NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2019

MARCH CLUB MEETING

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Our hostesses will be the ARTS 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. Don’t forget to wear your name tag and to carpool if you can.

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 military 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.
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING LECTURE**

Steven J. Hess of the U.S. Attorney’s Office will be giving a lecture on Human Trafficking on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 6:30-8:30. See attached flier if you’d like to attend.

**CONSERVATION CSP**

Now is a great time to start thinking about your spring planting. Just thinking about budding trees and bulbs poking through the ground is enough to chase the winter blues away! While you plan your garden, seriously consider native plants. Native plants help maintain a healthy ecosystem and support local wildlife, such as birds, insects and mammals. Most native plants require much less water, fertilizer and care than non-native plants and you will be contributing to the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed as a bonus. More information on native plants in our region is available from the Maryland Native Plant Society at mdflora.org and Chesapeake Bay Foundation or cbf.org (search native plants).

The special project to brighten a homebound person with flowers has been delayed until April due to the inclement winter conditions. If you still have a person who would enjoy a lovely flower please contact Dianna Davis or Nancy Heiberg.

Arbor Day is April 24 and we are having a native MD tree planted at the Finksburg library garden.

**BOOK BROWSERS COMMITTEE**

Book Browsers will be on Monday, March 18th at 10am. Gini Bosse will lead our discussion of *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Join us at the home of Becky Barbour – all are welcome to join us!

**SPRING LUNCHEON**

The spring luncheon will be held on May 14th with doors opening at 11:00. It will be held at Carroll Lutheran Village, King Chapel Auditorium. The cost is $35. The speaker will be Diane Martin, the Director of the Center for Aging at McDaniel College. Her topic is Optima Aging. See the attached flier for the menu. Tickets will be sold at the March and April meetings.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Woman’s Club Cookbook for fall 2019 sales is still in need of a variety of recipes. There is the greatest need for recipes in the beef, pork, pasta and bread categories. We would like to have a recipe or two from each of us to represent our wonderful cooks. If you do not have a favorite recipe from your own cookbooks, perhaps you have one from a friend or even a local restaurant you frequent. Please send them to Lin-dak@kjeldgaard.com or bring them to the March meeting. We will have a box set up at the rear of the meeting room where they will be collected. Duplicate recipes will give credit to all authors. We are entering the recipes into the computer form provided by the publishing company to save on the publishing costs. As soon as the recipes are transcribed we will be choosing the fonts, free page descriptions of our club and decide on cover options.

PUBLIC ISSUES CSP—RAPE CRISIS CENTER

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 March meeting. Your donations will be greatly appreciated! Call or email Robyn Allers if you have any questions.

FLEA MARKET

Yes, we are doing the Flea Market again! Please start gathering items for our next club fundraiser on Saturday, May 18th at the AG Center from 8:00-2:00. Drop off will be on Friday, May 17th from 12-5. Jane Sharpe will have a sign-up sheet at the March Meeting for you to help at our tables on either day. In the past the following items sell: jewelry, seasonal decorations, gardening tools, household items, books, pictures and lots of other items. Thank you for all you do so we can give back to our many projects. If questions contact Norma Jean Swam or Bev Humbert.

ROSIE THE RIVETER — GLYNDON CLUB

Norma Jean Swam calls your attention to an opportunity to have lunch with Rosie the Riveter on May 11th, noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reisterstown. The cost is $30.00 and it is sponsored by GFWC Woman’s Club of Glyndon. Glyndon has supported us numerous times and it would be nice if we would return the favor—and have fun, too. A flier is attached.
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 flier for more details. Tickets will be sold at the March meeting.

SAVE THE DATES

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

The **Carroll Hospital Fashion Show** from Barb Gunther: It’s that time of year when Carroll Hospital Auxiliary holds its annual luncheon and fashion show. The auxiliary is in its last year of the $1.25M pledge for the expansion and renovation of the Family Birthplace and the Couplet Care Project. Each year the auxiliary hold several tables for our members. Please review the attached flier. We have changed a few things: the day of the week, the time and an opportunity for an after show get together. Hope our regulars can attend as well as an opportunity for those who have never attended to enjoy a wonderful day while helping out with this fundraising event for the Auxiliary. If you plan to come to the after party, call 410-871-7280 and let them know.

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

CARROLL HOSPITAL FASHION SHOW

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MESSAGE FROM DOTTIE GREGG, MD PRESIDENT

Good morning Md Clubwomen,—What a difference a day makes! Today it is a white wonderland of snow outside. Yesterday, our Md clubwomen met on a cold sunny February day in Grasonville for our February Board of Director’s meeting. It may have been cold and breezy outside, but inside the warmth of our Federation spirit blanketed the room for all to share. We conducted our business, enjoyed delicious food, shared some fun, met and chatted with Federation friends, old and new, and participated in an amazing service project. This president was overwhelmed with your response to the plea to open your grandmother hearts and shop for items for the young military families. Our guests could barely believe their eyes when they became aware of your generosity. Your Junior Director, Andrea Lilly and I are so fortunate to have the opportunity to work together to make the world a better place and watch as our clubwomen give life a sparkle by living the volunteer spirit. We look forward to sharing our Convention activities with you. The Call to Convention will be coming soon. Make your reservations early to share this wonderful time together.

In Federation Friendship,
Dottie Gregg, president
GFWC Maryland
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 judibluez@aol.com.

MD. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

GFWC Women’s Club of Maryland met on February 19th at the Fisherman’s Inn in Grasonville, MD. It was a day filled with information, reporting and the Military Family Baby Shower! GFWC members contributed to the Baby Shower, with over $4600 worth of clothing, blankets, diapers and other baby needs. Amazing! The Club reports have been separated into the CSP and Committee categories for the state convention awards in April. Each state chair received the reports from the Clubs that filed reports for their area. As an example, the Conservation CSP reports were from 15 clubs with 76 projects and 2400 volunteer hours.

A highlight for the Westminster Club was the award given to Nancy Porter. It is an award from President Dottie Gregg to a member that has gone above and beyond in her support of the Club. Nancy is now the new reservations person as well as the associate editor for the Maryland Clubwoman Magazine. President Dottie Gregg loves her red shoes so the award is a special little red shoe to be cherished as a reminder of how Nancy is appreciated.

YEAR END REPORTS

Please check your email for the Club reports. They are in two attachments—one for the summary sheets and the other for the reports themselves. A brief overview will be presented at the March meeting. Taking a few minutes to acquaint yourselves with the reports will help make the presentation more meaningful. Heartfelt thanks to all who have worked so diligently on preparing the reports, especially Linda Witter and Norma Jean Swam.
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