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A WORD FROM KATHY:

We've been busy this fall starting with the Out of Attic Sale in September. Our Ways and Means Committee and club members did an outstanding job sorting, organizing and selling items -- our club collected over \$2800 at the sale.

Our 70th Anniversary Celebration on October 4 was a grand success. Current members, past members, prospective members, and other guests (almost forty total) joined in. Suzi Smith, GFWC Northern District President, joined us along with our own past president, Barbara Polen Jackson. *The Purcellville Gazette* printed a lovely article and picture of the event in the October 17th edition. The food was excellent, as usual, and I want to send a big thank you to everyone who helped make our Open House a wonderful celebration.

On October 18th, I attended the GFWC Northern District Meeting in Herndon and had a very enjoyable time visiting with other GFWC members. I was approached by the presidents of the Ashburn Area Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun to work with them on joint club projects. More on this as the details are worked out.

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PUBLIC ISSUES HOSTS NOVEMBER MEETING WITH PRISCILLA GODFREY

The November General meeting of The Woman's Club of Loudoun is to be hosted by our Public Issues Program on Saturday, November 1 at 2 PM at Leesburg Community Church, 835 Lee Avenue, Leesburg.

Priscilla Godfrey has been invited to speak as a member of The League of Women Voters. This is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles.

- Voters Service/Citizen Education: they present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.

- Action/Advocacy: they are also nonpartisan, but, after study, they use their positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.

Check out their web site for more information at www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org.

To conduct voter service and citizen education activities, they use funds from the League of Women Voters of Education Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) corporation, a nonprofit educational organization. The League of Women Voters, a membership organization, conducts action and advocacy and is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) corporation. 😊

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES----

UPDATE ON OUT OF THE ATTIC SALE

The Out of Attic Sale was held at the VFW in Leesburg on Sept. 12 & 13. We had many nice donated items, baked goods, and cook books for sale. We did well and grossed \$2805. The unsold items were donated to Potter's House in The Plains, VA, which takes donations and offers them free to families/individuals in need.

Thank you to all the ladies and the husbands who helped to make the sale a great success!

From Carolyn, Diane, and Tracy

TIME TO PREPARE FOR IDA LEE BAKE SALE

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



Our annual **Ida Lee Bake sale** will be held **Saturday, December 6, from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, December 7, from 10 am-4 pm.**

We will be wrapping baked goods on **Friday, December 5, from 10 am until we finish**, at Diane Cameron's house, **41187 Bryn Bach Lane, Leesburg**. Please bring your baked goods to Diane's house on Thursday Dec. 4, from 9 am- 3 pm, or on Friday Dec. 5, before 10 am. Remember, this is a two day bake-sale and we will need lots of baked cookies, quick breads, muffins, cakes, pies, and candy to sell. Lunch will be served to all those wrapping!

There will be a sign up sheet at the November 1 general meeting. Remember that we'll need lots of baked goods!

FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS: Maybe you haven't seen our bake sale in action. Here's a little play-by-play as to what happens! Our organization has a prominent spot at Ida Lee Center to sell our homemade baked goods as part of the Craft and Arts Fairs held there each December and March. Our talented members decorate the table and package the goods in pretty wrappings. We do the wrapping together at a member's home on the Friday prior to the Sale. [Dates and place are above] This is a fun time to get to know each other and to accomplish a worthy task. The many, many packages of cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, breads, candies are carefully packed in boxes to transport to the sale site either on Friday evening or very early on Saturday morning. Those boxes were provided and kept by our beloved Margaret Plunkett. Margaret also often loaned her silver platters as part of a beautiful presentation at the sale table. We will miss her, but we have others to carry on. Needed: hands that bake, hands that wrap, hands that set up, hands that sell, hands that clean up. And, of course, hands that want to buy and eat!



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!!!!

BRING YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS TO OUR NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING THIS SATURDAY, NOV. 1.



The Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes program enables Americans to “Give Something That Means Something” this holiday season. The Red Cross invites the public to send cards of thanks, encouragement and holiday cheer to members of our U.S. Armed Forces, veterans and military families, many of whom will be far away from home this holiday season.

Cards are NOT addressed to anyone specific. Participating Red Cross chapters will determine how to best distribute cards to service members, veterans and family members in their local communities across the nation and around the world. Cards may be delivered individually, included in care packages or displayed at common venues in military installations and hospitals.

Guidelines for cards: use generic titles such as “Dear Service Member, Veteran, or Military Family Member” when writing the cards. Cards should NOT contain glitter because some cards may end up at the bedside of a wounded service member and the glitter could aggravate existing health issues.

Calling cards, money, or other items should NOT be enclosed with the holiday cards. Any items enclosed with the holiday cards will be removed, including photos and other gifts. If you wish to provide financial support for Red Cross services to military, please donate online.

BRING YOUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES FILLED TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING ON SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Once again WCL is participating 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). When you bring your box, it will begin a lengthy journey to a 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. If you do not have your brochure with all the needed information, you can obtain that online at www.operationchristmaschild.org. If you make your financial donation online, you will be able to print a label having a barcode that will enable the organization to email you the country destination when it is determined. No cash should be put in the boxes; only one check is needed if you are giving multiple boxes.

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.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO BE SELECTED AT THIS SATURDAY MEETING

The Community Improvement Project Committee will present these three options for our 2014-2015 Community Improvement Project. The WCL Budget allots \$600 for 2014 and another \$600 for 2015 to go toward supporting the project chosen by the membership at our November 1 meeting. Here are the three options for you to consider:

- **HEALTH WORKS**—A trio of community health centers located in Leesburg, Sterling, and Herndon. They provide quality medical, dental, and behavioral health care services as well as specialty services such as: diabetes treatment, wellness and nutrition classes, and the new HealthWorks Breastfeeding Center. They offer core health care services to anyone in need, regardless of age or ability to pay, whether you have insurance or not.
- **ECHO**—Every Citizen Has Opportunities is a no-profit organization in the Northern Virginia area. They specialize with men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They get individualized employment opportunities, services in their facility and on-site services. They may also receive vocational training.
- **WOUNDED WARRIOR RETREAT**—Boulder Crest Retreat for our veterans who have lost arms, legs, or are suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder is located in Loudoun County, Virginia. This project is funded by private and corporate donations. This retreat gives veterans and their families a cabin to stay in while being transitioned back into civilian life. They can rest and enjoy the outdoors and also have therapies available to them. A one-week stay costs about \$2450 per family and all comes from donations.

The Community Improvement Committee includes Mary Hoeltzel, Arlene Lewis, Carolyn Ryman, Charlotte Slaney-Lewis, Doris Eversmeyer, and Sara Gallagher.

DECEMBER BRINGS WCL HOLIDAY SOCIAL EVENT

Reserve Sunday, December 14, at 1 PM for the annual holiday WCL event. The place will be Loudoun Golf & Country Club in Purcellville. Information regarding your reservations, cost, and menu choices will be forthcoming. Guests are welcome, including the guys.

The Hospitality Committee includes Pat Ahrens, Karolyn Whiteley, Mary Hoeltzel, Sarah Douglass, Joyce Baker, Jean Dura, and Pat Stanley.



Here is another way for us to support the Very Special Arts of Loudoun. Do you have any spring clothing to donate?



The Re Love It store in Purcellville is now accepting spring clothing. When donating items please use the VSAarts account number 1244. VSAarts will receive 45 per cent of the sale price of clothing and 50 per cent on all other items. All proceeds go towards our spring musicals. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TRAIL ADOPTION

From Doris Eversmeyer

WCL became an official steward of the Red Trail at Claude Moore Park in Sterling this past June. The Red Trail is a half mile loop near the Visitor's Center with a gentle slope and lots of shade. Through the Adopt-A-Trail program, WCL has committed to visit at least six times this year to monitor the condition of the trail, do some light trimming, and pick up dead branches and any litter.

The trail adoption was initiated by the Conservation Committee, and Doris Eversmeyer has been coordinating the visits. We started in June with a training walk provided by Assistant Park Manager Dodie Lewis. Dodie taught us how to recognize the native trees vs. invasive species and how to trim and clear such that we don't leave any exposed cuts, and we keep the overhead branches at a good height. The park provides all of the tools; we just have to coordinate a few days ahead so that Dodie knows we are coming.

We returned for our second visit at the end of July after heavy storms and early summer growth had accumulated. We trimmed back a lot of invasive Autumn Olive in particular along the edges of the trail. We're looking forward to fall and winter visits. All members are welcome to participate and we hope that you will consider coming out – it's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise while giving back to the community. Watch your email for upcoming visits. 😊😊

**LIVING THE
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SPIRIT!**

The Public Issues program on November 1 will be just a few days before Election Day. We are pleased to have Priscilla Godfrey from the League of Women Voters as a guest speaker. Don't forget to bring your signed Christmas cards for the Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes and your filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

December will be an especially busy month with the annual bake sale at the Ida Lee Fine Arts and Craft Show on December 6 & 7 and our Holiday Social on December 14 at the Loudoun Golf and Country Club in Purcellville. Put on your aprons and turn on the ovens, we will need lots of baked goodies for the bake sale. Be sure to add your name to the baked goods, wrapping and selling sign-up sheets.

One last thank you: thank you Karolyn Whiteley for stepping up to be our 2nd Vice President. 😊

IN MEMORIAM



Margaret Plunkett, one of our long-time members died on September 23, 2014, in Leesburg, VA. Margaret was an active and giving woman in The Woman's Club of Loudoun. She was our only member to serve as President for two terms—1994-96 and 2004-2006. Margaret loved to “man” the table of fine china and other glassware at the annual club “Out-of-the-Attic Sale”.

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.

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.)

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: gfwcvva; 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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