



Petal Power

GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.
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May, 2014

President's Message

Diane Raycob
410-893-7534

Dear Ladies,

Congratulations! Once again, you all are winners. The Joppatowne Woman's Club came in **FIRST** in *several* categories at the state convention. We won first place for Conservation community service program, Save the Bay Education community service program, Public Issues partnership program, Membership, and Communications and Public Relations. We were also recognized for our purchase of the "Pearls of Life" bracelets for cancer survivors and for our contributions to HOBY. These awards are based on the size of our club so we competing with other clubs who have approximately 30 members. An added note: Our Communications and Public Relations report was sent on to GFWC for international competition.

The MFWC state convention was a lot of fun and interesting at the same time. In attendance were **Dottie Bishoff, Reno Eitel, Mindy Kretschmer, Betty Manthei, Betty Meidinger** and me. I hope that more of you will plan to attend this next April, 2015. I also encourage you to attend the district meetings held twice a year and the Southeast Regional conference held in the beginning of November. You really get to know the overall effects of our work when you attend these. Speaking of which, there is a district meeting coming up May 1 at the Sparrows Point country Club. Please let Dottie know if you wish to attend. The cost is \$27.

We had a wonderful Federation Friendship Night. The feedback from the visiting clubs and officers has all been great. Thanks to **Barbara Albers** brought the event to fruition and to everyone (and there were a lot) who helped make the evening a success. We also had three prospective members attend our meeting and that's great. I'm pretty sure they were impressed by all the things we do.

So, pat yourselves on your back. You accomplish so much and others are seeing it and validating it!

Take care,
Diane

Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun.
Kahlil Gibran

Convention Pictures



Dottie & Shirley Wales with Dean



Reno and Diane



The three amigos-Betty, Betty, and Mindy

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 May 8th dinners: Meat Loaf, Stuffed Flounder or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: **Barbara Albers** 410-679-5260 **Reno Eitel** 410-679-4948

For the June 13 meeting, the dinners are: Chicken Caesar, Shrimp with Pasta, or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: **Dottie Bishoff** 410-803-3269 **Rosemary Sebula** 410-679-3357



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Cameron

2

Diane Raycob

3

JUNE BIRTHDAY

Barbara Albers

4

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.
- Fred Astaire

MEMBERSHIP

As mentioned before, we had three visitors at our April meeting. We received many names, phone numbers and email addresses at the Volunteer Fair and the newsletter will be sent to them. We would love to have more!

PROGRAMS

Please bring your children and grandchildren to our next meeting. Because Mother's Day is celebrated this month, we would like to invite them to our meeting. We will not have any business discussed.

Our June meeting is the last one before our summer break. It would be nice to also have an initiation ceremony. We will have elections and voting on the bylaw amendments.

ARTS

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

The two new types of shirts will be on display at the May meeting. We will start to take orders that evening.

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

Dottie is trying to come up with a date for the road cleanup. Stay tuned.

Operate Your Thermostat Efficiently

- Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting to 78°F (26°C) only when you are at home and need cooling. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature. Find out how to operate your thermostat for maximum energy savings. Also see the ENERGY STAR® June 5, 2008, podcast for video instructions on operating your programmable thermostat.
- Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.



Keep saving the flip tops for Ronald McDonald house, items for the Harford County Humane Society and eyeglasses you no longer need. Please bring them all to our meetings.

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 with the students at Joppatowne Elementary School. It is so enjoyable to see their faces light up when they know they have a few minutes of individual time. Also, scholarship applications will be sent from the high school this week. We will have a meeting to discuss the seniors who have applied.

HOME LIFE

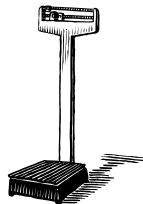
BARBARA ALBERS & SUE TYBER
410-679-5260 410-679-8963

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**

I want to sincerely thank all of our members who assisted with the Federation Friendship night, to those who did all the background things, and all our thespians. It was a lot of work, and many volunteers pitched in when called upon.

The Mother's Day dinner for Anna's House is slated for May 9th. All of those making food should have it to my house by 11:45 A.M. This is a fun project and very appreciated by the clients living there. We are sending \$100 to the Cancer Navigator program at Upper Chesapeake hospital to honor our state president, Beverly Death, who chose woman's health as her special project.

Health tip: Now that the weather has finally changed, we can get outside and walk, which is deemed the best exercise. It's time to get those extra pounds put on over the winter off to improve our health.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

MINDY KRETSCHMER 410-638-5449

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

Don't forget to bring your extra spools of thread to the meetings and give them to one of the committee members. It doesn't matter what color. Every spool helps.

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

Karen Conte, Carol Metzger and Barbara Knapp delivered JWC's donations of 23 blankets, 18 stuffed animals, 21 knitted dolls (made by Rose Marie), and 49 books to the Sheriff's Office, Southern Precinct on April 2. LT Dougherty gratefully accepted the donations and let us know neglected and troubled children coming into the precinct will appreciate the comfort of our donations. Thank you one and all for your generosity.



Barbara L., LT Dougherty, Karen, and Carol with delivered items

The PI Committee will be serving coffee and baked goods to the Sheriff's Office, Southern Precinct deputies on April 29 for their morning "roll call." This office is responsible for the protection, safety and security of our community. We'll use this small gesture to thank them for their service.

As you work on spring cleaning remember unwanted prescription drugs can be taken to the drop-off box at the Bel Air State Police Barracks on Bel Air Road. The box sits outside the facility and is accessible anytime you are in the area. Drugs left in the box will be collected by a State Police property inventory officer and incinerated at the APG Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

I continue to collect cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program providing cost free communication services to our military.

Also, please track and report the dollar amount of household items or clothing donations you make to the American Veterans, Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Edgewood Thrift Store, or other organizations supporting our veterans.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**CAROL METZGER, MADELEINE MURPHY,
ROSEMARY SEBULA, DOTTIE BISHOFF (ADVISOR)**

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 committee is pleased to announce the following members for the upcoming 2014-2016 term: President – **Dottie Bishoff**, Second vice president – **Betty Manthei**, Recording Secretary – **Rosemary Sebula**, Corresponding Secretary – **Carol Metzger**, and Treasurer – **Rose Marie Vaccaro**.

Thank-you to the committee for their hard work and to the members who have accepted these positions.

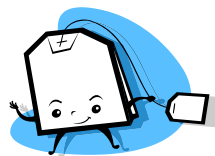
WAYS & MEANS

DOTTIE BISHOFF 443-402-1421

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

Thanks to all of you ladies for your enthusiasm, concerning our tea fundraiser. Tickets sales, checking the names and seating for all guests, door prizes, baskets and bowl of lettuce, with all of you participating, I know our tea will be a success. If this PP comes out after the tea, than a big, big, thanks to everyone, for making it a success.

After the tea, I want to hear feedback, from club members and guests. I know we can't please everyone, but we do try.



There is talk among a few of us about having a bingo. You will need to let your 2014-2016 new fundraiser chairman know how you feel and what you can to help. **Rose Marie Vaccaro** has said Fr. Simmons has agreed to let us have a bingo in the new Holy Spirit Hall for a donation. It is a very open and large hall and we need to check the capacity. We have a person in the GFWC Federation who is willing to be the caller (she said just feed her). Of course, we would give her a donation.

All my best,
Dottie

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24 – Registration for Baltimore District meeting due to **Dottie Bishoff**

April 29 – Public Issues committee serving coffee and baked good at Sheriff's Office

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.

June 12- General meeting, Williamsburg Inn, 7 p.m. Elections, Bylaws amendments, and Installation of new executive committee

