



Petal Power
GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.
P.O Box 268 Joppa, MD 21085-4502

April, 2014

President's Message

Diane Raycob
410-893-7534

Dear Ladies,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the warmer weather. I knew it would come sooner or later!

Last month's program by **Maureen Cornett** was informative and very useful. I hope that some of our members will take advantage of what the UMd Extension Office has to offer. We will not only help our yards but also the Chesapeake Bay. We had a great time at the Harford County Volunteer Expo. Many thanks to **Dottie Bishoff, Maureen Cornett, Barbara Knapp, and Barbara Ledford** for their time and efforts. We received many names and hopefully we will get a few members because of the expo.

The state convention will be held this month and yours truly will be there representing this terrific club. We also have five other members who have registered to attend. We all have worked very diligently this past year and we have done excellent things for our community. This weekend will be a culmination of all that.

This month as the club celebrates its 48th year, we will hold our Federation Friendship Night and have many guests. It will be a fun-filled meeting. Please try to arrive at 6 p.m. or soon after to greet all.

From top to bottom and left to right, the GFWC is much like the International Olympics for Woman Volunteers. These past games make me think about all the impossible feats we do and still land on our feet gracefully. We pile into cars and go to meetings and events. We work with partners and committees. We may not move fast but we make it to the finish line. And when we make these leaps from club to club, to the district and the state and even the international convention, we meet new people and new challenges. I hope to see more of you at these various places and that you introduce yourself to new ideas and challenges. It's important stuff that we do.

Take care,
Diane

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" ~Robin Williams



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**.

Here are the April 10th dinners: Chicken Scaloppini, Flounder Francese, or Plain Chicken
Hostesses: **Ruth Cameron** 410-538-7824 **Rose Marie Vaccaro** 443-372-5404



For the May 8th meeting, the dinners are: Meat Loaf, Stuffed Flounder, or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: **Barbara Albers** 410-679-5260 **Barbara Ledford** 410-679-1166

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Selle	1	Rosemary Sebula	8
Dee Martin	7	Loretta DiLoreto	9
		Reno Eitel	27

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Cameron	2	Diane Raycob	3
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MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to again to the four wonderful members **Dottie, Maureen, Barbara K.,** and **Barbara L.** for participating in Harford County's Volunteer Day on March 23rd at Patterson Mill high School. We met and talked with several prospective members. Telephone numbers were exchanged, pamphlets were given out, and lots of questions were answered. This is one of the ways we can increase our membership. This newsletter will be sent out to those that gave their email addresses. Others will be called to see if they would like to come to a meeting.

Remember: Please contact **Diane** if you will have a possible new member/guest at one of our meetings.



Dottie, Maureen, and Barbara L. at the Volunteer Expo in March

PROGRAM

Our Federation Friendship Night will be the program for our April meeting. We have invited state and district officers plus past district presidents. We will present a darling skit written by **Barbara Albers** that will enlighten our guests about our club work. Thanks to the many who have helped with this important event.



ARTS

Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Ellie Kimlicko, and Barbara Ledford**

Those flowery pens that contain the president's name and telephone number were given out to prospective members at the Harford County Volunteer Day Expo.

At the May meeting, we *may* be able to catch the first sight of our newest polo shirt and sweatshirt.

Would you like to make another visit to Havre de Grace this summer? Let's think about it—it was such fun last time!

CONSERVATION Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Maureen Cornett, and Carol Metzger**

The semi-annual road clean-up will be this spring sometime.

Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment.

Learn about operating and maintaining your air conditioner, evaporative cooler, or heat pump.

Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Learn additional tips for operating a room air conditioner efficiently.

Vacuum registers regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.



Ladies don't forget your pop-tops for Ronald McDonald house, and your items for the Humane Society. We made two trips last month to the Humane Society of HC with blankets and pet food. Thanks!

EDUCATION

KAREN CONTE & BARBARA LEDFORD
410-569-3902 410-679-1166

Members: **Barbara Albers, Dottie Bishoff, Cathy Bowden, Ruth Cameron, Dee Martin, and Rosemary Sebula**

We continue to read to the elementary students every week. These students need one-on-one time desperately and this is a great opportunity for us to reach out to the schools. Soon we will be deciding on our scholarship recipients. High school graduation will be here sooner than you know it.

HOME LIFE

BARBARA ALBERS & SUE TYBER
410-679-5260 410-679-8963

Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Ruth Cameron, Reno Eitel, Ellie Kimlicko, Barbara Ledford, Betty Manthei, Dee Martin, Jeanette Petnic, Ursula Pierce, Rosemary Sebula, and Rose Marie Vaccaro**

Our next project is the Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House. Our menu consists of ham, sweet potato casserole, potato salad, green beans almandine, deviled eggs, Watergate salad, lasagna, rolls and butter, cake, banana pudding, and mints. This is always very much appreciated, and that makes it a pleasure to do. Since we deliver to two homes, don't forget to bring two containers of your pick. Please have all food to my house by 11:45 A.M. on May 9th. See you then!!

Health Info: Breast cancer risk can be reduced by lifestyle factors like drinking moderately, being physically active, eating plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and maintaining a healthy weight. Some of those with a genetic predisposition for that disease may also be placed on prophylactic tamoxifen.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

MINDY KRETSCHMER
410-638-5449

Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Madeline Murphy, Mary Reynolds, and Rose Marie Vaccaro**

World Health Day is celebrated on April 7 every year to mark the anniversary of the founding of WHO in 1948. Each year a theme is selected that highlights a priority area of public health. The Day provides an opportunity for individuals in every community to get involved in activities that can lead to better health.

The topic for 2014 is **vector-borne diseases**. Vectors are organisms that transmit pathogens and parasites from one infected person (or animal) to another. Vector-borne diseases are illnesses

caused by these pathogens and parasites in human populations. They are most commonly found in tropical areas and places where access to safe drinking-water and sanitation systems is problematic.

The most deadly vector-borne disease, malaria, caused an estimated 660 000 deaths in 2010. Most of these were African children. However, the world's fastest growing vector-borne disease is dengue, with a 30-fold increase in disease incidence over the last 50 years. Globalization of trade and travel and environmental challenges such as climate change and urbanization are having an impact on transmission of vector-borne diseases, and causing their appearance in countries where they were previously unknown.

World Health Day 2014 will spotlight some of the most commonly known vectors – such as mosquitoes, sandflies, bugs, ticks and snails – responsible for transmitting a wide range of parasites and pathogens that attack humans or animals. Mosquitoes, for example, not only transmit malaria and dengue, but also lymphatic filariasis, chikungunya, Japanese encephalitis and yellow fever.

PUBLIC ISSUES

BARBARA KNAPP
410-679-4330

Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Reno Eitel, Betty Manthei, Betty Meidinger, and Rose Marie Vaccaro**

Joppatowne Library Volunteer Assistance - An estimated 300 books were pulled from the children's section bookshelves on March 12 by **Betty Manthei, Dottie Bishoff, Reno Eitel, and Barbara Knapp**. Our effort makes way for new books coming into the library.

Visit to Perry Point VA Medical Center - On March 26 **Betty Manthei, Carol Metzger and Barbara Knapp** visited with 25 veterans and gave each a bag of the toiletries and socks donated by the JWC. The men were very happy to have visitors and be recognized for their military service. Magazines and additional toiletries were provided as requested. A handshake, some kind words and a little laughter was exchanged. One veteran asked us to sing with him, we did our best. Don't look for us on "America's Got Talent." Thank you for your contributions.

Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct - Delivery of throws, stuffed animals and books donated by JWC members are scheduled for delivery on April 2. Each item will be marked with a "Donated by the Joppatowne Woman's Club" sticker.

Cell Phones for Soldiers - Four cell phones were taken to Exit Realty on March 14. This effort provides cost free communication to our military. **Barbara Knapp** continues to collect cell phones from the membership.

Clothing and household items valued at \$1500 were donated to AM Vets. Please report the dollar amount of your donations to the organizations supporting our veterans to **Barbara Knapp**.



Barbara K., Betty Manthei, and Carol visiting the veterans

WAYS & MEANS

DOTTIE BISHOFF 443-402-1421

Members: **Barbara Albers, Cathy Bowden, Leah Clague, Karen Conte, Reno Eitel, Barbara Ledford, Betty Manthei, Betty Meidinger, Madeleine Murphy, Jeanette Petnic and Rose Marie Vaccaro**

We are quite ready for our annual tea/fundraiser on May 3. Several members are donating baskets to be raffled. We will also have door prizes that day so see Dottie if you have some to donate.

The tea officially begins at 1 p.m., but if you are able to get there earlier and help with setting up, great.



BYLAWS

RENO EITEL, MINDY KRETSCHMER, AND BETTY MEIDINGER

Don't forget to look over the proposed amendments to the bylaws. They will be up for discussion and voting at the June general meeting.

Please note that the standing rule 1. on page 12 (the last item listed) is a recommendation of the executive committee.

NOMINATING

DOTTIE BISHOFF, CAROL METZGER, MADELEINE MURPHY AND ROSEMARY SEBULA

Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members and the immediate Past-President shall act as advisor to the Committee. The Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office to be filled. They shall publish names of all nominees in the April newsletter and read names of all nominees at the April general meeting. Any nominations from the floor shall be presented at that time with the consent of the nominees. The new Board shall be voted on at the annual meeting. All nominees must have been a member in good standing for at

least one (1) term. The nominee for the President must have served on the Executive Board for at least one (1) term. Elections shall be by ballot and plurality vote when there is a contest.

The nominees for the 2014-2016 term are: President: Dottie Bishoff

Second Vice-president Betty Manthei

Treasurer Rose Marie Vaccaro

Corresponding Secretary Carol Metzger

Recording Secretary Rosemary Sebula

Thank you to the committee for their hard work. And, thank you to those members accepting these positions. You all are wonderful!



Dates to Remember

April 5-7 – GFWC MD 115th Annual Convention

April 10 - General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m. **Federation Friendship Night** Social Hour begins at 6 p.m.

April 14 – Articles for May's *Petal Power* due

April 24 – Reservations for MFWC Baltimore Board of Directors Meeting due to Dottie Bishoff

May 1– MFWC Baltimore Board of Directors Meeting, Sparrows Point Country Club, 10 a.m.

May 3 – Annual Tea, Richlin Ballroom, 1-3:30 p.m.

May 8 - General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m. Sons and daughters invited.

May 9 – Deliver assigned food to **Barbara A.'s** house by 11:45 a.m. for delivery to Anna's House

May 22 – Final Board Meeting, Diane's, 7 p.m.