



News 'N Notes

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner Celeste Corrigan

This has been a very unusual few months and there appears to be months more of the social distancing. I miss seeing all of you and being part of our many activities. Hopefully, we can meet up again in the fall but till then, stay well and healthy.

This month would normally be when we initiate our new members and install our new Executive Board. Unfortunately we cannot do that. Nevertheless, ladies please know each club member congratulates you and thanks you for stepping up or continuing in your roles for the club. I would like to thank the members of the 2019 – 2020 DWC Board as well as all the Committee Chairs for all the wonderful work they have done on behalf of DWC. It is said that "Friendship isn't a BIG Thing; it's a million LITTLE things". Well for the million little ways you all have supported me; thank you, and thank you for your friendships. Please envision a virtual hug around each one of you in appreciation. I think Anna Taylor said it best, "Some people arrive and make such a beautiful impact on your life, you can barely remember what life was like without them."

Sisterhood
Here's to Good Women
May we raise them
May we know them
May we be them

Heartfelt Thanks to our DWC President

This month's News and Notes gives us an opportunity to recognize and thank our current president, Celeste Corrigan, for her 2019 - 2020 term as DWC President.

Celeste loves the Dominion Woman's Club and all that it represents. Our club has flourished under her strong leadership, as President of the Executive Board. Through the Public Issues Committee and the Art & Culinary Committee she has guided the club through the "Sweats for Vets" collection, the Holiday Boutique experience, the creation of the bunco centerpieces for our fundraiser, mask collections and food for our first responders, and our art contest with Northern District. Her leadership and guidance with the reporting this year allowed our club to have an accurate and inspiring record of our accomplishments, resulting in numerous awards for our club. During her tenure, we have begun a new fundraising initiative, with a pledge option, for our members. Celeste will be continuing her service with DWC and she will be serving Northern District as Treasurer next year.

In the December, 2019 "News and Notes" Celeste stated: "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".

Many thanks, friend, for your service to DWC and our community.



Great News!



Federation Friends:

We missed being together in April at what would have been our 113th Annual Convention! One of the highlights of Convention is the announcing of award winner. The Annual Report for 2019 has been posted on the state website on our home page - <https://gfwcvirginia.org/> In addition to the awards booklet, your GFWC Virginia Chairman have put together several videos announcing the winners. The videos have been posted to the GFWC Virginia website on the home page - just scroll down. We encourage you grab a drink, make yourself comfortable and sit back and enjoy the condensed version of awards presentations that would have happened at Convention!

Thank you for all you have done for the Federation and your communities in 2019 - we can't wait to read reports about what Clubwomen have done during 2020 to creatively and safely support our communities during the pandemic and this most unusual time.

Stay safe, enjoy reading the Annual Report and watching the winner announcement videos!

Heather Craven
GFWC Virginia
Executive Secretary

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club won the following at the State Level:

PUBLIC RELATIONS; Communication and Publications
Best Overall Program – Large Club
EDUCATION
Best Single Project; Large Club

**CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CLUB!!**

Education Committee

Chairs: Linda Turnau and Anna Shackleford

With this corona virus pandemic, DWC members are greatly missing our involvement with students and staff at our local schools, and we look forward to reconnecting with them again next school year. We pray that everyone is staying healthy and coping with all this social distancing.

Our April DWC Book Group met on Wednesday, May 6th, via a ZOOM teleconference. Thanks to Rosemary Boettke for hosting us for this event. Zoom is becoming a way of life for many of us nowadays! The teleconference was a very special time. We discussed Tayari Jones' novel *An American Marriage* for a portion of the time and then spent an hour socializing. It was wonderful to see so many of our DWC friends looking healthy, sounding happy, and staying busy. Our May book to read is *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. We will again set up a Zoom teleconference for Wednesday, June 3rd at 3:00 PM to talk about May's novel. Please put this date on your calendars and let Rosemary Boettke know if you would like to be invited to join our discussion video conference. June's book selection, our last for this DWC year, is *Follow Me* by Kathleen Barber. We will soon begin planning our reading list for our 2019-2020 DWC year. Please send Linda Turnau any recommendations you have for possible good reads and author suggestions for our 2020-2021 DWC year. Her e-mail is ltturnau@comcast.net. Thanks! Being home bound during this Covid 19 stay-in-place order is a perfect time to enjoy reading a good book and try out our discussion group. We hope you will join us! Happy reading!

The Education Commitee is pleased to announce that we have a scholarship winner from Battlefield High School. The recipient of DWC's \$1,000 scholarship for this year is Katherine Clough. She is an outstanding senior who reflects high academic standards, shows leadership, and provides community service through involvement in a variety of outreaches. In addition to her high school courses, Katherine has also completed seven classes at Northern Virginia Community College during her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She has tutored students, mentored children, and actively participated in community events through her involvement in the math honor society, national honor society, and key club. Katherine is an accomplished musician and has played in Battlefield's top Philharmonic orchestra for three years. She has been a violin section leader as well. Katherine held the title of Miss Teen Philippines-America for 2019. She volunteered at cultural events and festivals in the DC metro area promoting the culture of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans. She also attended the Friendship Ambassadors World Youth Conference in 2019, representing two organizations, the Migrant Heritage Commission (MHC) and the Ilocano Society of America (ISA). Katherine will be attending the University of Central Florida where she has applied to the LEAD Scholars Academy program. This program offers many opportunities for leadership and community involvement. We wish her much success in her future endeavors. Many thanks to our scholarship readers (Carol Blythe, Beth Glaser, Martha Feeny, Mary Ellen Murphy, Sharayu Tulpule, and Linda Turnau) who dedicated time to read through the applications and rank the applicants. Hats off to our other talented young ladies as well!

Art & Culinary Committee
Chairs: Celeste Corrigan & Susan Sivori

There are no scheduled activities at this time. We plan to have a table at the Battlefield High School Fall-A-Rama. While you are home during these months of social distancing if you would like to make any items that can be sold at the DWC table we would greatly appreciate your efforts.

Home Life Committee
Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy

Earlier this month, I sent members of the Home Life Committee an e-mail with some suggestions for projects that we could accomplish during our hiatus from meetings. Many of our spring projects are on hold; we cannot do upkeep on Haymarket Garden until we can come up with a plan to accommodate the construction going on in the Town Square and the Pinwheel Garden was postponed until next year. So, I proposed a suggestion to send greeting cards to the residents of rehab and nursing homes since they cannot receive visitors during the time of quarantine. Some of you responded yes, so I contacted the director of the Gainesville Rehab and Nursing Center who was delighted with our offer and would love to have us send cards to the residents...there are 91 of them! We would be delighted to have the whole club participate in this project! If you are interested in doing this, please let me know by Sunday, May 24th. The plan is to simply write an encouraging message in a card. Some of you may have cards that you have received from various charities that you support that might be suitable...we can also purchase some inexpensive cards in packages. When I have an idea of how many volunteers we might have, a better plan can be formulated. Also, they are seeking donations of plants to create a "Cheer Garden" for the residents. Would anyone like to help with that by donating some pretty flowering plants? Contact me at megwayne@comcast.net. Thanks so much for all that you do. I sure miss seeing you all !

Fundraising

Recently we held our first online ZOOM BLINGO. We raised \$750.00 for the Public Issues Committee and their efforts to help support our Front Line Workers at the Heathcote Novant Hospital. On the last page there is a flier and Link to the second game night if you are interested.

I was recently asked why Public Issues Committee did the BLINGO Fundraiser when we just finished doing the Pledge Initiative. All those pledges are earmarked for the 2020 - 2021 club year. These pledge monies will be collected from September 2020 thru June of 2021. The Public Issues Committee had no fund allocated from the 2019 - 2020 budget. There was an unexpected need for this committee to step up and get involved due to the Coronavirus. The Public Issues Committee could not just use club funds. Thus the fundraiser!

Membership Committee Chair: Kathy Suggitt

Unfortunately, because social distancing there can be no upcoming membership activities. Looking to the future, we would like to have have a formal "membership " committee for our club; members interested in signing up for a designated membership committee please email Kathy at: richkath7@msn.com When we can once again get together to socialize, I would like help organizing some kind of welcome back activity. Again, please e-mail me if you might be interested in helping to plan this event.

Public Issues

Celeste Corrigan, Acting Chair

I would like to thank Melanie Esteban, Beth Glaser, IrmenHorne, Deb Jewell, Rae Lamb, Lisa Leevy, Mary Ellen Murphy, MaryCatherine Romans, Anna Shackelford, Susan Sivori, and Elsebeth Wong for their continued support making masks. Because of their effortswe made and delivered 383 masks. I am so very proud of you all.

Dominion Juniorettes

Connie Loggans and Chris Powers, Chairs

During this time of social distancing, the Juniorettes are meeting via Zoom to discuss plans for their bingo and "Soles For Soles" projects. Details to follow soon!

Public Relations Deb Jewell, Chair

Please remember to check hgba.biz for upcoming meetings and cancellations. Meetings will be held this summer in outdoor venues. The meeting place for June 16th is TBD; Deb will not be at that meeting . Please also check <http://pwchamber.org> for Prince William County meetings and all upates, including important info from the County Supervisors and the Governor.

Stay Connected!!

Please check out our website - www.dominionwomansclub.org - for the latest news about the club. Recent activities are highlighted, as well as links to GFWC and Northern District. If you have an inquiry concerning the club, there is a tab that will take you to that space. Enjoy strolling through this excellent source of information.

DWC Pledge Update

Fundraising Initiative

Our Fundraising Initiative was very successful. We are pleased to announce the following results.

General Fund - \$2300
Buy a Kid A Book - \$2600
Education - \$1125
Conservation- \$1000
Scholarship - \$1000
Sweats for Vets - \$400
Art - \$100
Ellis books - \$500
Wreaths Across America - \$200
Civic Engagement - \$50
Total - \$9275

See the next page for Blingo Fundraiser information

Please support this easy and FUN fundraiser! It's a great way to see and re-connect with DWC friends, too....

Come Play
BLINGO

\$20.00
Online, Thursday, May 21st
6:45 pm to 8:30 pm EST

CB Jewelry & DWC
invite you to an
online BLINGO
event to benefit
Dominion
Woman's Club.
Prizes over \$800
from the CB
Jewelry
collection. DWC is
raising funds
specifically for
programs to
support our local
**FRONT LINE
WORKERS**
who are
serving the
community
during this
National
Emergency.

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Dominion Woman's Club
Service, Strength and Sisterhood

Here is the link to purchase two blingo cards:

[https://cbjewelryfaith.com/products/blingo-dominion-womans-club?
_pos=6&_sid=387a2c7ee&_ss=r](https://cbjewelryfaith.com/products/blingo-dominion-womans-club?_pos=6&_sid=387a2c7ee&_ss=r)

During checkout you will be asked for the “Ambassador’s name”
please scroll down to **Tina Boyd**.

Once your purchase is made (by online only), before the event - you will receive a link
for
the

ZOOM SESSION as well as instructions for the 8 games (regular bingo, crazy T, postage
stamp etc.) and a LINK to print your two bingo cards. NO TWO cards are alike!

Use pennies to cover your squares
or print a bunch of copies of your bingo cards and use a highlighter.
There will be \$800.00 worth of Secular and Faith Base prizes.