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GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER

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March is Heifer Month!

At our March 8th meeting we'll be taking our annual collection for the Heifer Project that helps people in undeveloped nations obtain a sustainable source of food and income. Today, millions of people who were once hungry will be nourished by milk, eggs and fresh vegetables. Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading to schoolrooms to learn to read. Help improve the lives of someone - donate to Heifer at our March meeting. Cash and check donations would be greatly appreciated. Make your check payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

Bring an End to World Hunger Through Unimaginable Blessings. Special collections this month - you decide what you'd like to bring!

- Watches for the American Mural Project - see below
- Check or cash donation for Heifer
- Check for 100th Anniversary Celebration at Antrim
- Check for Fundraiser for Library Sculpture Garden
- Check for Washington DC Trip
- Toilet articles for Springfield State Hospital - 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 Lion
- 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 Home Life Community Service Program. Meeting starts at 1:30 at the Carroll Non-Profit Center, Clifton Boulevard, Westminster.

Plans Finalized for Sculpture Garden Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 14th and join us for dinner at Paradiso Restaurant in Westminster to raise money for the Library's Sculpture Garden. As you'll recall from last month's meeting, it is our goal to make a significant contribution to the garden to help commemorate our 100th Anniversary. Following dinner, Bart Walters, the sculptor of the Boy and the Lion, will share his latest adventures with us. A limited number of tickets are available and are on sale now. They will sell out quickly and will be sold on a first-come- first-served basis. Contact Carol Kershner or Jan Ober to reserve your tickets; bring your check to the March 8th meeting. Make

your check payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The Details:

What: Dinner at Paradiso Restaurant to raise money for the Sculpture Garden at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Library.

When: Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per person. Note: \$25 is tax deductible. This includes dinner and one beverage of your choice (which can be a glass of wine); cash bar for other beverages. Tip and taxes have been generously donated.

100th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Join us on Tuesday, May 10th for a very special celebration luncheon at Antrim in Taneytown! You'll get to enjoy the beautiful gardens, buildings and, of course, a very special luncheon to celebrate our club's 100th Anniversary! Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for guest. Tickets will be on sale at the March and April club meetings. Make your check payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. Reservation Forms will be available at the meeting.

Trip to Washington, DC!

The International Outreach Program invites you to join them on a trip to Washington, DC! We'll visit the Spy Museum and the World War II Memorial - both are great sites to see!! Lunch is on your own at one of the cafes in the vicinity. Sign up with Mary Lathrom at the March meeting or mail your payment to her before March 12th. Make your check payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. We must have 45 paid

reservations in order to book this trip.

The Details:

Date: Wednesday, March 30 from 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35/person includes transportation, driver gratuity and admission to the museum.

Lunch: On your own.

Leave from and return to Westminster area (TBD)

Mary Lathrom has all the details - she's a wonderful tour guide!! Please call her if you have questions - 410-848-6383.

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.

4th Annual PEEPS Show - Registration is open until March 25 for entering the PEEPS Show at the Carroll County Arts

Council. Details for registering can be found at www.carrollcountycouncil.org. Show dates are April 8 - 17.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

How Will You Celebrate Earth Day - March 20, 2011?

Some of you may choose to celebrate Earth Day on March 20 by curbing the "junk mail" that continues to invade all of our homes and is harmful to our environment. Perhaps you would be willing to stop the use of plastic bags, using instead suitable cloth bags. A third possibility might be the creation of a "wildlife habitat." To qualify as a habitat, the space should generally provide food, water, places to shelter or hide, and places to raise the young. Before rejecting this idea as too daunting a task, environmental writer, Dawn Smith, asks you to consider a person living in an apartment which has a balcony. She writes: "An area with room for a few native food plants for birds, a birdhouse, small birdbath or even a shallow dish with water can qualify (as a habitat). If several people in an apartment complex do the same it will be even more effective."

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!

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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Heifer International - March is Heifer Month for the Westminster women! Please give generously at our annual collection at the March meeting. Cash and checks will be graciously accepted. It's amazing what a few chickens, a goose and a cow can give a family in need.

SERRV - We'll be working at SERRV at the Brethren Center in New Windsor on Monday, March 28th. If you can join us please contact Sally Marks. Everyone is invited!

PUBLIC ISSUES PROGRAM

File of Life - The File of Life, a medical record for emergency responders, will be available at the March meeting for all new members. To get yours please see Judy Piel.

SKIT - Purse Auction -Thanks to everyone who has donated gently used or new purses for the SKIT (Seniors Keeping In Touch) Purse Auction to be held at the Carroll Arts Center on March 31 - April 3. If you have a purse to donate, please bring it to the March meeting or drop it off at Dolly Snyder's house.

Greeting Cards for ARC -Don't forget to bring your used greeting cards to the March meeting. We'll deliver them to ARC where their clients will recycle them into new greeting cards and sell them. By the way -- we'll be selling the cards for this

great non-profit.

Donations for Springfield State Hospital -This month we'll be collecting toilet articles for the residents at Springfield Hospital. We need articles for both men and women. If you prefer not to shop - we'll do it for you! Cash and checks are very much appreciated.

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! **BRING YOUR CHECK TO THE MARCH MEETING - WE NEED TO GET ALL OUR MONEY IN ASAP!!**

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

March 28 - SERRV, New Windsor, 9:00 a.m.

March 30 - Trip to Washington DC 8:30 - 4:30

April 5 - Board Meeting 9:30 - 11:00; Carroll Non-Profit Center

April 12 - Club Meeting at Carroll Non-Profit Center, Clifton



Boulevard, Westminster.

April 14 - Fundraiser at Paradiso Restuarant, Westminster.

May 10 - GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster 100th

Anniversary Celebration! Antrim 1844, Taneytown. More details to come.