



Petal Power

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

March 2018

Hi Ladies,

As you read the Petal Power, please take a moment of silence for our beloved Federated club sister, Betty Meidinger.

Thanks to club members who came to the viewing, and participated in the white rose ceremony. Mindy and family were very appreciative.

My Knee is healing slowly, still in some pain. If you need a total knee replacement I will not lie to you, it is the worst pain I have ever had, especially since I cannot handle the drugs. I am told it will all be over soon. It cannot be soon enough for me.

Ladies, please continue considering the presidency of our club. It is not a hard job. Will discussed this further at the executive meeting on Tuesday.

For those who do not have email, our venue is changed for our meeting in March. The meeting will be held at Venetian Palace, same time. Join us at 6:00 for paying for meals, buying raffle tickets, and socializing, at 6:30 our meeting begins, and at 7:00 dinner will be served. You have four main meals to choose from, Crab Cake, chicken parmigiana over pasta, hot open faced turkey sandwich with gravy, and hamburger steak. All meals come with salad, hot rolls and butter, soda, and coffee. Call your hostesses Betty Manthei -410-679-4653 or Maureen Cornett-410-679-4428, the price is \$22.50 and includes gratuity. The reason for the change is that Giavonni's had a fire and they informed Madeleine that we would not be able to hold our March meeting.

Wear your green at the March meeting.

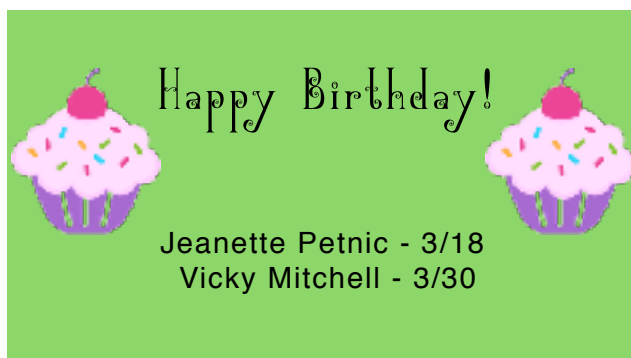
All my best,

Dottie Bishoff
443-402-1421



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!



Madeleine Murphy
410-569-0477

****This month's dinner is \$22.50.**** 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 March 8th dinners (at the Venetian Palace) are: Crab Cake, Chicken Parmesan, Open-faced Turkey sandwich, or hamburger steak

Hostesses: Betty Manthei (410-679-4653) and Maureen Cornett (410-679-4428)

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

Tips from BGE on Saving Money and Energy at Home:

In your own home, you have the power to insulate it! The attic, walls, floor, basement and crawlspace need special attention.

If in your home you are hot in summer and cold in winter, have high energy bills and can hear noise from the outside - Insulate!

Continue saving tabs, towels, blankets, cat and dog food, and used eyeglasses.



Home Life

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

Rose Marie Vaccaro
443-372-5404

Our committee is continuing to make a meal for Anna's House for April 9th. Barbara Knapp has generously offered her services and I need one more lady from our membership to make a meal so both houses will be served. Anyone wishing to help please come to me at the March meeting.

We will be providing a welcome basket with a bathroom theme to Habitat for Humanity. They will be having a house dedication sometime in March. Upcoming event is the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's house. This will be addressed in the next news letter. Thanks to all who help make our projects a success!

Education

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

This committee keeps chugging along, reading with the kids, and getting ready give the scholarship.

Please save box tops, labels, and Redner's tapes. Reminder to adult learners: classes are available at the senior center, library, and the Pub.

Spring is on the way!!!

Arts

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

The Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 10th at the Joppa Library. Winners will be announced at 1:00 pm and prizes awarded. We will also host a small reception for the children.

Calendar of Events:

March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11: My Fair Lady performances at HCC. Visit Tickets.Harford.Edu for more details including showtimes and ticket prices.

March 10th: Irishman's Chorale at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Bel Air at 6:45 pm. FREE

March 23rd: *Cat in the Hat* at HCC, Amoss Center 7pm. From the moment his tall, red-and-white-striped hat appears around the door, Sally and her brother know that *The Cat in the Hat* is the funniest, most mischievous cat they have ever met. \$10 - \$16.



International

Sherry Maxwell

A donation was made this month to Operation Smile. It is estimated that two billion people, or one-quarter of the world's population, lack access to basic surgical care. 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.

A child's cleft lip or cleft palate can be repaired for as little as \$240 and in as few as 45 minutes, but it's more than a surgery. Your support gives renewed hope to children and families around the world.

Free the Girls: We will be making another donation so if you have gently used bras to provide we will be collecting through the May meeting for shipment out before the end of this club year.

Ways & Means

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



Our spring bingo is getting closer and we are off to a good start. Our workers, door prizes, advertising and food has been scheduled and we are ready to go. We will finalize all the last minute items within the next couple of weeks.

We've also started preparations for our tea. Tickets were available at our last general meeting and a few of our ladies have already taken some to sell. If you need any at this time, please call or email so we can set them aside for you. They will also be available at our March General Meeting.



Thanks ladies for all your hard work, as usual.

Perry Point VA Medical Center Donations for April Visit

Each year we travel to the VA Medical Center to visit a unit with about 50 veterans under treatment. The visit gives us the opportunity to thank these men for their service and sacrifices. Our visits are enhanced by providing them with comfort items not supplied by the VA. The list of items needed is quite short, but most welcomed. We ask that you please consider donating:

Boxer underwear (large, x-large and xx-large)

Socks

Body wash

Word search books

Barbara Knapp will collect these items at the March and April general meetings.

Valentines for Veterans

We had an overwhelming collection of Valentine cards for 300 in-patient veterans at the Perry Point VA Medical Center. Thanks to you, 100 cards were delivered on February 9 to the Volunteer Services Office. Our cards were most appreciated as the staff was hopeful the other promised Valentine cards would be delivered before Valentine's Day.

(While visiting Perry Point the attached picture was taken of the housing renovation for the Village at Perry Point. These beautiful houses are on target for their first occupants this Spring. The homes will be occupied by formerly homeless veterans or veterans at risk for becoming homeless and their families.)



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-nines. 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.

The Reading Nook

"Hangman" by Faye Kellerman

Murder, a missing woman, and a sociopath from the past sweep Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus into a labyrinth of mystery and danger in this exciting tale of suspense. He is a detective for the LAPD, and his wife often gives him some insight to help solve his cases. Their Jewish faith and family problems trail through the book. This is a series of books about this unusual couple. I hope you enjoy it.

Recommended by: Barbara Albers