



GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.



NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 12th** when our speaker will be Bonnae Meshulam, Director of Boys and Girls Club of Westminster. She will discuss

“Where We Have Been and Where We are Going.” Our hostesses will be the **HOME LIFE CSP**.

As usual, we'll meet at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in

Westminster. Refreshments and mingling start at 12:15pm and our meeting starts at 1:00pm

SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY—MARCH MTG

On March 12th we will be collecting individual personal care items along with notes and cards of encouragement for America's Warriors Care Package Project. AWCPP is coordinated by Dawn Rose Geiger as a Fund of the Community Foundation of Carroll County. Dawn will speak about the project at the March Business Meeting at the Half Note time. AWCPP was started to let our overseas mili-

tary personnel know they are not forgotten when they receive the care packages. Below is the size of the bag that will be filled by AWCPP. Items suggested are: sample size or travel size only of soaps, shampoos, conditioner, stick up room deodorizers, scented trees, Gold Bond body powder (mini size), deodorant, facial moisturizers, hand sanitizers, Kleenex small packages, moisturizing eye drops in sealed boxes, mole skin for feet, single wrapped packaged baby wipes or wet ones,

chap stick in packages, Summer's Eve wipes, toothbrushes, small bottles or packets of Tylenol, Midol or Advil. Many of these items can be purchased in bulk from Amazon or other big box stores. Unsealed notes of appreciation or encouragement can also be included to be placed in future shipments. Monetary contributions are accepted to defray the cost of postage. State President Dottie Gregg's special project is adding “sparkle to the lives of our military families.” We are adding to that “sparkle” by sending some comfort to our military stationed overseas.





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HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

Helping Hands has many hands to help. Please see the attached list of our many members that are divided into three teams. All members are welcome to join. Call Ellen, Marjorie or Fran if you wish to be added to the committee. If

you need some help or if you know of a member who needs assistance, please call Ellen, Marjorie or Fran (team leaders). The team leaders will organize and coordinate deploying the assistance. Maybe you

can print the list and put it in your Yearbook.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Club members who wish to purchase badges may do so at any time by completing a purchase request form (Marjorie has plenty). The cost (\$12 or \$13) will be determined by how many badges are ordered at a time.

An orientation meeting for new and prospective members will be held on Friday, **February 1st** with a snow date of Wednesday February 6th.

The committee is aware that there are others in the club that either missed orientation or

would like a refresher. The membership committee will present a half-note presentation in September so that everyone can brush up on GFWC and membership expectations and responsibilities.

BOOK BROWSERS COMMITTEE

Gini Bosse reports that Book Browsers will be on Monday, **February 18th** at **10am**.

Lura Griswold will lead our discussion of *The Good Pilot* by Alexander McCall Smith. Join us at the home of **Betty Mathias** – all are welcome to join us!

If you are a regular attendee but won't be coming, or if you are coming for the first time, please call our hostess Betty at 410-848-4244.

MD STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting will be held on **February 19, 2019**, with a snow date of February 26th. Registration is from 9:30-10:30. The meeting starts at 10:30 at the Fisherman's Inn, 3116 Main Street in Grasonville, Md. Lunch starts at 12:30 and consists of Crab Cake or Chicken Parmesan with vegetable medley and

baked potato. The cost is \$28, plus \$3 registration at the door. If you're interested, please let Barbara Gunther know so that she can send in one check for the lunches. Reservations are due by February 6th, so please let Barb know by **February 1st**. Also give her your food choice and send her a check for \$28.00.

Ladies are to wear red to support Women's Heart Health Month. There will be a baby shower for military wives. Please bring some items from the attached list as your contribution. **Do not wrap the gifts.**



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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Woman's Club Cookbook for fall 2019 sales is in the works. We are in serious need of recipes from our members. It would be greatly appreciated if each member could send at least two recipes by email to Lindak@kjeldgaard.com or bring them to the next two general meetings. We will have a box set up at the rear of the meeting room where they will be

collected. You may include family recipes that will be included under their names. Duplicate recipes will be given credit to all authors.

We are entering the recipes into the computer form provided by the publishing company to save on the publishing costs. Our deadline to get the recipes entered will be the middle to end of March. This will give us

time to make sure they are edited correctly and a committee can choose the fonts, free page descriptions of our club and decide on other options.

PUBLIC ISSUES CSP

Got Old Cell Phones? Donate for a Good Cause! Most of us probably have a few old cell phones tucked in a drawer, and we don't know what to do with them. The Public Issues CSP is partnering with the McDaniel College History Department to collect old cell phones to donate to the Family and Children's Services office located here in Westminster. The organization collects old phones and then sends them off to a 3rd party company in return for money that is used to buy new Tracfonos for women and families in need. Phones DO NOT

have to be in working or usable condition; the company breaks them down and recycles the parts. Please bring your old cell phones to the **February 12** meeting; Robyn Allers will be collecting them. NOTE: If you are concerned about your information/data that might still be in your old phone (Sim card), you can either 1) take it to your carrier and have them wipe it clear of all data or 2) We will take donations to tech-savvy volunteers at McDaniel who can remove the Sim cards.

Rape Crisis Center in Need of Undergarments & Journals — Rape Crisis and Intervention Service of Carroll County is in need of all sizes of undergarments—panties and bras—for their clients. They would also like journals, as their clients find these helpful. The Public Issues CSP will be collecting these items at the **February 12** meeting. Your donations will be greatly appreciated! Call or email Robyn Allers if you have any questions.

EDUCATION CSP

Please sign up to read on Monday, **March 4** in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Most schools request a 9 o'clock time: Wm. Winchester needs 5 readers at 1 p.m.

Thanks to all who bagged and delivered books to the schools.



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COOKING CLASS LUNCHEON

Home Life is once again hosting the Cooking Class Luncheon on **April 16th** at noon. The cost is \$30. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Tickets will be sold at the February and March meetings.

SAVE THE DATES

We have two Save the Date events for you to consider:

The **Maryland State Convention** will be held on April 27th and 28th.

The **GFWC Annual Convention** will be held June 29th—July 1st. It will be held in Austin, Texas.

DOROTHY LeFEVRE

Jackie included the following note: Dorothy LeFevre, a former member of the club, will celebrate her **100th birthday on January 29th**. She looks great

and is a delight to be with. If you'd like to send a card, her address is 312 Butterfly Lane, Taneytown, MD

YEAR-END REPORTS

The Co Presidents and Co Vice Presidents want to thank the CSP and Committee Chairs for gathering information on all the projects and hours spent doing the work of the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. in 2018. Submitting your reports in a timely fashion with headings totals was especially helpful.

The Club has an excellent report going to the State to represent your on-going work and commitment to the "Volunteer Spirit."

Linda Kjeldgaard



CONSERVATION CSP—Recycling

We all are diligent about recycling but maybe now its time to raise the bar. Here are some ideas that you may not have thought about. 1) eat more plants. Animal farming causes 51% of greenhouse gases. 2) try being a vegetarian for

just one day a week. 3) instead of traditional recycling, lets re-use. Box lids make great dividers for drawers. Plastic containers when cleaned can be used

for storing food and other items. Look for products like eggs and milk that are packaged in cardboard not Styrofoam. 4) use LED light bulbs. 5) eat organic foods.

TEA SET PURCHASE

This tea set was purchased at the tea that was held at Maggie's. There are saucers that go with the set. If you purchased this set, or know who did, please contact Judi Martin-Johnson and let her know. Her email is judiblu-iez@aol.com.



NEW INFORMATION FOR MARY LOU POIRIER

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240-381-5861

RESCHEDULED DAY OF SERVICE—JANUARY 28

Our Day of Service has been rescheduled for **next Monday, January 28th from 10:30-12:30.** Realizing that this is short notice, we still hope that as many of you as possible will stop by to help assemble and fill our lantern boxes. They are being eagerly

awaited at the Westminster Healthcare Center. Spending time together while helping to brighten Valentine's Day for others — a great combination.






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February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Jr Mid-Winter Rally
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Nancy McAlister Club Mtg. 1 pm	13 Connie Kidder	14 	15	16
17	18	19 State Bd Mtg Evening mtg 6 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

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