



NEWS N' NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

Celebrating 15 Years in Service to our Community

President's Corner

Our DWC Author's Luncheon on April 24 was lovely. I am happy to report that the net income from the event was \$7,425.80. Many thanks to our speaker, Carla Vergot, and the co-chairs of the planning committee, Sue Mork and Barbara Murray. These funds were raised to support our literacy outreaches, through the efforts of many DWC members and the generous sponsorships from local businesses. Please check out the list of sponsors and donors on our website and continue to support them throughout the year.

The Environment Committee of Dominion Woman's Club, over the past two years, has established a close relationship with Leopold's Preserve in Haymarket. We have donated time, a garden, trees, and a bench to enhance the experiences people have as they enjoy nature at this location. This outreach has become a significant project for us. The community and the management of Leopold's Preserve recognize the impact DWC has had on the Preserve and we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future. Thank you to all members who have made this outreach so successful.

Please read through the GFWC VA Convention article in this newsletter. I am so proud of each and every one of you, for your dedication to our community outreaches and to our club. It is an honor to be recognized at the state level for so many awards. There are additional articles in this newsletter that highlight the Juniorettes and the VA Art Contest winners. We are all in awe of the talent and creativity in these groups of women.

The recipient of our DWC Scholarship this year is Battlefield High School senior Michelle Giulajan. Sharayu Tulpule and I will be presenting this \$2000 scholarship to Michelle at the BHS Awards Program on May 18. Congratulations, Michelle!

We are honored to have Joyce Jolly, Northern District President, at our May 18 meeting. She will be installing our newly-elected 2022-2023 DWC board. This will be an exciting evening and I hope all of you will be able to attend.

During the past four years, as Dominion Woman's Club Co-President, 1st Vice President and President, I have been honored and humbled to serve the club in leadership roles. Thank you for being a part of this journey, as we "used our hearts and strengths for our community" and "celebrated 15 years of community service."

Thank you for sharing your strengths, as together we managed life during a pandemic. Thank you for giving so much from your hearts, in friendship, and to others. And thank you for constantly celebrating the joy of volunteerism.

As hard as it will be to leave the role of DWC President, this is really not a farewell message. I am, after all, just part of the ebb and flow of club leadership. I value my club friendships, which continue to deepen over the years. I look forward to the new club year and to the activities ahead.

In Federation Sisterhood –

Martha Feeney

"To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything be more fun?"

Katharine Graham, Publisher



YOU ARE INVITED

Wine and Cheese Party to

"Celebrate 15 Years as a Club"

June 15, 2022, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Rosemary Boettke's House

5017 Desert Forest Court

Haymarket, VA

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join your fellow club members and special guests, as we conclude our year-long celebration of GFWC Dominion Woman's Club's fifteenth year! Cake, shared memories, and fellowship are planned. You will have an opportunity to RSVP through an email that will be coming your way soon.

DWC Name Badges

Please let Martha Feeney (mlfeeney@comcast.net) know if you would like to order a new DWC name badge. The cost is \$12.00.

You can give Martha the cash or check (made out to GFWC Dominion Woman's Club) at the May 18 meeting or you can mail the check to the DWC P.O. Box:

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club, P. O. Box 1053, Haymarket, VA 20168

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia

GFWC VA Annual Convention

The 114th annual convention of GFWC VA was held April 28-May 1 this year, in Virginia Beach. Celeste Corrigan, past DWC President, represented our club at Convention. This gathering, led by Dale Fisher, GFWC VA President, marks the conclusion of the 2020-2022 administration. Dale's theme has been "Envision the Future." The goal for the state project, "Hop on the Bus", was to raise \$35,000 to purchase a 14-passenger bus for the Armed Forces YMCA. The total collected statewide for this project was \$42,700, far surpassing the expected amount.

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club was honored with 5 state level awards/recognitions in the following categories:

Fundraising

Best Overall – Large Club – General – GFWC Dominion Woman's Club – Northern District This club raised \$14,329 through 7 projects. They sponsored a Bunco with lunch and a raffle, members pledged donations to fund projects, had a 50/50 raffle at meetings, sold homemade cookies, dog treats, and partnered with a restaurant to offer pot pies for sale.

Leadership

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Dominion Woman's Club – Northern District This club's focus was on communication and transparency. The leadership of the club made sure that members were informed and stayed involved in club activities as the pandemic continued. The President sent a personal note to each member to maintain connections.

Environment

Best Single Project – Large Club – GFWC Dominion Woman’s Club – Northern District Club members volunteered 230 hours to care for and help protect the Bull Run Mountains and Virginia Piedmont. The club partnered with Bull Run Mountain Conservancy and Leopold’s Preserve to take hikes with a biologist, plant native plants and volunteer at a fundraiser for BRMC. Members improved signs along the trail, helped remove invasive plants at Leopold’s Preserve. They had presentations from both organizations at their club and learned about water conservation too.

Education and Libraries

Best Single Project – Large Club – GFWC Dominion Woman’s Club – Northern District Provides an incentive program for an area school. Students earn points for good behavior. Can use their points to “buy” prizes provided by the club. Club donates items for the Holiday Bonanza that students can use their points to “buy” Christmas gifts for family members.

GFWC Affiliate

Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) – GFWC Dominion Woman’s Club – Northern District Sponsored 2 students to attend the state HOBY seminar.

In addition, our Dominion Juniores were recognized, and we had winners in the state art contest!! Please read the additional articles in this newsletter for the details.

It is a great honor to be recognized by GFWC VA for our continued efforts to work and volunteer in our community. We can be proud of Dominion Woman’s Club for the volunteerism that is shown in this 2021 reporting.

Celeste Corrigan attended the GFWC Virginia Convention in April 2022. She writes:

It was my pleasure and honor to represent our club at the GFWC Virginia Convention. Congratulations on all the awards and recognition DWC received due to everyone's hard work and dedication. I would especially like to congratulate **Robin Clukey** and **Amy Scala**; both won **FIRST PLACE** in their Art Contest category.

Here are the winning entries:

By Robin Clukey



By Amy Scala



Arts and Culture Committee
Chair: Elizabeth Laverty



It has been such an honor to lead this wonderful committee since September. Looking so forward to additional activities this coming year that will bring us together and enrich us! We finished up our year with a performance of Side by Side by Sondheim at the Fauquier Community Theatre. We learned that Steven Sondheim was known for the range of musicals he wrote and composed. FCT did a wonderful job with the performance and our group received feedback from the theatre that they were delighted to see DWC in attendance! We will be supporting FCT this coming year by attending several performances as a club so stay tuned for more information on that. On Tuesday, May 3 we enjoyed a beautiful lunch at the Black Sheep and then a Matinee Idyll performance at Hylton Performing Arts Center. The show was John Bullard who performed mostly classical banjo with Markus Compton pianist. Next season, the Matinee Idyll performances will return with the luncheon, performance, and dessert reception. The committee does plan to support several of the Matinee Idyll performances at Hylton so be on the lookout for that information later this summer. Have a wonderful summer all.

Civic Engagement and Outreach / Health and Wellness Committee
Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy
Co-Chair: Susie Collat



Rumor has it that it is spring...but the weather and the temperature certainly tell another story! Nevertheless, the Civic Engagement & Outreach/ Health&Wellness Committee members have been engaged in completing many of our spring projects.

Here are just a few of the things we are doing:

- Our “Pinwheel Garden” was on display in downtown Haymarket during the month of April and received much attention from local residents.
- Spring greetings and snacks were delivered to our friends at the Gainesville Health& Rehabilitation Center. We are hoping to continue this outreach once during the summer. Susie Collat and Kim Grunewald will be working together to make this happen.
- We are supporting the Ellis Striders Running Club at Ellis Elementary School by sponsoring a bake sale on Saturday, May 14th at Ellis. If you would like to bake some cookies (bagged 2 to a bag) or cupcakes, please contact Susie Collat (collatsusie@gmail.com) to let her know what you would like to donate. Susie would like the baked goods to be delivered to her by May 12th. Our committee has also made a donation to fund T-shirts and medals for the runners.



- “Treats for First Responders” is on hold until June. At that time, we will be providing purchased breakfast treats to our hard-working police, fire, and health workers. More info to follow at our June meeting.
- Some of our committee members will be working at the “Robin Rothman Swing For Life” golf tournament, which helps to fund ovarian cancer research at the Schaar Institute in Fairfax. We have also donated a basket for the silent auction/raffle at the event. Contact Barb Garland (bsrigarland@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.
- Collection of food for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry is ongoing. If you would like to donate, your contribution can be dropped off at the food pantry (7669 Limestone Drive #105 in Gainesville) or your local Giant Food Store. Please let Mary Ellen (megwayne@comcast.net) know the monetary value of your donation.
- Did you get your “Payton”’s Project” bracelet (thank you, Deb Jewell!) in the “swag bag” from our wonderful author’s luncheon? Our committee will be supporting this worthy outreach to shed light on the devastating effects of bullying in our community. This and other efforts to support mental health will be a focus in the coming year.
- Our members collected gently used medical supplies over a three-month period. Commodes, crutches, shower chairs, walkers, scooters, and numerous boots and braces were collected and delivered to the “Medical Missionaries” Manassas facility by Mary Ellen and Irmen Horne.
- Our committee is researching how we can work with GFWC on creating awareness of human trafficking in our area. The next meeting of the Civic Engagement& Outreach/Health&Wellness Committee will be on Thursday, June 9th at 7 pm location TBD.

Education and Libraries Committee

Education Leadership Team: Sharayu Tulpule, Martha Feeney, Mary Ellen Murphy, Rosemary Boettke



What a Surprise!!! The members of the Education & Libraries Committee have been busy with the following activities:

Ellis science week – we spent one week in April explaining to the 4th graders ‘the scientific process’. We did experiments with Kinetic/Potential energy and talked about data collection, dependent/independent variables, and analyzing and plotting the results.

PACE West and Ellis teachers’ breakfast – Members provided delicious breakfast treats to the teachers on the first day of Teacher Appreciation Week at PACE West. We have quite a reputation now and staff members were coming in, looking for a favorite casserole or the fruit and other goodies that they know we provide for them.

Education Committee members provided a tasty “pick-up breakfast” for the hard-working teachers and staff of Ellis Elementary School on May 4th. Coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, mini muffins, apples, clementines, pears, and chocolates were individually prepared and wrapped so that the staff could stop by and pick up some treats to take to their rooms. Fresh flowers and a sign expressing our gratitude completed the display; the teachers were delighted with the bounty!



Battlefield Service Scholarship – There were 3 applications for the DWC Service Scholarship from Battlefield HS. The applicants all had impressive academic records and service to community contributions. Michelle Giulajan was selected as the recipient of the Service Scholarship. Michelle has started a YouTube channel to discuss investment opportunities, a topic of great benefit to young adults embarking on their future careers. The award presentation will take place on May 18th at Battlefield HS. The winner will be invited to our May Dinner meeting.

Gravelly Elementary School – we will go to the school in June and deliver our popsicles and bookmarks to congratulate the second graders on completing the year and to encourage them to read over the summer.

In April our book group met to discuss *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker. This fun evening was hosted by Martha Feeney. Our last book group meeting of the club year will be held on May 25 (June has been canceled), and we are planning to read *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Besides our book discussion, a casual dinner will be served at this meeting, and we will also chat about plans for next year. The meeting will begin a little earlier, at 6:00 pm, at the home of Rosemary Boettke in Dominion Valley, 5017 Desert Forest Ct, Haymarket. If you have any questions about the book group or would like to be placed on our email distribution list for next year, please contact Rosemary Boettke at rboettke@gmail.com or Elizabeth Laverty at lavertyeliza@gmail.com.

Environment Committee
Chairs: Sarah Rudy and Robin Clukey



Leopold’s Preserve and BRMC

On April 21, 13 EC members plus Laura Hassell, Marie, and Nick from Leopold’s celebrated the DWC bench installation and planting of our 15 new trees. Both Martha and Laura spoke of the commitment of our two teams to work together in Leopold’s Preserve. Weekly tree watering duties are being coordinated by Sharayu.

BRMC’s calendar can be found at - <https://www.brmconservancy.org/calendar-of-events>

Most of their events are held at Leopold’s Preserve. <https://www.leopoldspreserve.com/>

FOHA

Our committee members continue to volunteer walking dogs and snuggling cats at FOHA. Great work ladies! Rescue animals love and need your attention. For more information on FOHA and ways to donate or volunteer at <https://foha.org/>

Medical Missionaries:

Irmen and Mary Ellen Murphy collected and dropped off durable medical equipment for Medical Missionaries in Manassas. <https://www.medicalmissionaries.org/>. It was wonderful to partner with another committee in DWC.

Recycling continues with Sharayu collecting batteries each month for disposal at an authorized battery collection site in Prince William County. Also, many of our committee members regularly donate clothes and household goods to charitable organizations in the community including Salvation Army <https://satruck.org/>, The Treasure Hound in Chantilly <https://foha.org/treasurehound/> which supports FOHA.

Trash cleanup project

Rae suggested a cleanup area on the walking path beside Route 15 Long Park. Members gathered at the entrance of Long Park on Route 15 to pick up trash along the path for a limited distance and then went to Tony's for lunch and a quick meeting.

News Article

We discussed the possibility of writing an article for the GFWC Northern District Newsletter. We will discuss this more over the next few months.

Danielle is submitting a news article to The Bull Run Observer for our dedication ceremony at Leopold's Preserve.

EC Schedule for the remainder of the year

May: 5/19/22 – EC Meeting – Visit Serenity Farms in Nokesville. Nora will organize a visit to this farm and members will let her know a month ahead if they are interested. (A notice will go out) She alerted us to the fact that it is a working farm with animals like baby pigs, etc. and we will get dirty so dress accordingly.

June: 6/23/22 – Danielle, Sharayu, Martha, and Irmen are planning our trip to the State Arboretum in Boyce, VA, and get a tour of an organic winery - BRIEDE FAMILY VINEYARDS, 450 Green Spring Road, Winchester, VA. What a great way to end our fiscal year. Danielle has the lead in organizing this event.

The Dominion Junioresettes Club Chair: Connie Loggans



The Dominion Junioresettes have done it again! They have received another award for Outstanding Achievement from GFWC International. What a wonderful surprise! The girls and I volunteer and help the community because we have a passion for helping others, but to get recognized is the icing on the cake. I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support of the Junioresettes and the activities that they coordinate. Without your help, we would not be successful in what we do. Thank you!

The girls are finishing out the year strong by continuing their love for volunteering. After spending a few hours volunteering with Crossroads Connections last month, they are turning their attention to a new organization to help, Boxes of Basics. The Junioresettes will be volunteering at a specially organized event this month where the entire club can volunteer together. The girls are very much looking forward to this.

Next month, the girls will be finishing out the year with a membership event on Sunday, June 5th, 1-3 pm at Cookies n Cream in Haymarket. Please spread the word. We would love to have more girls join the club and make new friends! Until next year....

Did you know?

“From Coca-Cola House to Clubhouse”

The Armstrong Mauldin House: Woman’s Club of Rock Hill, GFWC South Carolina

By Hope Royer, WHRC Committee Chairman



The two-story home of Spanish and American Colonial style at 607 Aiken Avenue was built in 1921 by renowned, regional architect A.D. Gilchrist for Rock Hill Mayor, W.R. Armstrong. Design characteristics of the 4,000-square-foot home include a low-pitched roof, clay roof tiles, a square, symmetrical façade, and surface decorations in low relief.

Local businessman William M. Mauldin purchased the home for his family in 1923. The house was known briefly as the “Coca-Cola House.” Mauldin had purchased the Rock Hill Coca-Cola Plant in 1908 and, with it, the exclusive right to bottle and sell Coca-Cola to customers in Rock Hill and the

surrounding counties. The Rock Hill Coca-Cola Bottling Company continues as a family business and is widely respected for its community-wide charitable giving. The Mauldins built a second, smaller house in 1939 on what was then the back portion of their large lot. The two residences formed a “complex” familiar to the southern tradition of earlier times in which a smaller home was constructed as an adjunct to the larger, stately family home. As adults, two of the children and their families lived in the smaller house, in turn, from 1940 to 1963. The home remained in the Mauldin family until 1969 when the widowed Mayme Mauldin died.

The Woman’s Club of Rock Hill purchased the Armstrong-Mauldin House in 1971 from Mauldin's daughter, Ann Bruce, for use as its clubhouse. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing property in the Charlotte Avenue/Aiken Avenue Historic District in 1992.

The Armstrong-Mauldin House is used by the club for its monthly general club meetings, board and committee meetings, and for club-sponsored community events and fundraising events. It is also rented to club members and the public for small meetings, weddings, showers, and other special occasions. As is true in most clubhouses, other than lawn care and major system services, all maintenance and administrative work is done by members and the continued support of several husbands.

Information such as above can be found in WHRC News (News and Notes option on the GFWC website). 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 2021 – 2022 Board

President – Martha Feeney
1st Vice President – Barbara Murray
2nd Vice President – Robin Clukey
Corresponding Secretary – Rosemary Boettke
Recording Secretary – Sarah Rudy
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

May 2022

17 – HGBA Meeting (www.hgba.biz)
18 – DWC Dinner Meeting at Brass Cannon Restaurant, Stonewall Golf Club
19 – Environment Committee - Serenity Farms, Nokesville
25 – Book Club, 7 PM, *The Plot* By: Jean Hanff Korelitz

June 2022

6 – Education Committee meeting, 7 PM
9 – Civic Engagement and Outreach/Health and Wellness Committee meeting, 7 PM
15 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Rosemary Boettke's home
21 – HGBA Meeting (www.hgba.biz)
23 – Environment Committee - State Arboretum and Briede Family Vineyards

July 2022

Summer break - No meetings

October 2022 - **SAVE THE DATE**

1 - Fall Northern District Meeting at Springfield Country Club

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)
Canceled postage stamps - Vanna Ruffner

From the Editor's Desk:

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as editor of DWC's monthly News and Notes. My job was made very easy because of the contributions of all the committee chairs and board members. My special thanks and gratitude go to Martha Feeney, DWC President for her encouragement and guidance during the publication process. This will be my last News and Notes as its editor. Ujwala Joshi will take over the editorship from September 2022.

I thank you for your part in my journey. I will take a different path in DWC, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other with us.

Sharayu Tulpule, Editor

*Always Remember that Democracy and Freedom are Precious and
can not be Taken for Granted*

