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A WORD FROM PAT:

[Note from Joann] By the time you receive this newsletter, Pat's husband Billy should be back home after his lengthy stay in rehab. Welcome home, Billy!

As our club celebrates its 70th year, we are gearing up for a great 2014-2015 series of events and projects. We will be discussing at Saturday's meeting whether to once again sponsor a *Stop Hunger Now!* Event in May as proposed by International Outreach. Last May we partnered with JWCLA and packed 10,000 bags of rice, vegetables and other nutrients—an event that brought other community groups together with us to (in a 2-hour period) prepare meals that would feed around 60,000 people. The food bags are delivered to school settings and/or community centers.

As we reflect on our history, we have 12 of our 33 past presidents still living. Margaret Plunkett had the pleasure of serving two terms. Katheryn Chamberlin (our only remaining charter member of 1945) recently celebrated her 98th birthday. Sarah Douglass joined in 1948 and celebrated her 95th birthday in May. June Ritter now lives in Florida and is celebrating about her 94th birthday on June 7. Barbara Polen now lives in Winchester. Dollie Wendel now lives in West Virginia. Our other past presidents include Doris Tiffany, Jane Sowards, Joann Muncy, Terry Garvis, and Carolyn Ryman. A moment of appreciation is in order for the leadership of these 33 women over the years, but without the rest of the team—the members—not so much would be accomplished in service to our community. Thank you to all. 😊😊

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH HOSTS LOUDOUN LITERACY COUNCIL JUNE 7

Bring your potluck to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church , 605 West Market St, Leesburg on Saturday, June 7, at 12:30 PM.

International Outreach will host Leslie Mazeska, Executive Director of Loudoun Literacy Council, at the General Meeting on Saturday, June 7. Come at 12:30 PM as Leslie will be speaking shortly after that time at our meeting.

Leslie Mazeska came to Loudoun Literacy Council in October 2012. Leslie has a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Delaware. She has some fifteen years of experience working in education and with nonprofit organizations. Her special passion is working with organizations that want to make a difference in peoples' lives.

The mission of the Loudoun Literacy Council is *Changing Lives Through Learning*. The organization, formed in 1980 to teach English to recently arrived refugees, has developed programs to improve literacy skills and to promote empowerment and assimilation into the community.

Opportunities to volunteer in teaching ESOL and in providing individual tutoring to adults are always available. A training event is scheduled on June 21 and 28 from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM in Leesburg. Check out their website for more details:

www.loudounliteracy.org. 😊

From Charlotte Slaney-Lewis, Chair

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EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Clubwomen are dedicated to promoting literacy and lifelong learning by encouraging members and others to foster and support educational opportunities for all ages in their communities; by promoting and supporting Epsilon Sigma Omicron, an honorary educational society open to all per capita paying GFWC members that provides clubwomen with a structured reading program for self-enrichment and personal growth; by educating members and others on ways to improve adult and youth literacy rates; by supporting libraries in their efforts to provide information, materials, and educational opportunities. (from GFWC Handbook)

EDUCATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND LITERARY AWARDS FOR 2014

From Arlene Lewis, Chair of Education and Teacher at Loudoun County High School



On May 23, 2014, at C.S. Monroe Technology Center, Joni Sawacki presented Katya Abou Jahjah of Loudoun County High School with The Woman's Club of Loudoun scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Katya happens to be one of my students. She came to the United States from Syria in the seventh grade, knowing only Arabic. She quickly "graduated" from the English as a Second Language program, and this year she maintained an A average in AP Language and Composition. Katya was also accepted into the Peer program at our school. PEER students are trained to be mentors and role models to students who are having emotional, social, or academic difficulties. In addition, Katya is a member of the Partners Club, which pairs general education students with special education students to improve their socialization. Since Katya intends to become a special education teacher, it is a club that she especially enjoys. I can't say enough about the character of this young woman. She so values her education and is grateful for the opportunity to learn. She thanks me at the end of every class. Katya plans to begin her college education at Northern Virginia Community College; thus, her scholarship is awarded toward her tuition there.

On May 30, Kate Sandberg received the Crossed Sabres award at the Junior Academic Awards assembly at Loudoun County High School. Her name is now engraved on a plaque, which will be displayed in the lobby. Kate was chosen for the award by the Crossed Sabres advisor, who finds her to be a dedicated member of the staff. Kate, who is in my AP Language and Composition, is a gifted writer.

At the Loudoun County High School Senior awards assembly on the same date, both Fadel Allason and Sarah Sheridan received the Helen Niman Raider Award for Journalism. [Miss Helen Niman was an English teacher, sponsor of the Raider newspaper, member and past president of The Woman's Club of Loudoun.] The advisor for the Raider newspaper said that she could not recognize just one of the students since both were such valued members of the staff. Both of their names have been engraved on the plaque that will also be displayed in the school lobby. I know both of these students well. They are diligent, mature, respectful young people, who are a credit to Loudoun County High School.



SHARE YOUR TALENTS! In **September**, the **ART COMMUNITY** is planning 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. Painting, crafting, needlework and writing are great ways to share our talents and possibly interest others in the Arts. Blue ribbon winners are encouraged to enter district, state and GFWC contests. A sign-up sheet will be available at the June meeting to indicate your desire to participate. (A call from the Arts Group to those not at the meeting will be made so as not to miss anyone who would like to participate. Entries should be works completed in the current WCL year. What fun it will be to see everyone's creation! More specific information on the requirements of the entry for each area will be provided to those who sign up. 😊

From Terry Garvis, Chair

Members can view the complete booklet for the Art Contest by going to this site online: <http://www.gfwcvirginia.org/forms.htm> and clicking on *Arts Contest Rules*.

CATEGORY LIST FOR MEMBER VISUAL ART ENTRIES

A. ART

1. Oil Painting
2. Watercolor Paintings
3. Acrylic Paintings

B. PHOTOGRAPHY (Color only)

1. Portrait/Personality
2. Natural History
3. Scenic
4. Feature/Human Interest

C. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (Color only)

1. Portrait/Personality
2. Natural History
3. Scenic
4. Feature/Human Interest

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Collages
2. Mixed Media
3. Stained Glass
4. Graphics
5. Other

CATEGORY LIST FOR MEMBER NEEDLEWORK AND CRAFTS ENTRIES

A. NEEDLEWORK

1. COUNTED CROSS STITCH
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Samplers
 - c. Pillows
2. CROCHET
 - a. Afghans
 - b. Apparel
3. EMBROIDERY
4. KNITTING
 - a. Adult Apparel
 - b. Infants to Teenage Apparel
 - c. Afghans
 - d. Felted Items

e. Scarves

5. NEEDLEPOINT

6. QUILTS

- a. Small (maximum size 24 x 36)
- b. Patchwork
- c. Machine-quilted
- d. Hand quilted
- e. Tacked or tied quilts

7. SEWING

- a. Adult Apparel
- b. Infant to Teenage Apparel

B. CRAFTS

1. CERAMICS

2. POTTTERY

- a. Wheel Thrown
- b. Hand Built

3. HOLIDAYS

- a. Centerpiece
- b. Door/Wall
- c. Ornaments (limit 2)
- d. Figurines

4. JEWELRY

5. PAPER

6. RUBBER STAMPING

7. SHELLCRAFT

- a. Eggery
- b. Shells

8. TOLE PAINTING

9. WEAVING

- a. Baskets
 - (1) Flat Bottom
 - (2) Round Bottom
 - (3) Nantucket
- b. Miscellaneous

10. SCRAPBOOKS

- a. Themed Section (3 pages)
- b. Whole Book

11. MISCELLANEOUS

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES----



STUFF YOUR SOCK

Remember to put your spare change in the 'Sock it to me Sister sock'. This project is to help finance our 70th year celebration in October and some other small unbudgeted projects. If you did not get a sock I will have some at the June meeting. If you are unable to be at that meeting and would like to participate, let me know and I will see that you get one. **Filled socks will be returned at the September general meeting.** Remember pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters make dollars. Start saving!

Jane Sowards

OUT-OF-THE-ATTIC SALE: MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR...SEPTEMBER 10-13.



- DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SALE.
- HELP SET UP FOR IT ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11.
- CHECK WITH THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TO DONATE AND GATHER SOME FOR THE SALE.
- HELP ON THE SALE DAYS ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13.



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. One of our new endeavors will hopefully be working as teams to periodically clean pathways in Claude Moore Park. Doris E. is working on that connection to help in our community. Mobile Hope is another one looking for volunteers with some specific skills. We not only have activities that we do as a club, but we join with other community organizations to help. 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.)

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES 2014-2015 **

Club Institute (Luncheon)	Saturday, Apr 5, 2014	12:30 p.m.
Conservation	Saturday, May 3, 2014	2:00 p.m.
International Outreach (Picnic)	Saturday, June 7, 2014	12:30 p.m.
First Friday in Leesburg	Friday, Sep 5, 2014	TBA
Arts (Crafts contest tentative)	Saturday, Sep 6, 2014	2:00 p.m.
Out of Attic Sale	Sep 10-13, 2014	TBA
70 th Anniversary Open House & Membership	Saturday, Oct 4, 2014	2:00 p.m.
Public Issues	Saturday, Nov 1, 2014	2:00 p.m.
Bake Sale - Ida Lee Craft Show	Sat & Sun, Dec 6-7, 2014	9:00-4:00 p.m.
Hospitality (Social)	Sunday, Dec 14, 2014	1:00 p.m.
Home Life	Saturday, Jan 3, 2015	2:00 p.m.
Education	Saturday, Feb 7, 2015	2:00 p.m.
Bake Sale - Ida Lee Spring Bling	Saturday, Mar 7, 2015	9:00-4:00 p.m.

** Dates and times are subject to change.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETINGS

Third Thursday of the Month 2:00 p.m. April 2014 – March 2015

April 17, 2014	Ruth Dowling, Diane Cameron, Joann Muncy*
May 15, 2014	Mary Grace Lucier, Michaela McIntyre*
August 21, 2014	Arlene Lewis, Karolyn Whiteley*
September 11, 2014	Charlotte Slaney-Lewis, Eloise Larson, Pat Ahrens [note change in date]
October 16, 2014	Joan Zawacki, Tracy Stone
November 20, 2014	Mary Hoeltzel, Jeannie Douglas
January 15, 2015	Kay Skaggs, Kathy Marsh
February 19, 2015	Doris Woods, Jane Sowards
March 19, 2015	Terry Garvis, Peggy Everhart, Carolyn Ryman

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!**

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: 12nature14. 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. 😊

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.** Emailed with this newsletter are lists assembled by other participants of 100 possible items that might be included in the box for boys or for girls. Limited printed copies will be at June meeting on Saturday. 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.**

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