



Petal Power

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

March 2017

Hello Ladies.

What gorgeous weather we have had, hope it goes right into spring.

Ladies, there is a GFWC MD State Convention coming on April 28-30th at the Crown Plaza hotel in Annapolis, MD, as I have stated before, this is right in your own backyard. It is not necessary for you to attend the entire convention, come on Saturday evening and leave on Sunday evening, or just come on Sunday.

If you have never been to a convention, or have been to a convention, get together with a couple of your club members, car pool. The information you will come away with and the new friends, from the other clubs you will get to know is astounding. Plus----there is lots of shopping to do, from our vendors- jewelry, clothes, purses, totes, nuts, GFWC materials, body essentials, and possibly you may have some gold or silver you laying around the house, the gold lady may be there to buy it off your hands. So ladies get together and have an adventurous weekend!

When I receive the call for this convention I will make sure every one of you receive a copy and you can start making plans.

Please keep all family and friends in your daily prayers. Especially the family of Babs Condon, her mom, Barbara Peck passed away on Saturday. She was a member of the Westminster Junior club and the Westminster Woman's club, Barbara was a GFWC MD State President from 1996-1998. A wonderful woman to know.

All my best,

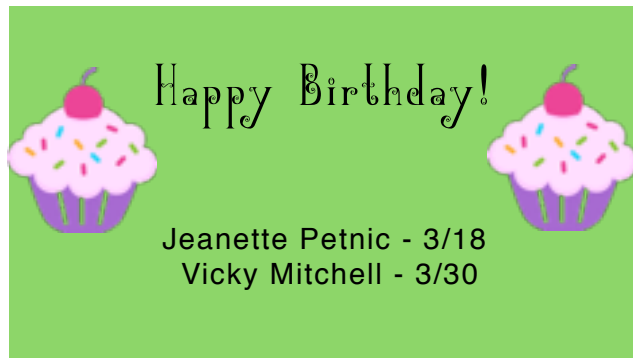
Dottie Bishoff
443-402-1421

*Keep Calm and be crazy, laugh, love and live it up, because this is
the oldest you've been and the youngest you'll ever be.*



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!



Dates to Remember

March 11 - Art Show, Joppatowne Public Library, 1:00 p.m.
March 13 - Monthly Dinner Meeting
March 31 - JWC Bingo, Holy Spirit Church - Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
May 13 - Annual Tea, Richlin Ballroom



Harford County Senior Centers - Registration for the Spring classes begins on March 1 and ends on March 24 for classes beginning April 3 and ending June 9. A full catalog of classes and senior center sites can be viewed on line at the Harford County Government website. The Edgewood Senior Center offers Yoga, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Zumba Gold, Basic Drawing and more.



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 March 13th dinners are: Chicken Joanna, Crab Cake, or Breaded Chicken

Hostesses: Maribeth Conklin (410-679-3929) or Jeanette Petnic (410-679-0959)

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

Over the summer months I will be working on finding speakers for future meetings during our 2017-18 club year. Please connect with me on any ideas that you may have for guest speakers. Thank you – Sherry

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

Harford County Humane Society

The goal of the Humane Society is before any animal leaves the facility, they will be spayed or neutered. The advantages include decreasing their urge to roam and makes them wanting to stay close to their families. It also lowers their risk for cancer in their reproductive organs.

There is always a need for cash donations, cat and dog food (also food for the other animals at the shelter), rugs, towels, and small blankets. Our committee will be sending a check to the Humane Society to help with other needs they have.

Continue saving tabs from aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House and used eyeglasses and cases which will be donated to the Lions Club of Joppatowne.



Home Life

Sue Tyler
410-679-8963

Joan Swanson
410-931-2565

We are still waiting to hear from Habitat for Humanity as to what dates they have for house dedications. In the meanwhile, we are looking forward to the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House, so start thinking about what you would like to donate if you wish to participate. We will have a meeting sometime mid-April to coordinate this.

Happy St Paddy's Day to all! Remember everybody is Irish on St Paddy's Day!!!

Education

Barbara Albers
410-679-5620

Barbara Ledford
410-679-1166

Our volunteers are still busy reading with students at the elementary school. To our newer members, you may want to volunteer for this rewarding project next fall.

Please continue to collect Redner's tapes, box tops, and labels and give them to Barbara Ledford.

In the month of March, the library is recognizing Women's History month. You may want to check out some of the programs being offered.

It looks like Spring has sprung so enjoy the nice weather!!

Arts

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

The Art Show has finally arrived!! On Saturday, March 11th at the 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 4th: Irishman's Chorale at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Bel Air. Doors open at 6:45 pm with performance is at 7:30 pm. FREE

March 4th: Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra performs "A Miracle of Seasons" at Bel Air High School from 7:15 – 9:00 pm. Admission prices are Adult, \$20.00, Seniors, \$10.00 and Students, \$10.00.

March 9th: Living History Presentation: Rosie the Riveter (performed by Mary Ann Jung aka Julia Child). HCC, Hays-Heighe House Student Center. Limited seating. FREE

March 15th: Community Discussion: "I Remember When." Women at Work. HCC, Hays-Heighe House 12:30 – 2pm. Limited Seating. FREE



International

Sherry Maxwell
443-929-2574

We collected quite a few bras for "Free the Girls" organization at the February meeting and will continue collecting through the May meeting to be delivered in June.

Ways & Means

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

Our annual spring bingo will be held at Holy Spirit Church on **Friday, March 31st**. Joan has called Phil Powers, who does our calling for us, and he will again be helping us out. He has always graciously worked for us and only asks to be fed. We greatly appreciate him!

Advertising has started via social media, with more to come. We will be having a meeting shortly to finalize all our plans and an email/phone call will go out when this is decided. As usual, we will need help during the bingo and donations of door prizes & baskets. If you can help us in any of these ways, please let us know.

Our Tea will be held at the Richlin Ballroom on Saturday May 13th. More information will be forthcoming in the future. Thank you ladies for all the hard work and support you've given us on previous events.

Valentines for Perry Point VA

A delivery of 95 Valentines was made to the Perry Point VA for distribution to our veterans being cared for through the VA medical system. The Voluntary Service Office tries to make Valentine cards available to each veteran on campus. Thank you for your generosity.

On a side note, the medical center will be enlarging to three buildings as soon as renovations are completed. There are also plans for a Fisher House to be built in the next 2-3 years. The Fisher House will be housing for family members of veterans under treatment at Perry Point.

Harford County Sheriff's Office, Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

The Public Issues Program committee is working on a project to provide fidget toys for children seen at the CAC with autism, ADHD and ADD. Some items are being made others will be purchased.

Perry Point VA Medical Center Donations for Spring Visit

We will be making our yearly visit to our veterans in the medical center in April or May. As we have done in the past, we ask you to save magazines of interest to men and large print books. We are looking for donations of toiletries, especially body wash, deodorant, and shampoo. All items must be alcohol free. We also are looking for socks, gloves and knit hats. New, unopened packaged of undershirts, briefs or boxers (large, extra large and extra, extra large) would be most appreciated.

There is also a homeless population at Perry Point who are struggling to get back on their feet. Many of these men don't have backpacks or duffel bags (used or new) when they check in or leave. You can understand how important these items are to a veteran on the move. Donations will be welcomed at any general meeting.

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.