

# GFWC-THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LOUDOUN

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## A WORD FROM KATHY:

Hope everyone is enjoying this warm weather. I'm not too sure I like the 90 degree temperatures, but my vegetable garden does – no veggies yet, but lots of lovely green leaves!

I've been updating the [Woman's Club of Loudoun](#) webpage the last few weeks. If you have not visited our webpage, please do so. In addition to general information about our club, you will find an activities calendar, past newsletters and forms you may need in the future (reimbursement, volunteer hours, etc.).

The Facebook page has also gone through a change. If you joined the original Facebook group page, you should have received an invitation to join the NEW Facebook page – the new name is [The Woman's Club of Loudoun](#). The new page is an organization page instead of a group page. The major difference is comments and/or pictures are only shared with those who have joined the organization page – whatever is added does not go out to all personal friends and family. Though I'm sure our friends and relatives appreciate the efforts of the club, they may not want to receive every notice! Go to the new FB page, Like the page and click on the little arrow next to Like and click on Get Notifications.

The Program Committee met recently and set up our schedule for the coming months. More information on the calendar and committee assignments will be forthcoming.

Though the date has not been set yet, we will be having another Arts and Crafts Contest. Start thinking about what you might contribute. We have some very talented members and I look forward to seeing your finished items.

Have a great summer and see you soon,  
Kathy

## JUNE PICNIC – INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

If you missed the picnic on June 6, you missed good food, good friends and good fun. Michaela McIntyre was so gracious to invite us to her lovely home. We enlarged our planning committee to include Sue Boland, Pat Rutter, Nada Grimes, Doris Woods, Jean Dura, Peggy Neustadt, Pat Ahrens and Jane Sowards. Charlotte Slaney-Lewis assisted with telephone calls. Twenty-nine people attended including several guests. Many thanks to each person who helped to plan as well as set up and clean up on June 6. It could not have happened without each of you.

Since we had completed a successful session with Stop Hunger Now several weeks before the picnic, we focused on a local community need by providing reading materials and games for Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS). Attendees provided 22 adult books, 10 children's books, 10 puzzles, 7 magazines, 6 school supply items and 10 games.

This was Ruth Dowling's last meeting. She was presented with bags of snacks for her trip to Florida as well as good wishes for safe travels. Ruth will be greatly missed.

Enjoy a carefree and happy summer.

Jane Sowards



## OUT OF THE ATTIC SALE

### FIRST FUNDRAISER OF THE CLUB YEAR! FROM WAYS & MEANS

Hopefully, over the summer you will be cleaning out closets, basements, attics and garages to find treasures to be sold at the Out of the Attic sale. This year's sale will be held **September 25 and 26 at the VFW building on Old Waterford Road**. Sale hours will be 8 am-3 pm on Friday and 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday. **Set up, and pricing will be Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24 from 9 am to 3 pm or until finished.** **Be sure to put these dates on your calendar!**

Bring items for the sale to the VFW on Wednesday, September 23 all day and on Thursday, September 24 until 10 am. **FYI, last year our sale made \$2805 to benefit our chosen charities!**

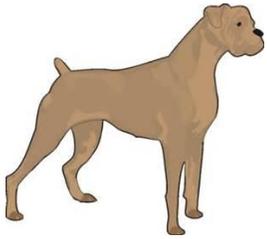
Items we take for selling:

- Baskets
- Clothing for adults and children, clothes hangers
- Cookbooks, paperbacks & hard covers, children's books, craft and hobby books
- Craft items, fabrics
- Games, puzzles & small toys
- Greeting and note cards
- Holiday items
- House plants
- Housewares, working small appliances
- Jewelry, scarves & purses
- Household linens
- Nice glass-ware and "like new" gift items for our special table for "better items"
- Small furniture items
- Bake sale: Wrapped cookies, brownies, or mini breads for snacks. We'll price them.

Items **NOT ACCEPTABLE**: computers, electronics, heavy furniture and golf clubs.

There will be **sign-up sheets** at the August board meeting and the September general meeting. Remember we need the help of every club member by providing items to sell and working at the sale to make this event a great success. We always have a good time while working together!

Diane Cameron      Questions?? [diane@cameronmusic.com](mailto:diane@cameronmusic.com) or phone 703-777-4367



## UNUSUAL GUESTS AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING

*From Doris Eversmeyer, Conservation Committee*

The Woman's Club of Loudoun welcomed some unusual guests to our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – a pit bull named Roosevelt and a snake named Meatball. Both are pets belonging to Mark Stacks, Chief Animal Control Officer of Loudoun County. Mark gave a terrific slide show explaining his department's role and highlighting some interesting animal rescue and removal stories. Roosevelt's story was the most moving; he was rescued from a vacant townhouse in Leesburg about five years ago, severely malnourished and shut into a closet. Despite the mistreatment, he showed affection to Mark the day he was rescued, and Mark fostered him while he regained his strength on a special diet over the next several weeks. Mark is a self-proclaimed 'Foster Failure', meaning he has a tendency to keep the dogs he fosters. Roosevelt is now his beloved pet and his 'Pit Bull Ambassador', accompanying Mark on many of his speaking engagements.

The animal control staff work long shifts and are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Baby skunks, deer stuck on ice or in fences or soccer nets, coyotes, beavers, bears, and even bald eagles – all have been rescued by the dedicated staff. If

injured, the animals are often sent to the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center for rehabilitation, before being released into the wild. Mark's talk was extremely interesting and informative for the club, and we thank Jeannie Douglas, chair of the Conservation committee, for arranging his visit.



# LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!



On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Woman's Club of Loudoun teamed up with local Boy Scout Troops 982 and 998, the Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun, Ashburn Area Woman's Club, and other friends to form a team of approximately 50 volunteers. The team arrived early ready to work, and prepared 10,000 plus meal packages in about 1 hour and 30 minutes. What an accomplishment! WCL is proud to support this cause and thankful to everyone who came out to help.



Our great Treasurer Ruth kept the team up with the countdown – with a loud GONG – for every 1000 meals.



The guys helped with the heavy lifting.



## Focus on Friendship

The Woman's Club of Loudoun is a service and social organization with the purpose of bringing together all women interested in the welfare of their community. The group stayed busy throughout the 2014-2015 club year raising funds and supporting a variety of charities and community efforts. Members baked, collected and sold goods; packaged and served meals; made blankets to donate; wrote cards to soldiers; coordinated events and speakers; prepared reports; and helped maintain a trail at Claude Moore Park.

With the arrival of spring and many projects completed, the board is reminding club members to focus on friendship too, getting to know the newer members and connecting outside of meetings. All current Club members were assigned a "Federation Buddy", and encouraged to:

- Contact your buddy once a week
- Keep each other informed of Club news, if she was not able to attend the monthly meeting
- Remind her of Club activities and upcoming meetings
- Send a card for her birthday and other times when appropriate
- Check to see if your buddy needs a ride to the meeting or other event
- Make sure the President is aware of any illness or special need

Keeping with the friendship theme, Jane Sowards shared these readings at the June picnic:

### A Friend Like You

When it's cloudy outside  
I have sun in my day  
Because of a friend like you.

When my purse holds no coin  
I'm still richer than kings  
Because of a friend like you.

Friends Like you share the good times.  
Friends like you share the tough times;  
And all in-between times too.

And though I don't say it  
As oft' as I should  
I'm glad for a friend like you.

-Sarah Michaels

### Life's Jewels

Friendship is one of life's jewels.  
I'd call it the ruby of life,  
For it glows with the warmth of its giving  
Real friendship brings peace, never strife.

Kindness is one of life's jewels  
It strengthens who 'ere it may touch,  
It softens the heart of the wayward  
And blesses the shut-in's so much.

Love is the best of life's jewels,  
Love of mother, of family, and friend,  
It's the rarest of all of our blessings,  
And endures from life's start to its end.

-Amy K. Raabe

### Summer Birthdays:

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| Ruth Legard 7/11  | Doris Woods 7/26     |
| Terry Garvis 7/14 | Peggy Neustadt 8/19  |
| Edwina Lake 7/15  | Nancy Corbett 8/26   |
| Ruth Dowling 7/24 | Jeannie Douglas 8/31 |



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Board Meeting, Thursday August 20
- General Meeting, Saturday September 12 at 2 PM
- Northern District Meeting, Saturday September 19
- Out of Attic Sale - Setup and pricing September 23-24, Sale Days 25-26

### 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](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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