



Newsletter: August 2018

August Picnic

Our August Picnic is just around the corner!

Jan Ober reminds us that the first event of our 2018-2019 club year is our Annual Picnic! Always held on the last Tuesday in August, our picnic will be fairly late in the month: on Tuesday, **August 29th**. We'll gather at **5pm**, start eating by **5:15pm**, and adjourn about **7pm**.

What to Bring

Please bring a dish appropriate for serving no more than 8 people. According to the first letter of your last name, you should bring:

- A - E desserts
- F - N main dish
- O - Z salad

We'll provide beverages and paper goods.

International Outreach is collecting items to continue with the Little Dresses. If you would like to contribute to this valuable effort, we would appreciate donations of size 3-10 panties, and/or one yard of 100% dark printed fabric brought to the picnic.

Program

Besides good fellowship, we look forward to enjoying a brief review of the exciting year ahead of us!

Location Information

We've found King Park to be an ideal location for kicking off our club years! So we'll gather again at King Park, a City of Westminster Park off of the western part of Chase Street (parallel to Green Street). (address: Chase Street, Westminster, 21157; directions below).

We've again arranged for the covered pavilion, which is right next to the park's driveway, with tables and benches for us all. You can park either in the park's lot or along the cul de sac near the park. The terrain is flat and there are restrooms close by.

Directions

Take Route 27 south, beyond the intersection with Main Street.

Take the 3rd right off of Route 27 after crossing Main Street, onto Chase Street.

King Park will be just ahead of you.

Hope to see all of you there!



A Message from Our Presidents: Clare Berent and Linda Kjeldgaard

Welcome to a new club year! Hope your summer held some nice surprises, changes in scenery and a chance to rest. And the good news is that there is still fun to be had as we work together on our projects this year.

The focus for the next two years remains Domestic Violence Awareness, but we would like to expand the focus to other forms of abuse that do not get quite as much attention. Our by-line is: Domestic Abuse: Learn Its Many Forms.

Elder Abuse will be the first topic we investigate. Carroll County is fortunate to have numerous resources that focus on this problem and we will be bringing information and speakers to educate us.

Although the Club has been on hiatus, many of our Committees and CSPs have been very active. They have chosen goals and sketched out ways to achieve them.

Now is a good time to re-commit to the Club in its many aspects, to support as many of the projects as possible and make it a priority to Live the Volunteer Spirit.

See you at the picnic. Linda and Clare

A Message from Our New International President:

Dear GFWC Members,

Welcome to the 2018–2020 Administration! The 2018–2020 Club Manual, your most important resource for enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service, is available at the link below. In the Club Manual you will find all the information you need for GFWC's advancement areas, community service programs, and special programs—not to mention the guidelines for awards, contests, grants, and reporting.

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/X7XJGWaLKE>

I'm honored to serve as your 52nd International President, and I look forward to working with all of you!

The Club Manual will be available on www.GFWC.org on Friday, June 29.

In Federation Love,

Mary Ellen Brock

International President

GFWC Maryland Federation Workshop

The new Maryland President, Dottie Gregg, will be holding a summer workshop on **Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 10 am – 3 pm**. This will be hosted by the GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase at 7931 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase. Registration is from 9:15 – 10:00 and the cost is \$3.00. The meeting will start at 10:00 and will include Program Updates,



Reporting, a Mini Leads Workshop and more. **The deadline to register is August 4th.** See the attached Call for the registration form and directions.

Maryland Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting will be hosted by the Montgomery County District on **September 18, 2018** at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie, Maryland. The topic is a "Marketplace of Possibilities" and will be reviewing future projects and ideas for the upcoming year. More information will be available when the Call is distributed.

Club Board Meeting

The Board will start off the year with a Board meeting at the Non-profit Center on **September 4th at 9:30**. This meeting is open to the Executive Committee and all committee/CSP chairs. Please notify Clare and Linda if there are items to be added to the agenda.

Club Dues

Our Treasurer, Barb Gunther, will be collecting dues at our September, October and November meetings for the club year 2018/2019. Why not get yours out of the way early in the year? Annual dues are still **\$65** for Active members and **\$75** for Associate members.

The History of the Woman's Clubs in America

"The History of the Woman's Clubs in America" by Mrs. J.C. (Jennie June) Croly is one of the first books in print about woman's club history. The section on Maryland covers the time before 1900 and tells the story of the women who came together to learn through books and discussion. We have a copy of this book in our archives, but it is also available on line. It is available at <https://archive.org/stream/historyofwomansc00crol#page/576/>

Book Browsers Committee

Gini Bosse reports that BOOK BROWSERS will be on Tuesday, **September 25th (instead of September 24th) at 10am**. Trinka Cueman will lead our discussion of *The Good at Heart* by Ursula Werner. Join us at the home of **Jackie Hering** – 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 Jackie at 410-848-9036.

Conservation CSP

Norma Jean reports that this summer we formed a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Westminister for assistance in the Belle Grove Square Garden. There have been five to six middle school girls and a counselor who have learned a weed from a flower. It has been very rewarding which reminds one of a Maya Angelou quote: "Your legacy is every life you touch", and we have made a difference in the life of these teenagers. Many thanks to all of those who have helped in the garden.



Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that facing a tight budget, the committee is urging club members to carefully review details of the suggested fundraiser---magazine subscriptions. Booklets will be available at the picnic and club meetings through November. Nancy Porter will handle orders at meetings or you can order online. You can renew subscriptions as well as order new ones. This is a "win-win for club; you can order gifts for yourself and friends and the club receives 40%.

"Read Across Carroll County" will be held on Fri., March 2 and Monday, March 5. Please mark your calendars now. The new International President, Mary Ellen Brock, has set out some grand initiatives to inspire clubs in their volunteering efforts. Her goal is for 1,000 children's books to be donated in honor of Dr. Seuss on his birthday to schools in need. Let's try to do that!

In July 24 "Backpacks for Education" for Shepherd's Staff and in cooperation with the Home Life Program, Taneytown Elementary School, will be filled.

Boxtops for Education will continue to be collected for Wm. Winchester Elementary School. Each "top" has a value of 5 cents.

The Home Life and Education CSPs will open the used book table on a trial basis this fall. Details will follow.

Magazines! Your Orders Help Our Club!

Nancy Porter reports that the **EDUCATION CSP** will once again sell magazine subscriptions as a fundraiser. Nancy will be our main club contact and the fundraiser must be completed by **November 15th**, when she will send in our group order. Here are some of the details.

Nancy has catalogs and has also provided us a list of the available magazines in Excel spreadsheet (attached to the Newsletter). There are well over 1,000 magazines for you to choose from! Many, like *Southern Living*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, and *Country Living*, come in digital format as well as paper.

Remember, you can certainly order magazines for yourself, but also consider the idea of giving magazines as holiday or birthday gifts to family and friends. See Jackie or Nancy for the certificates you can print and complete to give for your gift.

GFWC Westminster receives 40% of the amount sold through our fundraiser! That could add up to a lot of money that we can put to some great causes! So please, encourage your friends and relatives to order magazines from us.

Subscriptions take about 4-6 weeks to start once we have turned in all of the orders on November 15th. Please email Nancy with your order at NancPorter@gmail.com, including the following

✓ name of magazine



- ✓ code number
- ✓ price of subscription
- ✓ name and address of person for the subscription

Or you can bring your order and check to our September, October and November meetings. Make the check payable to **GFWC-WCOW**. One check for the entire fundraiser will be sent when it ends on **November 15, 2018**.

Fundraising Committee

Bev Humbert reports that one of our favorite things! Shopping and saving money so we can do more shopping. The Fundraising Committee can help with both of these. Tuesday, October 16th is the annual Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event. For \$5 little dollars, you can save between 10 to 25% on a wide variety of new inventory including fine jewelry, leather goods, and clothing. Plan ahead for gift giving and holiday needs. Jayne Stocksdale will be happy to sell you tickets for yourself and to give to others. The proceeds will go to the general fund.

THE CARROLL COUNTY FARM MUSEUM will hold their annual Christmas Open House from mid-November until the end of December. The decoration theme this year is "candy from years ago." Their curator has kindly asked for antique candy dishes and candy molds for their display cabinets. This would be considered a loan unless you say otherwise. They are looking for milk glass, carnival glass, any other decorative glass, but no "cut" glass this time. Please let Bev Humbert know at September's meeting if you would be willing to help. Bring in your items at October's meeting. Thanks.

International Outreach CSP

Dinah Smelser reports that for 2018-2019, the "Little Dresses" project has opportunities to send little dresses to The Congo and Sudan, The Dominican Republic (Haitian Work Camps), Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Two shipments of 50 dresses were hand delivered to the Congo and Sudan, as well as Costa Rica/Nicaragua this summer. If you would like to contribute to this valuable effort, we would appreciate donations of size 3-10 panties, and/or one yard of 100% dark printed fabric brought to the picnic. We have many requests and any donations could help defray our cost so more little girls in the neediest areas of the world could receive this special gift.

Scholarship Committee

Norma Jean Swam reports that the "Brides of Yesteryear and Today" luncheon and fashion show was a huge success. We added \$3,091.32 to our scholarship savings account at Old Line Bank. We added \$343.49 (10%) from the proceeds back to the general fund of the club as required by the bylaws for fundraising. We can give \$2000 each to McDaniel and Carroll Community College toward their scholarship fund.



Thank you to all of our club members for their many contributions of time, baking, serving, decorating and, most of all, their volunteering. Wonderful to see an entire club engaged to make a difference.

Thanks to Ginny Houser for taking photos. Below is a link to see her beautiful photos. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/6svT24ZpnxGU49hx7>

Scholarship Committee – Norma Jean Swam, Barbara Gunther, Nancy Hiatt, Marjorie Lohnes, Linda Payne and Gerri Reck

Yearbook Committee

Kathleen Hutzell reports that our yearbook supplements will not be passed out at the picnic. Instead we will pass them out at the Club meeting in September.

Member to Member

September Song's *Anything Goes*

August 30 – September 3. Tickets are going fast, and some shows are sold out.

Tickets \$15-22. Available at Carroll Arts Center and online at www.septembersong.org. See flyer attached in email.

Member Birthdays this Month

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

- JoAnn Barlow..... August 14
- Barbara Vransy August 15
- Barbara Humbert August 16
- Susan Thomas August 22
- Jane Sharpe August 24

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Email Address Changes

Linda Kjeldgaard..... lindak@kjeldgaard.com (going back to former email)



Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **September 2018** newsletter is **Thursday, August 23rd**. Be sure to read our little ***Fine Print Box*** at the end of each Newsletter!

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our ***GFWC Westminster Newsletter*** editor is Nancy Porter (final editing and formatting, email distribution). We publish the newsletter **ten times per year**, with a break during the summer months of June and July. We **distribute** the newsletter around the 24th of the month (depending on due date). **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Nancy Porter** (nancporter@gmail.com) by the **23rd of the month** preceding publication.