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# *NEWS N' NOTES*

## *Service, Strength, and Sisterhood*

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### **President's Corner**

Virginia definitely knows how to celebrate the joys of living on our little section of the earth!! Our redbuds, Virginia bluebells and dogwoods have put on quite a show. Be sure to check out all of the activities this month that encourage us to enjoy and take care of this amazing planet, including National Parks Week (April 17-25), Earth Day (April 22), and Arbor Day (April 30).

I hope you will be able to join us at the April 21 monthly meeting, when we will elect the 2021 – 2022 DWC Board and enjoy a cooking demonstration by Annada Rathi. Annada is a food writer and cooking instructor, who enjoys “bringing Indian flavors to everyday food.” We will be sending out more information about her recipes soon.

We will end this eventful DWC year as we began – outside! We had an outdoor social at The Farm Brewery at Broad Run in September 2020. Rosemary Boettke has graciously offered her spacious backyard for our outdoor May 19 Dinner Meeting. We are currently working out the specific details, but please know that there will be a charge for your meal and we may be starting a little earlier than normal. Mary Driver-Downs, Northern District President, will be attending and will conduct the installation of the new board.

In the next few weeks, the Finance Committee, working with the board and committee chairs, will put together the 2021-2022 DWC budget for our approval. The proposed budget will be sent out prior to the May meeting and will be voted on during the business part of the evening. Please look it over carefully and contact me or Barb Garland (Treasurer) if you have any questions.

Please share the information you received about “Girls Gone Bunco” recently with all of your friends and family!! I hope to see everyone outdoors at the event on May 23. Registration information can be found on our website – [www.dominionwomansclub.org](http://www.dominionwomansclub.org)

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club received four awards at the Northern District meeting. The details are in the report below. Congratulations one and all for your efforts on behalf of DWC!

In Federation Sisterhood,

Martha Feeney

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## **Northern District GFWC Virginia Spring Meeting**

**March 20, 2021**

Six DWC members (Lori Rocker, Celeste Corrigan, Sue Mork, Sharayu Tulpule, Connie Loggans, and Martha Feeney) attended the first-ever ZOOM Northern District Spring Meeting. It was an informative and inspiring experience for all attending!

We were recognized for increasing our membership from 39 members in May 2019 to 46 members in May of 2020. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club received four awards. This recognition acknowledges our dedication to the community and shows our desire to maintain a vibrant, well-functioning club. The Dominion Juniors received one award. Congratulation to both clubs!

### **GFWC Virginia Northern District 2020 Awards**

#### **GFWC Dominion Woman's Club**

Education and Libraries – Best Overall Project (Program)

Environment – Best Project – Large Club – *Protecting Domesticated Animals*

Leadership – Best Project – Large Club – *Reporting Binders and Pledge Initiative (listed under Fundraising but also mentioned under Leadership)*

Fundraising – Honorable Mention – Large Club – *Swag Swap*

#### **Dominion Juniors**

Membership – Honorable Mention

Our "Girls Gone Bunco" event on May 23 was announced at the end of the meeting!! Hopefully, we will see many of our Northern District friends at the event.

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## Proposed Slate of Candidates for the 2021 – 2022 DWC Board

At the March 17 meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for the 2021 – 2022 DWC Board. Nominations from the floor will be taken and a vote will be conducted at the April 21 meeting.

**President** – Martha Feeney

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Barbara Murray

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Robin Clukey

**Corresponding Secretary** – Rosemary Boettke

**Recording Secretary** – Sarah Rudy

**Treasurer** – Barbara Garland

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## **GFWC Convention and GFWC Virginia Convention Updates**



We are pleased to provide you with registration information for the **113<sup>th</sup> GFWC Virginia Annual Convention**, which will be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Members wishing to attend the virtual meeting shall use the following link to register in Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdOmrpz8qHdd\\_8rXBMb\\_kqW68p9II3cQ0](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdOmrpz8qHdd_8rXBMb_kqW68p9II3cQ0) Convention information and the registration link will also be available on the GFWC Virginia website. The registration deadline is **April 20, 2021**. [Click here](#) for the Convention Flyer.

Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to remit your payment. The virtual convention has a \$10 registration fee. We will also be holding two 50/50 drawings during the day – one to benefit Headquarters Operating and one to benefit the Junior budget. Tickets for both drawings are \$1 each. You may purchase as many tickets as you wish. Junior Fun Night on Saturday evening will be a virtual BINGO event. Tickets are \$15 for 15 games. There will be a separate zoom meeting notification for this event (the link will be emailed to you separately closer to the date after we have received your payment – no zoom registration is needed on your part).

Payment for the meeting may be done via PayPal or by mailing a check to the General or Junior Credentials Chairman. Instructions will be in your confirmation email. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send a note with the breakdown of your payment if you are sending more than your registration fee. Use the memo field in PayPal or include a copy of your confirmation email with a check. Clubs wishing to

send in one registration for their registered members, please send a list of the members and the chosen options for which each has registered.

Members registering will need to indicate if they are a delegate or a visitor. See the information below from the GFWC Virginia Bylaws regarding delegates.

An important item of business that we will address is the approval of a bylaws revision. We will be utilizing the polling feature on Zoom. If several of you are gathering together for a “watch party”, please remember that each delegate must have registered and have access to their own device ( computer or phone) to cast their vote.

We look forward to “seeing” you on May 1<sup>st</sup> for our first Virtual Convention. If you have any questions regarding registration, please reach out. You may send questions to [gfwcvirginia@verizon.net](mailto:gfwcvirginia@verizon.net) or [president@gfwcvirginia.org](mailto:president@gfwcvirginia.org)

Booking details for the **2021 GFWC Convention**, Aug. 27 – Aug. 30 at the Atlanta Marriot Marquis have been added to the GFWC website. To find the information: (1) visit the GFWC website, (2) click on "What We Do" in the toolbar, (3) click on "Annual Convention," (4) then click on "Hotel & Travel" in the toolbar to the left.

Or, use this link: <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/annual-convention/hotel-travel/>

To ensure a smooth process, please do not book and hold more rooms than you currently need.

Please note that the official **Call to GFWC Convention** will be posted on the GFWC website on April 1 and that registration will open that day.

Thanks!

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GFWC Virginia President

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**Art and Culture Committee**  
**Chairs: Susan Sivori & Celeste Corrigan**



There are no planned meetings and activities till June 2021 due to the covid-19 pandemic.

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## Civic Engagement and Outreach

### Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy



The Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee met via Zoom on March 25th to set their agenda for the 2021-2022 club year. Many of our ongoing projects have had to be modified this year, but we are confident that more in-person participation will be open to us in the fall. A budget was conceived and will be sent to the DWC board for approval.

Nine members of the committee were able to set up the “Pinwheels For Prevention” display outside at the Haymarket Town Museum to promote awareness of child abuse and the need to be especially mindful of the extra stress placed on families during the COVID quarantine. We are also forming a new outreach to homebound seniors which will address good health and self-care.



Our next meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 7 PM via Zoom. We welcome new members; if you would like to become a part of what we do, please contact Mary Ellen at [megwayne@comcast.net](mailto:megwayne@comcast.net).

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## Education and Libraries Committee

### Chairs: Linda Turnau & Anna Shackelford



Green grass, budding trees, tulips and daffodils popping, and warmer temperatures show us that spring has arrived, a welcomed season. Along with this new plant life comes the hope of new life for us through the Covid vaccine. How we long for a life trending back toward “normalcy”! Hope springs for a few “in-person” times together in the near future!

Our DWC book group has been meeting each month virtually via Zoom. Our April book is the novel Upstairs at the White House: My Life with the First Ladies by J.B. West. We will hold our discussion about this book virtually, via Zoom, on Wednesday, April 28th, at 7:00 PM. Linda Turnau will host the Zoom discussion meeting, and she will send out the information about this once the meeting has been set. Our May book is The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. We will meet on May 26th to discuss this novel, hopefully, outside in person on Linda Turnau’s patio. Our book group is always open to all, and we would love to have you join us for some interesting discussions whenever your interests are peaked and your schedules allow. Just let Linda know if you would like to be included in our monthly book group meetings. For your future planning purposes, the last book we have chosen to read for the 2020 to 2021 DWC year is Summer of 69 by Elin Hilderbrand. If you have any suggestions for a good novel or a favorite author for our 2021-2022 DWC Book Group list, please send them along to Linda Turnau at [lturnau@comcast.net](mailto:lturnau@comcast.net). We welcome any recommendations you have! Thanks!

A variety of collections continue for the Education Committee. Used batteries can be turned into Sharayu Tulpule, and Martha Feeney is receiving pull tabs from canned goods. Rosemary Boettke

remains actively engaged in collecting gently used children's books and McKay's Used Book Store credits to supplement Ellis Elementary Classroom libraries. If you have any credits from McKay's Used Book Store in Manassas, please give those to Rosemary by the end of April. Thanks SO much for your generous support of this literacy outreach project.



DWC will be providing a \$2000 scholarship to a senior at Battlefield High this school year. Our application is online and students are to submit their completed applications by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sharayu Tulpule will receive the applications from her contact person at the high school, and then a scholarship review committee will read and rank the applications. A winner will be announced in May.

Stay healthy, happy, and busy!

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**Environment Committee**  
**Chairs: Sarah Rudy and Robin Clukey**



The Environment Committee has been engaged in the following activities:

**Past Events:**

Mark Tercek, CEO The Nature Conservancy – “The Value of Nature in Our Lives”:

Robin, Sarah, and Deb Jewell listened to this presentation from the Tuesday, March 30 telecon.

This was an encouraging, broad-ranging discussion on the environment.

To view the 1-hour video [click here](#).

Leopold's Preserve (LP) - Invasive grass-controlled burn:

Sarah attended this event on Saturday, April 3. LP, VA Fish and Wildlife, and The Clifton Institute conducted a field burn to rid the area of invasive fescue grass. They have done similar burns in the past which allows native vegetation to repopulate the area.



LP during controlled Burn



LP after Controlled Burn

## **Upcoming Events and Interests:**

### **Earth Day and April Meeting:**

Thursday, April 22 at 10:30 AM.

The clean-up around the DVCC Wheelwright Pond instead of our next meeting on April 22 is approved by the committee. Please meet at the pond location or at Sarah's by 10:30 to begin the clean-up.

### **Goat yoga:**

Saturday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm or Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00 am:

Private residence in Purcellville, VA. Purcellville is 28 miles from Haymarket.

Please contact Sarah for more information: [sarahandgeorgerudy@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahandgeorgerudy@hotmail.com)

### **Leopold's Preserve - flower garden welcome sign:**

Robin met with Laura Hassel and identified an area behind the Welcome Sign for the garden. Planting around the Welcome Sign would have caused damage to the plants. Robin will contact Merrifield for free native plants. The garden will be dug around April 15 after the frost.

### **Halifax Humane Society:**

Ongoing support by Nanette.

### **FOHA and WAAAG:**

Nora has contacted FOHA's Executive Director John Borgerson to discuss our possible support of the Senior Care Plan for dogs over the age of 8. More about the program from the FOHA website:

“In 2018, FOHA launched our Senior Care Plan to promote adoptions of our senior dogs (age 8+), who are often less likely to get adopted due to adopters' concerns about impending medical expenses. Our Senior Care Plan helps to cover any unexpected costs if they arise. FOHA waives the adoption fee on eligible pets and reimburses up to \$1,500 in qualifying medical expenses or pet insurance premiums.”

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## **The Public Relations Committee Chair: Deb Jewell**

PR and business networking opportunities can be found on the Chamber of Commerce and HGBA websites. Most events are still held remotely for April and May. Visit [hgba.biz](http://hgba.biz) and [pwchamber.org](http://pwchamber.org) for info on upcoming ZOOM meetups and committee/council sessions.

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**The Dominion Juniette Club**  
**Chairs: Connie Loggans and Chris Powers**



The Juniettes held a very successful recruiting information session last month and three high school girls joined the club! I am very proud of the Juniettes for taking the lead to create a wonderful PowerPoint presentation describing the purpose of the club, what the girls have accomplished and what is possible when everyone works together. It was well planned and well-executed. Great teamwork and leadership skills!

The girls are focusing their energy on several volunteer opportunities within the community and discussing another fundraising event since Bingo is not possible.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to four of the Juniettes in June as they head off to college, but the Juniettes will be left in good shape. There will be five girls in the club and hopefully, more will join with the recruiting event the girls are planning later this month.

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**Treasurer's Report**  
**Barbara Garland**

Registration for the Dominion Woman's Club's "Girls Gone Bunco" is now open. The registration form should be mailed in whether you pay by remitting a check with your registration form or pay online with a credit card. Please note that the cost for the event is \$40 if you pay by check, but \$42 if you pay by credit card to defray charges incurred for online payment.

As mentioned in our Save the Date, this event will be held outside under the portico in front of the Dominion Valley Country Club clubhouse. Each player will receive her own set of dice. We will ensure that we follow all covid restrictions required at the date of the event. We encourage DWC members to register as soon as possible because we might have to limit the number of players.

Please look for an email on the Friday before the event for more detailed information on scheduling and procedures for the day of Girls Gone Bunco.

We hope you will be able to join us for this fun event to help DWC raise money for our charities such as Buy A Kid A Book, Battlefield Scholarships, the Haymarket Food Pantry, and other various local projects.

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## Did you know?

### The History of Dupont Circle Historic District

By Hope Royer, WHRC Committee Chairman



If you have ever visited GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N Street NW, you've no doubt been intrigued by its location in the Northwest Washington, D.C., neighborhood of Dupont Circle. Known as Pacific Circle when its development began in 1870s, Dupont Circle is a traffic circle, urban park, and historic residential area located at the intersection of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire Avenues, NW, and 19th and P Streets, NW. The Circle is a busy station on the Washington Metro System's Red Line and just a short walk to GFWC Headquarters. Unlike most traffic rounds in D.C., Dupont Circle is also a vibrant, urban park where "people watching" is at its best.

Early in the 1870s, a group known as the "California Syndicate," led by Nevada Senator William Morris Stewart, bought up tracts of undeveloped land in what was then Pacific Circle. Senator Stewart set the style of the neighborhood when his Victorian Mansion was built in the late 1870s. In 1875, Rear Admiral William Radford built a stone and brick five-story mansion following his retirement from the U.S. Navy at 1734 N Street NW. By the late 1880s, the area was an affluent neighborhood. Purchased by clubwomen in 1922, GFWC Headquarters was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991.

In 1882, Congress authorized the construction of a memorial statue of Rear Admiral Samuel Francis DuPont in recognition of his Civil War service. A bronze statue of DuPont was erected in the middle of the Circle in 1884. The Circle became known as Dupont Circle. In 1921, the statue of DuPont was replaced by a double-tiered white marble fountain, paid for by the DuPont family. The fountain, designed by sculptor Daniel Chester French and architect Henry Bacon, features three classical figures, symbolizing the Sea, the Stars, and the Wind.

Curious to learn more about it? You can visit the national organization website (GFWC) [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) and our state organization (GFWC VA) website [www.gfwcva.org](http://www.gfwcva.org).

Compiled by Ujwala Joshi

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## Member's Corner

**Marguerite Madigan has a passion for needlepoint.** She says - I first started this hobby 40 years ago when I made my children's Christmas stockings from kits. I took a break until I had grandchildren 8 years ago and have continued the tradition with what I consider heirloom stockings done on painted canvases. I have recently taken classes and have expanded my knowledge of this artistry and all that it offers.



## Club Essentials

### GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2020 – 2021 Board

President – Martha Feeney  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Barbara Murray  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.pwchamber.org)  
Non-Profit Member: Haymarket Gainesville Business Association [www.HGBA.biz](http://www.HGBA.biz)  
Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)  
GFWC Virginia [www.gfwcvirginia.org](http://www.gfwcvirginia.org)  
GFWC Northern District [www.ndgfwcva.org](http://www.ndgfwcva.org)

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## Calendar of Events

### April 2021

- 20 - HGBA meeting ([www.hgba.biz](http://www.hgba.biz))
- 21 - DWC Monthly Meeting via zoom
- 22 - Environment Committee Meeting
- 22 - Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 22 – Earth Day
- 24 – Federation Day
- 28 - Book Club – Upstairs at the White House: My Life With the First Ladies by J. B. West

### May 2021

- 3 - Education and Libraries Committee Meeting

10 - Health and Wellness Committee Meeting

18 - HGBA meeting ([www.hgba.biz](http://www.hgba.biz))

19 - DWC Dinner Meeting

26 - Book Club - The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

27 - Environment Committee Meeting

27 - Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

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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