



NEWS & NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

Welcome back to all of you as we begin our new DWC club year! I am very excited about taking on my new position as President of this amazing club. I'd like to propose that our theme for this year is "Volunteers in Action". I am borrowing this phrase from the General Federation of Women's Clubs. In the GFWC News & Notes, the Volunteers in Action section highlights accomplishments from clubs around the country, even around the world. Our vibrant club can certainly be proud of all its accomplishments, and I would like to celebrate and commend all of you who have given so much of your time to our community! In addition, now that we are able to resume many of our activities and outreaches in person as we did pre-COVID, I would like to encourage all of you to get involved as much as you can with hands-on volunteering. As you will read below in our committee reports, and as you will learn at our first monthly meeting on September 21 at Brass Cannon at Stonewall Country Club, there are so many ways to get involved.

Please mark your calendars for October 15. Both Haymarket Day and the GFWC Virginia Northern District Fall Meeting will be happening on that day. If you are available, please consider supporting our club by attending one of these events. Also, mark your calendar for Nov. 6 for our fun and popular Girls Gone Bunco event. Information and sign-ups for these events will be available at our Sept. 21 meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting or have questions, you may contact Amy Scala amyscala@ix.netcom.com (Haymarket Day), Sharayu Tulpule sharayuq@comcast.net (ND meeting), and me rboettke@gmail.com (Girls Gone Bunco or questions about anything!)



Arts and Culture Committee
Chair: Elizabeth Laverty

I am looking forward to DWC starting up again after the summer break. This committee will continue supporting Fauquier Community Theatre and Hylton Performing Arts Center.

[Fauquier Community Theatre](#) has its full schedule for the coming season online. Click on the hyperlink for Fauquier Community Theatre for further details on the upcoming season.

Also, please feel free to check out the Matinee Idyll performances at [Hylton Performing Arts Center](#). New for this coming season is that each Matinee Idyll performance now includes the luncheon like they were doing pre-pandemic.

We hope to show our support at each of the shows with a group from DWC! For the next issue of News and Notes we will have additional information regarding the DWC art contest, so be sure to watch for that communication a bit later. See everyone later this month.



Civic Engagement and Outreach
Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy
Co-Chair: Susie Collat

The Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee will hold their first meeting of the new club year on Thursday, September 8th at 2:30 PM in the Mary Jo Rigby community room at the Haymarket-Gainesville library. We will be discussing how we will implement our existing outreaches to the community and expand the scope of some of them. Here is a partial list of some of the things that we do to help make our community a wonderful, caring place to live:

- “Purple Posies” to promote awareness of domestic abuse and resources for help
- “Treats for First Responders” to show our appreciation for our community helpers
- Gainesville Health& Rehab Center: sending cards, treats and interacting with residents
- “Holiday Baskets for Homebound Seniors” to bring holiday cheer to the elderly
- “Caring on the Go” prepares bag of personal hygiene items for Meals on Wheels clients
- Outreach to the homeless: knitting scarves, donating clothing and preparing bagged meals
- “Wreaths Across America” on December 17th at Stonewall Gardens
- Haymarket Regional Food Pantry: collections of food, school supplies and “Birthday Bags”

More information will become available after the committee meeting on September 8th. If you are interested in participating in any of these projects, please contact Mary Ellen Murphy (megwayne@comcast.net) or Susie Collat (collatsusie@gmail.com). We are looking forward to a busy and productive year...and we invite you to join us!



Health and Wellness Committee Chairs: Barbara Murray and Sue Mork

The human body, mind and spirit comprise our health and wellness.

Barbara Murray will host the first committee meeting on September 14th, 10am, at her home. This will be a planning meeting to discuss various opportunities for awareness and advancement of nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care.

Outreaches have included the Alzheimer's Walk, support of the 'Swing for Life' golf tournament, Ellis Striders, Operation Smile, Healthy Heart and Eating and we will now be responsible for the Care and Concern activities for club members requiring extra support. The GFWC Virginia State Project this term is 'Comfort Cases', and our committee will lead the collection of items for the 14-17yo age group.



Education and Libraries Committee Chair: Martha Feeney Co-Chair: Irmen Horne

With the 2022-2023 school year beginning in mid-August, the Education and Libraries Committee had a necessary first meeting of the year on August 1 (via Zoom). Plans for the beginning of the new club year were discussed, as well as the year-long goals for the committee. Please check out the committee summary on the DWC website for a list of all the activities that this wonderful group of volunteers participates in throughout the year.

School Supplies, First Year Teacher Support and Book Donations – Mary Ellen Murphy and Sharayu Tulpule collected school supplies from committee members during the first few weeks of August, organized them and delivered the donations to Suella Gilbert Ellis Elementary School (in Manassas) and to the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry. Mary Ellen also delivered special “encouragement” gifts to three first-year teachers at Ellis. We will be checking in with them all year, to offer our support and encouragement. Rosemary Boettke, Martha Feeney and Mary Ellen purchased some books at McKay's, with donated credit slips from DWC members, that will be given to the teacher at Ellis who is beginning her career as a kindergarten teacher.

Welcome Back to Teachers!! – We have quite a reputation at Ellis Elementary School and PACE West School for providing delicious food for the staffs at both schools! Throughout the year we take in treats for the staff to show them our appreciation for their hard work for the students under their care. Committee members provided hot casseroles, fruit, juices and various pastry items for the staff at PACE

West for their opening staff meeting. The Ellis staff was treated to a feast of “grab and go” items to keep up their energy level as they prepared for the coming year. We look forward to spending time with both staffs this year, as we transition back into a “normal” volunteer schedule.

Gravely Elementary School Volunteer Opportunities – Dominion Woman’s Club has been volunteering with the Second Grade Team at Gravely Elementary School for years – except when Covid limited our access to the students. We will be setting up the schedule for language arts and math tutoring soon and hope that all members of the club will be able to volunteer for this extremely satisfying experience.

PACE West PROWL Pantry and PACE’s Village – Sharayu and Martha have been busy doing an inventory of the PROWL Pantry items at PACE West as well as setting up the schedule for the weekly volunteer opportunity. Please speak with Sharayu at the Sept. 21 DWC meeting, if you would like more information about the PROWL Pantry.

Rosemary and Martha will be attending the first PACE’s Village meeting of the year, where various community groups gather to assess the needs at PACE West. We will be letting you know more about activities we will be involved in, as the weeks go by!

DWC Book Group

We are getting ready to kick off a new year of reading with the New York Times bestseller *In Five Years: A Novel* by Rebecca Serle. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on September 28. All DWC members are welcome to join book group. The group uses an organizer website called Bookclubs which can be accessed from a desktop computer or app. Bookclubs is used to keep track of members, post reading lists, provide information about meeting dates/hosts/locations, send messages to members, and more. Contact Rosemary Boettke (rboettke@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Laverty (lavertyeliza@gmail.com) with questions or to receive a link to join the group through Bookclubs. Check it out!

And remember... September is Library Card Sign-up Month – “a national campaign to emphasize the importance of library cards to a child’s education.”

Please contact us – Martha Feeney mlfeeney@comcast.net or Irmen Horne irmenhome@aol.com - if you have any questions about this committee. We look forward to seeing you at the DWC meeting on September 21.



Environment Committee
Chair: Danielle Byrd

The Environmental Committee is excited to kick off the new year (2022-2023) focusing on activities that continue to promote Environmental Preservation & Education along with all of our Animal Welfare initiatives. During our kick off meeting scheduled on September 22nd, we will gather our specific monthly activities to share with the club and welcome anyone to join!

As we kick off the year, our goal will be to ensure that we continue to focus on activities where we can make the biggest impact to our community and environment. We hope to continue with activities that have yielded great results, such as continuing to foster our relationship with our partners in Leopold's Preserve and ensuring that we continue our efforts within FOHA.

The Public Relations Committee
Chair: Deb Jewell

JOIN ME FOR "Public Relations" AT JIFFY LUBE LIVE (FOOD AND PRIZES AND NETWORKING) Wednesday, SEPT 21st at 5PM to 630PM before our next CLUB meeting

Find over 80 upcoming Chamber of Commerce events including "ribbon cuttings" and business grand openings at website: pwchamber.org (RSVP by calling Jodi at 703-368-6600 and say you are representing GFWC Dominion Woman's Club).

HGBA meets the third week of the month on Tuesday from 4PM to 6PM at a rotating business location: hgba.biz. **The next meeting is Sept 20th at MULARKEY's at 4PM (come early for easy parking)**



The Dominion Juniores Club
Chair: Connie Loggans

The Dominion Juniores will be meeting the end of the month to discuss the amazing things they want to do this year. The girls attracted 4 new members at their membership event last June so we are steadily growing. Kudos to them! Don't forget, we would love to welcome any girls in 8-12th grades in the community. Please have them contact me. More to come next month!

Treasurer's Report
Sharayu Tulpule

All the DWC projects are fully funded thanks to the generosity of the members and successful fundraisers.

It is time to pay the dues and the pledges. Please note: CHECKS should be made out to GFWC DOMINION WOMAN'S CLUB.

You may mail your check by September 15, 2022, to:

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club

P.O. Box 1053

Haymarket, VA 20168

ATTN: Sharayu Tulpule

OR, You may bring a check or cash to the DWC opening meeting on September 21, 2022.

Looking forward to another great year of servicing our community.

Club Essentials

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2021 – 2022 Board

President – Rosemary Boettke

1st Vice President – Barbara Garland

2nd Vice President – Robin Clukey

Corresponding Secretary – Sue Mork

Recording Secretary – Sarah Rudy

Treasurer – Sharayu Tulpule

Parliamentarian – Connie Loggans

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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

September 2022

20 – HGBA Meeting (www.hgba.biz) at Murlarkey Distillery, 7961 Gainsford Ct, Bristow, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

21 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Brass Cannon Restaurant, Stonewall Golf Club, Gainesville – The social time will begin at 6:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM

22 – Environment Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm

25 – Arts and Culture Committee – Fauquier Community Theater – Mama Mia, 2:00 pm

28 – Book Club, 7 PM, *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle

October 2022

3 – Education and Libraries Committee Meeting, 7 PM

5 – Arts and Culture Committee – Hylton Performing Arts – Matinee Idylls with Luncheon: Alicia Ward, 12:30 pm

15 – Haymarket Day

- 15 – Fall Northern District Meeting at Springfield Country Club
18 – HGBA Meeting (www.hgba.biz)
19 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Brass Cannon Restaurant, Stonewall Golf Club, Gainesville – The social time will begin at 6:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM
20 – Salute to Armed Forces lunch in an airplane hangar to honor heroes from 11:00 – 2:00 pm.
(<https://pwchamber.org/events/>)
26 – Book Club, 7 PM, *The Therapist* by B.A. Paris
27 – Environment Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm
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Collections

- Used children's books – Rosemary Boettke
Used batteries – Sharayu Tulpule
Aluminum pop-tops – Martha Feeney
Haymarket Food Pantry – Mary Ellen Murphy
Canceled postage stamps - Vanna Ruffner
Comfort Cases – Sue Mork, Barbara Murray
Dollar for Doggies (Previously Pennies for Puppies) – Mary Ellen Murphy

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