

**Petal Power**

**GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.**

**P.O Box 268 Joppa, MD 21085-4502**

**November, 2013**

**President’s Message Diane Raycob**

 **410-893-7534**

Dear ladies,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the autumn weather. We just finished raking and blowing leaves and bringing in the deck chairs. Time to sit back and watch some football games!

 We had a wonderful September program brought to us by **Leah** about wills and estates. We all think we have everything wrapped up and neatly tied, but then there’s that one little glitch. It’s good to stay current on important issues like this. Also, we looked “pretty in pink” especially with the ribbons that **Rose Marie** made for us. A special “Thank-you” to our District President **Barbara Weldon** for visiting our meeting. She is always welcomed.

 At our next meeting, we will here from a local student who attended the HOBY camp over the summer. **Barbara L.** says that he sounds very enthused over the telephone, so I’m sure he will be a great speaker.

 We are a small but great club of past presidents, officers, and sideliners who have been most faithful in our support throughout the years. The club needs and must have more such members in order to help not only stimulate interest but also to help us continue. Apathy can be a most destructive instrument. Ask a friend, neighbor, and/or fellow employee to come with you to our next meeting.

Take care,

Diane

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns. - George Eliot

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**November Birthday**

Madeline Murphy 12

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**Hospitality Madeline Murphy**

 **410-569-0477**

Dinners are $25. Please call in your dinner order to one of the ladies listed below by the Saturday before the general meeting. If you have to cancel, please do not call the restaurant. Call Madeleine.
Here are the November 14th dinners: Turkey with Stuffing, Shrimp with Pasta, or Plain chicken
Hostesses: **Dottie Bishoff** 443-402-1421 and **Carol Metzger** 410-679-1914.

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Looking ahead to December 12th: Pork Chop, or Shrimp with pasta, or plain chicken. The hostesses will be **Betty Meidinger** and **Kathy Selle.**

**Membership**

At our **December 12th**general meeting, we will have a gift card exchange. Bring a gift card inside a greeting card signed by you. We will place them all together and then participating members will be able to select a card to take home with them that evening. Start looking now for a unique gift card you would like to give. The dollar amount of the gift card is $10.00.

And as customary, your spouse is invited to attend this meeting.

**Leah** is currently working on a design for shirts that we can hopefully get embroidered. More on that later.

Remember: Please contact Diane if you will have a possible new member/guest at one of our meetings.

**Arts**

Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Ellie Kimlicko,** and **Barbara Ledford**

We are planning another art field trip to Havre de Grace on Thursday, November 21. We will meet at the Decoy Museum at 10 a.m. for a self-tour. The price for admission is $6.00. Then we’ll have lunch at MacGregor’s. If we’re up for more, there are one or two art places we can visit. We had a great time in July and hope you can make it.

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Every November, Rockfield Manor in Bel Air is transformed into a wonderland of holiday decorations and gifts, drawing thousands of visitors eager to find new and different ideas for their homes and gift lists. This is its seventh year and goes from November 1st until December 1st. It is quite a tradition of local and regional crafters. Make it a point to visit; it really does put you in the mood!

**Conservation**

 Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Maureen Cornett,** and **Carol Metzger**

Continue to collect pop tops, eyeglasses, and items for the animal shelter. Don’t forget to carpool when it’s at all possible.

The Dundalk Woman’s Club is collecting medicine vials. Let’s help our sister club. Give your empty vials, *label-free*, to **Reno** at any of our club meetings. What a great way to recycle.

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**Education Karen Conte & Barbara Ledford**

 **410-569-3902 410-679-1166**

Members:**Barbara Albers, Dottie Bishoff, Cathy Bowden, Ruth Cameron, Dee Martin,**and **Rosemary Sebula**

Thank-you for your dependability to read to the children at Joppatowne Elementary School. This is a wonderful think you are doing for the children. I appreciate it.

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I spoke with **Matt Robertson** this afternoon. He will be our guest speaker at the November 14th meeting. He will be speaking on his HOBY camp experience. He is a very positive young man and I’m sure he will be an interesting speaker.

**Home Life Barbara Albers & Sue Tyber**

 **410-679-5260 410-679-8963**

Members:**Dottie Bishoff, Ruth Cameron, Reno Eitel, Ellie Kimlicko, Barbara Ledford, Betty Manthei, Dee Martin, Jeanette Petnic, Ursula Pierce, Rosemary Sebula,** and **Rose Marie Vaccaro**

I want to thank everyone for the successful completion of the “Hope for Handbags” project and the Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Next up is the Brunch with Santa. The date is December 7th, and all members may participate. This is a fun time to see all the children with Santa. Our combination November/December board meeting, covered dish and wrap party will be held at **Betty Meidinger’s** on December 3rd beginning at 6 p.m. We will wrap presents (books) for the upcoming Brunch with Santa.

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If you ordered a “Beads of Life” bracelet, please send or bring a check to **Diane** at the next meeting. It should be made out to Stephanie Meehan in the amount of $18.00.

Health Hint: Most Americans gain seven pounds over the holidays, so watch those calories and have a healthy, Happy New Year!

**International Outreach Mindy Kretschmer 410-638-5449**

Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Madeline Murphy, Mary Reynolds,** and **Rose Marie Vaccaro**

Our next meeting will be November 4th at **Mindy’s.** Please continue to collect change for the UNICEF boxes that were given out at the October general meeting.

**Public Issues Barbara Knapp 410-679-4330**

Members:**Dottie Bishoff, Reno Eitel, Betty Manthei,** and **Betty Meidinger**

Two cell phones and accessories were taken to Exit Realtors in October for refurbishment and shipment to overseas troops.  Five additional phones were donated by club members and will be taken to Exit Realty before the November General Meeting.

Veterans Day is November 11.   This is a day for us to honor our veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our freedoms. Please take a moment to call, write or approach a veteran and offer a heartfelt thank you for their service. The best way to have a "happy Veterans Day" is to do something special to make a veteran happy.

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Club members are asked to remember to report the dollar amount of donations of used clothing and household items to organizations supporting our veterans.  Please let Barbara know.

**Ways & Means Dottie Bishoff 443-402-1421**

Members:**Barbara Albers, Cathy Bowden, Karen Conte, Reno Eitel, Barbara Ledford, Betty Manthei, Betty Meidinger, Madeleine Murphy, Jeanette Petnic** and **Rose Marie Vaccaro**

Ladies, don’t forget to sell, sell those Kindle Fire HD tickets. If you need more, I have extras.

Log Cabin Chocolates has sent me forms for ordering chocolate candy for Christmas; if anyone is interested let know. I will gladly pick up and deliver the orders if we have five or more.

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Tickets for the tea will be distributed at the January meeting. The tea will be held once again at Richlin Ballroom on Saturday, May 3rd from 1 until 3:30. I gave them your suggestions on changes and was told there will be no problem.  The price will be $28.00 per person. We had to go up $1.00 because their food prices went up. We plan on 150 people hopefully this year.  Last year we had 138. In January let me know how many tickets you will need-- club members come first.

If anyone has any suggestions for fundraisers, please, please let me know. I have been trying to find a place to hold a bingo but haven't had any success. I would also like to do a fashion show. I really need HELP with ideas.

All my best,

Dottie

**Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee for the 2014-2016 officers consists of **Carol Metzger, Madeleine Murphy,** and **Rosemary Sebula** with **Dottie Bishoff** acting as the advisor to the Committee. This committee will nominate one or more candidates for each office. They shall publish the names of all nominees in the April newsletter and read names of all nominees at the April general meeting.

“Find a way to say yes to things. Say yes to invitations to a new country, say yes to meet new friends, say yes to learn something new. Yes is how you get your first job, and your next job, and your spouse, and even your kids. Even if it’s a bit edgy, a bit out of your comfort zone, saying yes means you will do something new, meet someone new, and make a difference. Yes lets you stand out in a crowd, be the optimist, see the glass full, be the one everyone comes to. Yes is what keeps us all young.”—*Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Google*

**Bylaws Committee**

The bylaws committee consists of **Mindy Krestchmer** and **Betty Meidinger** with **Reno Eitel** as the advisor. If you have an idea for an amendment, please give it in writing to one of these members. They will put the ideas in parliamentary form and present them to the club. All proposed amendments shall carry the proponent’s signature.

 Dates to Remember

November 2 & 3 – Southeastern Regional Conference, Roanoke

November 4 – International Outreach mtg., **Mindy’s**, 6:30 p.m.

November 14 – JWC General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m.

November 21 –Art Department trip to Havre de Grace, meet at 10 a.m.

December 3 – JWC board meeting- all club members invited. Covered dish at **Betty Meidinger’s**, 6 p.m.

December 4 – Holiday Open House at GFWC Headquarters, Washington, DC, 4-7 p.m.

December 6 – Set-up for Brunch with Santa, 3 p.m.

December 7 – Brunch with Santa; District bus trip to Antietam Battlefield

December 12 – General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m.

**Great Fall Recipe**

Quick Apple Snack: This is a tasty treat that’s only 59 calories.

1 Apple (sliced or quartered)
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. water
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. corn starch

Put in a baggie and microwave for 2 minutes.

Enjoy
Dottie