



Petal Power

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

May 2015

Dear Beautiful Ladies,

When are we ever going to get warm weather? I am tired of packing and unpacking sweaters, jackets and scarfs. The GFWC convention in Annapolis, April 24th. - 26th was fantastic, we came home winners:

Our Petal Power Newsletter won 2nd place in the newsletter contest- Yeah, Leah, Congratulations!! Public Issues tied for 1st place in our category, along with the Wicomico Woman's Club, Yeah, Barbara Knapp, Congratulations!! Conservation- received a certificate for its contribution to Save-The-Bay, Yeah, Jeanette, Congratulations!!

All the clubs in the state of Maryland are entered into this award program, awards are announced at the annual convention in April, so ladies when you are handing in your reports, always include a narrative with the report. Joppatowne Woman's Club did very well in winning prizes, Betty Manthei, won the \$100 lettuce bowl, which was the Baltimore District's basket, Reno Eitel won the Montgomery District club basket which was tons of chocolate goodies and Betty Meidinger won a beautiful necklace from Clara, the Rock On Jewelry lady. Diane, Reno and I won at Bingo, we won owls which had a gift card attached to them, mine was \$25.00 to Chili's, Diane's was \$50.00 to a day spa, and Reno won a \$25.00 gift to Home Depot. About 50 of us took a trolley ride around the historic area of Annapolis. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable, about the history of Annapolis.

Ladies, these conventions are not only fun and rewarding, they are very informative about the MFWC-GFWC Organization. I learn something new every time I attend a Convention, State meeting or District meeting. I would like to see more of our club members attending these meetings. Sherry Maxwell has been to a couple of them and she is planning on going to the District meeting on May 7th. You can always find someone to carpool with.

All my Best,

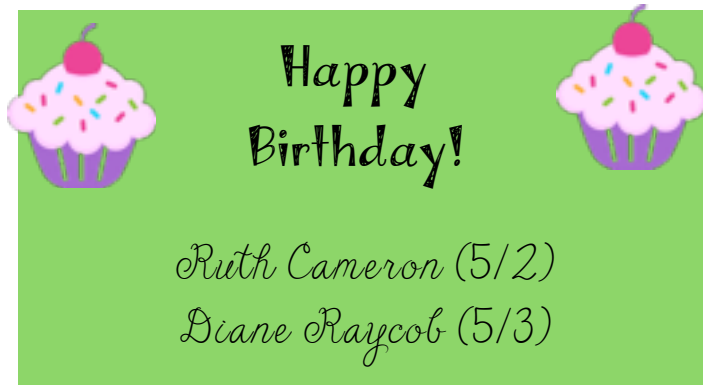
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"Our aspirations are our possibilities."
-Samuel Johnson



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!



Prayer Concerns & Sunshine News

Prayers for Mary Reynolds, who is experiencing blood platelet problems; Hank Sebula, who fell and cracked his knee. Reno, who has a torn meniscus in her knee and Betty Meidinger, who has continuing arthritic pain in her foot.

Good news! Dee Ketelhut's grandson, Trooper, who was born premature at 3 lbs 6 oz is home and up to 5 lbs 10 oz!

Save the Date!

Annual Tea - May 9th
Richlin Ballroom



Hospitality

Madeleine Murphy
410-569-0477

Dinners are \$25.00. 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 May 14th dinners are: Crab Cake, Prime Rib or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: Barbara Alberts (410-679-5260) and Barbara Ledford (410-679-1166)

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.

Education

Barbara Ledford

410-679-1166

Don't forget to bring your Redner's tapes, Campbell's soup labels, and Box Top labels for Joppatowne Elementary School.

I spoke with Joppatowne High School's counselor concerning the Scholarship applications. They will contact us with a time to for us to schedule a meeting to review the applications. I will keep the committee posted on this information.

Hope you have a wonderful spring and summer!



Home Life

Barbara Albers

410-679-5260

Our check toward gas money at Wheels for Work has been sent! I know that they'll really appreciate it.

Our last project of the year will be the Mother's Day Dinner at Anna's House. If you signed up to contribute a dish, please bring them to my house by 11:30 am on May 8th. Remember to bring two dishes, one for each house. This is another great project.

This has been a very productive year for this committee, and I'm proud of all our members.

International

Diane Raycob

410-893-7534

We have three things going on here and they all are pretty easy!

- The Root Collective is an online shop with really cute shoes, bags and jewelry. The founder Bethany Tran lives in Towson, MD. She works with artisans in Guatemala to get their products to America. 10% of the profits are given back to non-profit organizations in their communities. Go to www.therootcollective.com
- SERRV – has connections with artisans and farmers worldwide. This is a 65-year old organization that is helping to break the cycle of poverty. Shop online at servv.org.
- Save the Children – a leading expert in children, our donation goes to provide assistance where it is most needed—environmental, economic, or programmatic. Go online to SavetheChildren.org/gifts.

Please let the members of this committee know if you have made any purchases with these three great organizations. Please give us the organization's name, the date, and the amount. We will report this at the end of the year. Thanks!

Public Issues

Barbara Knapp

410-679-4330

May is Military Appreciation Month. One way you can honor our past military members, is to donate toiletries to the veterans living or recovering in the Perry Point VA Medical Center. Our yearly visit is scheduled for May 19 and we are still short on all requested toiletries. As a reminder we need the following (plastic containers only): deodorant, shampoo, body or hand lotion, mouth wash (alcohol-free), body wash, denture cleaning tablets, double or triple edge disposable razors, shaving cream, aftershave (alcohol-free), toothbrushes, and toothpaste. If you haven't had the opportunity to donate some of these items, please bring them to the May General Meeting. We do have a wide range of magazines to share with the veterans. Thank you so much for great collection. The veterans will enjoy reading the magazines and working on the puzzle books we are supplying. We have our speaker from the Anita Leight Estuary confirmed for our visit. She is sure to find the veterans excited to hear her presentation on the wildlife in and around the estuary.

Our Appreciation Coffee for the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Southern Precinct will be on May 12. We'll arrive at 6:15 a.m. to set up and be ready to serve the deputies and staff at 7 a.m. We'll be offering coffee, juice and a variety of baked goods after the morning roll call. The coffee falls during Police Week. We are pleased to recognize the men and women who protect our community.

Cell Phones for Soldiers - Rose Marie Vaccaro has cell phones and accessories that she will be taking to Exit Reality. Remember, your donations provide cost free communication for our military.

Clothing and Household Item Donations for Military Veteran Support - A donation of \$69 was given to Purple Heart in April. Please report the dollar amount of donations given to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Am Vets to Barbara Ledford. Funds generated from donations provide much needed programs and services to benefit our veterans.

Ways & Means

Karen Conte

410-569-3902

Cathy Bowden

443-371-6535

We are moving along with success for every event this year, i.e., Bingo and now our May 9th Tea this month. This time last week we had 83 tickets sold - Today our total is 147!! The Ways and Means Committee has enthusiastically participated in favor making, raffle baskets and door prizes. As with the Bingo, almost everyone in the club got involved even although they were not in the committee. It has been a joy working together, having fun at the meetings, and generally getting to know each other better.

We have more plans in the works for the fall; a Fashion Show with Talbots providing the fashions and Dinner. We will start that with 2 meetings early in June before summer begins.

Our sincere thanks to all our members for their support for all our fund raisers.

We have just a few things going on in this department. First, and oldest thing, is the order of more polo shirts and sweatshirts. If you missed the ordering that was done in the fall, you're in luck! We will reorder them. Prices for the sweatshirts are \$22.10 and the polos are \$29.60. Someone will have one of each at the May and June meetings to show. Sweatshirts run LARGE and the polos run SMALL. Order accordingly.

John's Hopkins Children Center

Child Life depends on kind donations from the community for their play room to make a hospital stay better for children. Your gifts can help a child just be a kid while in the hospital and can be vital in the healing process.

Here is a listing of donated Arts & Craft items that we can provide periodically throughout the year:

Preschool & School Age Wish List (Arts & Crafts):

Sun Catcher kits

Crayons

Markers

Small arts and crafts kits

Coloring Books

Jewelry (arts & crafts)

Velvet Posters of all sizes

Teen Wish List (Stationery & Arts and Crafts):

Paints and Pens

Sticker Packs

Scrapbooks

Paper

Notebooks & Journals

Good Sketch Books

Good Pen and Pencil Sets

Stationery Sets

Colored Pencils

Members can bring these items to the May and June meetings and our department will deliver the items to the hospital.

Chesapeake Shakespeare Company

A handout was given at the last meeting with a list of plays. Please let the department members know which one you would like to attend. Again, they are: Much Ado about nothing, Titus Andronicus, A Christmas Carol, Wild Oats, and Macbeth. The dates are listed on the handouts

We will also look into other ways we could possibly work with the company to visit a local school.