



NEWS N' NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

Celeste Corrigan

As I reflect back on 2019 there have been so many wonderful memories with DWC. We have accomplished so much but to me the best, was spending time with you. The friendships that will last a lifetime are truly the greatest gift we have. Those friendships were forged with ladies that share a common belief that by helping others we enrich not only ourselves but the community we call home. From awarding scholarships to playing Bunco with our Seniors to volunteering at numerous schools, we have touched the lives of so many. Sometimes our presence impacted lives that we may be completely unaware. It could have been a simple smile that brightened an otherwise gloomy day, encouraging a child to know his or her potential and believing their dreams are reachable through learning. Giving them books to call their own or learning how the world works through Science may change their futures. We will never know what affect we may have on others but we do know that we were there to add a positive spin on each day. I want to thank you all for all your generous support to the many projects and events we participated in during 2019. You are outstanding ladies doing remarkable things! May your holidays be filled with love, family and friends.



1st Vice President
Martha Feeney

Some information that might be helpful :

Annual Membership Dues

Please remember to send in your membership dues to Barb Garland as soon as possible. The check should be made out to GFWC DWC in the amount of \$85.00. It can be mailed to:

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club
P. O. Box 1053
Haymarket, VA 20168
Attn: Barb Garland

As a point of information, the following is from our club's Standing Rules:

Annual Membership dues shall be \$85 payable to the DWC Treasurer on or before January 15th of each calendar year. Dues to the Northern District and GFWC are due no later than January 25th.

Annual Membership dues include:

- a) DWC Dues: \$28.00 per member
- b) Meetings: \$30.00 per member
- c) GFWC Dues: \$25.00 per member
- d) Northern District Dues: \$2.00 per member

Total Annual Membership Dues: \$85.00 per member

We now have a permanent address!!

The purchase of a Post Office box for our club was approved at the November board meeting. Barbara Garland (Treasurer) and Martha Feeney (1st Vice President) have the keys to the box. It is located at the Haymarket Post Office. Please use this address, when necessary, for any mailed correspondence to the club. Please note that the zip code is slightly different.

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Education Committee

Chairs: Linda Turnau and Anna Shackelford

At this special season of giving, many DWC members are donating time, volunteer efforts, and generosity to the Education Committee's outreach programs.

Our DWC Book Group will meet again in the new year on Wednesday, January 29th, at Linda Turnau's house at 7:00 PM to discuss our January book, Educated by Tara Westover.

Remember, book group does not meet in December because of the busy holiday season. We had 14 ladies participate in a lively discussion of our November book Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner. Our DWC book group is open to all members at any time. Please join us the last Wednesday of each month as your schedules allow and interests peak. We hope to see you share your pleasure in reading with us!

Collections are ongoing:

- Batteries – Sharayu Tulpule
- Used books – Rosemary Boettke
- Ink Cartridges – Sue Mork
- Pull Tabs – Martha Feeney

Teaching and tutoring support students at Gravely Elementary and at Ellis Elementary Schools. Club women volunteer at Gravely to help the second-grade students develop their skills in both Math (Mondays) and Language Arts (Tuesdays). More volunteers are needed. If you can give an hour of time each week to support this outreach, please contact Sharayu Tulpule for Math or Mary Ellen Murphy for Language Arts.

The RESET Science program continues at Ellis Elementary. Sharayu Tulpule will teach fourth-grade students lessons on having fun with magnets on Dec. 17th and 19th.

The Holiday Bonanza has started at PACE West School and will continue through the month of December. Students have an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their family members. Our DWC members provided many new, regifted, and slightly used items for this program. Our generous donations totaled over \$4,000.00 of in-kind value. We want to thank all club ladies who contributed to this cause and to Rosemary Boettke for coordinating the collection of these gift items. Our club women also supported this program with donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, and gift bags. DWC volunteers provide a gift-wrapping service for the student's chosen gift packages during December. If you would like to help with wrapping and bagging items, contact Rae Lamb. We thank Rae for all her efforts in coordinating our busy DWC elves in wrapping these gifts for PACE West students. The spirit of giving is surely reflected in this wonderful committee and club outreach!

Teachers at Ellis Elementary continue to be appreciated and recognized by our club. Linda Turnau delivered sweet treats to the staff at Ellis Elementary. She set up a festive table with butter cookies, Belgium chocolate cookies, and shortbread cookies. Linda also set out the remainder of her leftover Halloween candy bars and packets of M & M's. These goodies should give the staff the sugar needed to keep them going through the last few weeks of school before winter break!

End-of-Year reporting for DWC is coming quickly in early January. Please send Linda Turnau any in-kind donations and volunteer hours not yet reported for any Education Committee project. Thank you for all you do, your time and dedication, and for your generous hearts! You are the best!

Art & Culinary Committee
Chairs: Celeste Corrigan & Susan Sivori

Art Committee

January meeting is the Art Contest! This is your opportunity to show off your talent in Painting, Crafting, Needlework or Paper Crafts. Please email Susan at susansivori06@gmail.com or Celeste at vaoriongroup@aol.com to let us know what you are entering so we can properly prepare the displays.

Sewing Club:

We will be meeting at Celeste's (2628 Logmill Rd) on January 10th at 1:00pm and on January 31st at 11:30am. Please bring your sewing machines and supplies as we prepare the Bunco centerpieces. Also please text Celeste at 571-236-6213 if you are coming so I can make sure we have enough work space for everyone.

**Home Life Committee Chair: Mary Ellen
Murphy**

The Home Life Committee gathered on Thursday, December 5th at Mary Ellen Murphy's home for some holiday cheer and to assemble two holiday baskets for homebound seniors for Volunteer Prince William's annual holiday outreach. On November 25th, several members of our committee decorated the Haymarket Town Hall for the holiday season, creating a festive atmosphere for our town's officials. The Garden Ladies prepared the garden at the Haymarket sign for winter just in time for the annual Tree Lighting. Kathy and her crew of dedicated ladies hosted a beautiful event for the residents at Gainesville Health & Rehab Center, setting a record for attendance at the Bunco; and gave each participant a holiday themed gift. The event was followed by a wine and cheese party at Kathy's home. Kathy has requested continued donations of necklaces that can be slipped over the head, stretchy bracelets and earrings. On December 14th, we will be participating in "Wreaths Across America" at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, placing wreaths on the graves of veterans and attending the ceremony. The time for the event is 11:15; any member who is interested in participating should contact Mary Ellen at megwayne@comcast.net or 703-568-5483. There will be no regular meeting in December; we will resume our 4th Thursday of the month meetings on January 23rd, 2020. Happy holidays!

Membership Committee Chair:
Kathy Suggitt

Our club is growing! We are delighted to welcome Lisa Leevy, Mary Ruth Walker, Cheryl Hogarth, Nora Peterson, Amy Scala and Lori Rocker to Dominion Woman's Club. These ladies will be initiated in a ceremony at our December dinner meeting when we will also welcome back some members to active status. The following ladies will be recognized as returning friends: Melanie Esteban, Mary Catherine Romans, Rebecca Anderson and Diane Quigley.

Public Issues

Chair Needed,

We have 2 things of note for you. The first is to highlight the Home Life article about **“Wreaths Across America”** on Dec 14th. I know it is a Boutique day but if you are not scheduled to volunteer there on Saturday Dec 14th I heartily suggest your taking part in the wreath laying. It is an annual event that takes place at every National Cemetery across the USA. It is our way to thank those that have gone before us and have given such much to us. It is a moving day that you will remember always.

The second thing is this year we will be collecting **“Sweats for Vets”**. If you would like to donate sweat suits please bring them to our December dinner meeting. We will be collecting the sweat suits for the female veterans. As with all of our projects, your participation is totally optional. I heard it said we ask ‘too much’ of our members. But that is not quiet correct. We have many projects and opportunities for volunteering. Find the ones that move your heartstrings and participate. No one could possibly take part in everything we do or donate to every effort. Do what you want, when you can, and as often as you can. That is what service clubs do!

Dominion Junioresettes Connie Loggans and Chris Powers

The holidays are upon us and the Junioresettes have been very busy helping and volunteering in the community. Last month, Fall-a-Rama was a huge success and the girls want to thank everyone for their generosity and thoughtfulness. They raised more money than anticipated and used the funds to buy presents for a very special foster child for Christmas, as well as Toys for Tots. The girls had a wonderful time shopping for both the boy we were assigned and for toys to be dropped off at Toys For Tots! The girls wrapped and delivered the gifts to the Department of Social Services and then delivered the remaining presents to the Evergreen Fire Station for Toys For Tots. This was quite a rewarding experience.

In lieu of a general meeting in December, the girls decided to do a potluck dinner with a White Elephant gift exchange. What fun they had! Lots of food, fun and gingerbread decorating. After their bellies were full, they began work on making cat toys for WAAAG and the Middleburg Humane Society. They smartly established a production line with some girls tracing templates, others cutting, sewing and stuffing with catnip. They were able to complete several dozen toys that will be delivered later this month.

Volunteer opportunities are on the forefront of their minds this month. Several girls are volunteering at a food packing event at the United Methodist Church and many have signed up to help with Wreaths Across America.

The girls have volunteered and done many wonderful things for the community just within their first year as a club. There are many great things in store for the girls and the club in the new year. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

Committee Chairs and Sub Chairs

Art Committee: Susan Sivori & Celeste Corrigan
Craft: Susan Sivori & Celeste Corrigan
Sewing: Rae Lamb & Nancy Seymour
Culinary: Susan Sivori & Celeste Corrigan
First Responders: Rosemary Boettke

Education Committee: Anna Shackelford & Linda Turnau
DWC Book Group – Linda Turnau
Ellis Elementary:
 Book Collection: Susan Sivori, Mary Ellen Murphy & Rosemary Boettke
 Science RESET Program: Sharayu Tulpule
 Teacher Appreciation: Linda Turnau
Gravelly Elementary:
 Math Tutoring: Sharayu Tulpule
 Language Arts: Mary Ellen Murphy
 Summer Reading Fun: Sharayu Tulpule & Mary Ellen Murphy
Haymarket Elementary: National Read Across America Day: Beth Glaser
PACE West:
 Village Meeting: Martha Feeney
 Holiday Bonanza: Collection of gift items: Rosemary Boettke & Wrapping: Rae Lamb
 Mother's Day Baskets: Linda Turnau
 PROWL Pantry: Sharayu Tulpule
 Teacher Appreciation: Barbara Murray
Scholarship:
 Carol Blythe – Battlefield High School
 Sharayu Tulpule – NOVA (Northern Virginia Community College)
Collections:
 Box Tops for Education – **TBA**
 Soda and soup pull tabs – Martha Feeney
 Used ink cartridges – Sue Mork
 Used children's books – Susan Sivori, Mary Ellen Murphy, Rosemary Boettke

Home Life Committee: Mary Ellen Murphy
Ellis Striders Running Club/ Fun Run: Mary Ellen Murphy
Knitting
Packing lunches for the homeless
Bunco For Seniors: Kathy Suggitt
Haymarket Garden: Shelly Kozlowski, Martha Feeney & Mary Ellen Murphy
Carried to Full Term: Shelly Kozlowski and Mary Ellen Murphy

Membership Committee: Kathy Suggitt
Care and Concern: Susie Collat
Movie Night: Gale Goodwin
Bingo: **Looking for someone to organize this**

Public Issues Committee:
Wreaths Across America: Mary Ellen Murphy

Public Relation Committee: Deb Jewell
Constant Contact: **Looking for someone to help with this**
News and Notes: **Looking for someone to help with this**

Juniorettes: Connie Loggans & Chris Powers

Saturday, February 9th at Piedmont Club- 11:00 - 4:00



"Girls Gone Bunco" - Planning Meeting. Watch for news about a planning meeting for "Girls Gone Bunco" in the new year.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

**Constant Contact
Bingo sub-chair
Public Issues**

DWC in Action



Home Life Committee
Holiday Gathering



Holiday Bunco with Seniors



Town of Haymarket decorations



Wine and cheese party for
volunteers at Kathy's



One of the "Holiday Baskets for
Homebound Seniors"

Dominion Junioresettes in Action



Getting ready for Fall-A-Rama



At Fall-A-Rama Bake Sale



Shopping for foster child



Volunteering at "Feeding Friends"