



Petal Power

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President's Message

November/December 2017

Hi Ladies,

This is the president's letter for the months of November and December, and since our last newsletter, our newsletter editor has had a beautiful baby girl named Aurora Elizabeth, both are doing great. Congratulations Leah!!!

All of the chairman seem to have their ducks in a row!

Fundraising - Bingo is just around the corner, saw the signs out this morning, good work girls!

International Outreach - Don't forget your shoeboxes for a boy or girl, Sherry would like you to bring them to the November meeting.

Public Issues - Bring leftover Halloween candy for Barbara Knapp and items for the veterans. For the December meeting, bring in a new unwrapped toy for a boy or girl.

Education - Members have already started reading with the Joppatowne Elementary School. The Chairmen would like to have a few more volunteers for this program.

Maribeth Conklin is spearheading the SHIP Program (Student Homelessness initiative Project) which is the GFWC MD President's Special Project. Maribeth has already visited a few of the schools in the area.

All you ladies are doing a fantastic job, keep up the good work.

All my best,

Dottie Bishoff
443-402-1421

Five things you will never receive in life:

- (1) A stone after it is thrown; (2) A word after it is said*
- (3) An occasion after it is missed; (4) Time after it is gone; and*
- (5) Trust after it is lost*



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! We have 65 likes on Facebook so far!!

Petal Power submissions are due by the 26th of the month



Happy Birthday!



11/1 - Sue Harrington

11/12 - Madeleine Murphy

12/13 - Sherry Maxwell

Dates to Remember

November 9th - General Meeting, Giovanni's
(don't forget candy for our troops)

November 10th - Fall Bingo!

November 11th - Veteran's Day

December 14th - General Meeting, Giovanni's
(don't forget an unwrapped toy for the Harford
County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive)

April 28th - Annual Tea

Speakers Needed: We still need speakers for February through April 2017. Please provide recommendations for a guest speaker for our upcoming meetings to Sherry. Thank you.



Hospitality

Madeleine Murphy
410-569-0477

The cost of dinners is \$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 November 9th dinners are: Eggplant Parm, Shrimp Marinara, or Chicken Parm.

The December 14th dinners are served buffet style: Chicken Sinatra, Roast Beef, Chicken Parm
(**the cost for the December dinner will be \$25.00)

Hostesses (Nov): Sue Harrington (410-510-7710) or Madeleine Murphy (410-569-0477)

Hostesses (Dec): Barbara Knapp (410-679-4330) or Carolyn Neuslein (410-679-2169)

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

The restaurant will not be accepting last minute reservations this year. If we have reservations for more than 24 guests, our dinner will become a buffet.

Newsletter Request!

Do you have any pictures of club activities? A special family recipe? Or a good quote or article to share? 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

Continue saving pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, towels, small rugs, cat and dog food for the Humane Society, and used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club.

Trimming of Trees - With winter coming, bringing snow and ice, BGE encourages its customers to manage tree height and spreading of branching before they get within 10 feet of power lines. BGE suggests calling 800-685-0123 to evaluate the site and plan how to make the work area safe.

Before severe weather hits:

1 - Have a supply of bottled water

2 - Stock easy to prepare non-perishable foods
floor.

3 - Charge all phones and mobiles

4 - Keep flashlights with fresh batteries on each

Call 877-778-2222 for reporting outages. You will be connected to an automated phone system that helps BGE pinpoint your location.

Home Life

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

Rose Marie Vaccaro
443-372-5404

We have a new project this year. Besides the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House we will be providing a meal every other month for the 2 houses there. Rose Marie called and talked to Jennifer who is the new director there and she was thrilled to have us do this for them. If anyone else besides the committee wants to help with this we'll be glad to include you. We will be making up a schedule very soon.

Also we will continue helping Habitat for Humanity with a welcome basket once we know when there will be a house dedication. We are having a meeting at the Joppatowne Library on November 7, 2018 @ 10AM. We will be discussing helping the homeless during the winter along with the neighborhood churches. Everyone is invited to come. We will be having a speaker to clarify what is needed to help. Our committee wants to send Best Wishes to Leah and her family on the birth of their daughter!!!

See you at the November meeting!!

Education

Barbara Albers
410-679-5620

Barbara Ledford
410-679-1166

Members of the Education Committee (Barbara L., Barbara A., and Maribeth Conklin) went out to Harford community College, and met with our scholarship recipient from last year. Her name is Anna Rutkowski, and she is from Poland. She has two children, and one of them is autistic. This is one of the main reasons that she applied for the scholarship. She wants to provide a better life for her family. We had a nice discussion with her, and had our picture taken. We left there feeling great about helping out such a deserving woman.



Don't forget your box tops and Redner's tapes for Barbara L.

International

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

We will be collecting the Christmas Shoeboxes at the November meeting. Remember, you can wrap the shoebox but it must be the box and top separately. Also, please donate towards the shipping cost for your shoebox as it will help the club with costs. Thank you.

Arts

Sherry Maxwell

Guided Tours of the Historic Tudor Hall — November 5th from 1:00 – 2:45 pm. Tour the grounds and first floor of historic Tudor Hall, home of Maryland's famous family of Shakesperian actors including Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth. Call 443-619-0008.

Among Friends Christmas Craft Show – From November 17th through December 3rd (10 – 5 each day). Featuring a unique variety of handcrafted items by local artisans...holiday florals & wreaths, hand painted wood, slate & glass, fiber crafts and much more!! Location is Odd Fellows Hall at 7801 Bradshaw Road in Upper Falls, MD.

Ballet Chesapeake Presents "The Nutcracker" – This is a must see for the holiday season! This will be an abridged version of the story and will be held at Joppa Library on November 18th from 3 – 4 pm.

Christmas in the Woods will be held at the Bel Air Town Center, 556 Baltimore Pike in Bel Air until December 3rd. Hours are Monday - Saturday from 10 - 5. Handcrafts, Garden, Jewelry, Country, Girls and Ladies Accessories, Specialty Foods, Collectibles and Gifts for All Occasions

Save the Date! Artists & Authors Holiday Gift Sale on December 2nd from 10 – 3. This exciting event provides a unique opportunity to meet local authors and artists from many different genres, and to find perfect, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list. Entertainment throughout the day and free gift wrapping will be available.

Ways & Means

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

Everybody ready for bingo!! Friday November 10th is the big day! We've got our volunteers, food, drinks, etc. all set and raring to go.. Please bring yourselves, friends and families to a fun time. Don't forget your door prizes and baskets too.

Concerning the selling of cards as a fundraiser we hope to have some samples and order forms at the November meeting. See you there!!



We all know a veteran who has served in our armed forces. Our veterans missed family gatherings, birthdays, holidays and the comforts of their homes to serve. On Veterans Day, November 11, take a few minutes of your day to thank a veteran for their sacrifices.

Candy for Our Troops (an Operation Gratitude program) - We will be collecting leftover, wrapped Halloween Candy at the November general meeting. Joan Swanson will take the candy to the Abingdon Family Dentistry in Bel Air where it will be packaged with other donated candy. Boxes will be shipped to a distribution site in California and forwarded to deployed US Military.

December Toy Drive - We will work with the Harford County Sheriff's Office to collect new, unwrapped toys for children aged 4-14 at the December general meeting. Jeanette Petnic will take our donations to a distribution site in Bel Air and the Sheriff's Office will present them to deserving children. This is a wonderful opportunity to make some underprivileged children happy this Christmas.

Perry Point VA Donation - I delivered your donated backpacks and totes for homeless veterans to the Perry Point VA on October 17. These will be much appreciated by veterans who are transitioning back into the community after a stay at the VA facility. While I was there, I asked about the historic homes being renovated inside the entrance to the grounds. Help USA will have 75 units ready for occupancy in the Spring of 2018 for homeless veterans or veterans and their families. The complex will be called Perry Point Veterans Village. I was so pleased to see the abandoned houses being readied for use.

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-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 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

Please submit your book recommendation and optional review/summary to Leah.

A favorite book of Leah Clague: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.