



NEWS N' NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

You are reading the last News and Notes for this 2020 – 2021 administration. What a year we have experienced together!! I am so proud to be a member of this dedicated group of clubwomen. We have accomplished so much this year and have continued our volunteerism through difficult times.

“Using our hearts and strengths for our community,” DWC club members donated school supplies, food to first responders, cards and goodies to Gainesville Rehab, sweats for vets, scholarships, items to the food pantry, books to Ellis students, a teacher appreciation breakfast, Thanksgiving baskets, holiday baskets to seniors, money to animal rescue locations, plants for gardens, and money to support ovarian cancer research, HOBY, and Wreaths across America.

Our DWC community showed strength this year, as we participated in the restructuring of our committees, revised our standing rules and bylaws, increased communication and connections with all levels of GFWC, devoted time to community outreaches, embraced Zoom technology, continued to participate in book club discussions, supported the work of our Finance Committee, and maintained information outreaches through our website, newsletter, FB, and emails.

I want to thank the entire board for their dedication and service to DWC. This year we have all grown closer as we have faced the challenges of 2020. Their leadership and friendship inspire me. I wish Kathy Suggitt, Roya Delaney, and Lisa Leevy well as they move on to new challenges.

The new 2021 – 2022 board will be installed at the May 19 dinner meeting by Mary Driver-Downs, Northern District President. Congratulations to Barbara Murray, Robin Clukey, Rosemary Boettke, Sarah Rudy, and Barbara Garland for their election to the new board. Sue Mork has agreed to continue as Parliamentarian. She and I will be installed on May 19 as well. I hope you will be able to join your fellow club members at the May meeting to celebrate this past year and the future ahead.

Thank you to all of the people involved in our signature bunco event, “Girls Gone Bunco,” to be held on May 23. I hope to see everyone there. It will be different this year, of course, but still fun as always.

Although we will be taking an official summer break, be looking for information about social events that might be happening in June and July.

When I think about this year as your DWC President, the word that comes to mind for me is friendship. Each member of our club has a special place in my heart and I look forward to continuing to strengthen my friendships with all of you in the coming year.

In Federation Sisterhood,

Martha Feeney

Congratulations!!

DWC won a state award at the May 1 State Convention for “Buy a Kid a Book”:

Best Single Project – Large Division

Education and Libraries

Reminders

GFWC Virginia Summer Conference

August 13 – 14 at Hotel 24 South, Staunton, VA

GFWC Convention

August 27 – 30 at Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, GA



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.

Civic Engagement and Outreach
Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy



Our amazing Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee members are continuing to find new ways to be of service to our community. We will be preparing “Breakfast Baskets” for local firefighters and delivering breakfast treats to our first responders and police during the months of May and June; all are welcome to help with this outreach.

One of our DWC ladies, Vanna Ruffner, has made us aware of a need to support cancer patients in Africa through the Susan O Koduah Organization by donating the following items: Ensure, Enlive, Boost, lidocaine patches, and disposable thermometers. Susan was one of our previous meeting speakers; she made us aware of the need for providing sanitary items and education for African girls and women; this, too, is an ongoing need. Vanna has volunteered to be the collection point for this project; you can reach her at vannar@gmail.com. The deadline for collection is June 30th.

Martha made us aware of a new opportunity to care for the needy in our community. A “Blessings Box” has been installed on the grounds of “Carried to Full Term” in Haymarket. The premise that one can donate items anonymously while those in need can take them in the same way. We are advising DWC members so that they are able to participate if they wish. If you would like more info about this, please contact Mary Ellen at megwayne@comcast.net.

We are beginning a new project to care for the homebound and our elderly in the community. Based on the success of the “Holiday Baskets For Homebound Seniors” we will once again be partnering with “Meals On Wheels” and “Volunteer Prince William” we will be preparing “care bags” that will include items for self-care (travel-sized toiletries, lotion, ChapStick, small packages of tissues, wipes, hard candy, greeting cards, pens, crossword puzzles, word searches, etc); the bags will be distributed by the “Meals On Wheels” volunteers. Bags will be assembled at Mary Ellen’s house (13188 Piedmont Vista Drive) on May 27th at 1 PM.

Just in time for Memorial Day, our members discussed the Town of Haymarket “Flag For Heroes” project. If you are interested in purchasing a flag to honor a family member, please go to the Town of Haymarket website.

If you have an interest in joining this very vibrant and enthusiastic committee, please contact Mary Ellen. Our last meeting for this club year will be May 27th, when we meet in person to assemble the senior care bags.

Education and Libraries Committee
Chairs: Linda Turnau & Anna Shackelford



Summer is beckoning! With the warmer temperatures and sunny days, summer is enticing us to the great outdoors. With so many of us now vaccinated, the excitement of seeing one another in person has become a reality. Thinking positively, things now will only get better! It has been a long year and a half, but at least we've had Zoom to keep us connected.

Our DWC book group has continued to meet each month virtually. We are finally ready to hold our next DWC book group meeting in person. We will meet on Wednesday, May 26th, at Linda Turnau's home at 7:00 PM. Our May book is the novel The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Our June book is Summer of 69 by Elin Hilderbrand. We will meet on June 30th to discuss this novel, hopefully once again in person. At our June meeting, we will also be creating our book reading list for our DWC year 2021 to 2022. If you have any suggestions of good reads for next year, please send them along to Linda Turnau at lturnau@comcast.net. Personal recommendations are always the best and we welcome your input! Thanks! Our book group is open to all DWC members at any time.

The Education Committee provided a special breakfast for the PACE West School staff on Tuesday, May 4th. Committee members coordinated with Mrs. Mac, the principal, to provide our traditional Teacher Appreciation breakfast with a smorgasbord of delicious food. A variety of casseroles, donuts, bagels with cream cheese, tea breads, muffins, danish, fruit, and juices were made available. A huge THANK YOU to all DWC members who provided food! Your generosity, baking skills, and good cooking were greatly appreciated! Mrs. Mac and the staff were over-the-moon delighted!

The Scholarship Committee is extremely pleased to announce our DWC Battlefield High School



Scholarship winner for the 2020-2021 school year. Kaitlyn Loggans is the recipient of our 2021 BHS scholarship. Congratulations to Kaitlyn! She is a founding member of the Dominion Juniores and the current president. She will be continuing her life of service at VA Tech next year.

Take care, be happy, and enjoy life!

Environment Committee
Chairs: Sarah Rudy and Robin Clukey



The Environment Committee has been engaged in the following activities:

Past Events:

Blue Bell Hike: April 8 Sharayu, Ujwala, Beth, and Sarah had a lovely hike at Bull Run Regional Park. The bluebells were in full bloom and picture-perfect.

Earth Day and April Meeting: Thursday, April 22

Instead of an April committee meeting, 6 of our members met at a pond in DVCC and picked up trash and recycling around the pond. The members who attended: Amy, Robin, Barbara M. Martha, Sharayu, and Sarah. The best part of the outing was the pizza party afterward.

Upcoming Events and Interests:

Goat yoga:

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

Signed Up: Nora and Robin. Private residence in Purcellville, VA. Purcellville is 28 miles from Haymarket.

Lavender Farm:

Saturday, June 19 from 10:00 to 11:30

Blooming Hill Lavender Farm Purcellville. Tea Latte and 2 tea cakes cost \$8.34/ per person.

Signed Up: Barbara M, Amy, Martha, Sarah, Nora, Mary Ellen, Sharayu, Ujwala, Shamal.

***Amy has set up the event for 12 people. We sent an offer to the board to join us first. If the slots are not filled, we will open it up to the rest of the membership. We cannot exceed 12 people. First Come First Serve. Amy managing the list.*

Leopold's Preserve - flower garden welcome sign:

Date to be determined in early May

Robin continues to communicate with Laura Hassell of LP on the directional signage in the preserve and the location of the new garden. Several native plants have been purchased awaiting the preparation of the new garden space.

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.”

Health and Wellness Committee
Interim Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy



The Health & Wellness Committee is continuing to meet via Zoom until the new club year commences in August. Our members have prepared a budget to fund our outreaches for the upcoming year and have decided to support and encourage individual participation in such charitable events as the “Walk For Babies” in May and the Alzheimer’s Walk in October.

We are considering working as volunteers at the “Robin Rothman Swing For Life” golf tournament to benefit ovarian cancer research and to help at vaccination centers in the county. We are exploring ways that we may be able to support or create outreach to helping middle and high school students deal with depression and other issues connected to the limitations imposed by COVID. As we begin to cautiously emerge from the COVID protocols, we are focusing on learning about healthy eating habits by planning visits to local organic farms and going apple picking in the fall. We have decided to adopt “Operation Smile”, a GFWC affiliate organization that provides cleft palate repairs to children, as a project this year and we are gathering information about ways to offer our assistance. If you are interested in joining us please do...we welcome new members! Contact Mary Ellen at megwayne@comcast.net; our next meeting will be on Monday, May 10th at 7 PM via Zoom.

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 and pwchamber.org for info on upcoming ZOOM meetups and committee/council sessions.

The Dominion Juniorette Club
Chairs: Connie Loggans and Chris Powers



The Dominion Junioresettes are planning a second recruiting event on Saturday, May 15th from 4-5:30 pm at Cookies ‘n Cream in Haymarket. Please spread the word and encourage any girls 8th - 12th to come. If any girls will be in 8th grade in the fall, we would still like them to come and join the fun. Games, ice cream, and good conversation!

COOKIES & CREAM IN HAYMARKET



LEARN ABOUT THE GFWC DOMINION JUNIORETTE CLUB

**ICE CREAM
MEET AND GREET**

MAY 15TH 4:00-5:30PM

ORGANIZE FUNDRAISERS
DONATE TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITIES!
VOLUNTEER!

For more information:
dominionjunioresses@yahoo.com

Free ice cream
for attendees

Treasurer's Report
Barbara Garland

The DWC members should have received a copy of the proposed budget which we will vote to approve at the May 19th dinner meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Invoices for dues will be sent out in June and payment should be mailed to:

Dominion Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1053, Haymarket, VA 20168 by August 31, 2021.

At that time you can also include pledge money for 2021-2022.

Did you know?

History of GFWC pins:

The Original GFWC “rising sun” pin:



Part of the Memorabilia Collection, the original GFWC “rising sun” pin was designed and commissioned in 1892 by the Committee on the Federation Badge Pin. The pin shows a rising sun behind mountains and GFWC’s motto “Unity in Diversity” in a red inverted arch along the bottom. Appointees to the committee, which included Jennie June Croly, GFWC’s founder, and Charlotte Emerson Brown, first GFWC President, chose blue as the Federation color and dawn with the sun’s rays as a symbol.

WHRC Heritage Pin



In 1892, the Committee on the Federation Badge Pin was created to design an image that would reflect the aim of GFWC. Appointees included GFWC’s founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, and its first president, Charlotte Emerson Brown. The Committee chose the sun’s rays and the color blue as elements to symbolize the Federation. The resulting pin, GFWC’s original emblem, featured an image of the rising sun in a blue sky above snow-capped mountains with its rays illuminating “GFWC” in block lettering. An upturned, russet-colored banner displayed the motto, “Unity in Diversity.”

The current GFWC Pin:



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

Member's Corner

Robin Clukey shares her passion for painting:



The elephant is an abstract in ink and watercolor



The water boat scene is in watercolor



The tree scene is in oil paints



The still life is a watercolor and colored pencils piece.

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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Facebook Page: GFWC DOMINION WOMAN'S CLUB
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

May 2021

18 - HGBA meeting (www.hgba.biz)
19 - DWC Dinner Meeting – Installation of the new board, initiation of new members, approval of the budget by members
23 – DWC “Girls Gone Bunco” at DVCC
26 - Book Club - The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
27 - Environment Committee Meeting
27 - Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee Meeting
31 – End of old fiscal year
31 – Memorial Day

June 2021

1 – Beginning of gap fiscal year
7 – Education and Libraries Committee Meeting
14 – Flag Day
15 – HGBA Meeting
16 – DWC Social

20 – Father’s Day
24 – Environment Committee Meeting
30 - DWC Book Club – Summer of 69 by Elin Hilderbrand
30 – End of gap fiscal year

July 2021

1 – New Board Begins

1 – Beginning of the new fiscal year

July 1 – August 31 – Payment of dues

July 1 – Begin payment of pledges

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)

Editor’s Note

This will be the last issue of News and Notes for the year 2020 – 2021. News and Notes will be back again in September 2021 with all the club news. I want to thank all the club members who have contributed to the successful publication of News and Notes.



Sharayu Tulpule, Editor