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A WORD FROM KATHY:

The Woman's Club of Loudoun has had a busy September. Following a great meeting hosted by the Arts program committee (featured speakers were wood turners, Don and Harriet Maloney), we prepared for our annual Out of the Attic sale. The Ways and Means committee and members did an outstanding job gathering, sorting, pricing and selling items.

October brought our annual Membership Tea at the home of Michaela McIntyre – Thanks, Michaela!! Over twenty members and three guests gathered for friendship and, of course, wonderful tea and delicious treats.

The Public Issues program on November 7 will feature a guest speaker from the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) at the Exeter Clubhouse in Leesburg.

Don't forget to bring your new Christmas cards and stamps for the Red Cross Holiday Mail project to the November meeting.

December will be another busy month with the annual bake sale at the Ida Lee Fine Arts and Craft Show on December 5 & 6 and our Holiday Social on December 13 at the Loudoun Golf and Country Club in Purcellville. The bake sale is a project in which everyone can participate: members can bake, wrap, or sell – something for everyone!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 7,
Kathy

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

The November Meeting of the Public Issues Committee will be at Exeter Clubhouse, 350 Plaza St. S.E, Leesburg, at 2 p.m. and will feature speaker Lauren McCall, Court and Community Advocate for LAWS, speaking on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in Loudoun and what is being done to alleviate the increased incidents.

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS), also known as Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization that provides help and assistance to adult and child victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in Loudoun County, Virginia. With the help of many supporters and the community, LAWS empowers victims of domestic and sexual violence with support, advocacy, and education so that they may live free from fear and danger. Services provided by LAWS are free and confidential. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault and needs help, please call the 24-hour hotline at 703-777-6552.

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is the GFWC Signature Project for 2014-2016. For more information, visit the GFWC Web site:

<http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/>

The Public Issues Committee includes Joan Zawacki (Chair), Pat Ahrens, Eloise Larson, Sarah Douglass, Jean Dura and Jane Ryall.



TIME TO PREPARE FOR IDA LEE HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Our annual **Ida Lee Bake sale** will be held **Saturday, December 5, from 9 am-4pm and Sunday, December 6, from 10 am-4 pm**. We will need lots of baked goods, such as cookies, quick breads, cakes, pies, muffins, and candy. This is a **two-day bake sale** and we don't want to run out of goodies to sell. So make your specialties in large quantities! Delivery of baked goods and wrapping will be at Diane's house (41187 Bryn Bach Lane, Leesburg).

Here's the schedule for the Bake Sale:

Thursday, December 3 - Deliver baked goods to Diane Cameron's home (41187 Bryn Bach Ln., Leesburg, 20175) between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Friday, December 4 - Deliver baked goods to the address listed above by 10am. Wrapping will begin at Diane's home at 10am and will continue until we finish.

Saturday, December 5 - Bake sale at Ida Lee Recreation Center from 9am-4pm

Sunday, December 6 - Bake sale at Ida Lee from 10 am- 4 pm.

There will be a **sign-up sheet at the November 7 General Meeting**. If you have any questions, please call Diane Cameron at 703-777-4367. Remember, that we need lots of baked goods! 😊😊

NOTE FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS: Maybe you haven't seen our bake sale in action. Here's a little summary of what happens! Our organization has a prominent spot at Ida Lee Center to sell our homemade baked goods as part of the Arts & Crafts Fair held each December & March. Our members package the goods in pretty wrappings and decorate the table. We do the wrapping together at a member's home on the Friday before the sale (dates and place above). The many packages of goodies are carefully packed in boxes to transport to the sale site on Friday evening. This is a fun time to get to know each other and to accomplish a worthy task! Needed: hands that bake, hands that wrap, hands that set up, hands that sell, hands that clean up. And, of course, hands that want to buy!

UPDATE ON OUT OF THE ATTIC SALE FROM WAYS AND MEANS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Out of the Attic Sale in September. We made \$2,427.96 gross. As always, your teamwork made this project a success. A big thank you to all the husbands who lent us a helping hand!

Diane Cameron Questions?? diane@cameronmusic.com or phone 703-777-4367



Donating Personal Care Items for LAWS

Most gardening is done for the season, the frost is on the pumpkin and it won't be long until the snow and ice will be everywhere we don't want it. With these thoughts in mind, I am proposing a project to help LAWS.

The clients who come to LAWS often come with nothing but the clothes on their back. I have been able to obtain small containers of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, wash cloths and soap to put in personal care bags. I have enough of these items for 15 bags. I will make pretty bags out of fabric with lace and ribbon. This is where YOU come in. We need shower caps, pens, toothbrushes wrapped separately, small tubes of toothpaste, emery boards, small packages of tissues, a bag of cotton balls, and a box of Q-tips.

If you would like to participate in this project, bring your contribution to either the November or December meetings. We will be completing this project in January. If you can think of anything else useful to include, give me a call. See you at the November meeting.

Jane Sowards

Christmas Cards Project



WCL will be participating in the local **Red Cross Holiday Mail** project by collecting new Christmas cards for giving to patients at local military hospitals so the patients can send out Christmas greetings to their friends and families. So, gather your cards and postage stamps and bring them to our November 7th meeting. Do not include a message or sign the cards. We will be meeting at Peggy Everhart's home on November 13th at 10:15 to prepare the card packets.

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!

While WCL does many volunteer activities as a club, our members also join with other community organizations to help on their own. The WCL encourages each woman to discover her place and volunteer since we are all unique and have a variety of talents, skills, interests. If you need to know more about the possibilities, ask other members about what they are doing. Remember to record the hours and where you volunteer in the community. Forms for recording your hours are available at meetings and on the WCL Web site on the 'For Members' page - <http://www.womansclubofloudoun.org>

November & December Birthdays:

Charlotte Slaney Lewis 11/11
Nada Grimes 11/14
Jane Ryall 11/23
Jean Dura 12/9
Arlene Lewis 12/14
Sarah Douglass 12/15

Membership Opportunity

The Membership Tea was held in October, but new members are welcomed throughout the year. Current members are encouraged to reach out to friends and acquaintances, let them know what we do, share the newsletter and bring guests to an upcoming meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- General Meeting, Saturday November 7 at 2 PM at Exeter Clubhouse, 350 Plaza Street, Leesburg, VA
- Red Cross Holiday Mail Project – Prepare card packets at Peggy Everhart’s home – November 13 10:15 AM
- Board Meeting, Thursday November 19
- Bake Sale at Ida Lee December 5-6
- WCL Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 13 at 1:00 at Loudoun Golf and Country Club

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

- Bring in Campbell’s Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education.
- Bring in clipped coupons for the Overseas Coupon Program to benefit our military personnel.
- Maintenance of the Red Trail at Claude Moore Park in Sterling – watch your email for the next trail walk

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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 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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