



Petal Power

GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.
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March, 2013

President's Message

Diane Raycob
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Dear Ladies,

Yeah! Finally March is here which means spring is around the corner. I can't wait to pack away my sweaters and heavy coats and am actually looking forward to doing some yard work. Let me emphasize the word "some."

Last month's speaker was from "Shot@Life" and we were so glad she came. She gave us an informative talk about what the organization does and how we as a small club can help. Fortunately, our International Outreach committee is on top of this and has already discussed options.

How can we help those in worse shape than us? This circle of friends that I call the Joppatowne Woman's Club is civically-minded and maybe it's because we're a little bit longer in the tooth. Or maybe it's a sign of the times. (These last four years have been marked by an economic malaise not seen since the "70's.") Whatever the reason, I'm constantly hearing phrases like "giving back" and "making a difference."

If volunteerism is suddenly cool, what could be more hip than being a JWC-woman? Civic commitment, giving back, making a difference, these are not simply chic, trendy phrases-of-the-moment for the GFWC. They are our defining principles, embodied in our motto "Unity in Diversity" for more than 100 years. We were serving before serving was cool. So when you talk to a friend about joining our great club, you're not just offering them a chance to participate in something bigger than themselves. They are also being hip and trendy!

Take care,
Diane

*When love exists, nothing else matters—not life's predicaments, not the fury of years,
not a physical winding down. Isabel Allende*



HOSPITALITY

MADELEINE MURPHY
410-569-0477

Dinners are \$20.00 except for Crab Cake & Prime Rib and they are prices at \$25. Please call in your dinner order to one of the ladies listed below by noon on Saturday. If you have to cancel, please do not call the restaurant. *You must call **Madeleine** the Saturday before the meeting (**March9**).* Otherwise you will be charged for the meal.

Here are the March 14th dinners: Beef Burgundy, Flounder Florentine, or Plain Chicken
Hostesses: **Reno Eitel** 410-679-4948 **Madeleine Murphy** 410-569-0477



For the April 11th meeting, the dinners are: Flounder Francese, Chicken Scaloppini, or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: **Dottie Bishoff** 443-402-1421 **Ellie Kimlicko** 410-679-4939

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Reynolds 13

Jeanette Petnic 18

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Selle 1
Dee Martin 7

Rosemary Sebula 8
Loretta DiLoreto 9

Reno Eitel

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP

LORI ECK
443-484-2054

We had a guest at our February meeting and she will be attending our March meeting as well. Please welcome her again with open arms.

We will be participating in Harford County's Volunteer Day on March 23rd at Patterson Mill high School. We need volunteers to work one-hour shifts from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Please call **Diane Raycob** if you would like to help out this day. This is one of the ways we can increase our membership.

We have also applied to be out in the Harford County's Volunteer website. Hopefully, this will also help to get some new members.

Boscov's has asked us to help out for their VIP Day and if we help the department store will give us a donation. We would act as guides, runners for food demonstrations, and give to directions to others. The date is April 6th and the hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Please check your calendars and see if you can help out this day. I'm thinking we could do two three-hour shifts.

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

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

BETTY MANTHEI
410-679-4653

For our program March 14th, we will have two nurses from Nurses Available to speak about their program. More and more households are thinking about getting medical service within their homes and this company is one of them.



ARTS Members: **Dottie Bishoff, Lori Eck, Ellie Kimlicko, and Barbara Ledford**

We will meet on March 21 to make more adorable flowery pens. They each contain the president and first vice president's names and telephone numbers. Initially, we gave them out to prospective members at our membership workshop on February 7th at Boscov's. We plan to make more at our next meeting to sell at the Farmer's Market and to give out on March 23rd at the Harford county Volunteer Day Expo.

Please come to our next meeting on March 21st, 7 p.m. at **Barbara Ledford's**.



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

The semi-annual **road clean-up** will be on March 16, at 10:00 a.m. The rain date is set for March 30th. We had so much fun last time and we hope all of you attend.

Recycling Tips:

1. Plastic bottle caps are usually recyclable along with the bottle. Check with your local waste and recycling office to be sure.
2. Half is better than none-Although you can't recycle your pizza box, you can tear off the top half as long as it is grease free.
- 3 .Reduce your unwanted mail by unsubscribing via--CatalogChoice.org.
4. Keep bags for both trash and recycling in your car.
5. Recycling is not just in the kitchen, recycle your shampoo bottles and toilet paper rolls.

6. Metal are among the most valuable material in the waste stream and almost all recyclers welcome aluminum and steel.
7. Answer the call to recycle your wireless phone-100 million of them go out of use each year according to the US.EPA. Donate your out-of-use phone to a local charity or find a drop off facility in your area.
8. Don't exclude food-not ready for compost just yet? Toss you egg shells and coffee grounds into the garden instead of the trash. You'll be diverting a little waste and enriching your soil at the same time.
9. Recycle you dry cleaning, newspaper and bread bags and also the plastic film on products like paper towels.
10. You don't need to rinse out your plastic bottles and jars before recycling.

Visit with AmericaRecyclesDay.org/recycling for information where you can find those harder- to - recycle items.

Ladies don't forget your pop-tops for Ronald McDonald house, and your items for the Humane Society.

EDUCATION

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

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

Check out Harford Community College's list of classes. There's something for everyone. Do you like to travel, cook, exercise to Latin music, and/or dance the foxtrot? These are all offered at HCC and more. Plus, they are offered at many different times and many different days of the week.

Remember to save your General Mills boxtops and give them to us.

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**

Harford Family House came and picked up our donations of toilet paper, diapers, detergent, baby shampoo, and baby lotion. They were very happy to receive everything. Sue and I shopped for some additional items. I can't believe the cost of diapers!!! I guess this is just an "age" thing. A special thanks to our ladies who participated in this project.

Our next project is the Mother's Day dinner with Anna's house. More information to come about that later.

Health information: Dr. Steven Pratt has identified 14 Super foods. They are beans, blueberries, broccoli, oats, oranges, pumpkin, salmon, soy, spinach, tea, tomatoes, turkey,

and yogurt. You can incorporate these foods into your diet and achieve a healthier life-style.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

MINDY KRETSCHMER
410-638-5449

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

Rose Marie Vaccaro has been knitting dolls for the children overseas who receive inoculations. Hopefully, we will all get to see a sample of one at one of our meetings. Also, she and **Dottie Bishoff** are learning to make little girls' dresses from pillowcases. These will also be sent overseas.



PUBLIC ISSUES

BARBARA KNAPP
410-679-4330

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

Your Valentines were delivered to the Perry Point VA Medical Center on February 8 and given to the Volunteer Specialist Office. The 50 cards were distributed to our heroic veterans on Valentine's Day. Thank you for all the love and effort you put into your cards. Your kind gesture made our veterans feel appreciated and not forgotten.

The PI Committee met on February 11 to outline the projects to be carried out until June 2013. We discussed several activities focused on veterans and the local fire and police departments. Committee members decided more information was needed before launching into a new project. Therefore, tasks were assigned to do a little research and again meet on March 8 to vote on the next project/projects.

Lori Eck has some bags of toiletries that she has left from another community project. It was suggested these items could be used by the veterans at Perry Point VA Medical Center on a future visit. Thank you Lori for your offer; we will make sure these items are delivered.

Please remember, if you have a used cell phone that is no longer needed, please bring it to the next meeting. All cell phones will be taken to Exit Reality who will send them for repair and distribution to our military serving overseas.

Donations of used clothing and household items to the Edgewood Thrift Store, Vietnam Veterans of America, AM Vets and Purple Heart support our veterans. Please report the

dollar amount of your donation to me. We will track these donations in our contributions to the community.

WAYS & MEANS

DOTTIE BISHOFF 443-402-1421

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

Ladies, I will be selling "Pot of Gold" tickets at the local flea/Amish market on March 7-8 and 9th. If you have tickets left, please get them to me before the March 7th. Also, please bring your sold tickets to me before our club's general meeting on March 14th as that is when we will draw the winning ticket.

Tea tickets are going fast; I have only 5 tickets left.

Bus trip flyers should be ready by our meeting on the 14th.

Ladies, please put on your thinking caps for fundraising ideas. We will need some new ideas for the coming year.

All my best
Dottie



TELEPHONE TREE

A new telephone tree will be coming out. Since so many members have email, it is only necessary to contact a few by telephone. Only if members need to be contacted within 24 hours, will we use the telephone tree for all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 14 - General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m.

March 16 – Road clean-up, 10 a.m. (Rain date – March 30)

March 21 – Art meeting, Barbara Ledford's, 7 p.m.

March 23 – Harford Co, Volunteer Day, 9-12, Patterson Mill H.S.

March 28 - JWC board meeting, 7 p.m. Barbara Alber's

April 6 – Volunteer at Boscov's?

April 11 - General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m.

April 20 -21 – MFWC Convention, BWI Marriott

April 25 - JWC board meeting, 7 p.m., Sue Tyber's (Please come to the sunroom door.)