



# Petal Power

GFWC JOPPATOWNE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.  
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## *President's Message*

Hello Ladies, from not so sunny FL.

Hope everyone is shoveled out. Thanks to my wonderful neighbors and friends, they have taken care of our driveway. Just saying thanks, doesn't seem to be enough, but thanks, thanks, and more thanks!

Ladies just a reminder, if you are planning on donating a basket or door prizes for our bingo, please let Barbara Albers know. We will need runners, food sellers, and workers. Please let me know in what capacity, you would like to help.

Continue with prayers for Dee Kettlehut, Dawn Campbell, Pete Murphy, Karen Conte, the friends and family of our former member Bea Benson, and other friends and family.

All my Best,

*Dottie Bishoff*  
443-402-1421

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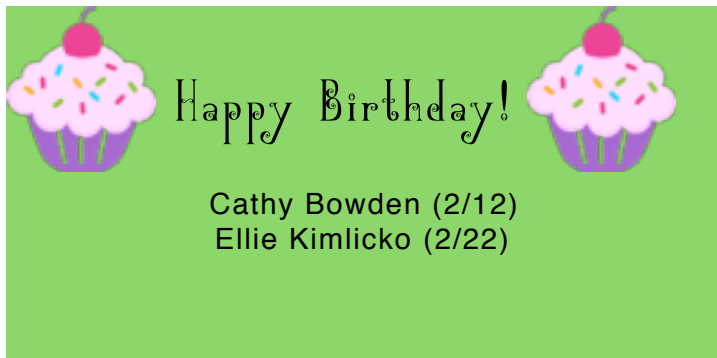
March 11th at Holy Spirit  
Church. Join us when the  
doors open at 5 pm - with early  
bird specials at 6pm.

*A smile is always welcomed!*



Are you a member of Facebook? Help us spread the news of all the great work we do and attract new members by liking us on Facebook!

*Petal Power submissions are due by the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month!*



*Birthdays are nature's way of telling us  
to Eat More Cake!*



#### Valentine's Day

1. In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card.
2. About 1 BILLION Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. This makes it the second largest seasonal card sending time of the year.
3. More than 36 million heart-shaped chocolate boxes are sold each Valentine's Day.
4. About 8 billion candy hearts will be produced this year; that's enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times and back again!



#### *Hospitality*

Dinners are \$25.00. Please call in your dinner order to one of the ladies listed below by noon on the Saturday before the meeting. If you have to cancel, please do not call the restaurant, call Madeleine.

The Dinners are: Shrimp with Pasta, Pork Chop, and Plain Chicken

Hostesses: Maribeth Conklin (410-679-3929) & Maureen Cornett (410-676-4428)

*Social hour begins at 6 pm, Meeting begins at 6:30 pm, and dinner is served at 7 pm!*

*Madeleine Murphy*  
410-569-0477

#### *Education*

We should get back to our reading next week, I'm sure the kids haven't missed not being able to go to school, and they got a break, but I sure was glad to get out last Thursday finally as cabin fever was beginning to set in - I hadn't been out for one week. Please don't forget to bring your Redner's tapes to the next meeting. I Submitted our tapes today to Redner's and it will give us \$170.00 to add to our budget.

Stay warm and safe everyone please!

*Barbara Ledford*  
410-679-1166

#### Newsletter Request!

Do you have any pictures of club activities? A special family recipe? Or a good quote or article to share?

Interested in being featured in the "Member Spotlight"?

Please email or call Leah Clague if you would like to contribute!

443-350-3889 or [leah.clague@gmail.com](mailto:leah.clague@gmail.com).

## Conservation

Jeanette Petric  
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Maureen Cornett  
410-676-4428

### A Few Ways to Save on Energy Costs This Winter:

1. Use the sun for free heat - Open the curtains on your south-facing windows during winter days to bring free heat into your home. Close your window coverings when the sun goes down to keep the heat inside.
2. Use ceiling fans to your advantage - Ceiling fans can be used strategically to achieve better airflow: counter-clockwise will push hot air up in the summer and clockwise will trap heat inside to keep your rooms warmer during cooler months.
3. Adjust the thermostat at night. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, you can save about 10 percent per year on your heating bills by turning your thermostat down 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours.
4. Get a humidifier to add moisture to the air. The air inside your home can become very dry. Moist air feels warmer and holds heat better, so a humidifier can help you feel comfortable when your thermostat is set at a lower temperature.
5. Invest in insulation. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs are lost each year due to escaping heat and cold air in homes without proper insulation. Get some inexpensive insulation from your local home improvement store, and cover up all those areas where heat might escape. Start with foam weather stripping for your doors and windows; it's cheap and is extremely easy to apply.



## Home Life

Barbara Albers  
410-679-5260

Our check for \$100 went out to "Wheels for Work," and I'm sure that they'll put it to good use.

We need baskets to be raffled off at the Bingo on March 11th. Please let me know if you're willing to make up a basket. We'll also need door prizes.

Our committee will start plans for the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House soon.

Stay warm, Barb & Sue

## Arts

Diane Raycob  
410-893-7534

The Chesapeake Shakespeare Company will stage the play "Wild Oats" by John O'Keefe during the month of March. Matinees (which are probably best for us) at 2:00 p.m. are every Sunday that month and also on Saturday the 19th. The play is a 1790's comedy about a traveling thespian. The prices range from \$15 to \$45 and group prices are offered if ten or more attend the play.

The theater is located at 7 S. Calvert Street which is two blocks north of the Inner Harbor. We will have a specific date at the February meeting and take an informal count of those who would like to go to the play.

In other news, Sherry is working steadily with the Joppa Library for our joint art contest. She has designed certificates and will be purchasing the ribbons for the awards. This will be fun for the kids and us!

## Public Issues

Barbara Knapp

410-679-4330

**Valentines for Perry Point VA Medical Center** - Our veterans appreciate us remembering them through out the year for their military service. As we have done for the past few years, let's send the men residing in the medical center Valentines. **Please bring Valentine cards to our February meeting for hand delivery.** Feel free to provide several cards as there are over 50 men residing at the medical center.

**Perry Point VA Medical Center Spring Visit** - We will be visiting the men at the medical center in April or May. At the January meeting I asked everyone to donate used magazines of interest to men and large print books. We will begin collecting toiletries that are alcohol free and in plastic containers at the February general meeting. Other items needed are: body wash, deodorant, shampoo, combs, toothpaste, soft compact head toothbrushes with cover, lip balm, denture adhesive and denture cleaning tablets. The veterans also need stationary and envelopes, paperback crossword and word search books, books on tape, and commercially prepared, individually wrapped snack foods. We will happily collect your donations at any general meeting.

**Angels for Your Troops** - This Dundalk area organization collects items for care packages to boost the moral of our troops serving in war zones. Each soldier receives 50-55 items in their care package. A list of needed items was passed out at the October general meeting by Joan Swanson who will collect our items and take them to the donation site. A few donation suggestions: soap, sunblock, lip balm, band-aids, washcloths, gum, dental floss, toothpaste, blankets or throws, Lifesavers, playing cards, Frisbees, snacks (dried fruits, crackers, licorice, trail mix), socks - size 10-13, warm hats, blankets or throws, and prayer cards. Joan can supply a more complete list upon request. Items accepted at any general meeting and will an ongoing project for JWC Public Issues.

**Cell Phones for Soldiers** - Provides cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans. Rose Marie Vaccaro will take donations of no longer needed cell phones and accessories. The items will be taken to the Exit Realty donation site. This is another ongoing Public Issues project.

**Clothing, Household Items Donations for Military Veteran Support Organizations** - The dollar amount of clothing and household items you give to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Am Vets will be tracked by Barbara Ledford. We will also track donations to the Wounded Warriors Project.

**Shoes 4 Souls** - Planet Fitness, 3442 Emmorton Road, Abingdon (across the road from Wegman's) has a collection bin for donated shoes. Shoes 4 Souls fights poverty through the collection and distribution of shoes in the US and abroad. New or gently used shoes are distributed to those needing shoes to wear. Lower grade shoes are provided to people who will recondition and sell them to earn a living wage. Please consider dropping off your unwanted shoes when you are in the Abingdon area.

## International

Diane Raycob

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Operation Smile is an international medical charity whose global network of thousands of credentialed medical volunteers from more than 80 countries is dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children. They've provided more than 220,000 free surgical procedures for children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities in 60 countries around the world.

To build long-term sufficiency in resource poor environments, they train doctors and local medical professionals in our partner countries so they're empowered to treat their local communities. They also donate medical equipment and supplies and provide year-round medical treatments through our worldwide centers.

Joppatowne Woman's Club has supported Operation Smile in the past and it currently receives donations from GFWC regularly.

# Upcoming Dates

February 11th - Monthly Meeting at Parker's, 6 pm

February 16th - State Board of Directors Meeting in Bowie, MD

March 11th - Bingo at Holy Spirit Church

May 14th – Annual Tea at the Richlin Ballroom

## Recipe of the Month - Apple Pie Dump Cake

From the Kitchen of Rose Marie Vaccaro

### Ingredients:

- 1 can (21 oz) Apple Pie Filling
- 1 package White Cake Mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 13x9" baking pan with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Place apple pie filling in a large bowl, cut apples into chunks with a paring knife or scissors. Add cake mix, eggs, and oil and beat 1-2 minutes or until well blended. Spread batter in pan and sprinkle with pecans.
3. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan at least 15 minutes before serving.

Makes 12 to 16 servings. Enjoy!

## Trivia Corner

1. Who formed the GFWC in 1890?
2. Where is GFWC headquartered?
3. Who is the President Elect for the Maryland GFWC?
4. When did Congress grant the GFWC a Federal Charter?

### Answers from Last Month!

1. GFWC was started in 1890.
2. Federation Day is April 24. GFWC celebrated its 125th Anniversary on April 24, 2015.
3. There are approximately 3,000 clubs in the GFWC, with nearly 100,000 members!
4. The current GFWC Maryland President is Brenda Bennett.