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# *NEWS N' NOTES*

*Service, Strength, and Sisterhood*

**Celebrating 15 Years of Community Service**

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## **President's Corner**

Welcome back! I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at our September 15 meeting at the Dominion Valley Country Club. The Evite will have all of the important info. Please bring yourself and a friend. We promise you a fun night, as we reconnect after a long period of social distancing. We will be inside. Masks are encouraged.

This is a special year for Dominion Woman's Club (DWC). On September 15, we will be launching our year-long celebration - "Celebrate 15!" DWC was chartered in 2007 and we will have our 15-year party on June 15, 2022. Lots of "15" activities are planned for the year.

I hope you will become involved with our committees as they plan their activities for the year. The DWC committees are the core of our personal growth and our community outreach. Please consider joining 1 or 2 groups at the September 15 meeting. The emphasis that night will be the club and how you can become involved. Sign-up sheets will be available.

These last months have shown the strength of our DWC sisterhood. I hope you have felt the love and concern from your fellow club women, as we traveled through difficult times. Personally, I thank each of you for your kind thoughts as I have been recovering from surgery.

In federation sisterhood -

Martha Feeney

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## **Dominion Woman's Club – The Beginning 2007 – 2008**

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club was founded on February 18, 2007, when a group of women gathered at the Dominion Valley home of Nanette McKeel Petrella, to consider the formation of a woman's club. Under the guidance of Joan Morton, President of Northern District of GFWC Virginia, Lori Rocker, GFWC Virginia Assistant Director of Junior Clubs, and Joan Rogers, GFWC Virginia Membership Strategy Team Member, the women passed a resolution to form a club.

At the second organizational meeting one month later, on March 18, 2007, the club adopted its bylaws, enrolled 35 charter members, and elected their officers. A third organizational meeting was held on April 16, 2007, at the Evergreen Volunteer Fire and Rescue Social Hall, which would be the club's home through the November 19 meeting. The December dinner meeting was held at the Regency Country Club and the remaining meetings for this first year were at Kirkpatrick's Restaurant at Market Square in Haymarket, VA.

The officers for the first year of the club were President: Nanette McKeel Petrella, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Connie Loggans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Tina Pruitt Campbell, Secretary: Stephanie Sturges, Treasurer: Carolyn Mangan, and Parliamentarian: Johnette Fisk.

On April 19, 2007, the GFWC Virginia Executive Board declared the Dominion Woman's Club (DWC) to be a member of GFWC Virginia and The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

The inaugural year of DWC was incredible, with so many organizational tasks completed, as well as fundraising goals met.

June 2, 2007 – Dominion Valley Days – Bake Sale/Membership

Sept. 15, 2007 – Haymarket Day Parade – “Runaway Bride” VW

October 5, 2007 – Passionately Pink for the Cure – Susan G. Komen

November 10, 2007 – Red White and Blue Jeans Dinner Dance and Silent Auction – Fisher House and other DWC Charities

January 19, 2008 – Bunco Party - Membership

April 19, 2008 – Vegas in the Valley Casino Night – INMED Partnership for Children, ACTS/Turning Points Domestic Violence Shelter, FOHA, Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Operation Smile

July 14, 2008 – Scramble for Shelter Golf Tournament - \$8000 to Prince William American Red Cross for the purchase of a Shelter Trailer

President's Project: Dominion Sisterhood Juniette Club, the first Juniette club in Northern District, had its charter and bylaw meeting in March 2007.

Membership Theme: "Growing our Garden" Dues: \$60.00

Website organized and started by Connie Loggans

Donation of Flower arrangement by Flower Gallery – Doug Burroughs

Note: Deb Jewell was then, and is now Public Relations Chair!!

**Facts for this article were compiled by Martha Feeney, who invites any and all members who can add or correct information herein to please contact her. Next month: DWC 2008 – 2009 Where will these ladies have their meetings this year?!?**



### Art and Culture Committee Chairs:

Celeste Corrigan and Susan Sivori, who have been co-chairs of the Arts Committee for the last 7 years, have decided to step aside as chairs for now. We are so grateful for the many hours they have given to the club. They have lead club members in many activities, including participating in the Northern District Art Show, working on mask kits, creating favors for our fundraisers, making crafts for the Haymarket Boutique, and Haymarket Day - the list goes on and on. We are happy to report that they will continue as members of this committee and will be available to share their numerous skills with everyone.

The Arts Committee was actually revised last year and is now called the Arts and Culture Committee. The DWC Arts and Culture Committee (Community Service Program) encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in our club and our community.

Our GFWC manual states: "Art is an expression of ideas or feelings manifest through a variety of media that are created with imagination and skill, such as ceramic, collage, design, drawing, jewelry, metalwork, mosaic, needlework, painting, performance, photography, sculpture, stained glass, and many more." We hope that members will have an opportunity to explore these various art forms this year, as participants and/or observers.

We are also excited to explore the newly added component of this committee, the study of cultures from around the world. Our GFWC manual states: "Culture consists of the characteristics and knowledge of a group of people, encompassing their art, beliefs, customs, food, language, literature, music, social habits, religion, and other interpersonal connections.....Cultural awareness promotes effective communication and profoundly increases the ability to appreciate and enjoy a variety of new people and experiences."

Please consider becoming a member of this committee. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September 15 meeting. In particular, we need to meet and have a discussion about ways to move forward, in the area of arts and culture, so that we can enhance the lives of our members, as well as the residents in the community.

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### **Civic Engagement and Outreach** **Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy**

The Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee held a meeting on August 26th to re-introduce our projects and to decide on ways to implement them in the upcoming club year. “Wreaths Across America”, “Sweats for Vets”, “Pennies For Puppies” and “Holiday Baskets for Homebound Seniors” are just a few of the projects that we will be continuing to work on this year, as well as participation in HGBA, Gainesville Health & Rehab outreaches, Haymarket Regional Food Pantry contributions and projects benefiting veterans, cancer patients, the elderly and the homeless. If you are interested in becoming one of our very enthusiastic committee members, please contact Mary Ellen at [megwayne@comcast.net](mailto:megwayne@comcast.net) or call 703-568-5483. The next committee meeting will be on September 23rd at 7 pm at Mary Ellen’s home (13188 Piedmont Vista Drive).

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### **Education and Libraries Committee** **Chairs:**

It is so exciting to see those yellow school buses traveling our Virginia roads this fall. We wish everyone - staff, parents, and students - a safe and productive 2021 - 2022 school year!

The Education and Libraries Committee will have new leadership this year. Linda Turnau and Anna Shackelford will be stepping down as co-chairs. We are so grateful that these charming and dedicated ladies have lead this busy committee for so many years. Anna will continue to participate in the Education Committee activities. Linda will be on her way to North Carolina in a few months!! We will miss you, Linda!!

An organizational meeting was held on August 30. Most of the projects at Gravely Elementary are on hold till next semester. Rosemary is going to ask members to bring gift cards for the teachers at PACE West, to buy school supplies for their classrooms, and the PROWL pantry may be reopened in mid-September. The ‘Buy-A-Kid-A-Book’ project at Ellis Elementary is being planned with Mary Ellen as the contact person.

We still do not have anybody volunteering for the chair/co-chair positions of this committee. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September 15 DWC meeting for members to sign up for various projects and activities of this committee.

**Book Club**  
**Chairs: Rosemary Boettke and Elizabeth Laverty**

Many of you may have heard that Linda Turnau will be moving to North Carolina this fall, and therefore, she will be stepping down from her long-time role as chair of our DWC Book Group. We will miss you very much, Linda, and thank you for your gracious hospitality and superior organizational skills. We promise we will keep reading! The new co-chairs for Book Group will be Rosemary Boettke and Elizabeth Laverty. Our next meeting will be held on September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Rosemary Boettke's home in Dominion Valley - 5017 Desert Forest Court, Haymarket. We will be discussing *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Attached is the list of book selections and meeting dates for the 2021-22 club year. Book Group is open to all members of DWC, so feel free to attend any meetings that suit you! Please email Rosemary Boettke at [rboettke@gmail.com](mailto:rboettke@gmail.com) if you have any questions or want your name to be added to the list to receive emails pertaining to Book Group. Hope to see many of you on September 29!

**2021-2022 DWC Book List**

September 29, 2021	<i>The Library Book</i>	By: Susan Orlean
October 27, 2021	<i>The Four Winds</i>	By: Kristin Hannah
December 1, 2021 (This is for November's meeting)	<i>The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency (Book 1)</i>	By: Alexander McCall Smith
January 5, 2022 (This is for December's meeting)	<i>Anxious People</i>	By: Fredrik Backman
January 26, 2022	<i>Next Year in Havana</i>	By: Chanel Cleeton
February 23, 2022	<i>Born a Crime</i>	By: Trevor Noah
March 30, 2022	<i>The Book Thief</i>	By: Markus Zusak
April 27, 2022	<i>We Begin at the End</i>	By: Chris Whitaker
May 25, 2022	<i>Great Circle</i>	By: Maggie Shipstead
June 29, 2022	<i>The Plot</i>	By: Jean Hanff Korelitz



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

The Environment Committee is gearing up for the new year of activities. A calendar will be developed listing all the planned activities and projects for the year 2021 – 2022. The specific activities the committee has engaged in are as follows:

**Shoe collection:** We collected over 50 pairs of gently used athletic shoes in August to donate to [Eco.sneakers.org](http://Eco.sneakers.org). They send these sneakers to folks who need them or recycle them into athletic mats.

**FOHA:** Nora has touched base with the new Executive Director of FOHA, Alison Maurhoff. Nora will be organizing a meeting and tour with Alison and up to 5 members of the EC. Please let her know if you are interested in being included in this animal rescue site tour.

**Haymarket Day:** The EC will provide home-baked dog cookies to sell alongside the human cookies. This will highlight our support for rescue dogs and cats. Notify Sarah or Robin if you would like to help with the baking of dog cookies.

New Environment Committee poster was reviewed by the committee. Everyone was impressed with the poster!

### **BRMC and Leopold Preserve:**

Our native garden at Leopold's Preserve is thriving and may need to be pruned. Robin is checking with ED Laura on her thoughts for maintaining this garden. We want it to be a native/natural garden, but it may need a little help. Watering will stop on September 15. Laura has agreed to speak to our committee in the future. She is an arborist.

BRMC will host their yearly Halloween Safari and Mary Catherine will be our contact for participation. The dates are October 16., 22, and 23 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. See attached flyer.

### **15<sup>th</sup> anniversary: NEED YOUR IDEA PLEASE**

The committee agreed to have each member recommend one event, learning session, or project to meet our commitment for 15 new ideas to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club. A calendar will be developed after everyone has an opportunity to suggest one idea to the committee. The following ladies have chosen these projects/events:

Amy Scala – Hike at Silver Lake in Haymarket

Barbara Garland – Find 15 different recipes using honey (possibly a cooking demo too)

Barbara Murray – Find a bee enthusiast or club to educate us on bees.

Mary Catherine – Coordinate our support for Halloween Safari with Bull Run Mountain Conservancy.

Martha – Nature books

Nora – Learn about snakes from a snake expert

Robin – Learn to identify 15 backyard birds

Sharayu – Plant 15 trees

Sarah – Recycle sneakers – completed in August





**Health and Wellness Committee**  
**Interim Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy**

The Health & Wellness Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 13th at 7 pm at Mary Ellen Murphy's home to discuss the outreaches that we will pursue for the 2021-2022 club year. In the past, we have supported projects impacting heart health and healthy eating, combating depression, cancer prevention and awareness, and "Operation Smile", a charity that provides surgeries to children needing cleft palate repair. If you are interested in joining us or have some ideas of ways that we can benefit our community in the area of health and wellness, we would be delighted to welcome you to our committee! Please contact Mary Ellen at [megwayne@comcast.net](mailto:megwayne@comcast.net).

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**Community News**

**Arts Alive!** is back, so come out and celebrate your local arts community! This free family-friendly festival is co-presented by the Prince William County Arts Council and the Hylton Performing Arts Center and is fun for all ages. The afternoon features multiple stages of performances indoors and out, hands-on activities and demonstrations, exhibits, food vendors, and more. **This FREE event has something for everyone! No tickets are required.**

Visit [HyltonCenter.org](http://HyltonCenter.org) for more information and to view the full event schedule.



**The Dominion Juniette Club**  
**Chair: Connie Loggans**

Now that school is back in session and the excitement of a new year is dying down, the girls are beginning to think about the 2021-2022 Juniettes year. Our first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12th starting with social time to get to know each other and then a brainstorming session of what and how they would like to help the community. Seven girls joined the club last June as our Seniors were leaving to attend college, which gives us a total of 9 Juniettes in the club as of today. If you know of any young ladies in 8th-12th grades in any school in Prince William County, please encourage them to reach out to me. We would love to have more girls join so we can do fabulous things for the community. In addition, if you have opportunities that you think the Juniettes would like to participate in, please contact me and we can discuss. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

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**The Care and Concern Committee**  
**Chair: Susie Collat**

Martha Feeney is doing well at home after recent surgery.

Celeste Corrigan is improving after breaking her leg. She is getting around with a boot.

Carol Blythe finished chemotherapy and is working on gaining her strength back.

Our prayers are requested for full recovery to all!

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

This is a reminder that annual dues and pledges are due now. You still have time to pay them by mail so they can be received before the in-person meeting on September 15. Please send to GFWC Dominion Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1053, Haymarket, VA 20168. You may also pay them at the meeting if you plan to attend. If you do not plan on renewing your membership, please return the invoice initialing the line that confirms your intentions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb Garland at 703-753-6997 or [bsrigarland@gmail.com](mailto:bsrigarland@gmail.com).

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**Chatting with Charter Members**  
**Nora Peterson**



**In celebration of the Dominion Woman's Club's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we're chatting with the original charter members who started the club to get their perspectives on how the club has changed over the years and their thoughts on the future direction of the club.**

**Meet member Beth Glaser**

**Please tell us when you joined DWC and what board positions you have held and which committees you've joined/chaired.**

I joined DWC in March 2007 as the club was being established.

I have been Parliamentarian and had chaired the Education Committee for many years. I am also a member of the Health and Wellness and Environmental Committees.

**How did you first hear about the DWC and what influenced your decision to join the club?**

I first heard from my friends in Dominion Valley (since I live in Piedmont), that a club offering volunteer opportunities was being established here. I had just retired a year and a half before that and was looking to get involved in doing some volunteer work.

**How has the club changed since the first few years?**

The original committees have grown tremendously in their outreach and the club itself has taken on many new and worthwhile programs helping our local communities.

**Do you have any other comments about the club?**

I have always been in awe of how much can be accomplished with such a small number of members. There are many clubs much larger than ours that don't get involved in nearly as many things as we do. We have always been such a hard-working, dedicated group of ladies.

**How do you see the club evolving in the next 5 years?**

I see membership expanding and continuing with the programs already established. I believe these programs will evolve with the changing times. I also see new programs being developed as new interests arise.

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## **GFWC Virginia 2020-2021 State Project**

### **“Hop on the Bus”**

**Sue Mork**

GFWC Virginia is holding a drawing to raise funds to be able to purchase a 14-passenger bus for the Armed Services YMCA Hampton Roads. This bus will afford children the opportunity to enjoy after-school activities, summer camps, and educational field trips. The drawing is for a bus basket of gift cards valued at \$1100 and the drawing will take place at the GFWC Virginia Annual Convention in Spring 2022.

**Purchase your “bus tickets” to support this project at DWC monthly meetings or by contacting Sue Mork. “Bus tickets” are \$5 each or five for \$20**

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## DWC Scholarship Winner



Mary Driver-Downs, GFWC Northern District President, and Martha Feeney, DWC President, congratulate Kaitlyn Loggans, the 2021 recipient of our DWC scholarship.

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## Did You Know?

### Famous Firsts

By Carolyn Forbes, WHRC Committee Member

Women's achievements are often overlooked. It is important to acknowledge their triumphs and set them up as role models for the next generation of girls. The following information highlights many of the notable women with ties to GFWC.



In 1890, **Julia Ward Howe** (GFWC Massachusetts) helped author the GFWC Constitution.

She wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic and inspired the creation of Mother's Day.

She was also an advocate for abolitionism and a social activist, particularly for

women's suffrage.

Thomas Edison's wife **Mina** (GFWC New Jersey) hosted the first GFWC council meeting in 1891 at their home in West Orange, New Jersey. After a luncheon, Edison invited delegates to his lab for a demonstration of the kinetoscope, an early motion picture projector.

Mina gave her talents to the surrounding communities, working tirelessly on various social, educational, religious, and community causes for the benefit of citizens.





**Josephine Ruffin** used her financial security and organizational abilities to start *The Women's Era*, the country's first newspaper published by and for African-American Women.

In 1900, GFWC met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Josephine tried to attend as a representative of three Boston organizations: the New Era Club, the New England Women's Club, and the New England Women's Press Club.

Ruffin was told she could be seated as an honorary representative of the two predominantly white clubs, but not as a representative of the Black club. She refused on principle and was excluded from the proceedings. This event became known as "The Ruffin Incident" and was widely covered in newspapers around the country.

*Information such as above can be found in WHRC News (News and Notes option on GFWC website). 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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## Club Essentials

### **GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2021 – 2022 Board**

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  
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](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.gfwcva.org](http://www.gfwcva.org)  
GFWC Northern District [www.ndgfwcva.org](http://www.ndgfwcva.org)

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## Calendar of Events

### September 2021

15 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Dominion Valley Country Club - The social time will begin at 6:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM

21 – HGBA Meeting ([www.hgba.biz](http://www.hgba.biz))

21 – Environment Committee meeting, 1 PM, DVCC Patio

29 – Book Club, 7 PM, *The Library Book* By: Susan Orlean

30 – Civic Engagement and Outreach, 7 PM

### October 2021

4 – Education Committee meeting, 7 PM

11 – Health and Wellness Committee meeting, 7 PM

16 – Fall Northern District Meeting - Springfield CC

16 – Haymarket Day

19 – HGBA Meeting ([www.hgba.biz](http://www.hgba.biz))

20 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Dominion Valley Country Club - The social time will begin at 6:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM

27 – Book Club, 7 PM, *The Four Winds* By: Kristin Hannah

28 – Environment Committee meeting, 1 PM, DVCC Patio

28 – Civic Engagement and Outreach, 7 PM

28 – 31 – Southeastern Region Conference, Maryland

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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