April Club Meeting

Our April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th when our speaker will be Brian DeLeonardo, Carroll County State’s Attorney. Our hostesses will be the Public Issues CSP.

As usual, we’ll meet at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in Westminster. Refreshments and mingling start at 1pm and our meeting starts at 1:30pm.

Don’t forget to wear your nametag and to carpool if you can.

Spring Luncheon Coming Right Up!

Can’t you just feel and smell that spring is in the air! Our SPRING Luncheon always gives us something to look forward to during the last dreary days of winter.

Where and When

Next meeting, we’ll hold our annual SPRING Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10th this year in Krug Chapel and Auditorium at Carroll Lutheran Village. Doors open at 11:30am and we’ll be served lunch at noon. Please consider traveling in carpools and arrive early so that parking will not be a problem. We welcome guests!

Cost, Meals, and Registration

The cost per person is $35.

We have three entrées for you to choose from this year:

- Crab Cake;
- Pork; or
- Eggplant

See the sign-up form at the end of this newsletter and the flyer attached for more details.

The Program Committee will take your reservations at our April meeting. Or you can send your reservation directly to Jan Ober at 247 Bell Road, Westminster, MD 21158.

The deadline for registering – with payment – is Tuesday, May 3rd, one week before the luncheon. Late reservations will cost $38.

Speaker and Program

We are honored that our speaker will be Babs Condon, long-time member and former President of our club, now President of GFWC International! She will talk about her GFWC experiences with Living the Volunteer Spirit, especially during this past year of emphasis on volunteering.

Babs always has something special to offer and is a huge inspiration to us all. You won’t want to miss what she has to share with us about her many experiences serving in this prestigious and extensive role.
Special Report: Serving at GFWC Headquarters

Our stellar member Norma Jean Swam shares with us her experience with and thoughts about her service as an Honorary Assistant at GFWC International Headquarters.

Over the past year and a half, many of you have asked me what it is like being an assistant at GFWC Headquarters.

This past month, from March 6th – 13th, was our last time to serve. Sue O’Dell, Lisa Close, Trish Wagman (our “Cinderella Team”* leader), and I prepared meals for 14 to 24 people throughout the week. We had extra help from other GFWC Clubwomen for the Women’s History brunch reception on March 10th, held for about 60 ladies. Patti Jo Green (of the Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster) joined us on the weekend.

*We call ourselves CINDERELLA TEAM because we spend so much time in the kitchen!

Our typical day begins in the tiny galley Kitchen at 9am, where we prepare and cook the food for the various events coming up that day. At 10:30, we serve a morning snack to the Executive Committee in the Board Room. We serve lunch at around 12:30, usually a sit down affair for 9 to 16 people in the Dining Room. We bring the afternoon snack to the Board Room around 3:30. Meetings last until about 5pm. Cocktail hour begins at 6pm and we serve dinner at 6:30pm. After serving, we clean up and leave the kitchen between 9 and 10pm! We make many of the items served from scratch and have fun trying many new recipes.

Meeting many other clubwomen from all over the United States and abroad has been wonderful for us all. For example, we attended a State Department briefing at our last visit!

It has been a challenge, hard work, and an honor to serve Babs Condon in her role as International President. She has done an outstanding job of service and leadership in her presidency and made inroads with politicians, corporations, and our signature causes.

I will be attending the Baltimore Convention in a dual-capacity this year: as an Honorary Assistant of GFWC International and as your Co-President for 2016-2017.
**2016 Annual Convention Service Project - Weinberg Housing and Resource Center**

Ginny Houser asks if you saw this announcement in the *News & Notes* of the GFWC’s Weekly e-Newsletter: “For our service project at the 2016 Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, we are unleashing GFWC’s awesome volunteer power on the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center.”

The article continues:

Open 24/7, the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center [WHRC] is a “low-barrier” shelter, meaning they accept virtually everyone. Not only are basic necessities provided, the WHRC endeavors to assist residents in finding permanent housing through case management and a variety of life skills and empowerment classes. Nearly 70% of people experiencing homelessness in Baltimore used the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center at some point last year.

GFWC would like all of the clubs to help!

*From now until the June 2016 Convention, GFWC Headquarters will be collecting items for Weinberg Housing and Resource Center. During the Convention at the Sisterhood of Service Luncheon on Sunday, June 26, attendees will have the opportunity to help assemble hundreds of bags for the WHRC to pick up. We would prefer that your donations be shipped to GFWC Headquarters prior to June 1 – but Convention attendees are welcome to bring additional items with them if collected or purchased after that date.*

It is very exciting for us, to be near the center of this worthy project! Ginny asks that we each do our part to make this Service Project a success. Read more at: [http://www.gfwc.org/news/2016-annual-convention-service-projects-announced](http://www.gfwc.org/news/2016-annual-convention-service-projects-announced)

**How You Can Help**

*We’ll collect your donations* over our next three meetings, in **February**, **March**, and **April** and will send them on to the GFWC Headquarters. Please donate **new items only**, not used.

**What You Can Donate**

**Items for Toiletry Bags**

- Deodorant
- Soap
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Lotions
- Socks
- Underwear
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Shampoo *(travel size)*
- Comb/Brush
- Tissues
- Others as Appropriate

**Items for Home Starter Kit**

*Weinberg has limited space, so they can only store up to 30 starter kits at a time*

- Towels
- Sheets
- Air Mattress
- Basic Kitchen Utensils
- Collapsible Laundry Bag

**Monetary Donations**

GFWC will use any money donated for the meal kits that the attendees will assemble during the convention luncheon.
Arts CSP

**Knitting Affinity Group**

The Knitting Group will meet Tuesday, **April 19**th, at Ginny Houser’s house at **1pm**. Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either AerobicGinny@gmail.com or 410-848-2441.

**Meltdown Activity**

Plan to have fun on **Thursday, April 28**th at the **Meltdown** at 25 E. Main Street from **5pm – 8pm** when parking will be easy. The **ARTS CSP** invites club members and their guests to enjoy each other’s company while participating in a no-fail art project while partaking of refreshments. The Meltdown is working with us to provide a unique and fulfilling experience with a choice of projects like ceramics, wine glass, canvas, and fused glass (which is very beautiful and popular).

Everybody can be an artist at Meltdown! You are welcome to drop by to preselect the kind of project you want to work on.

The cost per person is **$10** plus the cost of materials. Sign up with **Janice Hobart** at JaniceHobart@gmail.com or at our club meeting, where we’ll have handouts available.

**New Art Exhibit**

Plan to look around at the new exhibit, **Spring into Art**, installed on Monday April 4**th**, that showcases work of **ten local artists**.

**Education CSP**

**Easter Literacy Buckets**

**Jackie Hering** calls out a huge Thank You! for the generous donations of members for the Easter Literacy buckets for Shepherd's Staff – we collected **$196**! Jackie enjoyed shopping for the contents for six additional buckets. Members filled and delivered 18 buckets for the children to enjoy.

**Used Book Tables**

The used book tables will be open in April, with many new titles available to choose from. The **EDUCATION CSP** will need to evaluate this fund-raiser for next year: we’ll need more help to transport and store the books if we are to continue this member benefit and fund-raiser. Jackie’s car trunk was filled with **nine bags plus the cart** when she left the March meeting! Clearly, that’s more than just one person can be expected to handle.

**Book Browsers Committee**

**Carol Quinn** reports that Book Browsers will meet **Monday, April 18**th at **10am** at the home of **Trinka Cueman** to discuss **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr. **Pat Harter** will lead the discussion.

Please let Trinka know only if you won’t be coming.
International Outreach CSP

**SERRV**

Sally Marks reports that International Outreach members will be volunteering at SERRV on April 25th. Please let Sally know if you are coming so that she can include you in the lunch count.

**HEIFER**

Sally thanks you all for your contributions at our March meeting. We collected $423 as the Club’s contribution to Heifer International!

Home Life CSP

Mary Dudderer submitted the following report about the Home Life CSP.

**Cooking Lesson Luncheon**

Our thanks to everyone who is coming to the Cooking Lesson Luncheon at the Career and Technology Center on Wednesday, April 6th. Don’t forget that it starts at 11:30. Also remember you need a license or picture ID to get into the school.

Mock Interviews with the Carroll County Job Placement Network (JPN)

Home Life and other club members are participating in Carroll County Job Placement Network (JPN) Mock Interviews at the Business and Employment Resource Center (BERC) on Friday, April 15th. This Mock Interview Program is greatly expanded from those we’ve done exclusively with Mosaic Community Program in past years. We’ll have job-seekers from Mosaic and those who are receiving services from BERC. And it won’t be only our club’s volunteers interviewing the clients: various Carroll County Employers will also be conducting the interviews.

These exciting changes give us a great opportunity for our GFWC Club to be seen in the community providing a valuable service.

Publicity Committee

**Westminster’s Memorial Day Parade**

Mary Lou Poirier reports that Westminster’s 149th Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30th, starting at 10am on Pennsylvania Avenue. It will end on Church Street at approximately 11am with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony.

Wear your patriotic colors and wave the flag as we march, walk, or ride through downtown Westminster in an old-fashioned, hometown parade.

Please sign up to participate at the April or May meeting. We also need cars (convertibles or other standout vehicles would be wonderful!) and drivers, so if you can provide a car and driver, let us know. On our sign-up sheets, you can indicate if you can provide a vehicle and whether you’d prefer to ride or walk. We’ll provide additional details to those who sign up. If you’d like to be on the planning committee, call or email Mary Lou.
Yearbook Photos

Mary Lou Poirier reports that she’ll be emailing members soon giving to let them know the date and time of their photo shoot at the Nonprofit Center. She’ll notify members without email by phone or by regular mail.

If you have not already done so, please check your email or mail for the date and time Mary Lou has scheduled for you and respond ASAP to either confirm your assigned time or, if need be, to reschedule.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month
✓ Beneficiary Committee  ✓ Public Issues CSP
✓ Fundraising Committee

Junior Women’s Club of Westminster (JWC)

We periodically get updates about the activities of the Junior Woman’s Club (JWC), the younger subset of our GFWC Westminster. So we’ve started this section of our newsletter just for such updates. You may find us referring to “The Juniors,” but that would make us “The Seniors” – and I refuse to go there! We’ll try to use “JWC” when updating you about this fine group of young women and their marvelous work.

Important Film About Violence Between Intimate Partners

Leslie Crebs, chair of the Domestic Violence Committee of the JWC, asks us to come out and support the JWC on April 20th at the Carroll Arts Center at 6pm for the screening of Escalation. This is an eye-opening film about violence between intimate partners, geared to high school and college students but important to people of all ages. “It would be awesome to have your club members attend and encourage their children and grandchildren to attend.”

After the film, there’ll be an open discussion focusing on how to recognize the signs of relationship abuse and let you know about the services available in Carroll County. We’ll also address what you can do to help stop relationship violence.

You can register at OneLove21157@gmail.com. See the attached flyer for more information.

About the Film

Escalation was made by The One Love Foundation, which was started when Sharon Love’s daughter, Yeardley Love, was murdered by her college boyfriend. Ms. Love spoke at the Junior Day at the GFWC convention three years ago. The film depicts a college relationship from the beginning to the tragic end.

About the JWC Domestic Violence Committee

Members of the Domestic Violence Committee have been working with the Carroll County States Attorney's office and Family and Children's Services on this project. They are jointly sponsoring the screening of Escalation.
Member to Member

Wellness Boutique: Open House
Peruse wig and head coverings, view mastectomy apparel, learn valuable information about the care of wigs, and discover the wide range of resources available to us for coping with cancer recovery in Carroll County. At the Wellness Boutique you can do all that – plus, you can pick up exciting giveaways!

The Open House is on Monday, April 11th, from 3-6pm. All are welcome and you need not preregister! Join us at the East Pavilion, 291 Stoner Avenue, Westminster. See the attached flyer for more information.

West End Place: Elder Services Open House
Are you, or anyone you know, getting older, perhaps entering (or already firmly within!) the category we call “elder”? Want to learn more about programs to help with the elderly?

Jean Picardi writes about an upcoming Open House at the West End Place on Thursday, April 14th from 2 to 7pm. The West End Place, a division of Family and Children’s Services (FCS), provides an array of services for the elderly, including medical adult day care. The address is 7 Schoolhouse Avenue in Westminster. Call 410-848-2433 for more information or visit FCS’s website at www.FCSmd.org. We’ve attached a flyer with more details.

The Arts Promote Several Spring Concerts

Carroll Live on Stage Special Offer
Attend both Spring Concerts for only $35.

Sunday, May 1st at 3pm
✓ The Young Irelanders, featuring former members of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance

Saturday, May 21st at 7:30pm
✓ The Fabulous Hubcaps, a favorite oldies band.

Carroll Singers Presents
Revel in the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Music of the Night on Monday, May 2nd and Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30pm.

Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door.

Get your advance tickets at the Arts Council, Coffey, or Menchey Music, or from Club members.
Carroll Hospital Auxiliary

Fashion Show

Barb Gunther wants to be sure we all know that the Carroll Hospital Auxiliary is hosting its annual Fashion Show on May 5th at Martin’s Westminster from 11am to 2pm. The cost is $40 per person.

The hospital is holding three tables for our club; we have seven tickets left. Please check your schedule to see if you can attend this worthwhile and fun event. Email Barb at bGunther933@comcast.net to hold a seat for you and possibly a friend, or call her at the numbers listed below. Also if you would like to be seated near someone, also let Barb know. She’s putting together a seating chart to give to the hospital.

Fantastic Raffle!

Win $900 in gift cards to area local restaurants!

Barb will have raffle tickets for this great prize available at our April meeting. Each ticket costs $5 – or you can get three tickets for only $10. This is a great opportunity not only to partake of the food at some marvelous restaurants, but also for you to share with or give to friends!

You gotta play to win! Our winner will be announced at the Fashion Show, although you need not be present to win. Please see Barb Gunther (contact information below).

The Auxiliary’s Fundraising Goal

We’re excited that the funds we raise this year will be used for a much-needed upgrade in technology: the purchase of a state-of-the-art, portable, digital-image x-ray machine. This machine will provide digital imaging instantaneously and can be used throughout the entire hospital – which will enhance and improve both the diagnosis and treatment for so many patients!

The above fundraisers, along with others the auxiliary holds, will help us the raise the money to meet our 2016 goal of $350,000!

Contact

Barbara Gunther
410- 857-7427 (home)
410- 596-6118 (cell)
bGunther933@comcast.net (email)
Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

New Members

We heartily welcome our newest member to GFWC Westminster:

Lorraine Stoner .................. 733 Washington Road
Westminster, MD 21157
Phone Number: 410-876-7915
Cell phone: 410-259-6020
LStoner733@comcast.net

Email Address Changes

Carolyn Seabolt ................. CatTracksStudio@gmail.com
Nancy McCrickard............. NancyMcCrickard1329@gmail.com still uses the old one, too
Tata Welliver ..................... no more email

Resignations

Anna Chiavacci................. moving to Delaware

Newsletter Deadline

✓ Our deadline for submitting items you’d like to have included in our May newsletter is Wednesday, May 25th.
✓ We distribute our club’s newsletter one week before each of our general meetings.
✓ 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 editors are Nancy Porter (assemble submissions, initial draft) and Becky Barbour (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 newsletters to our members on or about the first Tuesday of the month, or one week before each of our meetings. Submit information for an edition of our newsletter to Nancy Porter (NancPorter@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month preceding publication.
GFWC Spring Luncheon 2016
GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster
Tuesday, May 10th
LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM
Registration Deadline: May 5th *
*Late Registrations will be charged an additional fee of $3

Where: ......................... Carroll Lutheran Village Krug Chapel and Auditorium
300 St. Luke Circle; Westminster, MD 21158
http://CLVillage.org/how-to-find-us/

When: ............................ Tuesday, May 10th
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch served at noon

Program: ....................... Babs Condon, President of GFWC International
TBD

Price: ............................ $35

**** Menu ****

Starter: ......................... Green Spring Salad
Entrée Choices: ............... Jumbo Lump Crab Cake served on a bed of Frisee, with Quinoa Pilaf
and Asparagus drizzled with Lemon Vinaigrette

- or -

Roasted Pork with Cherry Sauce, with Quinoa Pilaf and Asparagus
drizzled with Lemon Vinaigrette

- or -

Eggplant Napoleon with Buttered Pasta and Asparagus drizzled with
Lemon Vinaigrette

Dessert: ......................... Key-Lime Cheesecake

Beverages: ...................... Coffee Service

Reservation Form for Spring Luncheon
Bring to the April club meeting or mail to:
Jan Ober at 247 Bell Rd Westminster, MD 21157

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