



Petal Power

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President's Message

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Hello Ladies.

I don't think spring has sprung yet. "Spring-wherefore art thou?" This crazy weather has left everyone with colds, bronchitis, and pneumonia. Maybe this is our payback for such a mild winter.

It was great seeing Ruth at our meeting last month. Welcome back, Ruth! I know a few of us ladies have called on you to help with their baskets for the bingo. Stay well, we missed you. Sherry has been doing a fantastic job of filling in for you with the table goodies and goodie bags for the raffle. Thank you, Sherry.

Ladies, I hope to see a lot of you at GFWC MD State Convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Annapolis on April 28-30. If you can't make it for the entire convention, please consider coming on Sunday. Get together a group and car pool. Reno, the GFWC MD President, will be presiding over this convention and one of our club members has been nominated as the Outstanding Maryland Club Woman. Reno will be recognized as the GFWC MD State president as I will be recognized as your Club President and the Baltimore District Club President, along with other state and district presidents, with a procession in our honor. It would give Reno, Sherry and myself great pleasure to see you supporting us and our club.

This has been a sad year for GFWC club members throughout the state, with several club members past and present who are no longer with us, also several club members' husbands who have passed. Please keep the families of these members in your prayers, also continue your prayers for Diane MacDougall, Debbie Spinennweber, Jo Miller and other members and their families who may be ill.

Ladies, you should have received the call for the Baltimore District Board of Directors meeting being held on May 4th. 2017 at Johnny Dees Lounge, if you haven't received the call let me know and I will see that you get a copy. I will be discussing this meeting at our dinner meeting on April 13th.

All my best,

Dottie Bishoff
443-402-1421

*Friendship isn't about who you've known the longest.
It's about who walked into your life and said "I'm here for you,"
and proved it.*



Are you a member of Facebook? Help us spread the news of all the great work we do and attract new members by liking us on Facebook!

Petal Power submissions are due by the 26th of the month



Happy Birthday!



Rosemary Sebula - 4/8
Loretta DiLoreto - 4/9
Reno Eitel - 4/27

Dates to Remember

April 13 - Dinner Meeting at Giovanni's
April 28 - 30 - GFWC MD State Convention (Annapolis)
May 4 - District Board of Directors Meeting (Parkville)
May 13 - Annual Tea, Richlin Ballroom

"Watch Us Grow Campaign"

Just a brief reminder to extend invitations to guests for our April who may be interested in joining our Club. You still have time for a chance to win a Gift Card if they become members and are initiated by June. Don't forget about the "Mystery Prize" where you will receive a chance for the raffle drawing by inviting guests to our upcoming meetings!

Thank you – Sherry



Hospitality

Madeleine Murphy
410-569-0477

Dinners are \$21.00. Please call in your dinner order to one of the ladies listed below by noon on the Saturday before the meeting. If you have to cancel, please do not call the restaurant, call Madeleine.

The April 13th dinners are: Flounder with Broccoli, Cheese Ravioli or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: Ruth Cameron (410-538-7824) and Rose Marie Vaccaro (443-372-5405)

Social hour begins at 6 pm, Meeting begins at 6:30 pm, and dinner is served at 7 pm!

*****When you make your dinner reservation you cannot change it at the last minute.
The restaurant prepares the dinners that I have called in.
Positively no walk ins at the last minute, the restaurant gets very upset.*****

Newsletter Request!

Do you have any pictures of club activities? A special family recipe? Or a good quote or article to share? Please email or call Leah Clague if you would like to contribute! 443-350-3889 or leah.clague@gmail.com.

Conservation

Jeanette Petric
410-679-0959

Maureen Cornett
410-676-4428

There is always a need for cash donations, cat and dog food (also food for the other animals at the shelter), rugs, towels, and small blankets to the Harford County Humane Society. We can collect your donations at the next general meeting.

Please continue saving tabs from aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House and used eyeglasses and cases which will be donated to the Lions Club of Joppatowne.



Home Life

Sue Tyber
410-679-8963

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

We will have a Home Life meeting at Sue Tyber's home on Wednesday April 26 at 2pm. If you are a member of our committee or would like to become one, please attend. RSVP by phone: 410-679-8963 or email: snrtyber@verizon.net This will be the our last meeting until Fall.

Also, we will be providing the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House in Bel Air again this year. I will circulate the sign-up sheet at the April meeting. There are 2 "houses" for women/children providing a place to stay while they get back on their feet. We provide a full dinner for each house. The food will be dropped off at Sue's home on Friday morning May 12th at 11 am. She and another volunteer from the committee will deliver the food to Anna's House that morning. The menu will be listed on the sign-up sheet. It is only a suggestion of what to fix. The ham and 1 dessert for each house has already been offered. Things like veggie casseroles, another dessert, rolls etc. are the usual. Just remember it will be 2 of each.

Thanks, Sue and Joan

Education

Barbara Albers
410-679-5620

Barbara Ledford
410-679-1166

All of our JWC volunteers are still busy reading with the students at Joppatowne Elementary School.

Our scholarship will go to a HCC female student who is returning to the work force. This is something new for us, and the committee thinks that this is an improved way to assist someone to improve their job skills.

Check out HCC, Joppatowne Library, and the Senior Center for classes for seniors from Zumba to computer skills.

Arts

Our Art Show was a HUGE success with over 46 entries this year!! Thank you to Joan and Maribeth for judging and Dottie, Barbara Albers and Carol Metzger for attending the event. It's always a real pleasure to see the winning children's faces at the exact moment when they realize they placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Our very own Carol Metzger's granddaughter won 1st place in the K – 3 grades category. Congratulations!!!!



Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

Upcoming Events:

April 1st – Ballet Chesapeake Presents Coppelia at the Joppa Library. The story of a life-size dancing doll, a love-stricken young man and the doll's creator, Dr. Coppelius.

April 4th – Paint Along at Joppa Library. With the instructor's assistance you will create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece.

April 21st – Friday Family Flick at the Joppa Library. Contact them for details.

April 23rd - The Bel Air Community Chorus will be hosting their spring concert entitled How Can I Keep from Singing at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Bel Air. This concert is FREE and the program begins at 3:00.

Various Dates - Girls Night Out at Towne Grill & Pub. Check with location for upcoming paint nights.

International

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

So far we have collected 22 bras for "Free the Girls". Our final collection date will be at the May meeting for delivery in June.

Ways & Means

Sue Harrington
410-510-7710

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

All our ladies have worked very hard to have another successful bingo. Thanks for all the door prizes, baskets and most of all the dedication and hard work put into making it a success.

Our next fundraiser will be the annual Tea, which will be held on May 13, 2017 at the Richlin Ballroom. Soon we will be meeting with Richlin, in order to come up with our menu for this year. After that, we will start having our planning meetings so be on the lookout for emails/phone calls about them. We are also trying to come up with some other ideas for fundraisers, so Ladies, put on your thinking hats. The price of the tickets for the tea will remain at \$28. We are hoping to have the tickets available to you at our April General meeting (4/13).

Thanks again for your help.



Harford County Sheriff's Office, Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

On March 22, Rose Marie Vaccaro and Barbara Knapp delivered fidget toys for children seen at the CAC with autism, ADHD and ADD (picture attached). Some items were hand-made others purchased. Lt Mentzell and his staff were very pleased with the fidgets as they had very few to offer the children. The staff especially liked the knitted dolls made by Rose Marie and the fabric mazes Barbara made. The staff understands more would be available upon request. During a short tour of the facilities we learned 470 children were seen in 2016 and 131 children have already been seen this year.

March is National Child Prevention Month and the CAC will be a showing of a film "Resilience, The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope" at the Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main St.; Bel Air on April 7, 10:00 a.m. The documentary chronicles the birth of a new movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators and communities, who are using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease. The event is free but seating needs to be reserved, 410 638-3294.



Perry Point VA Medical Center Donations for Spring Visit - Help Needed

We would like to make our yearly visit to see our veterans in the medical center in April. As of now we are we have very few items to offer the men: 3 body wash, 6 lotions, 5 shampoos, 3 boxer shorts, 8 pairs of socks and toothbrushes. We usually see about 30- 40 veterans and wish to offer each of them body wash, deodorant, and shampoo. In addition, new, unopened packages of socks, undershirts, briefs or boxers (large, extra large and extra, extra large) would be most appreciated. Please consider bringing 2 or 3 items to our April general meeting. We have collected several back issues of magazines and could still use more. Large print books are good for the medical center library.

You have been very generous with donations of sample size toiletries for the homeless veteran population at Perry Point. Many of these men don't have backpacks or duffel bags when they check in or leave. If you come across a backpack, it would be well received by a veteran on the move.

Angels Supporting Your Troops

This Dundalk area organization collects items for care packages to boost the moral of our troops serving in war zones. Each soldier receives 50-55 items in their care package. Joan Swanson will collect our items and take them to the donation site. A few donation suggestions: soap, sunblock, lip balm, band-aids, washcloths, gum, dental floss, toothpaste, blankets or throws, Lifesavers, playing cards, Frisbees, snacks (dried fruits, crackers, licorice, trail mix), socks - size 10-13, warm hats, blankets or throws, and prayer cards. Joan Swanson can supply a more complete list upon request. Items will be accepted at any general meeting and is an ongoing project for JWC Public Issues.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Provides cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans through the recycling of cell phones and accessories.. Rose Marie Vaccaro will take donations to the Exit Realty collection site. This is another ongoing Public Issues project.

Clothing, Household Items Donations for Military Veteran Support Organizations

Please report the dollar amount of clothing and household items you give to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Am Vets to Barbara Ledford. Funds generated from the sale of your donations benefit our veterans. Thank you for your support.