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A WORD FROM KATHY:

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great holiday season and start to 2015. We've certainly had a lot of cold weather and snow lately. Spring is just around the corner – yay!

The last few months were very busy with several club activities. Priscilla Godfrey of the League of Women Voters was our guest speaker at our November meeting and members brought their filled Operation Christmas Child boxes to the meeting. We filled twenty-six boxes – thank you all for contributing.

Club members selected Health Works of Northern Virginia as the Community Improvement Project. The group offers health care services to anyone in need, regardless of age or ability to pay, at community health centers located in Leesburg, Sterling and Herndon.

The first week of December was devoted to baking, wrapping and selling baked goods at the Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show at Ida Lee. The two-day sale was a huge success. Emergency calls were made to several members to bake Saturday night as sales were quite brisk on the first day.

The Hospitality Committee planned our December 14th Holiday Social at the Loudoun

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EDUCATION HOSTS GENERAL MEETING WITH DR MICHAEL RICHARDS, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Education Community Service team hosts the next General Meeting of The Woman's Club of Loudoun on Saturday, February 7, at 2 PM at 835 Lee Avenue, Leesburg (Leesburg Community Church). Dr. Michael Richards, Chief of Staff of Loudoun County Public Schools, has been invited to speak to our organization at that time.

On January 29, the School Board finalized the 2015 school budget to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

The Education Community Service team includes Chair Arlene Lewis, Peggy Neustadt, Ruth Legard, Geraldine Morrison, Joan Zawacki, Doris Tiffany, Terry Garvis.

In addition to hosting this February meeting they are working with appropriate schools to select two HOBY grant recipients and to read and then select the 2015 recipient of our scholarship for a graduate of Monroe Technology Center.

HOBY is the Hugh O'Brian Youth leadership seminar set up for high school sophomores to provide them with training for effective leadership.

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES----

UPDATE ON DECEMBER BAKE SALE

Every year the town of Leesburg hosts a two-day Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Show at Ida Lee Recreation Center. The Woman's Club rents table space to sell our baked goods. During the week of the sale, women of the club make cookies, bars, candy, breads, pies, cakes at their homes. On Friday before the weekend sale begins, members gather at someone's home for a wrapping party where everyone has a great time. Sale tables are decorated with a holiday motif. Members staff the tables on Saturday and Sunday. In addition to selling baked goods, the club sells their most recent cookbook and provides information about the club. This sale allows the community to get acquainted with the club. The community has the opportunity to learn about how we use these dollars earned back in our community.

This December, twenty-seven members participated. In-kind donations (all the materials to create those goodies) were recorded at \$347; and some 208 hours were spent by respective members in doing all the work. Expenses were at \$235.00 including rental of the space. Earnings from the two-day sale were \$1638, of which \$90 were for cookbooks sold.

From Carolyn Ryman, Ways and Means

NEXT IDA LEE BAKE SALE IN MARCH—SPRING BLING!!



Be thinking about what you can do to participate in our next bake sale. More details will be given at the General Meeting on Saturday, February 7.

FROM WAYS & MEANS chaired by Carolyn Ryman, Tracy Stone, and Diane Cameron



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.

The Loudoun County High School Ecology Club will join us in selling our cookbooks at school activities. We will be splitting the profit for those sold by the Ecology Club.

LET'S SELL ALL THE COOKBOOKS!!!!

PROM WISHES—sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club on March 14—now receiving donations of dresses, shoes, accessories through March 9. If you would like to help with this event when girls come to try on and select dresses, contact Karolyn Whiteley.

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO NOMINATE AS “VIP of the Woman’s Club of Loudoun”?

Suzie Smith, President of the GFWC Northern District, would like to honor VIPs (Very Involved Persons) at the March district meeting. The purpose is to recognize ladies who do not get district wide recognition but are vital to the success of a local club. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the District recognizing her special gifts to her club. The VIPs will sit at a front table and the club President will read a tribute to the clubwoman.

Local clubs have been urged to select one woman who merits this recognition. Below in this newsletter a recommendation form. **If you feel there is a woman in the Woman’s Club of Loudoun who deserves this honor, please complete this form and return it to Kathy Marsh before or at our February meeting. We hope to select one woman at the February meeting.**

How is she outstanding?

How is she integral to our club?

What are her unique qualities?

Why does she deserve this award?

Tell an anecdote about her, if you wish.

Your name _____

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FROM MOBILE HOPE: We are in need of Non-perishable Food! Please help us spread the word that we are in desperate need of non-perishable food.

Peanut Butter 18-oz size
Canned or Microwave Cups of Prepared Soups
Canned Fruits & Veggies
Baked, Black or Pinto Beans
Canned Pasta Meals & Mac & Cheese

Non-Refrigerated Milk (Such as Horizon Boxed Single Serve, pack of 6)
Pop Tarts
100 percent Juice Boxes

Please note that we cannot accept glass or juice soft pouches.

We are open to accept donations Monday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm. If you have any questions please call the Mobile Hope Center at (703) 771- 1400

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Due to the tremendous outreach during the holiday season, we have hundreds of bags of clothes to sort through. We can't thank you enough for answering our calls for help and we need you again! This time to VOLUNTEER!

We are looking for up to 50 volunteers for each day to help us organize the clothing at the Mobile Hope Center! Registrations is requested. Please email Bonnie to be added to the volunteer roster.

VOLUNTEER DAYS:

February 7th & 8th from 9am to 2pm
February 15th & 16th from 9am to 2pm

This is weather dependent and some work will be outside so please dress accordingly. Check on Facebook for updates and cancellation information in case of bad weather.

FROM LOUDOUN INTERFAITH RELIEF: We are in need of **breakfast foods**. The shelves were bare at times during this past week.



STOP HUNGER NOW—put these dates on your calendar:

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 9 PM: FUNDRAISER #1 AT BOB EVANS RESTAURANT.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 9 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 9 PM: FUNDRAISER #2 AT BOB EVANS RESTAURANT.
- SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 16: PACK 10,152 MEALS AT THE OLD FIREHOUSE IN LEESBURG.

READ THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 5 TO KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT.

STOP HUNGER NOW! HOW CAN WE SUPPORT THIS EVENT???

The Woman's Club of Loudoun, the Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun, and the Ashburn Area Woman's Club are partnering to pack 10,152 meals at the old Firehouse in Leesburg on Saturday, May 16. Each member now needs to determine what she can do. Some 40-50 volunteers will be needed to pack the meals in under 2 hours. Some of you already have experience in doing this since we have accomplished such a task before. A local Boy Scout Troop will be invited also to join us. Muscle power will be needed too.

Funds needed for the food and packing materials are \$2900. Our Board will present a recommendation to the General Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7, to approve the expenditure of \$1000 from our funds. The other clubs will be presenting the project to their respective clubs also in the next few days. Two fundraisers have been set up with Bob Evans Restaurant on February 16 and April 9. The restaurant will contribute 15% of their receipts based on flyers turned in. Our job—spread the word, hand out flyers, invite people to come eat there on those days. Volunteers with smiling faces will be needed to be at Bob Evans throughout the day to give out flyers and let the community know why we are doing this—to feed some hungry people.

On the day of the event there are jobs for those who need to sit, those who need to move around, who prefer to stand. In other words you can do this. Financial donations can also be given.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT—WE HAVE A FUN TIME PACKING THESE MEALS.



A WORD FROM KATHY

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shared a lovely luncheon, sang carols, and played a fun game. Winners of the game and door prizes received pretty poinsettias.

Our Home Life program committee invited a speaker from the Area Agency on Aging to our January meeting. She reviewed the programs available to 55+ community members and their families. As one member noted, the agency has something for all of us!

Also in January, a group of members gathered to make fleece blankets. A good time was had by all as we made blankets, ate lunch and caught up on family and local news. We will have another Blanket Party in a few weeks and then take the finished items to Boulder Crest.

Coming up will be our Education Program in February with Dr. Michael Richards, Chief of Staff with Loudoun County Public Schools, as the guest speaker.

Plans are in the works for the March 7th bake sale and the Stop Hunger Now project on May 16. Our annual business meeting will be in March. More details on the meeting and location to follow.

Also in March is the GFWC Northern District Meeting. Mark your calendars for March 21. We will be taking our first place winners in the Arts and Crafts Contest which was held in September to the meeting. The WCL usually has one or two women attending the District Meetings – wouldn't it be nice to have a whole group of WCL members attend!?!? More details as I receive them.

Stay warm!

Kathy

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

- GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY, FEB. 7 AT 2 PM [SEE PAGE 1]
- FUNDRAISER AT BOB EVANS, MONDAY, FEB. 16 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 9 PM [SEE P. 5]
- BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, FEB. 19 AT 2 PM
- BAKE SALE AT IDA LEE—SPRING BLING, SATURDAY, MAR. 7
- ANNUAL WCL BUSINESS MEETING—MEMBERS ONLY—ON SATURDAY, MAR. 14
- GFWC NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING ON MARCH 21
- GENERAL MEETING—CLUB INSTITUTE—ON SATURDAY, APR. 11. NOTE THE CHANGE DUE TO EASTER.
- FUNDRAISER AT BOB EVANS, THURSDAY, APR. 9 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 9 PM

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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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