



## Newsletter: March 2017

### March Club Meeting

Our March meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** and will be a **Business Meeting**. The year-end reports have been circulated to Club Members. So the **PROGRAM CHAIRS** will give an **update only** to their **year-end reports (new information from January-March)**. Our hostesses will be the **ARTS-CSP**.

As usual, we'll meet at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in Westminister. Refreshments and mingling start at 1pm and our meeting starts at 1:30pm. Don't forget to wear your **name tag** and to **carpool** if you can.

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

What a pleasure to read the many hearts placed on the Branches of Kindness from the **February 14** general meeting! The variety of kindness gestures spanned from lunches, cards and visits to shut-ins, calls and wonderful examples in making the difference in another's life. The various hues of red worn by our ladies brightened a gray day.

You are cordially invited to a dinner on Thursday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm** at the Church of the Brethren to get to know the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminister. This will be hosted by the Executive Committee. Please let **Norma Jean** know ([njswam@comcast.net](mailto:njswam@comcast.net)) or ([410-871-0741](tel:410-871-0741)) by **March 11<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend. There will be appetizers, salad, Italian dishes, bread and a variety of desserts. An activity of getting to "know the Junior Club" will be planned.

Updates from the Tuesday, **February 21<sup>th</sup>** GFWC state meeting will be shared at the March business meeting. Nine members went to the meeting.

In this age of technology, the Presidents decided to share with all of you by email the complete end-of-the-year reports for 2016, which were compiled by Nancy Porter. Copies will be available for those who do not have email at the **March 14<sup>th</sup>** meeting. The chairs did an excellent job of recording the many impressive achievements. Kudos to all of you! Finally, a thank you letter from Jo Miller, editor of **The Maryland Clubwoman** has been sent to clubs in the state. It was also written on behalf of Debbie Spinnenweber, associate editor, who is struggling with cancer. She said that "the valentine cards were overwhelming and so full of love" and brought "many smiles and tears" to both of them. Jo said the staff decided it was time to put the magazine to rest. Jo served as editor for almost 20 years. The work of these ladies and the magazine will be greatly missed.

What you don't KNOW can HURT her.  
What you LEARN can HELP her.  
What you DO can SAVE her.



## Carroll's Labor Day Flea Market on April 15<sup>th</sup>

Our next Flea Market /Yard Sale will be Saturday **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Shipley Arena in Westminster. We have 6 tables again this time! The money collected will go towards the scholarship fund. Here's how you can help:

### What to Donate

We want this to be our best sale yet, so please clean out your closets and cupboards. As you look for good things to donate, remember that some of the best-selling items for us have been: jewelry packaged in small baggies; household items; toys; books; movie DVDs; and some small furniture.

### Drop-Off Location and Time

You can drop-off the items you want to donate from 12pm to 6pm on Friday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### Questions?

Contact Norma Jean for more information at [410-871-0741](tel:410-871-0741) or [niSwam@comcast.net](mailto:niSwam@comcast.net).

## Maryland Annual Convention

The Maryland Annual Convention will be **April 28-30, 2017**. The location is the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. More details will be circulated once the Call is received.

## Spring Luncheon

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 March or April meeting with your check. Or you can mail your form and check to **Jan Ober** at 247 Bell Rd, Westminster, MD 21157. The speakers will be **Lynn and R.J. Walter**. Their topic is: *The Making of a Conservation Photographer*.

The menu is as follows:

Baby Greens with Heirloom Tomato, Cucumber and Dijon Ranch Dressing

Warm Rolls with Creamy Butter

### **Entrees (choose one)**

Pepper Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Minted Peach Gremolata

Honey Lime Glazed Atlantic Salmon

Portabella Stuffed Mushroom with Feta, Spinach,

Sundried Tomato and Balsamic Drizzle

(All entrees served with Herb Couscous and Tarragon Roasted Squash)

### **Dessert --**

Petite Black Forrest Cheesecake with Raspberry Garnish



## Historical Society of Carroll County – Babs Condon

Our own **Babs Condon** will be speaking at the Historical Society's monthly Box Lunch Talk at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street in Westminster, at **noon** on Tuesday **May 16, 2017**. Her talk will highlight accomplishments of our Westminster Woman's Club in the Westminster community as it celebrates its 150-year history. The cost is **\$3** for members and **\$7** for non-members.

## GFWC 2017 Annual Convention - June 23-26, 2017

The convention will be at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, California. GFWC California hosts the 2017 Annual Convention from **June 23-26, 2017** in the greater Palm Springs area. A location and property not to be missed, the JW Marriott holds a luxury spa, world-class golfing and tennis, and dozens of on-site shops and eateries just minutes from your room. You never have to leave the grounds...but if you do, Palm Springs has fabulous shopping, celebrity home tours, and hiking trails.

**Friday, June 23-** Board of Directors meeting and GFWC California State Night

**Saturday, June 24** - Opening Ceremony

**Monday, June 26** - Gala Banquet

**GFWC Rate of \$145 per night!**

### Traveling to Convention

It's not too early to start looking and booking. Search early and often to get the best flight deals. Many travel websites and apps have price alerts. Type in your projected travel dates and they'll send you a text or email when prices drop.

### Recommended Arrival Dates

Wednesday Evening, June 21 – if you are doing the early Thursday tour

Thursday, June 22 – most popular arrival day

Friday, June 23 – for those not doing tours but still want to attend State Night later that evening or the Opening Ceremony the next morning

### Recommended Departure Date

Tuesday, June 27 – Convention concludes after the Monday Gala Dinner

The nearest airport is Palm Springs International Airport (PSP), about 20-25 minutes from JW Marriott Desert Springs.



## Westminster's Memorial Day Parade

Mary Lou Poirier reminds members that although it is not yet posted on the city's website, Westminster's 150th Memorial Day Parade is expected to be on **May 29, 2017**. It will begin at 10am on Pennsylvania Avenue. It will end on Church Street at approximately 11am with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony. We invite all our past and current presidents to be specially honored with a corsage and to ride with us. 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 the sign-up sheets, you can indicate if you can provide a vehicle and if you'd like 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 at 410-871-9102 or [gloupoirier@gmail.com](mailto:gloupoirier@gmail.com).

P.S. If you have never attended this parade, even if you don't want to participate in the march, just bring a chair or sit on the curb and enjoy this patriotic event while remembering those lost while serving our country. Everyone smiles and waves their flag at you, whether they know you or not. It is a special day.

## Fundraising Committee

**Bev Humbert** reports that Tuesday **March 14<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline to register for the St. Patrick's Day luncheon and dramatic presentation. The luncheon is Friday **March 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **12pm** at the Brethren Church in Westminster. Sign-up sheets with your sandwich selection will be available at our **March 14<sup>th</sup>** meeting. The cost is **\$15** for a sandwich (ham and cheese or roast beef and cheese) and dessert. Mrs. Mikele Stillman from the Hanover Historical Society will present **Alice Roosevelt Longworth**. You won't want to miss this fun-filled and entertaining afternoon.

## Arts CSP

Clare Berent reports that the **ARTS CSP** will be meeting on Thursday **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Liberatore's at **12pm**.

A Painting Party is being planned for late April. Stay tuned for details on this fun and creative event.

To support our local arts, the **ARTS CSP** is promoting two March concerts for your enjoyment:

**"I WRITE THE SONGS: Celebrating the genius of Barry Manilow"** - Jim Witter pays tribute to one of the most iconic singer/songwriter/composer in popular music history on Saturday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30pm** at Westminster High. Tickets can be



purchased at the door for **\$25** or on line at [www.carrollliveonstage.org](http://www.carrollliveonstage.org). This is the last concert for Live on Stage series of concerts after 31 seasons.

**SOUSA STYLE CONCERT** – The Carroll Concert Band, directed by Glenn Patterson, will perform at Winters Mill High School on Sunday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>** at **3pm**. Tickets are **\$10** for adults and **\$5** for students and can be purchased at Coffey or Menchey Music, Carroll Arts Center, or at the door.

## Education CSP

**Jackie Hering** reports that cash donations for the 24 Easter Literacy Buckets will be accepted at the Board and General meetings in March. They will be given to Shepherd's Staff and Taneytown Elementary School.

Used books sales will continue in March and April.

Remember Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration on Friday, **March 3** and Monday, **March 6**.

## International Outreach CSP

**Sally Marks** reports that **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** members will be volunteering at SERRV on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch is no longer being provided unless you work for 6 hours. Please let Sally know if you plan on helping.

## Home Life CSP

**Mary Dudderar** reminds us that the cooking lesson luncheon will be held Friday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **12pm**. **HOME LIFE** will be selling tickets to this fun event at the March and April meetings. See menu on attached flyer. Please consider supporting this important fundraiser!

Where: Café at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center (CCCTC)  
When: Friday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **12pm**  
Presenters: The Culinary Arts Class *featuring* Chef Tim Norwood  
Cost: **\$30** per person  
Proceeds Support: GFWC Westminster and The Culinary Arts Program of CCCTC  
(<http://www.carrollk12.org/ctc/programs/business/culinary/default.asp>)

Ginger Falcone, Jean Picardi and Pat Harter made donations of personal care items to the Safe House.



## Book Browsers Committee

Book Browsers will meet **March 20th** to discuss *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. The meeting will be at the Blue Bistro Restaurant in the 140 Village Shopping Center. **Time has been changed to 9:45am** (breakfast only served until 10:00). Any who wish to come are very welcome. Please join us.

## Scholarship Recipient

**Norma Jean** reported that the recipient of the Carroll Community College scholarship is **Jacqueline Young**. Norma Jean wanted to pass on Jacqueline's information in case Club members wanted to send her notes of encouragement. Her address is 940 Wampler Lane, Westminster, MD 21158.

## CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ BENEFICIARY CSP-X
- ✓ PUBLIC ISSUES CSP-X

## Member to Member

### Carroll Hospital Fashion Show

Plans are well underway for the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Carroll Hospital Fashion Show. It will be another fun and memorable day to include 50/50 raffle, door prizes and, new this year, "roaming" make-up demonstrations. The theme is "ROCKING the RUNWAY" which ties in nicely with our fundraising project to benefit the Renovation and Expansion of the Family Birthplace and the introduction of the Family-Centered Neonatal Couplet Care model, designed to provide a high level of attention to infants in need of special, longer term care and their families. SAVE THE DATE:

What: ROCKING the RUNWAY - Carroll Hospital Fashion Show  
 When: THURSDAY, **APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
 Where: MARTIN'S WESTMINSTER  
 Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Cost: **\$45** per person

We are holding tables again this year for our club members. Those that have attended in the past should have received a mailing from the hospital reference this fashion show. Since the show is earlier this year, it will be necessary to receive intent and payment before **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please email **Barb Gunther** with intent of attending and put your check in the mail to her. Barb indicated she would be happy to pick up your check so that she can give monies to the hospital in a timely manner - just call, email or send check.



Thank you so much for supporting your local hospital and its community - Barb Gunther - [bgunther933@comcast.net](mailto:bgunther933@comcast.net); 933 Hughes Shop Road, Westminster, MD 21158; 410-857-7427.

## Member Birthdays this Month

Join us in celebrating the birthdays of these fine fellow club-women:

Carolyn Seabolt ..... March 1  
Nancy Griesmyer..... March 16

## Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

### Deceased

Barbara Peck

## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **April 2017** newsletter is **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
- ✓ 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 **Debbie Schaeffer** (assemble submissions, initial draft) and **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 **Debbie Schaeffer** ([m-dschae@comcast.net](mailto:m-dschae@comcast.net)) by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of the month** preceding publication.