



Petal Power

GF WC JOPPATOWNE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.
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President's Message

November 2015

Dear Club Members:

I am at a loss for words on how to thank you for such a fantastic and successful bingo. Your hard work and dedication, has made it easy for me to say "I am very proud to be the president of the GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc." Attendees at the bingo, commented on how nice we all looked in our matching shirts and aprons, and how well we were organized. One lady asked "how in the world did I get my club members to volunteer all those baskets and door prizes" I also get asked this question at our teas. My answer, is always, "they support all the club projects, and this is there way of showing that support by furnishing the baskets, door prizes and other raffles we may have, and I ask and they volunteer." The bingo players also enjoyed all the food, the hot dogs/chili dogs and pizza. I was asked "who made the cookies".

I want to thank members from Perry Hall Woman's Club (Dawn Donovan, Baltimore District President/ Perry Hall's Club President and Shirley Wales, Baltimore District Recording Secretary) and the newest member of the Woman's Club of Dundalk who filled a table with her friends. It is great to have other district club members, supporting our fundraisers.

Thanks again to all the worker bees, Karen, Cathy, Sherry, Mary Beth, the kitchen crew, Sue Harrington and Barbara Allbers, taking food orders. Betty Manthei, and Joan selling the bingo packets and specials, Reno for handling the quickie game papers, Rose Marie, selling tickets for the lottery tree (our newest fundraiser project) Laura, selling the basket raffle tickets. My runners, Jeanette, Rosemary, Diane, Sherry, Marybeth, and Laura. If I have forgotten someone, my deepest apologies. My appreciation goes out to Leah and family, who came to work, and I can't believe I had to tell Leah that I didn't need her, because we were covered in all areas. Last but not least my thanks to Barbara Ledford for putting us in touch with Carol at the fire hall, getting us the extra bingo packets we needed, helping me put said packets together, and going with me to the club's storage shed to get all our bingo items from our last bingo. Ladies without all your help and dedication this bingo would not have been the success it turned out to be. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

All my Best,

Dottie Bishoff

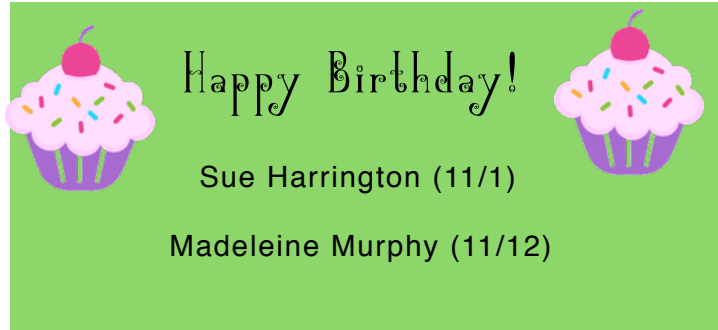
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Peace starts with a smile.



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!



As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.



Did You Know? The first Thanksgiving celebration last three days! Only male turkeys, called toms, gobble. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States. The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920s. In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for Thanksgiving celebrations! The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds!



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 November 12th Dinners are: Turkey/Dressing, Seafood Mac & Cheese, Plain Chicken

Hostesses: Rosemary Sebula (410-679-3357) and Jeanette Petnic (410-679-0959)

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

Education

Barbara Ledford
410-679-1166

I will take the pleasure to thank all the ladies on the Education Committee for their hard work, especially the Reading Group, and to let everyone know that we will be meeting with Mrs. Constantine on November 4th at 11 am to pick our day and time to read.

Mrs. Constantine will be speaking at our meeting on November 12th on "How to Keep your Brain Sharp!" I'm sure we will enjoy it.

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

BGE Energy Savings Days 2015 wrapped up. There were 4 energy savings days this past summer. Customers earned credits on their bill for voluntarily reducing their electric use from 1-7 pm on designated days. Over 1 million customers participated this past year. Because the program was successful, BGE will continue this program in the summer of 2016.

A big thank you to Maureen, Dottie, my husband Jim, and myself, for showing up at 8:30 am to clean our section of road on Shore Drive. We will be cleaning again next Spring.

Continue saving flip top tabs from cans, towels and rugs, dog and cat food, and used eyeglasses.



Home Life

Barbara Albers
410-679-5260

We all had a great time at the Bingo Friday night!!

Our walkers raised \$1,180 for the Walk to cure Alzheimer's disease. We're hoping for a cure to that dreaded disease, at least we did our part. Good job ladies!!

Next will bedding for Anna's House and bathroom accessories for Habitat for Humanity

Arts

Diane Raycob
410-893-7534

We have just a few things going on in this department.

There is one medium sweatshirt that needs a home. Please let Diane know if you would like to purchase it for about \$23.

On November 19th at the Joppa Library, "Julia Child - Queen of Cuisine" will be performing. Approximately 20 members have said they are coming. The show starts at 6:30 p.m., but let's get there early so we can sit together.

Paint Night has proven to be a lot of fun. Please join us Monday, December 14th at the Joppa Towne Grill and Pub. We will be painting holiday signs. Let Diane know if you wish to attend; classes fill up quickly. The class begins at 6:00 p.m.

Public Issues

Barbara Knapp
410-679-4330

November 11 is Veterans Day. Do take the time to remember a military veteran in your life. So many served our country during difficult periods and received little recognition for their service. A word of acknowledgement is always appreciated.

Candy for Our Troops (one of the Operation Gratitude programs) - We are again supporting this effort to bring a little fun to our troops serving overseas. Please bring leftover Halloween candy to the November general meeting. Sue Tyber will take your donations to Abingdon Family Dentistry. The dentist office will ship the candy they collect from the community to a collection site in California and it will be forwarded on to our military.

Angels for 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. A list of needed items was passed out at the October general meeting by Joan Swanson who will collect our items and take them to the donation site. A few donation suggestions: soap, sunblock, lip balm, band-aids, washcloths, gum, Lifesavers, playing cards, Frisbees, snacks (dried fruits, crackers, licorice, trail mix), socks - size 10-13, warm hats, blankets or throws, and prayer cards. Joan can supply a more complete list upon request. Items can be brought to any general meeting and will an ongoing project for JWC.

Cell Phones for Soldiers - Provides cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans. Rose Marie Vaccaro will take donations of no longer needed cell phones and accessories. The items will be taken to the Exit Realty donation site. This is another ongoing JWC project.

Clothing, Household Items Donations for Military Veteran Support Organizations

The dollar amount of clothing and household items you give to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Am Vets will be tracked by Barbara Ledford. We will also track donations to the Wounded Warriors Project.

International

Diane Raycob
410-893-7534

Delight a child, fill a shoebox! At the September meeting, information was given about our next project Samaritan's Purse that starts with an average -size shoebox. Pick an age group (2-4,5-9, or 10-14) and if you want to pack for a girl or boy. Fill it with fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Bring it to the November meeting. Our committee will ship them off to the distribution center.

Hope everyone observed World Food Day!

We still have three things going on as well and they all are pretty easy:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 department 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!

Upcoming Dates

November 5-8th - Southeastern Region Conference (Annapolis, MD)
November 12th - Monthly Meeting at Parker's, 6 pm.
May 7th – Annual Tea at the Richlin Ballroom

Recipe of the Month - Chicken Casserole

From the Kitchen of Joan Swanson

- 1 whole chicken (cooked) or use already cooked chicken such as a rotisserie chicken
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 1 small bag seasoned dressing (Pepperidge Farm, Arnold, or store brand)

If using fresh chicken, cook until very tender. Cool then remove skin, pick off chicken then discard skin and bones. Place picked chicken in casserole dish.

Mix soup, cheese, and milk until well blended and pour over chicken. Mix dressing with some broth from chicken or water until moist. Top chicken mixture with dressing and dot with butter.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes...Serves 6-8....depending on the amount of chicken you can double or triple the three ingredients that are mixed and poured over the chicken...bon appétit!!!

Member Spotlight

Name? **Current position?** Chairman of Art Department and International Outreach

How long have you been a member? 23 Years! (Plus Junior Woman's Club of Manassas, VA for 10 Years)

What is your favorite club memory? Joining the Junior Club and then Joining JWC

What is your favorite club project?
Reading with a Joppatowne Elementary School student

Guilty Pleasure: What can you not live without? Reading a good book on the beach

What is your favorite way to spend the day?
Being a tourist in Europe

What's the most interesting job you've had?
2 Summers at the CIA

If someone wrote a biography about you, what would be the title? "It's only a Suggestion..."

Read any good books recently that you would recommend?
Girl on a Train, Gone Girl, Sarah's Key, and Rumors

If you were a kitchen utensil, which one would you be? A wine stopper!

