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A WORD FROM KATHY:

[Note from Joann] At the August WCL Board Meeting Pat Rutter submitted her resignation so that she might give time needed to meeting her family needs. Kathy Marsh has moved into the presidency and is moving our club forward in our 70th year.

Hard to believe September is here already! I hope each of you had a wonderful summer with your family and friends.

As many of you know, Pat Rutter decided that her family needs to come first and has stepped down as President of our club. A difficult decision but one that she feels is best for her family, herself and the club. Pat will continue to be a member and participate in club activities.

So... as 1st Vice President I have moved to President and Jane Sowards has moved from 2nd VP to 1st VP. According to the club bylaws: "In case of vacancy in the office of Second Vice President ..., a successor shall be elected by the members of the Club to fill the unexpired term." The duties of the 2nd VP are to "assume the duties of the First Vice President in her absence and perform any other duties assigned by the President. It shall be her responsibility to prepare the budget and present it for adoption at the first Board meeting of the fiscal year. She shall be the Junior Woman's Club Contact Chair and shall give assistance to the Junior Club when requested and shall act as liaison between the two clubs."

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SHARE YOUR TALENTS! ART COMMUNITY HOSTS SEPTEMBER MEETING

In **September**, the **ART COMMUNITY** will host an Arts and Craft Contest as we've have had in the past. The Arts Contests give members an opportunity to explore their talents, some known and some hidden. Bring your painting, crafting, needlework, jewelry, photography and writing to share with members and guests at the September General Meeting of The Woman's Club of Loudoun.

Please bring those items to Holy Trinity Church, 605 W. Market Street, Leesburg at 10 AM on Saturday, September 6, for judging to take place. The General Meeting begins there at 2 PM.

Blue ribbon winners are encouraged to enter district, state and GFWC contests. Entries should be works completed in the current WCL year. What fun it will be to see everyone's creation! The Arts Community Group includes Terry Garvis (Chair), Doris Woods, Nancy Corbett, Suzane Moore, Eloise Larson, Geraldine Morrison, Tara Grimaldi, and Patti Luer.

Reminder: Be sure to **bring your filled sock** to the September meeting. A basket will be available to collect the socks. No name necessary. We will use this 'sock' money to help finance the October 70th anniversary celebration and other projects not covered by our budget. Questions? Call Jane at 703-777-3059. See you at the September meeting! --Jane Sowards 😊😊



Art is essential to YOUR quality of life!

THE GFWC ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM encourages members to promote and support arts activities in all communities. It is designed to inspire clubwomen. Create programs and projects that include music, dance, drama, theatre, and other arts-related areas, both traditional and innovative. The artistic experience can be outward reaching or for inner satisfaction. [from GFWC 2014-2016 MANUAL]

The Woman's Club of Loudoun supports Loudoun Interfaith Relief and Loudoun Abused Women's Shelters in our current projects. Have you heard about this organization that brings together that desire to help in our community with local artistic talents in ceramics? Perhaps you might want to participate in the September event hosted by **Loudoun Empty Bowls**.



Loudoun Empty Bowls is an organization that grew out of an international grassroots effort called Empty Bowls. Kristen Swanson, Amy Berringer and Jenny Wolfer were working together at Kristen's White House Ceramic Studios and they wondered about a way to use their beautiful ceramic bowls and love of pottery to enrich the community. They heard about the Empty Bowls movement and decided to hold a simple fundraising event to help the hungry in our own community. Magen Morse, with her extensive background in fundraising and charity work, was brought on, and the four ladies incorporated in April 2014. As they prepared their application to be recognized as a 501(c)3 charity, **Loudoun Empty Bowls** welcomed their newest member -- Christi Palacios, a brilliant CPA who brought some serious organization to the organization.

The concept of Loudoun Empty Bowls is that ceramic artists, students, and community members come together to produce handmade bowls and donate them to a fundraising event. The bowls are used to represent the empty bowls of the food insecure in our community. In exchange for a monetary donation, the donor receives a ceramic bowl and a bowl of soup and bread. The event not only promotes education of hunger issues in the community but also local arts and artists. This organization was formed and developed for this one purpose – to offer bowls and a meal of soup and bread in exchange for a reasonable donation, and all the money earned will be donated to help with hunger relief in our community.

September Event hosted by Loudoun Empty Bowls to benefit Loudoun Interfaith Relief and Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter

When: Friday, 12 September, Open house: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Party until 10:00
Stone Tower Winery • 19857 Hogback Mountain Road • Leesburg, VA 20175

Guests will be treated to artisanal soups, bread, and dessert and coffee, live music from Blue Night Sonata, beautiful artwork to enjoy and purchase, and a wine bar. Tickets are \$30 to include an empty bowl or \$20 for dinner without taking home an empty bowl. A portion of the sales from the art and wine will be donated to Loudoun Empty Bowls.

Contact: www.loudounemptybowls.org

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN READING?

From Joann Muncy

During my visit with my family in Alaska, we traveled to Homer, AK, on the Kenai Peninsula in the southwestern part of the state, 225 miles from Anchorage. On our tour of the shops, we entered one called *Brown Bear Products* and as I surveyed the art on the walls, I picked up a card and began to read about Erik Behnke. Then I noticed a book entitled *Erik's Story: finding his gifts against all odds in Alaska* by Linda Kay Thompson. Erik illustrated this book. As I entered

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FUNDRAISING CONTINUES----

OUT OF THE ATTIC: FROM WAYS AND MEANS



Hopefully, over the summer you have been cleaning out of closets, basements, and attics and garages to find treasures to be sold at the Out of the Attic Sale. This year's sale is **SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13 AT THE VFW BUILDING ON OLD WATERFORD ROAD**. Sale hours will be 8 AM to 3 PM on Friday and 8 AM to 2 PM on Saturday. **Set up, sorting and pricing will be September 10 and 11 from 9 AM to 3 P M. or until finished.**

Bring items for sale to the VFW on Wednesday, September 10 all day and on Thursday, September 11 until 10 AM. We will be having baked items for sale, but would prefer that you bring those on Thursday morning if at all possible. Cookies, brownies, muffins and mini loaves of bread sell best at this sale. Please wrap your own baked goods for this sale. Someone will price them on site.

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

Items THAT SELL WELL: plants, jewelry, holiday items, books, games, household items, and craft items. We will also accept clothing.

We will have sign-up sheets at the September General meeting. Remember we need the help of every club member by providing items to sell and working with the sale to make this sale a success. We always have a good time while working. Who knows? You might find a treasure.

From Carolyn, Diane, and Tracy



WCL still has lots of cookbooks for sale at \$10.00 per copy. Every cookbook sold adds to what projects we can fund and/or if we want to increase the funding beyond what's budgeted. Do you know of other places in the community where they can be made available to anyone who might like to have one? Information about them is also on our website. For those that need to be mailed, an additional \$4.00 is needed to cover shipping.

LET'S SELL ALL THE COOKBOOKS!!!!

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!

Remember to record the hours and where you volunteer in the community! These hours indicate your niche in the community; 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. Turn in your volunteer hours, where you do them, what sort of work you do to Joann Muncy who records them for our annual report in January. They can also be emailed to Joann (jomuncy@msn.com.)

Please consider this position -- your club needs you.

The next several weeks are full of activities:

First Friday in Leesburg at The Very Virginia Shop;
The Arts Program Committee will be hosting our
September meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
(Art and Craft Contest);

Out of the Attic Sale (Sep. 10-13) at the VFW;
Membership Open House celebrating the club's 70th
Anniversary on Oct. 4 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church;
and the GFWC Northern District Meeting October 18
at the Crowne Plaza Dulles.

We will have lots to discuss at our business meeting
on September 6. In addition to electing a 2nd VP, we
will distribute the updated sheets for the yearbooks
(remember to **bring your yearbooks to the meeting**),
we will collect our socks for the Sock It to Me Sister
project (**bring your coin-filled sock to the meeting**),
and we will hear details of the above mentioned
activities.

I look forward to the coming year – celebrating the
club's seventy years of 'Living the Volunteer Spirit!'
and working with all of you in service to our local
community, state initiatives and national and
international efforts. 😊😊

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again WCL will participate in this project to fill a shoe
box with a gifts for a boy or girl somewhere around the
world. Each member chooses how to participate—fill the
box, partner with someone else to fill the box, provide the
financial gift (\$7 per box). **Filled boxes will be brought to
our NOVEMBER meeting** so that they can begin a lengthy
journey to the boy or girl somewhere around the world.

**Be aware of what not to put in the box as well as what
will be appropriate.** Be sure that the box does close
completely.

**Do Not Include used or damaged items; war-related items
such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or
food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or
vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass
containers; cans.**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT

www.operationchristmaschild.org.

into a conversation with the woman in the shop I soon
realized as she told me more about Erik's art covering
a wall of the shop that she must be closely connected
with Erik; she was Linda Kay Thompson, mother of
Erik, Special Education teacher, author of the book
about Erik, plus more.

Erik was born with Down's Syndrome, autism, and at
one time—no future. His single mother took a job in
rural Kenny Lake, AK, as a special education teacher,
determined to free the light she glimpsed within her
child.

One of the individuals who helped Linda and her son
learn about developing his talent and marketing it was
associated with Very Special Arts (Our WCL supports
our local Loudoun Very Special Arts.) Erik had
participated in Special Olympics and was asked to do
their poster one year. That year Sam Adams of the
Seattle Super Sonics outfitted 300+ athletes in Alaska
with new opening ceremony uniforms. In return, Erik
was asked to donate and present one of his own
prints to Adams. *Erik looked like a little boy standing
next to a giant, but the Sam Adams size didn't
intimidate him. Erik presented his art in front of TV
cameras, newspaper photographers, and about 700
people, many of whom were his friends...*

*All the years of being an active Special Olympics
athlete, he had been just one in the crowd. Suddenly,
he stood out as a role model for others.*

For more about Erik's work go to
www.brownbearproducts.com.



WCL SUPPORTS VERY SPECIAL ARTS LOUDOUN—WHAT'S HAPPENING?



VSAarts of Loudoun County is a fully inclusive visual and performing arts program that provides discovery opportunities for individuals with and without disabilities. Acting, dancing, drawing, sculpting - whatever form of creating you choose is done side by side with people of all ages and abilities. We focus on what you can do, your strengths and talents, and use the arts to bring out your creative best. VSA arts is an international, non-profit organization. Founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, the organization offers comprehensive programs in the literary, performing and visual arts.

What does Arts for All, Inc and VSAarts of Loudoun County have in common?



They are one and the same organization! That's right! In the past year, the Board of Directors of VSAarts of Loudoun County saw the need for our organization to position ourselves for growth and stability as well as to enable us to control our own destiny for our actors, artists and families! As a result, we have incorporated our organization in the state of Virginia as Arts for All, Inc. This enabled us to secure our own 501(c)(3) non-profit public charitable certification, meaning we would no longer have to be dependent on an umbrella organization with non-profit credentials. We could stand on our own. We have also registered Arts for All, Inc. in Loudoun County as doing business as VSAarts of Loudoun County. This way we continue the "brand" name our organization has spent over twenty years socializing in our community.

Additional information can be found at www.vsaloudoun.org about the upcoming musical in March and about the DaVinci Art Studio. ☺

TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR CONNECTIONS, OUR HISTORY...

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Thus here is our mission as established back in 1868 by certain actions taken. Jane Cunningham Croly was denied the opportunity to interview British novelist Charles Dickens in New York City due to her gender. In 1890 Jane Croly invited women's clubs throughout the United States to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Over the next years such issues as child labor, juvenile court law, the Pure Food and Drug Act, workday length, workplace safety, infant mortality, helping wounded soldiers, improvement of education and health on reservations, preserving Native American culture were addressed. Women in the federation of clubs across the United States used their collective voices to take action.

In 1944 thirteen women in Loudoun County met to begin the process of forming the Woman's Club of Loudoun to join with the other voices of the women across the USA. In 1948 GFWC led a campaign selling war bonds raising enough funds to purchase 431 planes. In that same year, 1948, The Woman's Club of Loudoun was chartered as a member of the GFWC. Kathryn Chamberlin, still a member today, was one of those thirteen women. In May she celebrated her 98th birthday at Meadow Glen in Leesburg where she now lives. Sarah Douglass, also still a member, joined The Woman's Club of Loudoun in 1948 and still attends our meetings. Don't miss out on getting to know Sarah. Ask Sarah about how our libraries began here in Loudoun. Building and maintaining libraries has been and still is a very important concern for GFWC. More recently (1997) with the Libraries 2000 Project, GFWC raised and donated \$13.5 million to public libraries and public schools across the nation. LET US CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE OUR HISTORY, OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY, AND OUR FUTURE. ☺☺

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

Bring in cancelled stamps to each meeting to benefit veterans in Arizona.

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.

Report your volunteer hours...all those hours are incorporated in the Club's Annual Report to show how members indeed are **LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!**



BRING YOUR SOCK OF CHANGE TO THE SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING. PLACE IN THE BASKET DESIGNATED FOR OUR SOCKS.

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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