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# News 'N Notes

## *Service, Strength, and Sisterhood*

**President's Corner**  
**Celeste Corrigan**

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I hope this finds you and your family well. By now, you know that the **Northern District meeting and Art Contest has been cancelled; as well as the Junioresettes Bingo.** GFWC Virginia and the leadership team of DWC take the health and well-being of you, our members and our community, very seriously. Like you, we are all closely monitoring the quickly developing effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will practice social distancing. **We are being asked to NOT have meetings (committee, general, or board meetings) until further notice.** I am sure that you all understand and agree with this new “normal” in our lives. While we each prefer to be with friends and doing things for others, we have to be content to simply talk on the phone and be there as support to each other. We will do our best to keep you as up-to-date as possible when GFWC Virginia, Northern District, and DWC news happens. As soon as we are once again able to meet and resume our activities, we will let you know. In this edition of News and Notes we will cover not only the committee highlights but also cover those items that would have been discussed at our monthly meeting. Stay safe and well!

### **Slate of Officers for 2020-2021**

I would like to take a moment and thank our nominating committee, Marguerite Madigan, Gale Goodwin and Beth Glaser. They have completed their search and have a **slate of DWC Officers for 2020- 2021. They are:**

Martha Feeney, President  
Barbara Murray, 1st Vice President  
Kathy Suggitt, 2nd Vice President  
Roya Delaney, Corresponding Secretary  
Barb Garland, Treasurer  
Lisa Leevy, Recording Secretary

## Education Committee

### Chairs: Linda Turnau and Anna Shackelford

Our March DWC Book Group has been **cancelled** for Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM at Linda Turnau's house. March's novel was "The Runaway Wife" by Dee MacDonald. We will plan to discuss it at a later date. The remaining books for this year are:

April – An American Marriage by Tayari Jones; May – We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter; and June – Follow Me by Kathleen Barber. Remember, 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 would love for you join our group and share your joy of reading with us! Many good discussions abound!

Collections are ongoing:

Batteries – Sharayu Tulpule

Used books – Rosemary Boettke

Pull Tabs – Martha Feeney

Holiday Bonanza – Rosemary Boettke – All year long, we collect new, gently used, and regifted items for PACE West students to choose holiday gifts for their family members during December. As you are doing your spring cleaning, you can find a place for those items you have never used, are not using now or have tucked away and forgotten. Donate them to this special program. Contact Rosemary and she will gladly receive your gift items. Thanks!

Holiday Bonanza Wrapping – Rae Lamb - Holiday Bonanza gift items need to be wrapped when the students choose their family gifts. Rae coordinates the wrapping service provided by our DWC ladies, and she collects all necessary supplies during the year. She has expressed a need for holiday gift bags of all sizes, bows, tissue paper, and scotch tape. If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Rae and she will be happy to accept them. Thanks!

### Fundraising Initiative

By now, you all have received the Fundraising Initiative form. It is also included here in the News & Notes. Please remember, while we encourage your participation; it is not a requirement. **Please note that pledges are due to Barb Garland by March 31st.**

## **Conservation Committee** **Sarah Rudy and Robin Clukey**

A Conservation Committee is being initiated to focus on programs that educate our members on the importance of preserving natural resources. The first planning meeting (if we are able to meet in April) will be on April 13, 7:00 PM at Sarah Rudy's home – 5342 Blossom Hill Dr. Dominion Valley. Phone Number 571-261-3581. Sarah and Robin Clukey are co-chairing this committee and will be sharing the hosting opportunities.

Subsequent meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Committee would like to offer lectures, educational walks, and visits to environmental teaching gardens. Please see the sign up sheet at the next DWC monthly meeting.

Additional info (Again if we are able to meet!)

### Activities:

May 2020 - Leopolds Preserve - [Leopoldsperserve.org](http://Leopoldsperserve.org) - walk and educational tour - Sarah will check on dates "The White House Farm Foundation" owns and manages Leopold's Preserve, a 380 acre nature preserve protected by a conservation easement held by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT), and open to the public. It is visited daily by community residents, tourists, and educational groups who enjoy its 7 miles of walking trails, interpretive signage, observation platforms and wildflower **meadows that showcase** the environmental and historic features of the property and surrounding area. The concept behind Leopold's Preserve originated from the sale and subsequent purchase of the South Market property - a 550 acre tract of land quietly nestled in the Rural Crescent of Prince William County, but planned and approved for industrial and commercial uses. By carving out just a slight portion of the land for a clustered residential community (Villages of Piedmont at Leopold's Preserve), Scott Plein was able to protect in perpetuity the balance of the land, which is enjoyed by hundreds of visitors each week. It is an award-winning model for preservation-oriented land planning and exemplifies White House Farm Foundation's commitment to the environment and ecological systems; particularly as it pertains to finding a balance between human habitat needs and preserving our natural habitats."

June: St Benedict Monastery Teaching Garden visit.

Fall/Winter 2020 - PWC Landfill-Recycling - gather information on a tour of the landfill -

Fall/Winter 2020 - Birds and the Bees - Virginia Cooperative Extension - [Ext.vt.edu](http://Ext.vt.edu)

**Art & Culinary Committee**  
**Chairs: Celeste Corrigan & Susan Sivori**

All of the Arts and Crafts Committee's meetings have been canceled until after the current health crisis is resolved.

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

All of the meetings of the Home Life Committee are canceled until after the current health crisis is resolved. As a further update: it is unclear at this time whether we will be doing the Health and Wellness Fair at Ellis or the Pinwheel Garden in Town of Haymarket. There will be more information sent out regarding our outreaches as it becomes available. The Haymarket Garden clean-up is on hold until social distancing is no longer necessary. Members are asked to bring the coin filled water bottles for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry to the April meeting **IF** we have one.

**Dominion Junioresettes**  
**Connie Loggans and Chris Powers, Co-Chairs**

The Dominion Junioresettes have been working very hard to organize their 2nd Annual Bingo event scheduled for Friday, March 20th. Due to the COVID-19 concerns, we made the decision to postpone the event to a date to be determined. We will let you know when another date has been set. The Junioresettes have been visiting businesses throughout the community to talk about Bingo and see if they would like to donate to the event. Many businesses have provided raffle items, gift cards and we have 6 sponsors to date (3 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze) totaling \$1,000.

Besides planning the Bingo event, the Junioresettes requested 2 special ladies to join their February meeting and teach them how to crochet. Barb Garland and Rosemary Boettke attended the general meeting and happily showed the Junioresettes the basic techniques to make prayer squares for the Lake Manassas Cancer Center. The Junioresettes are making squares, attaching a poem to each and delivering later this spring. A big thank you to Barb and Rosemary!

We also had another special guest at the February general meeting.....Kathy Cain, Director of Junior Clubs for Northern District. Kathy engaged with the Junioresettes talking about Northern District, Prom Wishes and even learned to crochet herself. Stay safe and healthy!

## **Membership Committee**

**Chair: Kathy Suggitt**

The DWC chair of membership is delighted to welcome Sarah Rudy. Sarah has rejoined our club and is helping to launch the Conservation Committee along with Robin Clukey. Please let Kathy know if you need a name tag.

## **Care and Concern Committee**

**Susie Collat, Chair**

May we find the strength we need for our families! My prayers continue that our lives if touched will be healed quickly and we can be together again. The Care and Concern Committee is here if you need us and we will do whatever we can to assist you. Please call me any time : Susie Collat 410-978-5890

## **Public Issues**

**Celeste Corrigan, Acting Chair**

In the days ahead, if you decide to clean out your closets, please save any dresses to help support "Operation Deploy Your Dress". This is an organization that collects new and gently used formal attire to distribute FREE to military members & their dependents, helping to offset the cost of attending military balls, high school proms, and even weddings. If you have any dresses that you wish to donate please bring them to our next meeting. For more information contact Shelley Kozlowski at kozlowskism@msn.com.

.On the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm, Out of the Blue, in Gainesville hosts a Military Appreciation Monday dinner. Each month, a different organization that supports our military is highlighted and provides a speaker to discuss their outreach. In May (if we are able to meet in May), Deb Jewell will be presenting on behalf of DWC as the featured program. Money raised is matched by the evening's sponsors who match the total cost of all the meals at the event. We encourage all of you to come out to support Deb and DWC. You will have a great meal, a fun night out with friends, and help raise money for our military outreach program.

## **GFWC Virginia**

**Please note that in compliance with the CDC recommendation to limit travel and large gatherings, GFWC Virginia has cancelled the State Convention that was to be held on April 24-26 in Fairfax .**

**Meeting Location Committee**  
**Deb Jewell and Rosemary Boettke**

Over the past several weeks, the meeting location committee has been looking into other venues for us to hold our monthly meetings. They had 11 venues to check out. Most were very expensive for us to even consider or required us to set up and take down all the tables and chairs or the places were a little too small for our growing club. As it is now we have already outgrown Joe's. Deb and Rosemary have done a fabulous job checking out all the venues and we appreciate all their efforts. They have found one restaurant that may be a perfect fit for us. If we are able to meet we will be going there for our May Installation and Initiation Dinner. It is "Out of the Blue Seafood" restaurant in Gainesville. Starting in September we will meet there on the third Wednesday of the month for our general meetings.

**Public Relations**  
**Deb Jewell, Chair**

Until further notice all committee and subcommittee meetings and activities are cancelled. Community events are cancelled as well. We will share info about about community events when we come out on the other side of this. Stay safe!

**Some advice from Prince William County Police**

As with many incidents before, bad people will try to take advantage of your emotions. During the COVID-19, pandemic scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus. The scams take a variety of forms, such as setting up websites to sell bogus products and using fake emails, texts, and social media posts as a ruse to take your money and get your personal information .Please seek information from reliable sources concerning COVID-19:

<https://emergency.pwccgov.org/> (Prince William County)

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/> (Virginia)

<https://www.cdc.gov/> (Federal Government)

Stay safe, stay healthy, and wash your hands!

Jason

Master Police Officer Jason Alicie, CPS    Crime Prevention Unit  
8900 Freedom Center Blvd  
Prince William County Police

Each year about this time we start reexamining our budget. Have we funded those projects and programs we voted for and do we have enough funds to finish out the year? It is also the time when we begin looking at next year's budget based on the monies still in the account and the projections from our fund raising efforts.

This past year we voted not to have a 2020 Author Luncheon. The monies raised from that helped to cover the costs of our scholarship and the Buy-A-Kid-A-Book program. We have had other fund raisers this year; especially the new Boutique to help fill that void. Many members expressed their concerns for the amount of 'In Kind' donations and the hours to craft the items that we sold. Just as a point of reference, the volunteer hours were 2,982 for the year and the annual 'In Kind' donations were \$13,540. The overall feeling or opinion was that we expended so much time and effort and money to raise just a fraction of what we need to maintain the programs and projects we love.

It was suggested by several members that it would be easier and there would be less of a time commitment to simply write a check to DWC and in the memo section annotate a particular program you want to help fund or leave it blank to help wherever the funds are needed the most. Now we, as your board, recognize that not everyone can afford to do that. Some actually struggle just paying the yearly dues of \$85.00. We want each of you to know that this is a 100% optional fundraising initiative. We will always have some 'In Kind' donations; for example, when we bake for the teachers or our First Responders. But with this new initiative, maybe we don't need to buy that roll of wrapping paper or purchase a ticket to an event when we are really going out of town yet we want to support the Club. Does this mean we will not have Bunco or future Author Luncheons? NO, we will still do those fun things but this may give us the freedom to now enjoy the events without "hounding" you about ticket sales or participation. So here is our 2-prong approach to this new sponsorship program. First, let's look at the member's side. Each January time frame we will send out a member participation form for you to thoughtfully decide your participation level and if you want to earmark a monetary gift for a specific program. This form will be a "pledge" to be turned in by March. We will have a social event in April to kick off the actual donation time. On the pledge form you will see several payment options. You can pay your pledge in full with one check, pay quarterly or divide your payments into 10 monthly payments. One very important note; if you pledge an amount, we ask you to honor the entire amount pledged. We will be building our yearly budget with these pledges in mind. The second prong is to develop business sponsorship letters where appropriate. This is aimed at having some local businesses "buy" into DWC as a whole or into a specific project. There are also some companies that will actually match donations their employees make if it is for a 501C(3), which we are! As an incentive for businesses, they will be listed on our website and in our News and Notes. This entire initiative is different from anything we have ever tried before. As such, we want to give all of you an opportunity to review the plan and be prepared to vote on this at the February meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we have enclosed a proxy form for you to fill out and give to one of the board members. While we only need a quorum to pass this, we really would like 100% of our membership to vote either in person or by proxy. This is your Club. Please let your voice be heard on this. Again we want to reiterate, we will still be doing some fundraising with fun events but this is designed to free up our time to volunteer more and work on fundraisers less. Lastly, remember this is a 100% optional. You do not have to donate this way to be a member. We still love the aspect of volunteering to help our community; that is the heart of DWC.

In Sisterhood,

Your DWC Executive Board

Hello DWC Members,  
Please read the form below and return by March 31st if you elect to participate.



You may also earmark a monetary gift for a specific committee or you can have it go into the general fund for our charitable outreach.

Thanks,  
Roya Delaney  
Corresponding Secretary



**2020 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE**

Since this initiative was just passed at the February meeting, we will recap the plan. Each January (for 2020 you are receiving it in early March) we will send out a member participation form for you to thoughtfully decide your participation level. You may also earmark a monetary gift for a specific committee or you can have it go into the general fund for our charitable outreach. This form will be a "pledge" to be turned in by March 31<sup>st</sup>. On the pledge form below, you will see several payment options. You can pay your pledge in full with one check, pay quarterly (payable Sept, Dec, Mar and June) or divide your payments into 10 monthly payments; payable Sept through June. One very important note; if you pledge an amount, we ask you to honor that entire amount, as we will be building our yearly budget with these pledges in our plan.

Lastly, remember this is a 100% optional program. You do not have to donate this way to be a member. We still love the aspect of volunteering to help our community; that is the heart of DWC.

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Your DWC Executive Board

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION FORM**

(Please return this form by March 31, 2020 to GFWC Dominion Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1053, Haymarket VA 20168 Attn: Barb Garland)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your payment plan:

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| Single payment:                      | Quarterly payment:                | 10 monthly payments:           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$750       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$187.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$300       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                   |                                |

Please circle a particular program where you would like your donation to be applied:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund        | Art Committee       |
| Education Committee | Home Life Committee |