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## A WORD FROM JANE:

THE LAST WORD. . .

First a thank you to each member who has taken an office, done a last minute job, helped to set up, to clean up, supported me in whatever way you could. It takes a village. It takes the entire club working together to be successful. You have gone the second mile and in some cases the third mile to get the job done. For this I am grateful. Then there are the fun times baking, wrapping and selling cookies; sorting, pricing and selling all the things we get at the Out of the Attic sale; and going out to lunch where talking club business is a no-no.

Most of all I want to thank each of you for the special caring and friendship during the low times in my life in the last four years. This is what true friendship is, this is what Woman's Club is all about.

The club is in good hands going forward, there is a bright future. Join in the activity, fun and friendship. I will see you soon.

-- Jane

## CLUB INSTITUTE MEETING

With the new administration in place, it is time to kick off the new club year. The Club Institute meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be a luncheon and will feature guest speaker Karen Schaufeld, founder and president of 100 Women Strong.

The meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 12:30 pm. Lunch consisting of chicken salad and a variety of other salads, drinks and a dessert will be served. If you plan to attend, a check for \$10 needs to be sent to Sue Boland, 134 Governor's Drive, SW, Leesburg, VA 20175-4320 by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not yet paid your membership dues for the next club year, please bring your check for \$40 to the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting or mail it to Woman's Club of Loudoun, PO Box 1025, Leesburg, VA 20177 or to Sue Boland at the address listed above.

The Club Institute committee members are Jeannie Douglas, Peggy Everhart, Willa Kiser, Joan Zawacki, Sue Boland, Mary Grace Lucier and Doris Eversmeyer.





## Message from the New Co-President:

Winter just won't give up. Instead of seeing blooming daffodils on the first day of spring, we found them blanketed in snow. Fortunately, it will be short-lived as the temperatures are rising and soon we will be busy planting flowers and vegetables and mowing lawns.

February, March and April have been and will continue to be busy for the new executive board and the committee and program chairs. Jeannie and I appreciate that everyone that was asked to take a leadership role as a chair did so willingly. We want to encourage committees to meet occasionally to get to know one another better and to share their thoughts and ideas for future meetings. It is a committee effort, not a chair's responsibility alone.

This club has a wonderful group of women who are active and willing and eager to work together as was evident from the high participation with the bake sale that was not to be. Check out the outcome of that in this edition of the newsletter. I look forward to working with each of you and getting to know you better. I would like to ask you for your patience and guidance on this new journey.

Happy Easter!

Peggy Everhart

*A great leader possesses a clear vision, is courageous, has integrity, honesty, humility and clear focus. She is a strategic planner and believes in teamwork.*

## Farewell from Kathy:

When I retired six years ago, I wondered what I would do with all my free time. Little did I know then that the Woman's Club of Loudoun would become a major part of my life for four years! And those four years have been terrific.

Thank you everyone for all the support, encouragement and help along the way. I've gotten to know you all better and have thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie at our meetings, luncheons and workshops. Working with all of you in service to our local community and on state initiatives and national and international efforts has been a pleasure.

I look forward to the coming year with our wonderful new co-presidents. They will be leading us towards the club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and exciting activities so we are able to accomplish our mission of helping others.

Thank you, again, take care and see you soon,  
Kathy



## New Officer Installation at March Business Meeting



Cherie Lejeune, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Northern District, spoke briefly about opportunities for advocacy and the power we have as women who are part of GFWC, and then performed the installation of the new officers.

Co-Presidents: Peggy Everhart, Jeannie Douglas  
First Vice President: Willa Kiser  
Second Vice President: Joan Zawacki

Recording Secretary: Mary Grace Lucier  
Treasurer: Sue Boland  
Corresponding Secretary: Doris Eversmeyer

Historian Mary Grace Lucier gave a recap of the past year, emphasizing that “We started the year with 28 members and increased to 38 members. We have adhered to our basic mission of philanthropy, which has two principal components, a social component and a service component.” She reviewed the many enjoyable and rewarding activities in which club members participated. “Our website has an extended list of the organizations and individuals that have received monetary contributions this year in various amounts from our club. The list includes many charities from the Appalachian Service Project to Operation Smile. Funds to support these projects are raised by bake sales and contributions through the year and by our supersonic, two day, Out of the Attic Sale, which was held this year on September 15 and 16, and which grossed some \$2400.”



### Spring Bling Bake Sale Outcome

The cookies, breads and cakes were baked and wrapped with pretty spring ribbons. The table was set up, and the volunteers were ready to sell at this year’s Spring Bling Bake Sale on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ida Lee Recreation Center. But the powerful windstorm from the prior day caused extensive power outages in Loudoun County, and Ida Lee staff made the difficult decision to cancel the show that morning.

Phone calls were made to let everyone know, and the baked goods were stored in freezers. Thanks to subsequent sales made by club members to various individuals, and through the generous donations of our members, the club was able to raise \$538. This is quite close to what we would normally raise on this one-day sale. Since we will be receiving a reimbursement for the fees at Ida Lea, we did quite well. The Ways and Means Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation in this endeavor.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Northern District Spring Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup> at Fredericksburg Country Club
- Program Committee Meeting – March 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am at The Public House in Leesburg
- Club Institute Meeting – April 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 West Market St, Leesburg
- Board Meeting – April 19<sup>th</sup> at Jean Dura's house

### **ON-GOING PROJECTS:**

- Collect Box Tops for Education
- Collect coupons for the Overseas Coupon Program

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### **LEARN MORE ABOUT GFWC VIRGINIA:**

Chairs and Members, to access a copy of the Virginia Clubwoman, go to [www.gfwcvirginia.org](http://www.gfwcvirginia.org) where you will see "*Get Involved*" on the right side of the page. Enter the following in the appropriate boxes: User ID: gfwcva; PW: unlock1416. Locate the parts that apply to your area and read up on what's happening in Virginia as well as what you should be about doing. Share the news with your committee members. 😊



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