



Petal Power

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

January 2018

Happy New Year Ladies,

Here I am coming to the end of my second term as your president... I want to take this time to thank all of you for your kindness, trust and support. I could always depend on you to go beyond the necessary duties of being members of this club. I know you will give your next president the same support you have been giving me. The nominating committee will be calling on you soon, so please step up to the plate.

I will be having several operations in this coming year: total left knee replacement in January, and total right knee replacement, as soon as able after left knee is up and running. I will also be having cataracts removed sometime in the spring. Now if they can improve the rest of my body, I will be a happy camper.

Ladies there are several GFWC Federation events you should seriously consider attending. I know there are many in our club who have never experienced the knowledge, camaraderie and fun (yes, I said fun) at these events. There are only three of these GFWC events left in this administration (2016-2018).

- February 20th. GFWC MD, state Board of Directors meeting being held at the Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, MD. Hosted by the Western District.
- April 21-22nd. 2018 GFWC annual Convention being held at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel in Columbia, MD
- May 3rd. Baltimore District Board of Directors meeting being held at Sparrows Point Country Club, Baltimore, MD.

All of these meetings are of great importance to all clubs. There will be a lot of information and discussion of the Consolidation of the three districts: Southern, Eastern Shore and Baltimore.

The State and Baltimore District will be handing over their gavel to the next administration for 2018-2020. Two members of your club will be doing those honors, Reno for the state, on February 20th and I will be doing it for the District on May 3rd. Please come and support your club presidents.

New Year Blessings to All,

Dottie Bishoff

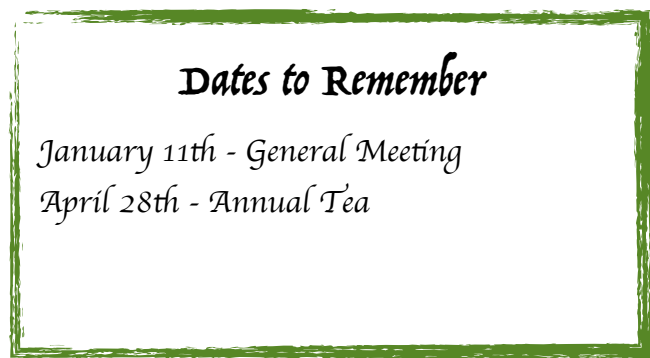
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"The world is full of good people, if you can't find one, BE ONE"



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!



Reporting – For individuals leading a committee please have your 2017 reporting forms for delivery at the January meeting. If you need the reporting information, please send an email to: shemax@verizon.net. Thank you.



Madeleine Murphy
410-569-0477

Dinners are \$24.00. 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 January 11th dinners are: Baked Ziti, Shrimp Scampi, or Chicken Parmesan

Hostesses: Carol Metzger (410-679-1914) and Joan Swanson (410-931-2565)

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

Fall & Winter Energy Saving Tips:

- Take advantage of heat from the sun during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home (close your curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows).
- Cover drafty windows with a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet
- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills.
- Find and seal any air leaks; Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning.
- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.



Home Life

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

Rose Marie Vaccaro
443-372-5404

Hope everyone had a marvelous holiday!! Our committee will be providing and serving a meal to the homeless at Joppatowne Christian Church on January 4, 2018 and January 31, 2018. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Besides feeding them they need volunteers who would stay and maybe play games or have conversations with them. Anyone interested please contact me or Rose Marie.

We will be getting in touch with Habitat for Humanity to find out when a house will be dedicated so we can provide a welcome basket. Thanks to all for your cooperation and assistance.

Education

Barbara Albers Barbara Ledford
410-679-5620 410-679-1166

Nothing new to report! Our committee wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Please continue to collect Redner's tapes, box tops, and labels and give them to Barbara Ledford.

Arts

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

Happy New Year! Many members continue to do great painting projects at the Towne Grill. If you've ever wanted to try it connect with some of the ladies that paint on a regular basis and maybe setup a lunch/paint date!

Joppa Library: Paint Along: Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Following an instructor, you will create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece. Please wear clothes you feel comfortable painting in. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Art Show: Stay tuned for information on the Youth Art Show for 2018 to be held in conjunction with the Joppa Library. Currently confirming the show date and will provide in an upcoming newsletter.

International

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

Operation Smile is 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. They provide free surgical procedures for children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities in 60 countries around the world.

To build long-term sufficiency in resource poor environments, they train doctors and local medical professionals in our partner countries so they're empowered to treat their local communities. They also donate medical equipment and supplies and provide year-round medical treatments through our worldwide centers.

Joppatowne Woman's Club has supported Operation Smile in the past and it currently receives donations from GFWC regularly.

Ways & Means

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

We want to thank everyone for 2 successful fundraisers to start our 2017-2018 year.

Our first one was our annual Fall Bingo held on November 10, 2017 at the Holy Spirit Parish Center. Thanks to all the hard work and basket donations, a great time was had by all and it was profitable for our club.

During the month of November we had a Greeting Card Fundraiser. Again, our ladies came forward to make this fundraiser a success. We sold 22 boxes of greeting cards for \$30 each box. From this amount, our club earned \$13 a box. A big thanks to all.

Next year, we will be planning our annual spring bingo and our annual Tea. Hope everyone has a great New Year!

December Toy Drive

We collected so many nice toys for our toy drive at the December Christmas meeting (estimated at \$700). Thank you for your generosity. Jeanette and her husband took the donations to the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Southern Precinct on December 15. Our toy donations joined donations from others and were distributed to deserving children before Christmas.

Ongoing Projects

Angels Supporting Your Troops

This Dundalk area organization collects items for care packages sent to soldiers in war zones. They work year around to prepare boxes of 50-55 items for each soldier of toiletries, snacks, small games, socks, hats and even treats for K-9s. Joan Swanson has a more complete list. Please bring your donations to any general meeting and Joan or Reno Eitel will deliver them to the distribution site.

Clothing, Household Items and Monetary Donations for Military and Veteran Support Organizations

Please report the dollar amount of clothing and household items you give to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, Am Vets or other veteran support groups to Barbara Ledford. Funds generated from the sale of your donations benefit our veterans. We will also track any reported monetary donations made to organizations supporting our soldiers and veterans.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

This program provides cost-free communication services to active duty military members through the recycling of cellphones and accessories. Rose Marie Vaccaro will take donations to the Exit Realty collection site.

Donations made to the Public Issue Program projects are greatly appreciated and always each member's choice.

The Reading Nook

"Look Again" by Lisa Scottoline

"Have you seen this child?" flyer comes in the mail. Most people throw them out but Ellen Gleeson looks at the picture again and her heart stops. The child in the photo is identical to her adopted son, Will. What should she do? Is this just a strong resemblance or could it be ?????!!!! Being a reporter, of course, she investigates. You must read the book to see what she discovers.. Excellent book...you won't want to put it down.

Recommended by: Joan Swanson