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CAROLYN'S CORNER:

Dear Members,

As I began this letter, I realized it would be my last as your president. I want to thank everyone for your support, encouragement, and willingness to help. These last two years have been a great learning experience. I have learned much about our members- your strengths, weaknesses, and talents. I have learned much about myself too, which is always good.

Spring is coming soon, so let's get some spring into our step and invite prospective members to join us. The membership committee will be making a presentation at Potomac Green in Ashburn on March 5. Hopefully we will have spring weather for this presentation. Diane and I checked out the facility and received a warm welcome. Besides the membership committee, others have also helped. Doris Woods has provided her famous scarves for door prizes. Kathy Marsh has provided greeting cards which she made for the goody bag. Joan Zawacki provided Mary Kay samples for the goody bags also. These banks provided pens: John Marshal, Cardinal, and Middleburg. The Catoctin Vet Clinic also provided pens. The Leesburg Veterinarian Hospital donated pencils. Terry Garvis's company, MasscommSystems, Inc., provided

RIEDINGER INSTALLS NEW ADMINISTRATION AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Make your reservations now for our Annual Business Meeting Luncheon at Loudoun Golf & Country Club in Purcellville on **March 8, 2014, at 12:30 PM.**

Mrs. Pat Riedinger, President of our Northern District, will install our new officers for the 2014-2016 Administration. Be prepared to welcome and support these incoming officers: President Pat Rutter, First Vice President Kathy Marsh, Second Vice President Jane Sowards, Treasurer Ruth Dowling, Recording Secretary Carolyn Ryman, and Corresponding Secretary Peggy Everhart. The theme for the current district administration (2012-2014) is "*Communication—Let's Talk.*"

The luncheon menu will include potato soup, Loudoun Salad with Chicken, dessert*, and beverage at a cost of \$23.00 (includes tax and tip). The dessert choices are apple pie or chocolate creme brulée – please indicate your dessert choice on the memo line of your check.

Make checks payable to Woman's Club of Loudoun (WCL). Mail to Michaela McIntyre, 606 Jacob Court, SW, Leesburg, VA 20175 (Phone - 703-777-2929). Deadline to make reservations: March 4. ☺

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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 HOSTED FEBRUARY MEETING

FROM KAROLYN WHITELEY, CHAIR

Club members were treated to an entertaining and informative program Feb. 1 when representatives of the George C. Marshall International Center's student exchange program spoke. The afternoon meeting was hosted by the Education Department at the Leesburg Community Church.

Exchange co-directors Katherine McCorry and Tami Turner shared specifics about the officially-named Student Partnership Exchange Program (SPEP) before turning the program over to three teenagers, past participants from local high schools who delighted the club as they shared their enthusiasm for the program.

The reciprocal exchange program is in its eighth year and welcomes German and Austrian students to Northern Virginia in September and October to experience daily life in America. They live with local host families, visit cultural and historic sites, and participate in a career exploration experience based upon their professional interests.

In November, selected 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from Loudoun go to the Frankfurt, Germany, environs to experience similar activities.

The exchange is in keeping with George Marshall's plan for the economic reconstruction of Europe after World War II. The Plan included his vision that "students and schools could help build cultural understanding, which is crucial in our global world." The exchange will be expanded into other Marshall Plan countries in the future.



Teens from local schools retell of their excitement in meeting their counterparts in the exchange country, in exploring careers, in experiencing cultural differences.

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES----PREPARE FOR BAKE SALE IN MARCH

AT IDA LEE CENTER

From Ways and Means chaired by Mary Hoeltzel and Jeannie Douglas

The Spring Bling is just around the corner on March 1st. Ladies in The Woman's Club, after baking all the previous week, will gather on Friday at Kay Skagg's home (320 Ayrlee Ave. NW) to artfully wrap and price the cookies, cakes, breads, and candy. Remember, this is a one day sale so bake half as much as for the Christmas show. Please keep a record of your time, money spent for baking items, and any necessary travel miles for in-kind donations that in-coming President Pat Rutter will need for her reports.

Following the wrap session and early Saturday morning, the Ways and Means Committee will set up the tables and decorate them with the Club's linens and Margaret Plunket's silver bowls, platters, and compotes. Jean Dura fixes a required door prize of a beautiful basket of our baked goods and other small items she has picked up throughout the season. This also helps to promote our club and some of its activities. Cookbooks will be on sale at our booth, too.

Our booth will be H1 outside the main gym. Come by for a visit and better yet buy some goodies. Vendors will be set up along the hallway, in the gym, and downstairs with a wide variety of juried arts and crafts. Time for the show at Ida Lee is 9:00am-4:00pm. 😊😊

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT!

UPCOMING GFWC EVENTS:

MARCH 13: WOMEN'S HISTORY PROGRAM AT GFWC HEADQUARTERS

MARCH 29: NORTHERN DISTRICT SPRING MEETING AT FREDERICKSBURG COUNTRY CLUB

APRIL 5: JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF LOUDOUN PROM WISHES

MAY 2-4: GFWC VIRGINIA CONVENTION IN ROANOKE

MAY 15-18: NORTHERN DISTRICT TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



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BUDGET TIME - 2014-2015 CLUB YEAR

FROM JANE SOWARDS, CHAIR, BUDGET COMMITTEE

What would you like to see included in our upcoming projects? Now is the time to speak up!

It is budget time and the budget committee would like to hear from you. At the February meeting a list was circulated asking for your input. If you did that and do not have any additional thoughts, you have done your job. For those who did not see the list in February, please let me know if there are groups you would like for us to consider supporting, groups who should be rotated off our contribution list, or groups we support who should be given more or less money than in past years. If you are suggesting a new group, a brochure or other information would be helpful as we consider the 2014-2015 club budget. Please give me a call at 703-777-3059 or e-mail me at jcsowards@verizon.net. I would love to hear from you. 😊😊

ANNUAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT HEADQUARTERS

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Join GFWC members for the annual Women's History Month event on Thursday, March 13, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at GFWC Head-quarters in Washington, DC, GFWC Women's History and Resource Center. Manager Brian Coburn will share how GFWC women transformed the fields of home economics and the restaurant business, while the Neighborhood Restaurant Group—the Iron Gate's managing partners—will discuss its latest and greatest offerings.

Reopened in November 2013 under the direction of Executive Chef Anthony Chittum, the Iron Gate Inn serves local-sourced dishes inspired by Greek, Italian, and Sicilian influences. Until its closing in 2010, the Iron Gate was the longest continually operating restaurant in the nation's capital.

Network with fellow club women, friends, and others while enjoying an informative and entertaining program about the Iron Gate Inn, Washington's hottest new restaurant, and a dining destination for local foodies looking for Mediterranean fusion cuisine in a romantic atmosphere.

Light refreshments, including the original Iron Gate Inn Butterscotch Rolls, will be served. Please RSVP either by phone to 1-800-443-GFWC (4392) or via email to GFWC@GFWC.org by Friday, March 7, 2014.

Note: Remember that our own Sarah Douglass made these rolls for us at our 2013 Club Institute Event last April. And we shared their recipe with you.

writing tablets. We provide refreshments at each presentation so we will be asking others to help us. Our \$50 membership grant doesn't go very far towards our expenses.

I wish to give a special thank you to Diane and her family for their guidance and assistance in creating the power point. Her granddaughter, Jessica, may be a Woman's Club member in the making. She has the volunteer spirit.

The club has discovered that many of us do not receive the magazine, *Leesburg Life*. In the February issue Karolyn Whiteley's article, *Service and Smiles*, about the Woman's Club appeared. We were mentioned on the cover, the contents page, and in the message from the editor besides her creative and informative article. Thanks, Karolyn for a job well done. Thanks also to Joann for providing the pictures.

Doris Tiffany is experiencing some health problems. About two weeks ago she fell and broke her arm near the shoulder. Doctors couldn't put a cast on it, thus she had surgery on February 17 at Fairfax Hospital. She has gone to Heritage Hall for rehabilitation. She would welcome calls and cards.

At the February meeting, three ladies from Leisure World attended. Two expressed interest in joining. I think our trip to Leisure World was successful. Good job membership committee!

Carolyn

Congratulations to **Ruth Dowling** and **Diane Cameron** for completing the GFWC Trivia. They will be duly rewarded at our March meeting.

GFWC TRIVIA

1. The focus of the GFWC Signature Project is domestic violence.
2. The 2014 Annual Convention Host State is Arizona.
3. The GFWC weekly e-newsletter that arrives in your inbox every Saturday is News and Notes.
4. The color associated with domestic violence awareness prevention is purple.
5. Jane Cunningham Croly's pen name is Jennie June.
6. GFWC celebrates this annually on April 24, Federation Day.
7. First GFWC President: Brown.
8. Official GFWC song: America the Beautiful.
9. Month Woman's History is celebrated: March.
10. Educational Society open to all GFWC members: Epsilon Sigma Omicron.
11. Official GFWC flower: red rose.
12. Biennial GFWC award honoring outstanding commitment to club, community, and family: Jennie Award.
13. Social media site where you can "like" GFWC: Facebook.
14. Occupation GFWC helped get added to the 1930 U.S. Census: Homemaker.
15. GFWC motto: Unity in Diversity.
16. Middle and high school members: Juniorettes.
17. GFWC International President: Laister.
18. Notable clubwoman who was the first woman elected to both houses of Congress: Smith.
19. Notable clubwoman who is longest-serving First Lady of the United States: Roosevelt.

20. In 1940, GFWC celebrated our Golden Jubilee.

Bonus Jumble: LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

*MAY YOU CELEBRATE A
WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY! ☺☺☺*

IN JANUARY...

Diane Cameron

Pat Rutter

IN FEBRUARY...

Bridget Bohince

Linda Georganas

Joan Rippingale

Gladys Ogilvie

Pat Stanley

IN MARCH...

Jane Sowards

Michaela McIntyre



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. ☺

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bake Sale at Ida Lee on March 1. See page 3.

Saturday, March 8, Annual Business Meeting at Loudoun Golf & Country Club at 12:30PM. See page 1.

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!***

SAFETY TIP:

Where do you store your batteries (AA, AAA, 9-volt, etc)? How do you dispose of those old ones? Are they loose in your "junk drawer"?

"A 9 volt battery in a messy junk drawer is being blamed for a recent house fire in Amherst, New Hampshire." This account was reported in 2011 whereas the family had stored these batteries in a plastic bag in the drawer. The batteries came in contact some other metallic object, perhaps a paper clip, and after a time of being in contact, a spark than brought about the fire. Other batteries have been known to be able to move around and come in contact with each other so that after a while a spark creates a fire; even old batteries awaiting disposal may have enough energy to start a fire.

Keep those batteries stored in their original packing or wrap their ends with electrical tape so that they cannot come in contact with each other or other objects that might create that fatal spark.

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