contest - All entries for the Poetry and Short Story Contest have been collected. We will soon be in the process of judging them.

April Display - To help celebrate our 100th Anniversary the Arts Committee plans to highlight the artistic talents of our club members during our April meeting. We are asking our talented members, of which there are many, to be thinking of work they would like to display. This could include water colors, drawings, paintings, photographs, literary works, crafts, and any other expressive media. Two of our members have already given us copies of books they wrote. Volunteers will be needed to help organize the display.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

A February 12, 1990, report in the Newsport News stated the following:

"There is an old Pogo comic script in which the main character is walking through a forest carpeted with old tires and other debris. Sitting down next to his friend, Porkypine, Pogo surveys his littered habitat. "Yep son," he tells Porkypine. "We have met the enemy and he is us." The cartoon, by the late Walt Kelly, appeared on the second Earth Day

in 1971. Visitors to the Virginia Living Museum can see it as part of a new exhibit: "Why Waste a Good Planet?"

The article further states that the exhibit commemorates the 20th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, reminding us that each American uses 100 gallons of water a day and that the 18 billion disposable diapers that are thrown away each year would stretch to the moon and back seven times, taking 300-500 years to decompose. Parents are asked to use cloth diapers to save shrinking landfill space.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Meeting - The Education Committee will meet at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the meeting room. (prior to regular meeting).

Used Book Sale Benefits Scholarship Fund - Bring your gently used books to the next meeting and take a look -- you might find one to buy!

Dr Seuss Read Across Carroll County - Mark your calendar now for Dr. Seuss Read Across Carroll County Day on Friday, February 25th and Monday, February 28th. We will be reading in 12 schools - 64 classrooms! We need readers and volunteers. If you can help sign up with Jackie Hering.

HOME LIFE PROGRAM

Eyeglass Collection - Do two good deeds - Recycle your old eyeglasses and help someone with impaired vision. Bring your used prescription eyeglasses to the meeting and give the gift of sight.

Pearls of Strength - Just like pearls, your bones are precious. Cherish them by keeping them healthy and strong throughout your lifetime. As a reminder of healthy bones and to support Access Carroll purchase a beautiful pearl bracelet for yourself or as a gift to a friend or loved one. The bracelets are \$25 and will be for sale at the January meeting.

Vagina Monologues- McDaniel College Alumni Hall, Feb 4th and 5th - \$10.00 per person to benefit Rape Crisis and Family and Children's Services.

Rock Ball- to benefit the children of Carroll County. Dinner and silent auction plus live entertainment to be held 3/26/11- Saturday at St John's Catholic Church Portico- \$100.00 per person. To order tickets go online at rockballkiwanis@yahoo.com or call Ann at 410-848-5800 Ext 215.

Committee News

Membership -

Here's a challenge for you - at the February meeting make it your goal to meet at least one new person. Find someone who you haven't talked to before and say hello. Take time to have a conversation - find out what their interests are, what their hobbies are and what they enjoy doing. Who knows what you might learn!

Special Notes

Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs (the State organization) will meet on Tuesday, February 15th at Synder's Willow Grove in Linthicum Heights. The Arts Community Service Program will be highlighted with our guest speaker Wayne Shipley, retired Andover/North County High Schools English Department Chair and Drama Coach. Lunch (a crab cake!) is \$26 and registration is \$2. The meeting starts at 9:00 and adjourns around 3:00. If you haven't been this is a great opportunity to see what GFWC is all about. If you're interested -- just a little bit -- contact Sharon Quinter.

Community Announcements

Fashion Show - April 28th

Again this year the woman's club has reserved 20 tickets (2 tables) for the Spring Fashion Show benefitting Carroll Hospital Center. This year's show features fashions from Belk's, DiMario's Formal Wear and accessories from the Hickory Stick. The show and luncheon will be held at Martin's Westminster on Thursday, April 28th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$35. If you can join us please make your check payable to Carroll Hospital Center and give it to either Barbara Gunther or Sharon Quinter. It's always a fun time with friends!

All of us are involved in many fundraisers, benefits and events. We welcome your news from organizations where you volunteer your time, talent and money. Please send your announcement to sharonquinter@comcast.net prior to the 25th of the month to be

published the following month. We will do our best to include all announcements in the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar - Club Events

February 8 - Club meeting at 1:00 at the Carroll Non-Profit Building, Clifton Avenue.

February 21 - Book Browsers - schedule is in Year Book

February 25 and 28 - Dr. Seuss Read Across America Days

March 1 - Board Meeting

March 8 - Club meeting at 1:00 at the Carroll Non-Profit Building, Clifton Avenue.

May 10 - GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster 100th Anniversary Celebration! Antrim 1844, Taneytown. More details to come.