

January 2011  
Happy New Year!

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER



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**Come In From the Cold!**

**Membership Meeting - January 11, 2011**

Get out of hibernation and join us for a lively meeting featuring updates from our Program Chairs and a special "Staccato Moment" featuring our Book Browsers group. If you haven't picked up a copy of *Little Bee* for our book discussion it's not too late - you have this weekend to get it and read it! You'll also be able to sign up for the Dr. Seuss Read Across Carroll County Day, organized by our Education Program, scheduled for February 25th and 28th. And, read on about the many opportunities to show your true community, volunteer spirit!

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
- Small toiletries for Operation Smile
- 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 Education Community Service Program. Meeting starts at 1:30 at the Carroll Non-Profit Center, Clifton Boulevard, Westminster.

## Welcome New Members!

We are very pleased to introduce our three newest members:

- Jean Buchanan
- Connie Kidder
- Dinah Smelser

At the January meeting please take time to welcome our new members.

# 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.

**Art at the Non-Profit Building** - Nancy James and Barbara Humbert met with a steering committee to hammer out the details of displaying art in the meeting room. A contract to be used with the artists is being drawn up and reviewed.

## CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Here are a few energy conservation tips:

1. Recycle paper, glass, and aluminum: Using recycled aluminum instead of virgin aluminum saves 95% energy. Using recycled paper instead of virgin paper saves 70% energy.
2. Get involved - Join an awareness/environmental group!

## EDUCATON PROGRAM

**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.

## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

**Operation Smile** - This organization provides surgeries for cleft lip, cleft palate and other deformities in children all over the world. GFWC supports this international effort by making Smile Dolls and Smile Bags that are given to the children right after surgery. We'll be putting together Smile Bags and would appreciate any donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, washclothes, combs and other small toiletries. Bring whatever you'd like to the January meeting.

**SERRV** - Join us for a little work, a little conversation; a little work, a little conversation as we prepare merchandise for retail sale in the SERRV Gift Shop at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor. We'll be working on Monday, January 31st beginning at 9:00 a.m. Call Sally Marks at 410-848-4064 if you can join us!

## **PUBLIC ISSUES**

**Purses for SKIT** - In April Seniors Keep In Touch (SKIT) will host their annual purse silent auction at the Carroll Arts Center. We'll be collecting gently used and new purses for the sale. Clean out your closet and then fill it up with purses from SKIT!

## Committee News

### **Book Browsers -**

Book Browsers, the monthly Book Club of the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster announces the following changes to its schedule:

- For the January 17 meeting, we will be discussing The Help by Kathryn Stockett. We will still be meeting at Jackie Finch's.
- At the April meeting we will discuss The Piano Teacher by Janice Y.K. Lee, and meeting at Lois Crawford's.

Any questions, call Carol Quinn at 410-848-3376 or email at [cjq1089@gmail.com](mailto:cjq1089@gmail.com).

### **Membership -**

Here's a challenge for you - at the January 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

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](mailto: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

**January 11 - Club meeting at 1:00 at the Carroll Non-Profit Building, Clifton Avenue. Education Department will be hostess.**  
**February 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.**