



Petal Power



GF WC JOPPATOWNE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.
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President's Message

December 2016

Christmas Greetings

Thanksgiving was a day of family and friends getting together giving thanks and enjoying the wonderful food, weather, and football games.

Now it is time to celebrate our Christmas Holiday, with the birth of Jesus, going to church, visiting families, giving gifts to family and friends, helping out the needy with food baskets, and giving toys to the children, as our club is doing in partnership with our local Sheriff's department.

Ladies, please don't forget to bring in your unwrapped toy to our meeting on December 8th. Remember, this is also the meeting where you are welcome to bring your husband or significant other to share in our dinner and festivities. Please feel free to bring a \$10 gift card to the meeting if you would like to participate in the gift card exchange.

Prayers are needed for Debbie Spinnenweber and Diane McDougall (Federation Sisters) and our own Ruth Cameron, Pete Murphy, Karen Conte, Sue Tyber, Mary Reynolds, and others you may know.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

All my Best,

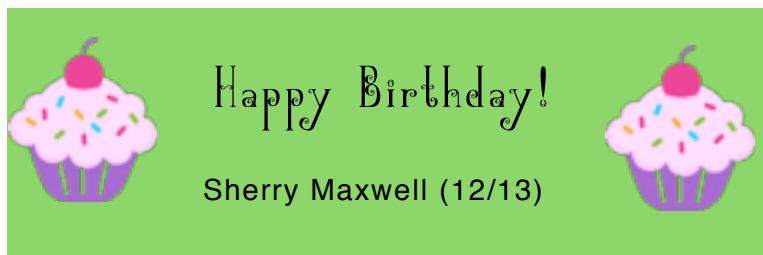
Dottie Bishoff
443-402-1421

*True joy brings with it things like enthusiasm for life,
determination, to hang in there, and a desire to
encourage others.... Chuck Swindol*



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!



Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.



Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

Programs

Thank you to everyone for program suggestions for our 2016 – 2017 meetings as we are all set with speakers.

At our December 8th meeting we will have a gift card exchange. Bring a gift card worth \$10 inside a Christmas card that's signed. Participating members will be able to select a gift card to take home with them that evening. Start looking now for a unique place where you can purchase your \$10 gift card which you would like to give.

Here's wishing all of you a Wonderful Holiday Season!



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. *Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend our December dinner.*

The November 8th Dinners are: Steak (\$30), Filet (\$30), or Breaded Chicken

Hostesses: Betty Meidinger (443-992-7706) and Madeleine Murphy (410-569-0477)

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

Newsletter Request!

Do you have any pictures of club activities? A special family recipe? Or a good quote or article to share? Interested in being featured in the "Member Spotlight"?

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

Make sure your home is winter-ready!

1. Maintain your heating systems - replace furnace filter every 1-3 months.
2. Seal and insulate your home. Prevent warm air from escaping your home by installing extra insulation and caulk around drafty windows and doors to seal leaks.
3. Schedule a quick Home Energy check-up. An energy efficiency professional will come to your home and help you to save energy and money at no cost to you.



Continue helping our Humane Society by donating your used towels, rugs and blankets. They are always in need of dog and cat food.

Save the pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.



Home Life

Sue Tyber
410-679-8963

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

November has been a quiet month for the Home Life Committee as a whole due to my knee surgery and Joan's successful fund raising efforts as well as the death of her brother-in-law and of course Thanksgiving.

We will try to get back on track by mid-December. Joan and I will be making a trip to Anna's sometime in late December. We have bed linens and quilts. Joan has their wish list and if anyone would like to donate paper products, etc. you may drop them off at my house or bring to the December meeting.

Have a great holiday season in the event I don't get to see everyone at the December get together. ~ Sue

Education

Barbara Albers
410-679-5620

Barbara Ledford
410-679-1166

Nothing new to report, things are going along smoothly with our programs!

Please bring your Redners tapes, box tops, and donations to veterans to the December meeting.

A Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Arts

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

"Among Friends" Christmas Craft Show runs through December 4th. Open every day from 10 -5. This show is held at: Odd Fellows Hall, 7801 Bradshaw Road, Upper Falls, MD (near Kingsville).

"Rejoice and Be Merry" is the theme for the Winter Concert performed by the Bel Air Community Chorus on Sunday, December 11th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. This year's concert will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Churchville Road in Bel Air. Celebrate the sounds of the season with this FREE concert!

Take a look around at all of the holiday splendor as there are many happenings in the area that are holiday related!



International

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

If you want to give a gift that makes an impact all season consider purchasing a goat that can provide milk for a family or even a gardener's basket to help a family start a sustainable farm. Visit www.Heifer.org/Gift-Catalog or call 1-888-5HUNGER to select a gift today.

Joppatowne Woman's Club

Holiday Pot Luck Social

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 5:30 PM

WHERE: 314 JOPPA CROSSING WAY, JOPPA, MD

*Please join us for an evening of
food, fellowship, and perhaps
some caroling around the piano!*



Please RSVP to Leah Clague by Saturday, December 10th at 443-350-3889 or
leah.clague@gmail.com

Harford County Sheriff's Office Christmas Toy Drive

We are again partnering with the Harford County Sheriff's Office to collect new, unwrapped toys for underprivileged children (ages 4-14). As you are out doing your holiday shopping, please remember a needy children wishing for a Christmas gift to arrive at their home. Bring your donations to the December general meeting and Jeanette Petnic will make delivery of our donations to the Harford County Sheriff's Office collection site on December 10 for distribution before Christmas.

Candy for Our Troops (one of the Operation Gratitude programs)

Thank you all for your donated candy. We collected 30 pounds for our deployed US. Military. Joan Swanson took your donations to the Abingdon Family Dentistry Office, where it was boxed up with donated candy from other organizations and schools. The package was mailed to a central point in California for overseas shipment.

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. Our new member, Vicky Mitchell, provided a trunk full of items at the November meeting. Thank you Vicky.

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. We will report your in-kind donations in our yearly report.



Ways & Means

Sue Harrington Joan Swanson
410-510-7710 410-931-2565

Well ladies, our first two fundraisers of the year have been a great success. We had a sellout crowd for our fall bingo and all our Christmas raffle tickets have been sold.

We want to thank everyone for all their hard work - whether it was selling tickets, working at the bingo or even just attending bingo. They could not have been the success that they were had it not been for all of you ladies.

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Dates to Remember

December 5th - Holiday Reception, GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC.

December 8th - Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6:00-pay for meal, buy 50/50 and socialize, 6:30 meeting begins, 7:00 dinner starts. Call hostesses the Saturday before the meeting date.

December 13th - Holiday Potluck at Leah Clague's home at 5:30 pm.