



Petal Power

GFWC JOPPATOWNE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.
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President's Message

February 2017

Hello Ladies,

Just waiting for that February storm, which I hope never arrives.

With all the holiday festivities and the inauguration hoopla over, now we can get our lives back in gear, for me that means catching up with family birthdays, and continuing with my Federation volunteering,

There is a lot going on in the Federation inner workings, there is the suspension of the Maryland Club Woman Magazine, reason being, the illnesses of both Debbie Spinnenweber and Jo Miller. Dawn Donavon moving to TN leaving the positions of GfWC State recording secretary vacant along with her other duty as Web master.

There are positions needed to be filled, not only in GfWC MD state, but also in our very own Baltimore District, such as chairman for Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues and District Editor of the Maryland Clubwoman Magazine when suspension is over. Ladies these positions are not difficult, you may need to give a report once or twice a year. Please give this a lot of thought, one of two people may chair a position.

I know you have been asked to bring in Valentines at our next meeting for the veterans at Perry Point Medical Center, could you please get an extra one or two to send to Debbie Spinnenweber and Jo Miller, will furnish addresses at the meeting, GfWC MD Federation would like to flood their mail boxes with Valentine wishes.

Several of you have relayed to me how much you enjoyed Norma Jean Swam, presentation of the SHIP project, at our January meeting and it helped you to understand the meaning of SHIP. She enjoyed being our guest and said anytime we needed any other information to please give her a call.

Ruth Cameron is home and is free of infection, she thanks everyone for their well wishes and prayers and hopes to see all of us soon.

Please keep all club members and their families in your prayers, also our service men and women. All my best,

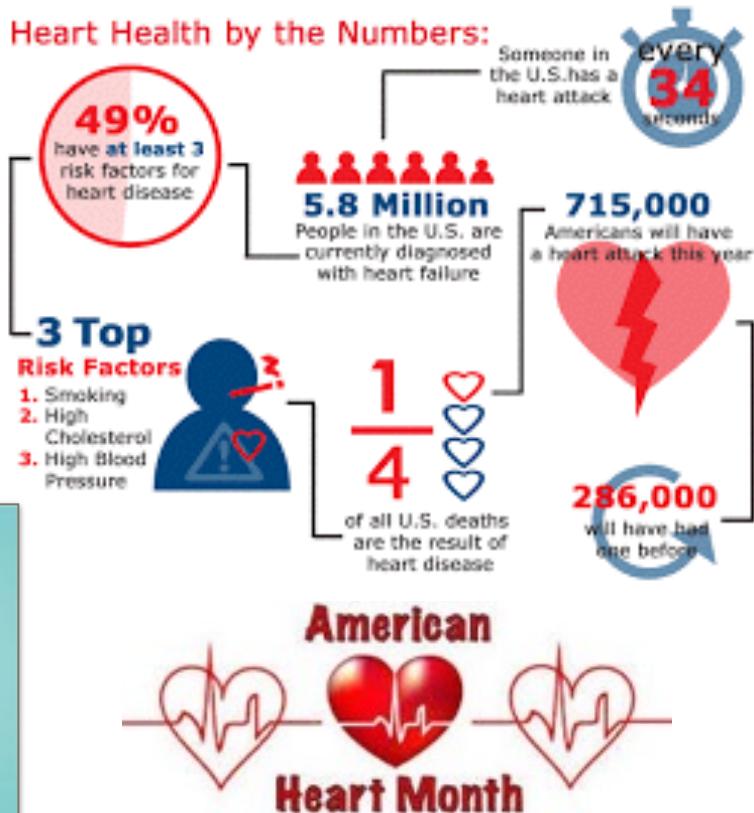
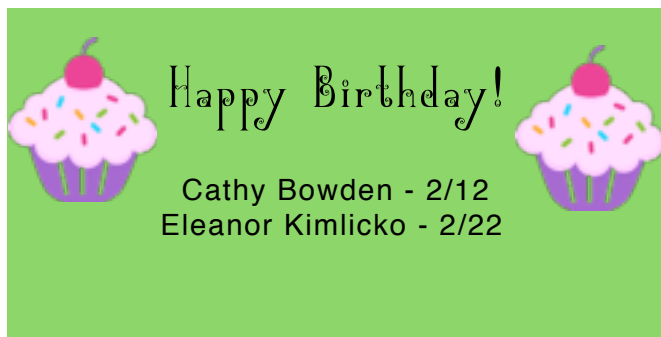
Dottie Bischoff
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*The happiest people don't have the best of everything;
They just make the best of everything*



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!



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 February 9th Dinners are: Stuffed Eggplant, Scallop Scampi, or Breaded Chicken

Hostesses: Rosemary Sebula (410-679-3357) or Betty Menthei (410-679-4653)

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
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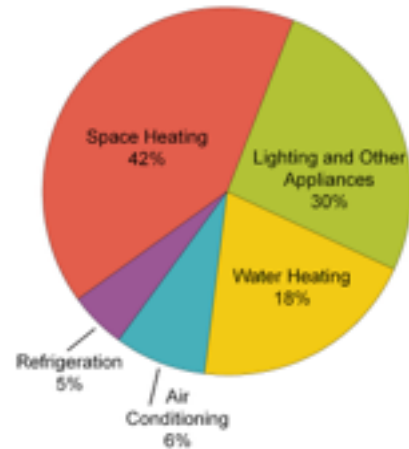
Maureen Cornett
410-676-4428

How We Use Energy in Our Homes:

Heating accounts for the biggest portion of your utility bills!

- 1 - Check insulation in attics, basement walls, ceilings, floors, and crawl spaces.
- 2 - Check for open fireplace dampers.
- 3 - Maintain appliances and heating and cooling systems.
- 4 - Use controls like sensors, dimmers, and timers to reduce lighting use.

How Energy Is Used in Homes (2009)*



* 2009 is the most recent year for which data are available.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) 2009.



Home Life

Sue Tyber
410-679-8963

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

It's that time of year we are looking to help Habitat of Humanity. We have spoken with the coordinator there and they are having 2 dedications of homes most likely in early April. One of the houses is in Edgewood and the other is in Aberdeen. We'll be calling her in March to get the dates and decide which one we'll be helping with. On another subject we will be doing the Mother's day dinner for Anna's House again this year. More will follow concerning that endeavor as well. Thank you all for your continuing support of these projects!!

Education

Barbara Albers
410-679-5620

Barbara Ledford
410-679-1166

The Joppatowne library is having a book sale Feb. 9th-11th. Donate your books and get a tax deduction, if you attend the sale, you can buy inexpensive books for yourself, and your grandchildren.

The daytime book club at the library will read "Like Dandelion Dust" the date is February 11th, Noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and join the discussion. The evening book club will meet Feb. 23rd. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Those who volunteer at the Joppatowne Elementary School are still busy reading with the children who need assistance. If you would like to join us please contact Barbara Ledford @ 410-679-1166 or Barbara Albers @ 410-679-5260.

Also, just a reminder: DON'T FORGET your Redner's grocery tapes, Donations to Veterans, box top tickets and to stay well, and have a wonderful and loving Valentines Day.

Arts

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

The Joppatowne Woman's Club Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 11th at the Library. Winners will be announced at 1:00 pm and prizes awarded. We will also host a small reception for the children. The Library will continue to display the entries for the community to enjoy.

Craft n' Go: Sit and complete a craft in a bag and take home a finished project. Sponsored by the Joppa Library from 2/5 – 2/11.



Sherry Maxwell

International

It is estimated that two billion people, or one-quarter of the world's population, lack access to basic surgical care.



Operation Smile believes every child suffering from cleft lip or cleft palate deserves exceptional surgical care. They are an international medical charity whose global network of thousands of credentialed medical volunteers from more than 80 countries is dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children from more than 60 countries. Since its founding in 1982, Operation Smile has provided more than 240,000 free surgical procedures for children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities. Operation Smile is the largest volunteer-based medical charity providing free cleft surgeries.

For more than thirty years, Operation Smile and GFWC members have worked together to provide free surgeries for these children, as well as care and comfort during their treatment.

Ways & Means

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

As you know, we've had a bingo in November and a Christmas Raffle which have both been very successful. Now ladies get ready for another fundraising event in March--another bingo at Holy Spirit Church on March 31, 2017.

We need **ALL** of you to make this fundraising effort to be a success by being volunteer workers, by donating door prizes and/or baskets, or just as paying guests. Start talking this up with friends and family..also don't forget the tea in May!!! Thanks again for all your past work , participation, and support!!

Valentines for Perry Point VA



Our veterans appreciate being remembered throughout the year for their military service. Valentine's Day is a perfect time to let the men at Perry Point VA know we are keeping them in our hearts. Please bring Valentine cards to our February general meeting for delivery on February 10. Feel free to provide several cards as they will be distributed across the Perry Point campus. Thank you Rose Marie for getting us started with the Valentine cards you brought to the January general meeting for the members to sign.

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.

