



Newsletter: May 2017

May Club Meeting

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **May 9th** from **11:30am – 2pm** at the Kruger Chapel and Auditorium at Carroll Lutheran Village. **Registration deadline is May 2nd.** **Late registration will be charged an additional fee of \$3.00.** The cost is **\$35** per person. The reservation form is attached to this newsletter. Reservations are limited to 100 people and guests are welcome. Please mail your form and check to Jan Ober at 247 Bell Rd, Westminster, MD 21158. The speaker will be Christopher Scotton, *Author of THE SECRET WISDOM OF THE EARTH.*

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

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

Our first year as Co-Presidents has almost ended, and we are looking forward to next year. We welcome Clare Berent into the Executive Team and thank Beverly Humbert for serving as Co-Vice-President the first year of our administration.

As we look forward to next year, we know the Program Committee and the CSP chairs will be busy preparing speakers and events for next year. The Yearbook Committee will be working to get all the needed information ready for publication by the August picnic, which will be on Tuesday, **August 29th** at Kings Park in Westminster. The Executive Committee will meet in June at Norma Jean's home to make administrative plans for 2017-2018.

Thank you for all your support this year. Collectively, we have made a difference. Keep up your acts of kindness.

In Federation Friendship,
Barb and Norma Jean



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

Flea Market Fundraiser

The Flea Market Fundraiser was a Big Success! Norma Jean reports that our April 15 participation in the Community Yard Sale was a huge success. We made **\$815.25**, but we owe the Club \$105 for table rental. We got 3 tables for free, then got 3 more. Even on Friday afternoon, when we were setting up, we sold \$300 worth of items. Our tables lure in other vendors to buy before the actual yard sale begins.

We are hopeful that the Fundraising Committee decides to participate in the October yard sale since we kept the Christmas items back. The items were so nice, but did not generate interest among the buyers. All other items that did not sell went to the White Rabbit at Carroll Hospital Center and Goodwill.

Many thanks to all Club members who helped set up on Friday and manned the tables for the sale on Saturday as well as to all members who donated items for the sale.

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 16th, 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.

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.

Arts CSP

Clare Berent reports that the CSP is very proud of the recently-installed art show at the Nonprofit Center. Although it will be on display when we meet again in September, we hope you will stop by to enjoy it sometime over the summer.



Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that 24 Easter Literacy Buckets have been filled and delivered - 12 to Shepherd's Staff and 12 to Taneytown Elementary School. We were able to accomplish this thanks to the generous donations of \$228.00 by club members. Thanks!

Fundraising

On March 17 we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a luncheon and a dramatic presentation of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, given by Mikele Stillman of the Hanover Historical Society. The Fundraising Committee is pleased to say we made a profit of **\$143** in our efforts. Many thanks to all who attended.

International Outreach CSP

Linda Kjeldgaard has provided us with a wonderful tribute to SERRV International and its fabulous gift shop.

Take a trip down memory lane....

SERRV International was started as a small mission project by relief and mission workers in Europe in 1949 at the end of WWII by The Church of the Brethren in New Windsor. By the early 1950's, SERRV became a program of the church. It is said that the first items sold were cuckoo clocks from German refugees. The first trunks full of handcrafts that came to New Windsor were a treasure-trove of handcrafted wares. There were ivory jewelry, native hand-woven baskets, carved emu eggs, and any number of unusual fascinating items. They were first bought by Brethren workers at the Service Center and visiting members of Church World Service. Some were sent to churches to sell at sales to support mission projects. SERRV has always paid a fair price to the producers of the crafts and no items are sold before they receive their payment.

SERRV remained part of the service programs of The Church of the Brethren until 1999. It became an independent nonprofit that year so it could take advantage of growth opportunities and not have to rely on the funds of the Church. In 1952, the first gift shop opened to anyone visiting the Center. Later it was housed in Old Main on the lower level, and made its final move to the SERRV Building in 2001. Visitors came from all over the world and all walks of life to shop and to volunteer in New Windsor. At one time, sales at church bazaars sold the highest number of handcrafts. Today the largest sales come from the catalog and through wholesale accounts to smaller fair trade stores.

During those 65 years, several other shops have been opened under the SERRV name. The ones in Maryland included a shop in downtown Towson in the mid 1990's as well as an outlet shop at the Cranberry Mall in Westminister. Three seasonal shops were



also set up in 1999 in York PA, Baltimore's Inner Harbor, and Towson Town Center. Two shops at various locations were started in 2001 in Madison WI.

The Shop was able to hold 8 International Festivals through the years. It brought entertainment from local and international groups to New Windsor. It also held special events with speakers about everything from ethnic food to nativity collectors.

More and more of the work that volunteers used to perform is now being done by the producer groups themselves. Tags and quality checks are done in the country of origin, so our own volunteers have less and less work to do. This is a good thing, since the producer groups now receive more income to do this work. SERRV hopes to be able to call upon the GFWC in the future for help when they need it.

The distribution center is thriving and the customer service center has found a new home in Westminster. It is sad that with the sale of the Brethren Service Center, the retail store has closed. It is hoped that a space will be found for it in the future that is financially feasible.

As an aside, I managed the gift shops and visited producers from 1993 – 2008 and was able to travel the world each day when I touched and spoke about where and how each item was made and who the craft person was and what the sale of this item meant to them. I saw how the purchases made it possible for children to receive schooling, medical care, and families to have enough food to eat. I was blessed to be a part of this organization.

Home Life CSP

We can now order those wonderful nuts and candies from Terri Lynn on-line all year long. Our website is set up!! Try it out and take a look. Put in your search bar: gfwc-westminster.terrilynncares.com. There is a place that says "login" that you will click on. It will then give you a screen to set up an account and password. You will be directed to view all products with prices and put what you want in your cart. The items will be sent right to your home. **One thing that is different is this: you will have a shipping charge to pay.** We will also be selling them in the fall as we have done in the past where we do not have shipping added. Twenty percent of each order goes directly to the Club as a fundraiser.

New Club Email Address

A new email address has been created for club members to use if they don't want to give out their personal email when doing Club business. This will be used for press releases instead of Mary Lou's personal email, on the club's informational brochure and by the membership committee. Nancy Porter will monitor the account and forward any emails to the appropriate person. The new email is: **GFWCWestminster@gmail.com**.



Book Browsers Committee

Book Browsers will meet **May 15th** to discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. The meeting will be at the home of Trinkia Cueman. Jean Picardi will lead the discussion. Any who wish to come are very welcome. Please join us.

Yearbook Committee

The yearbook committee will be emailing each of you this summer for you to verify your contact information for the yearbook. The plan is to just give out substitute pages with the updated calendar of events and updated addresses as needed, along with the new members that have joined since the last yearbook. Please reply to those emails when you receive them. Thank you.

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.

Junior Woman's Club of Westminster (JWC)

The **JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER** will hold their **Annual Everything Children Consignment Sale** on **Saturday, August 26th** at the Carroll County Ag Center in the Daniele Shipley Arena. Set up will be on **August 24th** and **25th**.

They need our help!

Here's What You Can Do

Lend a Hand! Friday, Saturday – or both!
Bake! or Buy! Baked Goods
Shop!

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ **BENEFICIARY CSP**
- ✓ **PUBLIC ISSUES CSP**

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 17th**. The hostesses will be the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster. The meeting will be held at The Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 17 Bond Street in Westminster. Registration is from 9:30 - 10:00 and the fee is **\$3.00**. Luncheon reservations are **\$15.00** and will feature a buffet lunch. Please let Barb Gunther know by **May 3rd** if you plan to attend.



Please bring donations for the Service Project of Carroll County Children in Transition. 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.

Member to Member

The Woman's Club of Glyndon is having a fashion show on Saturday, **May 13th** at **noon**. The fashion show will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 507 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136. Tickets cost **\$30** and include a box lunch of a sandwich, chips, drink, and dessert. For Ticket Reservations contact Karen Solheim at [410-833-1006](tel:410-833-1006).

Member Birthdays from May through July:

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

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

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

Jeanne Herr July 1
Gerri Reck..... July 2
Jan Ober July 4
Lura Griswold..... July 11
Ellen Lawrence July 19
Eve Schaeffer July 22
Carolyn Boner..... July 23
Nan Sanders..... July 25
Nancy McCrickard July 26
Betty Jones July 28
Martha Wiseman July 29
Linda Kjeldgaard..... July 30

Newsletter Deadline

This will be the last newsletter of the Woman's Club fiscal year September 2016 through May 2017. 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 24th**.

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!

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) by the **23rd of the month** preceding publication.