



NEWS N' NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it?" – Anne Shirley

I love October, with its cooler weather, beautiful colors, and apples. Do not forget to get those apples for your pies, strudels, dumplings and oh so many other treats!!

There is also a brisker pace to October. Maybe it's because we know what is coming, as we face a challenging winter. I have been feeling that increased spirit as I have been enjoying the fellowship of our members, through outdoor gatherings and Zoom meetings. I have been awed by:

- the friendship emanating from our members at the Farm Brewery Social.
- the inspiration of the Pack Horse Librarians of Eastern Kentucky, the central theme of [The Giver of Stars](#), by JoJo Moyes, discussed at our September Book Club Meeting.
- the enthusiasm of the reactivated Environment Committee, already visiting Carol Blythe's bee farm and planning a clean-up activity near Bull Run Mountain.
- the readiness of members to step forward and donate food supplies to the Gainesville/Haymarket Regional Food Pantry through our on-going food collection.
- the encouragement from so many as we plan our first monthly meeting via Zoom.

- the willingness of our new members to join our club during these uncertain times, knowing that we will strive to continue our outreaches to the community.

Please read through our News and Notes carefully. This newsletter is our primary source of communication for the club. Check out the “Club Essentials” page, where you will find all of the information needed to stay up-to-date with club activities.

I look forward to seeing you at our first monthly meeting via Zoom, on October 21. Wouldn't it be great if we could have the full membership attend?

In Federation Friendship,

Martha Feeney

Domestic Violence: Don't Wait Nine Seconds to Break the Silence

One...two...three...four...five...six...seven...eight...nine. Every nine seconds, one woman in the U.S. is assaulted or beaten. Let us break the silence on domestic violence!

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The observance started 31 years ago as a “Day in Unity” and has now evolved into a month-long campaign. National Domestic Violence Hotline explains it is “a way to connect communities and advocacy organizations to help end domestic violence.”



Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is one of the Signature Program's eight focus areas, described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as “physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse.” IPV can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples. More information is available for download in the [Member Portal's Digital Library](#) ("Club Manual" folder).

Taken from GFWC News and Notes Oct. 1, 2020

by Darlene C. Adams,

Intimate Partner Violence Advisor

Swing for Life Tournament

The Robbyn Rothman Memorial Swing for Life Golf Tournament, organized by the Dominion Valley Ladies Golf Association, took place at Dominion Valley on September 17, 2020. This tournament supports ovarian cancer research at the Inova Schar Cancer Institute, a center of excellence for women's gynecological cancer under the Cancer Moonshot Initiative.

Club member Barbara Garland chairs this event and in the past DWC members have been involved in the planning and have participated in "day of" activities. A number of our members participated in this year's open-air event, which Dominion Woman's Club supported with a \$250.00 "hole sponsor" donation. The tournament has raised over \$215,000 for ovarian cancer research and education over time and this year's tournament generated about \$9000.

Many women attend the tournament every year to honor their family and friends who have been afflicted with this disease. DWC is proud to be involved with this worthwhile event.



Art and Culture Committee Chairs: Susan Sivori & Celeste Corrigan

There are no planned meetings and activities till next year due to covid-19 pandemic.

Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy

The first meeting of the CEOC was held via Zoom on September 24th with eleven very enthusiastic members in attendance virtually! We discussed how we can best implement our various outreaches in this time of social distancing; not surprisingly, many suggestions for meeting needs and bettering our community emerged. Our members will once again prepare four "Holiday Baskets For Homebound Seniors" in December. We are conducting a food collection for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry and invite all club members to participate. Collection points are at the homes of various volunteers: Roya Delaney (Piedmont), Barbara Murray (Dominion Valley) and Rae Lamb (Haymarket/Gainesville). Please let them know if you will be dropping by with a donation. Although COVID 19 restrictions prevent our monthly bunco sessions, Kathy Suggitt is planning to deliver a Halloween treat to our bunco friends at Gainesville Health & Rehabilitation Center later this week; we will also be sending cards and providing candy and other treats



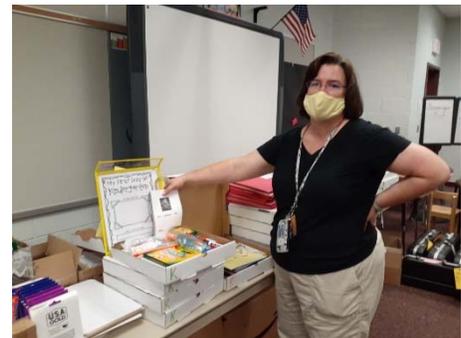
for their snack cart. COVID 19 is also impacting our ability to help the homeless through the “Feeding Friends” ministry at Gainesville United Methodist Church, but we are still planning to knit scarves (thank you, Roya, for the donation of yarn!) and donate blankets and socks. We are planning to take part in “Wreaths Across America, which is set for December 19th at Stonewall Memory Gardens. We are still collecting “Pennies For Puppies” to support “Canine Companions For Independence”; donations can be dropped off to Mary Ellen Murphy at 13188 Piedmont Vista Drive in Haymarket. Celeste is spearheading “Meals For Our First Responders” which provides meals (pizzas) for our police, firefighters and hospital workers on a rotating basis on Mondays. We will also be collecting “Sweats for Vets” as we have done previously; more info to follow. Deb and her coterie of ladies will continue to support HGBA and Chamber of Commerce gatherings as they are able; we will alert you when “Military Mondays” at “Out of the Blue” will resume. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 22nd at 7 pm via Zoom.

Education and Libraries Committee
Chairs: Linda Turnau & Anna Shackelford

Autumn Greetings to all! Can’t believe the time is ticking away as quickly as it is and that we are still having to deal with these Corona Virus precautions. Virtual meetings seem to have become the norm and we look forward to the time when we can again meet in person. Miss our social interactions, our volunteerism, and our interactions within the community!



Thank you all SO much for your generosity with providing school supplies to PACE West School and to Ellis Elementary. This collection was needed and most appreciated! We had over \$500 dollars-worth of school supplies delivered to these two schools, and the staffs were very grateful. Mrs. McDonald, principal at PACE West, expressed her concern about the many family needs of her students, especially due to these trying times. Our collection was a real help to them! At Ellis Elementary, Tammy Sparks, bookkeeper, graciously accepted our school supplies. She shared the boxes of school materials that the school was putting together for their students at each grade level. A very impressive operation! DWC is proud to be helping our needy friends. A HUGE THANKS to all our club members for your generosity!



Our DWC book group continues to meet virtually right now. Our October book is The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson. We will plan to hold our discussion about this book virtually, via Zoom, on Wednesday evening, October 28th, at 7:00 PM. Linda Turnau will send out the Zoom information once a meeting has been set. Our November novel is The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, our discussion meeting for this book will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd, instead of the last Wednesday of November. Our book group remains a flexible group, and we would love to have you join us for some interesting discussions.

Mary Ellen Murphy has been in touch with Christy Klisiewicz, the librarian at Ellis about DWC's Buy-a-Kid-a-Book program where a book is provided to each student at the school. The school is planning to hold their fall book fair with Scholastic virtually in October. The funds to cover the expense of this club outreach will come from our DWC budget. We may need volunteers to help with the distribution of these books once they arrive at the school, probably in early November. A Fun Run may be held in conjunction with the book fair distribution.

Our next planned Education and Libraries committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd, at 7:00 PM.

Environment Committee
Chairs: Sarah Rudy and Robin Clukey

These are the topics of specific interest to Northern Virginia, Virginia and National GFWC:



1. "Bee Growing and Blooming" - Barbara will contact a club member, Carol Blythe, to set up a tour for the EC group only, we will also investigate information on the PWC Bee Club.
2. Protect domestic animals by sponsoring a rescue facility - discussion on finding the right fit to support a local animal rescue. Nanette shared her extensive experience at Halifax Humane Society in Florida. New focus is to locate a large, well-managed, rescue to provide on-site and at home opportunities for the DWC. Sarah and Robin will identify and evaluate additional dog rescues.
3. Invite speakers on backyard birding and bird friendly communities - Robin will contact Wild Birds Unlimited in Gainesville to speak at a DWC meeting.
4. Schedule outings focused on native trees and plants and the problems with invasive plants.
 - a. Bull Run Mountain or Leopold's Preserve - hike and lecture with Michael Kieffer, ED BRMC. Sarah will contact Michael Keiffer to confirm lecture and hike at location.
5. Promote water conservation through information on home improvement and find a location for a water clean-up. Amy will investigate opportunities for water clean-up in our area (Leopolds Preserve is a contender). Sarah made initial contact with Michael Keiffer and Laura Hassell. Sarah will request Howard as EC speaker on watershed conservation and Amy and Sarah will provide home water conservation tips to club members.
6. Visit gardens focusing on conservation landscape, drought resistant trees and plants.
 - a. Haymarket Garden Planter - Mary Ellen will contact Haymarket town council and the Haymarket Garden Club regarding the planter we maintain in downtown Haymarket.

b. Blooming Hill Lavender Farm - Amy will coordinate a visit to the farm during lavender season June 2021.

Health and Wellness Committee
Interim Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy



The Health and Wellness Committee will hold its first meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 19th at 7pm. If you would like to add your name to those members who have already indicated an interest in this committee, please contact Mary Ellen Murphy at megwayne@comcast.net.

**BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH**



The Public Relations Committee
Chair: Deb Jewell

OCT 22nd Business After Hours at 5pm- 7PM at UPTOWN ALLEY at Manassas Mall

The following websites are good resources for events:
pwcchamber.org; hgba.org

The Dominion Juniorette Club
Chairs: Connie Loggans and Chris Powers

The Juniorettes met in September for the first time since Spring and had a meeting packed full of excitement and ideas how to help the community. A few of the girls graduated and went to college, but eight girls remain as active members in the club. The girls will be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month and it has been decided that the October/November meetings will be via Zoom. Times have changed and are making us rethink how and



where we can shift our focus to help the community. More details to come next News n' Notes on projects the Juniorettes are tackling first. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any opportunities where you think the Juniorettes would be able to help. Stay safe, healthy, and warm!

Membership Committee **Chair: Kathy Suggitt**

Under Martha's leadership, we have updated the material for the Membership Binders given to the new members. If you joined since June of 2018 and have not received a Membership Binder, please let me know at (richkath7@msn.com). I will make arrangements to get it to you. The By-laws and Standing Rules will be updated in the next few months and, after approval, be available to all of you by email. We encourage all members to locate their binders and update the contents when the updates are available.

I know it was such a pleasure for many of us to see each other at the Farm Brewery in September. Because Fall and Winter are not seasons that encourage outdoor meetings, we may be forced to continue socializing virtually. The board will continue to look into options and hope that conditions will soon let us resume our meetings and community outreach in person. We welcome any ideas from our membership as to ways we can stay connected.

Treasurer's Report **Barb Garland**

The Finance Committee was formed to provide financial analysis, advice and oversight of the annual budget as well as ensuring the Club is operating with the financial resources it needs to provide programs and services to the community. It is also the responsibility of the Committee to oversee the various fundraising events and/or sponsorships required to meet the Club's financial needs. The Finance Committee members are the chairman (treasurer Barb Garland), Lisa Leevy, Marguerite Madigan, and Sharayu Tulpule. They have had two meetings and have been reviewing various forms that are used by the Club as well as discussing how to align our finances with collection of money through dues, pledges, and sponsorships.

Did you know?

GFWC Headquarters

It is not just an office; it is a home.

GFWC Headquarters is a National Historic Landmark located at 1734 N Street, NW in Washington D.C. The building became GFWC's official headquarters in 1922, and its historic Victorian style has been

maintained through generous contributions from members and friends. Headquarters serves as the working offices for the GFWC International President and [staff](#), but it is so much more. It is also the home of the [Women's History and Resource Center](#), which collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. Headquarters is the literal home to the GFWC International President during her two-year administration, with residences occupying 1734's upper floors. Headquarters serves as host to events, such as the annual Women's History Month event and Holiday Open House, and the property houses the popular [Iron Gate Inn Restaurant](#).

Finally, as a National Historic Landmark, GFWC Headquarters is a snapshot in time. The beautifully decorated rooms, furniture, and historic collections are certainly [worth a visit!](#)

Tours: Because of the growing concern around COVID-19, tours of GFWC Headquarters are temporarily suspended until the pandemic subsides.

Curious to learn more about it? You can visit the national organization website (GFWC) www.gfwc.org and our state organization (GFWC VA) website www.gfwcvirginia.org.

Compiled by Ujwala Joshi

Club Essentials

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2020 – 2021 Board

President – Martha Feeney
1st Vice President – Barbara Murray
2nd Vice President – Kathy Suggitt
Corresponding Secretary – Roya Delaney
Recording Secretary – Lisa Leevy
Treasurer – Barbara Garland
Parliamentarian – Sue Mork

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Non-Profit Member: Prince William Chamber of Commerce www.pwchamber.org
Non-Profit Member: Haymarket Gainesville Business Association www.HGBA.biz
Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) www.gfwc.org
GFWC Virginia www.gfwcvirginia.org
GFWC Northern District www.ndgfwcva.org

Calendar of Events

October 2020

- 5 - Education and Libraries Committee Meeting - CANCELED
- 6 - Juniorette Meeting via zoom
- 19 - Health and Wellness Committee Meeting
- 21 - DWC Monthly Meeting via zoom
- 22 - Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 28 - Book Club - The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by: Isabel Wilkerson
- 29 - Environment Committee Meeting

November 2020

- 2 - Education and Libraries Committee Meeting
 - 3 - Juniorette Meeting via zoom
 - 9 - Health and Wellness Committee Meeting
 - 18 - DWC Monthly Meeting via zoom
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Collections

Used children's books – Rosemary Boettke
Used batteries – Sharayu Tulpule
Aluminum pop tops – Martha Feeney
Haymarket Food Pantry – Roya Delaney (Piedmont),
Barbara Murray (Dominion Valley), and Rae Lamb (Haymarket/ Gainesville)



Sharayu Tulpule, Editor