



# Petal Power

GFWC JOPPATOWNE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.  
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*Federated April 1966*

## *President's Message*

*January 2017*

Happy New Year Ladies! I hope everyone had a healthy and Merry Christmas.

The Christmas lights on Rumsey Island are quite a variety, I enjoy riding through the island and trying to guess who should win 1st place, I never get the right one.

Thank you Susan Harrington for such a lovely open house holiday party and many thanks to Leah Clague for hosting the club's annual November/December holiday pot luck social get together. Lots of fun, conversation and food was enjoyed by all.

2016 was a successful fundraising year for the club, we had our annual tea, 2 bingos, a Christmas raffle, 50/50 board at every club meeting, and redemption of our Redners receipt tapes; the club did very well by all these fundraisers. The fundraising chairmen will give us a total amount at our 1st meeting in January. Let's do just as well in 2017!

Ladies, hoping for a big turnout at our January 12th dinner meeting. Our program speaker will be Norma Jean Swam, SHIP representative in Maryland. As you recall SHIP (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership) is our GFWC Maryland President's (our own Reno Eitel) 2016-2018 administration project. As you know, we have adopted this project for our club. We also hope to have some information from JHS counselor Mrs. Bauer, to present to you at this meeting. Mrs. Swam will be going into great detail about this partnership. If you have any questions, be prepared to ask her while she is here. I am sure she will have answers to satisfy you.

We initiated one new member in 2016, Vicky Mitchell, who has been a great asset to our club. Glad you decided to join us Vicky. Let's try for more members in 2017.

Please continue your prayers for Pete Murphy, Mary Reynolds, Ruth Cameron, Sue Tyber and our federation sisters, Diane MacDugall (who is now at home continuing her treatments) and Debbie Spinnenweber. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers, please let me or Leah know.

Have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year! All my Best,

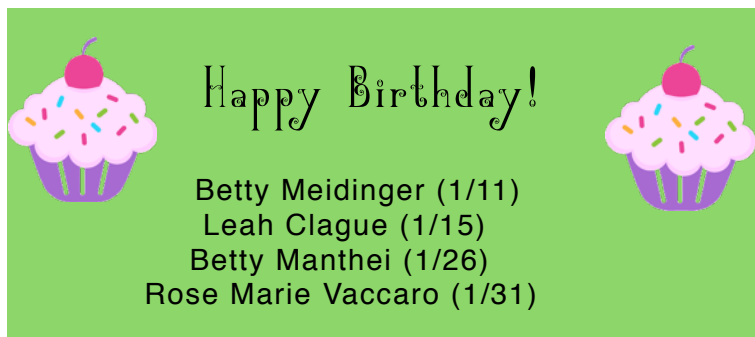
*Dottie Bishoff*  
443-402-1421

*"never let yesterday use up too much of today"*



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 26<sup>th</sup> of the month!*



*Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.*

#### *Winter Fun Facts*

- *The lowest temperature ever recorded was at Vostok Station in Antarctica. On July 21, 1983, it was -98.2 degrees Celsius (-128.6 Fahrenheit) there!*
- *Some of the other coldest places in the world are Russia (specifically Siberia), Finland, and Mongolia.*
- *At -40 degrees Celsius (which is also -40 degrees Fahrenheit), the condensation from your breath can actually freeze.*



#### *Hospitality*

Madeleine Murphy  
410-569-0477

Dinners are \$21.00. 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 12th Dinners are: Baked Ziti, Shrimp Scampi, or Breaded Chicken

Hostesses: Maureen Cornett (410-676-4428) and Sue Harrington (410-510-7710)

*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](mailto:leah.clague@gmail.com).



## Conservation

Jeanette Petric  
410-679-0959

Maureen Cornett  
410-676-4428

Prepare for the winter season before severe weather hits!

- Have a supply of bottled water.
- Have available easy-to-prepare non-perishable food.
- Charge cell phones and mobile devices.
- Have flashlights with fresh batteries on each floor of your home.
- If you experience a power outage, notify BGE (877-778-2222) immediately.

Continue saving pull tabs, used eye-glasses, and items for the Humane Society. In November, four large bags of items were delivered!



## Home Life

Sue Tyler  
410-679-8963

Joan Swanson  
410-931-2565

Home Life will be working on the Habitat for Humanity project as soon as we hear when the house will be ready for dedication. We will help with the SHIP project as well. Happy New Year to all!!

Thank you, Sue and Joan



## Education

Barbara Albers  
410-679-5620

Barbara Ledford  
410-679-1166



The Library is having a book sale in February, so donate any books that you no longer read and get a tax deduction.

The daytime book club at the library is on January 3rd, and the book is "Edge of Summer", and the evening book club is on January 26th, and the book is "We were Liars".

Barbara A. and Barbara L. wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!!!!

## Arts

Sherry Maxwell  
443-929-2574

Happy New Year!! Please see below for upcoming painting classes at the Town Grille. Classes are held 1-3 or 6-8. To reserve your space contact them at 410-538-4665.

- Monday, January 9th (Wood heart with snowman OR Maryland/Ravens snowman)(\$22)
- Monday, January 16th (Winter wreath)(\$25)
- Monday, January 23rd (Snowman shelf with 4 snow people OR glass block)(\$28)
- Monday, January 30th (Winter Slate)(\$25)



## International

Sherry Maxwell  
443-929-2574



*Free the Girls - an international organization devoted to coming alongside sex trafficking survivors with a path to true freedom. It's a journey from horrific trauma to reintegrating into the life they were meant to live within their family and community. Our goal for true freedom is measured by economic freedom, restored health, social well-being, education, and opportunity for a different, hopeful future.* (information from Free the Girls website)

By donating new or gently used bras, you can give economic opportunity that women will be able to use in changing their lives. These women have the opportunity to start their own businesses selling bras to their local second-hand clothing markets while they recover and build their new life.

From January through May we will be collecting bras for delivery to a drop off location in June. For additional information please visit [www.freethegirls.org](http://www.freethegirls.org).

## Ways & Means

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

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and may everyone have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!! We will be focusing on our next fundraising affair which is a bingo on March 31, 2017. Our annual tea will be coming up in May.. Start to talk to your friends and families so we can make these events successful!

Thank you, Joan and Sue

### **Harford County Sheriff's Office Christmas Toy Drive**

Thank you all for generously contributing new toys to the Harford County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive at our December General Meeting. You made a memorable Christmas for many underprivileged children. Jeanette Petnic was very pleased with the number of high grade toys donated. She estimated the collection value at an amazing \$640. Jeanette delivered our donations to the Harford County Sheriff's Office central collection site on December 10 for distribution before Christmas.

### **Angels Supporting 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. Joan Swanson will collect our items and take them to the donation site. A few donation suggestions: soap, sunblock, lip balm, band-aids, washcloths, gum, dental floss, toothpaste, blankets or throws, Lifesavers, playing cards, Frisbees, snacks (dried fruits, crackers, licorice, trail mix), socks - size 10-13, warm hats, blankets or throws, and prayer cards. Joan Swanson can supply a more complete list upon request. Items will be accepted at any general meeting and is an ongoing project for JWC Public Issues.

### **Cell Phones for Soldiers**

Provides cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans through the recycling of cell phones and accessories.. Rose Marie Vaccaro will take donations to the Exit Realty collection site. This is another ongoing Public Issues project.



### **Clothing, Household Items 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, and Am Vets to Barbara Ledford. Funds generated from the sale of your donations benefit our veterans. Thank you for your support.

