May Club Meeting

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 8th from 11:30am – 2pm at the Kruger Chapel and Auditorium at Carroll Lutheran Village. The cost is $35 per person. The reservation form is attached to this newsletter. Please fill in with your entrée choice and bring to the April meeting with your check. Or you can mail your form and check to Jan Ober at 247 Bell Rd, Westminster, MD 21158. The speaker will be Babs Condon. Her topic is: Sharing the Past of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster.

The menu is as follows:

- Pumpkin Bisque
- **Entrees (choose one)**
  - Mixed Green salad with apple chicken salad, or
  - Mixed Green salad with shrimp salad, or
  - Vegetarian mixed salad
  - Multi grain rolls and butter
  - Multiple beverages
- **Dessert -- Carrot Cake**

A Message from Our Presidents:
Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

There are only a few weeks remaining for us as Co-Presidents, and we want to thank you for making this term a very positive and active administration. Your examples of kindness and federation friendship have been exemplary. Thank you for your support and willingness to demonstrate living the volunteer spirit.

A total of ten proudly represented our Club at the GFWC MD Annual Convention on April 21st and 22nd in Columbia at the Sheraton. Our Club received the following:

- Recognition of Outstanding Projects for Originality in the areas of Community Projects in Education, International Outreach and Students Homelessness Initiative.
- Recognition for Excellence in the areas of Community in Arts, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Students Homeless Initiative Program.
- Recognition for participating in GFWC MD Tree-Mendous Maryland.

As Spring finally arrives and you are making your summer plans, please continue to lead with your heart and look for opportunities to be kind and thoughtful of others.

In Federation Friendship,
Barbara and Norma Jean
GFWC Annual Convention

The Annual Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from June 22 – 26, 2018. The nearest airport is the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) which is about 20-25 minutes from the St. Louis Union Station Hotel where the convention will be held.

GFWC’s Group Rate of $159/night opens on Thursday, March 1. The room block closes on Monday, May 28, at midnight. The best way to reserve a room is online at http://group.curiocollection.com/GeneralFederationOfWomensClubs. You may also call for reservations at 855-271-3620; press 1 to make a new reservation.

GFWC’s user-friendly online registration system is quick, secure, and easy. Paper registration is available upon request. Registration closes on June 1. For assistance, contact Jennifer Simpson, Events Coordinator, directly at 202-628-2478 or via email at JSimpson@GFWC.org. The GFWC Room Block at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel is now open.

The Call to Convention will be in the March+April Issue of Clubwoman Magazine, which is scheduled for distribution the second week of March. It will contain detailed information regarding travel/accommodations, agenda, tours, projects, awards, and more. Online registration officially opens on March 1 and can be accessed using this link http://www.cvent.com/d/ytgrfx, but you may want to first read the Call for a complete understanding of Convention activities.

To help with flight and hotel booking, here is a quick summary of Convention highlights.

**Thursday, June 21** – AM and PM tours – *Basilica and Brews* and *Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms*

**Friday, June 22** – AM tours (*Architecture of St. Louis, Basilica and Brews, and Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms*), 2016-2018 Board of Directors meetings, LEADS, Mississippi Valley Region Hosts “Winter Wonderland” Welcome Banquet

**Saturday, June 23** – Opening Ceremony, Partner Awards Luncheon, Junior Awards Banquet and “Speakeasy Soiree” Fun Night

**Sunday, June 24** – Partner Workshops, GFWC Workshops, Region Banquets

**Monday, June 25** – Elections, Service Project, Awards Lunch, GFWC Style Project Runway Conservation Challenge, “A Celebration of Volunteer Spirit” Gala Banquet

**Tuesday, June 26** – Education and ESO Awards Brunch, Installation Banquet, Installation

**Wednesday, June 27** – 2018-2020 Board of Directors Meeting
Westminster’s 151st Memorial Day Parade

Mary Lou Poirier and Linda Payne remind members that Westminster’s 151st Memorial Day Parade will be on May 28, 2018. It will begin at 10am on Pennsylvania Avenue and end on Church Street at approximately 11am with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony. To honor our past and current presidents we invite them to ride with us in this traditional hometown parade. Signup sheets will be available at the May meeting. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

We encourage you to take part on Memorial Day as a participant or by taking a chair down to Main Street to sit and watch the parade. It is a very special day to honor and remember our servicemen and women killed in active duty.

Western District News

Jo Harp reports that GFWC Maryland - Western District, Inc. invites the women of our club to attend the spring Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, May 16th. The hostesses will be the GFWC Civic Club of Oakland. The meeting will be held at Dutch’s at Silver Tree, 567 Glendale Road, in Oakland. Registration is from 9:30 - 10:00 and the fee is $3.00. Luncheon reservations are $18.00 and will feature beef tips, scalloped potatoes and a vegetable or vegetarian pasta (upon request). Please let Barb Gunther know by May 2nd if you plan to attend.

This meeting will include election of officers for 2018-2020 and reports of outstanding projects. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet new club women and learn about the different levels of GFWC Maryland. See the Call and Registration Form attached to this newsletter.

Book Browsers Committee

Book Browsers will meet May 21st to discuss The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz. The meeting will be at the home of Trinka Cueman. Jackie Hering will lead the discussion. Any who wish to come are very welcome. Please join us.

Business Cards

For those who haven’t heard, the Club now has business cards that contain our P.O. Box address, our email address and the GFWC website. You can write your name and phone number on the cards. Please see Clare Berent or Linda Kjeldgaard to get some for yourself.

Education CSP

There are hundreds of books in our "new home" that need labels. If you have a free hour or two during the summer, feel free to stop in and affix some labels in the books. Remember to sign in and out. See me at the May meeting if you have questions.
Please continue to save Boxtops for Education (each has a value of .05) for William Winchester School. Also save tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

**Fundraising Committee**

Bev Humbert says: Take a chance on a lovely, large woman’s tote bag filled with all kinds of "goodies". It will be on display at our spring luncheon. Purchase your chance to win when you come in the door. All proceeds benefit the Fundraising Committee.

Want dinner out! Look for your IHOP Dinner Out flyer at the Spring Luncheon. On Wednesday, **May 30th**, we invite all members and their relatives to IHOP as a Fundraising event. As in the past, it should prove to be a fun and profitable event. The times will be from 4 – 8 pm. See you there!

**Newsletter Committee**

Nancy Porter reports that there will be no newsletters for June or July. The deadline for the August newsletter is Monday, **July 23rd**.

**Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee’s fundraising luncheon and fashion show, *Brides of Yesteryear and Today*, will be held on Saturday **June 16th** at noon (doors open at 11:30) at Saint Paul’s United Church of Christ at Bond and Green Streets in Westminster Hall at Belle Grove Square. Please complete the flyer to select your entrée and to make your reservation. Reservations will be accepted at the May meeting or may be mailed with check to Ellen Lawrence, 3111 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158 by **June 1st**. Make your reservation early as seating is limited. Make your checks payable to GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc. See the attached flyer.

The committee needs young women to be models for the fashion show. Please help us by identifying potential models from among your daughters, granddaughters and young friends who may match the sizes below. If you know someone who would be willing to be a model, contact Karen Pelton, Marjorie Lohnes or Norma Jean Swam.

Currently models of the following sizes are needed:

- 3 models who are 5’ 2”—sizes 2-4, 6-8 and size 6
- 2 models who are 5’ 4”—both size 10
- 4 models who are 5’ 6”—sizes 4, 6, 8-10, 10
- 1 model who is 5’ 9”—size 10
Yearbook Committee

The Committee will be working this spring and summer to update the yearbook. Because of time constraints, this year we will NOT be confirming your address, phone numbers and email, so please be sure to notify Nancy Porter (nancporter@gmail.com) or Kathleen Hutzell (thehutzelfamily@gmail.com) of any changes to your information.

Member to Member

Thomas Sterner: Shaking the Tree – art exhibition
April 13 – June 1 – Gallery in the Scott Center
Carroll Community College
1601 Washington Road, Westminster
Monday – Thursday 7 am – 11 pm
Friday and Saturday 7 am – 4:30 pm

Member Birthdays this Month

Join us in celebrating the birthdays of these fine fellow club-women for the months of May, June and July:

Susan Case May 18  Nancy Porter May 23
Beverly Backof May 21  Fran Rock May 24
Sandy Sidlovsky May 21

Trudy Snader June 6  Carol Kershner June 22
Suzanne Albert June 12  Robyn Allers June 23
Lynda Lockard June 21  Rosemary Hanger June 25
Sandy Ferguson June 22

Jeanne Herr July 1  Nan Sanders July 25
Gerri Reck July 2  Nancy McCrickard July 26
Jan Ober July 4  Martha Wiseman July 29
Lura Griswold July 11  Linda Kjeldgaard July 30
Ellen Lawrence July 19
Carolyn Boner July 23

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Name, Address, and Phone Number Changes

Lois Gilbertson................. 7200 Third Avenue, C-19
Sykesville, MD 21784
443-609-3086
Email Address Changes
Linda Kjeldgaard................. lindakjel@gmail.com

Membership Type Changes
Suzanne Albert................... now an Associate

Resignations
Bonnie Caton
Dorris Whitford

Newsletter Deadline
This will be the last newsletter of the Woman’s Club fiscal year September 2017 through May 2018. We will take a short hiatus for June and July. We’ll send you our next newsletter in August. Deadline for submission of items for the August newsletter is Monday, July 23rd to Nancy. Nancy will be doing the newsletter by herself, so please send articles directly to nancporter@gmail.com.

Nancy and Debbie wish you all a fun-filled and safe summer!

Be sure to read our little Fine Print Box at the end of each Newsletter!

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The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter
Our GFWC Westminster Newsletter current 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 newsletters to our members on or about the first Monday of the month, or one week plus a day before each of our meetings. Submit information for an edition of our newsletter to Nancy Porter (nancporter@gmail.com) by the 23rd of the month preceding publication.