



NEWS & NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

Rosemary Boettke

Hopefully you all have been enjoying this extra beautiful fall season, and as you will read below in our committee reports, you will learn about all the beautiful gestures and activities our club members have implemented or are planning. Please also take note of our ongoing collections, as well as our annual Holiday Bonanza collection for PACE West School, and help out where you can. If you are interested in participating in any of the numerous volunteer opportunities and activities of our committees, or have questions about them, please contact the appropriate committee chairs, or you may contact me.

Our participation in Haymarket Day on October 15 was a big success, and special thanks go out to Amy Scala, our event coordinator, and all the members who helped out on the day to spread the word about our amazing club. With their help, and the help of a special busy bee (Thanks, Mary Catherine Romans!), we were able to attract about 80 women to enter our drawing for a free year's DWC membership. We will look forward to meeting our winner at a future meeting, and perhaps some of the other participants in the drawing will join us at sometime too.

On November 6, our long awaited Girls Gone Bunco event was held at Brass Cannon. It was a fun filled day with 60 participants that resulted in earnings of \$1600 for our club's outreaches and activities! Many, many thanks go out to my co-chair Sharayu Tulpule for the many, many hours spent on planning for this event, Barb Garland for coordinating ticket sales, as well as all our committee members who attended planning meetings, donated baskets, donated gift cards, created centerpieces, worked on advertising, volunteered on the day of the event, and more. It is because of all of you that it was a spectacular day that ran like clockwork!

Lastly, our awesome Dominion Juniorettes are currently taking orders for Thanksgiving pies from Buckland Farms to raise money for purchasing holiday presents for foster children. The flyer with information for ordering is contained in this newsletter. Let's support these young ladies in this worthy cause!



Arts and Culture Committee
Chair: Elizabeth Laverty

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 upcoming shows.

A group of us are visiting Fauquier Community Theatre in December for the matinee performance of Holiday Inn. Excited to see that holiday performance.

Also, please feel free to check out the Matinee Idyll performances at [Hylton Performing Arts Center](#). There are two remaining shows for this season scheduled for next spring. 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!

It's time to start thinking about the GFWC Arts and Crafts Contest to be held in 2023. We hope our members will consider submitting projects in the areas of needlework, drawing or painting, photography, crafts, and writing. Please visit [GFWC DWC Arts and Crafts Contest 2023 - Choices of Projects and Rules of Participation](#) to review project choices and start to think about submitting a project. Coming soon, we will begin to collect intent to enroll forms so we can begin to organize our club-level art show coming in February 2023. See everyone at the monthly meeting later this month.



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

November is here and we are well on the way to celebrating our winter holidays! The Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee has many projects aimed at making the holidays merry and bright for special people in our community...our seniors and our first responders, as well as our veterans.

During the month of October, committee members baked homemade treats for our first responders and prepared beautiful and bountiful trays at the home of project coordinator Susan Sivori. The treats were then delivered to Prince William County police, the firefighters at Gainesville, Evergreen and Aldie fire stations and the ER at Heathcote.

At the October DWC monthly meeting, members wrote cute Halloween cards provided by co-chair Susie Collat for delivery to the residents of Gainesville Health& Rehabilitation Center; Susie was assisted in delivering them by Kim Grunewald.

Hopefully, some of you may have noticed our "Purple Posies" which were meant to call attention to Domestic Abuse Awareness and ways to receive help; some of the locations that displayed them were the Haymarket/Gainesville library, the Giant stores in Haymarket and Gainesville and several salons and doctor's offices.

On November 8th at 11:30 members will be gathering at Susie's house to assemble our "Holiday Baskets for Homebound Seniors" and to enjoy a light lunch. The baskets will then be delivered to "Volunteer Prince William" for distribution to the elderly by "Meals On Wheels".

We will be preparing another first responder treat for the holidays; Susan Sivori will be sending an email with information about the date and time in the next week or two.

Ongoing projects include:

- Haymarket Regional Food Pantry- we will continue to donate food and items for “Birthday Bags” (cake mixes, icing, sprinkles, party plates, napkins, favors, coloring books, crayons, balloons, etc.) to the pantry. Please drop your items at the pantry (let Mary Ellen know the monetary value of your donation) or bring to the November meeting. Check the HRFP website for suggestions of items to donate; they are requesting monetary donations to purchase what is needed to meet client needs for Thanksgiving meals.
- We are hoping to re-start our bunco for residents of Gainesville Health& Rehab Center. We need dedicated volunteers to commit to times; please contact Sharayu Tulpule (sharayuq@comcast.net) if you are interested. Claire Szanyi will be taking the lead on our project to deliver holiday treats to the GH&R staff in early December. More info will be available soon.
- “Dollars for Doggies” (formerly “Pennies for Puppies”) - please consider making a small contribution to further our ability to provide training for a service dog. Our goal is \$375 (cost of training one dog) but we would be delighted to exceed it! Donations may be made at the monthly meeting in the jar labeled for this outreach.
- Our outreach to the homeless through “Feeding friends” is ongoing. If you have blankets, socks, gloves, batteries that you would like to donate, please bring them to our monthly DWC meeting and place them in the box designated for this purpose. Remember that we are still knitting scarves and hats, too.
- Mark your calendars for the “Wreaths Across America” event at Stonewall Memory Gardens on December 17th. More info will be forthcoming in the December News ‘N Notes.

The next meeting of the Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee will be held on January 12th, 2023. Time and place TBD.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



Health and Wellness Committee
Chairs: Barbara Murray and Sue Mork

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

The Health and Wellness Committee arranged for Stephanie Jenkins, instructor at Premier Martial Arts, to provide a self-defense demonstration at the DWC October monthly meeting.

The 2nd committee meeting on November 2nd featured a chair yoga session by Kelly Little, Registered Yoga Teacher and Holistic Nutritionist. Member Shamal Beltangady shared her professional knowledge about children in the foster care system and the value provided by the Comfort Cases collection.

The focus of the January 11th committee meeting will be on Peyton’s Project with a speaker and further discussion on how our members can be supportive.

The Care and Concern sub-committee is ongoing, and members are asked to reach out to Barbara Murray and/or Sue Mork themselves when needing extra support.

The collection for the GFWC Virginia State Project, 'Comfort Cases', has started and will continue through 2024. The list of requested items for 14–17-year-old boys and girls can be found on the DWC web site. Donations will be collected at the monthly meetings, or you may contact either Barbara Murray or Sue Mork for delivery/pick-up options.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Health and Wellness Committee, contact Barbara Murray [Mike Murray2013@comcast.net](mailto:Mike_Murray2013@comcast.net) or Sue Mork s.mork@comcast.net

Our next meeting is January 11th, at Barbara Murray's home.



Education and Libraries Committee

Chair: Martha Feeny

Co-Chair: Irmen Horne

What a perfect time of year to get outside and enjoy the beautiful display nature has given us this season! This committee has been busy with outdoor and indoor activities in the last few weeks.

Rosemary Boettke, our DWC President and a retired librarian, has been busy at the P.A.C.E. West School library, working with staff to organize the purchased and donated materials. This year major changes are happening in the library space, which has been used for various activities in the past, but not as an official library. Rosemary presented the principal with a check for \$1000.00, from our DWC budget, to be used in the purchase of additional books for the library.

Irmen Horne was able to take a tour of the newly renovated Bull Run Regional Library in Manassas and highly recommends that everyone stop by to check out the new facilities.



Susie Collat and Mary Ellen Murphy delivered candy, cookies and fruit – perfect Halloween treats – for the staff at Ellis Elementary School on October 25. All school staff members so appreciate these special efforts to make their days just a little bit easier. Another delivery is planned for early December.

A cat, a bee and a hippie – along with 2 other DWC members – participated in the P.A.C.E. West Fall Festival “Trunk or Treat” on October 28 (Nora Peterson, MC Romans, Elizabeth Laverty, Diane Lewan and Martha Feeney) - glorious weather, fun activities for the students and important interactions between our members and staff/parents/volunteers at the event.

Please read through the committee volunteer opportunities detailed below. The contacts for each activity are listed.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Gravely Elementary School (Dominion Valley)

Language Arts Tutoring – Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 (Please contact Mary Ellen Murphy megwayne@comcast.net)

Math Tutoring – Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30 (Please contact Sharayu Tulpule sharayuq@comcast.net)

(This tutoring requires a simple online volunteer training. Please check with Mary Ellen for the information.)

P.A.C.E. West School (Gainesville)

Harvest Feast – Nov. 21 – Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal to students and family members. Shift 1 is 8:00-10:00. Shift 3 is 12:00-2:00. Please contact Martha Feeney (mlfeeney@comcast.net) for further details.

Holiday Bonanza – Diane Lewan and Idalia Hill will be collecting donations for the Holiday Bonanza through November 25. Donations should be new or almost new items, such as gloves, toys, figurines, etc. Students have an opportunity to shop for family gifts at this “store”, using points they have earned throughout the year. You can bring donations to the Nov. 16 DWC meeting. Donations can also be dropped off at the homes of Diane Lewan (natsfan.lewan@gmail.com) or Idalia Hill (Idalia.hill@gmail.com).

Suella Gilbert Ellis Elementary School (Manassas)

“Our Classroom Reads” – This program adds books to the classroom libraries at Ellis. Please consider taking your extra books/puzzles/games to McKay’s Used Bookstore in Manassas to receive a blue credit slip. These credit slips will be used to purchase books for Ellis. Hundreds of books have already been delivered to the school since the beginning of this outreach. 172 books were delivered on Oct. 4. (Please contact Rosemary Boettke (rboettke@gmail.com)

DWC Book Group

Our DWC Book Group members always enjoy an evening of lively discussions and special fellowship. Please come and join in the fun on the evening of Wednesday, November 30. We will be meeting at the home of Sharayu Tulpule and the book discussion will be about The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick. All DWC members are welcome to join the book group, which uses an organizer website called Bookclubs. This 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. Please 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.

Next Education and Libraries Committee Meeting: January 2, 2023

Please contact Martha Feeney mlfeeney@comcast.net or Irmen Horne irmenhome@aol.com if you have any questions about this committee.



Environment Committee Chair: Danielle Byrd



The Environment Committee has had a busy month of October. To align with our support goals of the BRMC, we actively volunteered for the Halloween Safari. Mary Catherine was featured again as one of the animal actresses (this year as a Raccoon) and she was joined by Danielle Byrd who portrayed a Black 'mama' bear (she was joined by her 'cub' later in the evening). Additionally, as an effort to continue to focus on activities that promote Environmental Preservation & Education, Robin graciously coordinated a tour of the Linton Hall "Teaching Garden". November's agenda will feature a tour and talk with our neighbors at the "Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center". Below is our tentative schedule for our monthly meetings/activities that will continue to make a big impact to the communities we serve and relationships we foster.

Below is our tentative calendar of events - we welcome all to join!

November:

November 10th - Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center Tour (weather permitting - Lunch at Silver Lake)
Meet at 10 AM, bring a bagged lunch to eat during our monthly meeting - Lead is Danielle

December:

12/8/2022 – US Botanical Gardens - Lead is Sarah (Date/time TBD)

January:

1/26/2023 – TBD (Indoor Event) (Date/time TBD)

February:

2/23/2023 – Climate Change Presentation (NOAA) - Lead is Barb G. (Date/time TBD)

March:

3/23/23 – Virginia Arboretum - Lead is Amy

April:

4/20/23 – Earth Day Cleanup & Lunch - Lead is (?) (Date/time TBD)

May:

5/25/23 – Outdoor Zumba - Lead is MC (Date/time TBD)

June:

6/22/23 Lavender Farm - Lead is Amy (Date/time TBD)

Please contact Danielle Byrd danibyrd@gmail.com with any questions about this committee or if you would like your name to be added to the committee list.



The Dominion Juniors Club
Chair: Connie Loggans



The Juniors Club have decided to have their Pie Fundraiser again for Thanksgiving and have committed to buying \$500 in presents for the PWC foster children as a part of the PWC Foster Christmas program. This is always a fun event for them and gives them experience in sales, marketing, leadership and customer service, as well as money management in buying the presents.

Pies will go on sale November 1st. Orders must be placed by November 14.

Please consider helping these wonderful young ladies continue making a difference in 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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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

November 2022

- 9 – Arts and Culture Committee – Hylton Performing Arts – Matinee Idylls with Luncheon: Taste of Opera, 12:30 pm
- 10 – Environment Committee Meeting, 10:30 am
- 15 – HGBA Meeting (www.hgba.biz)
- 16 – 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
- 17 – Business AFTER HOURS TRU BY HILTON from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. (<https://pwchamber.org/events/>)
- 24 – Thanksgiving Day
- 30 – Book Club, 7 PM, The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick

December 2022

- 4 – Arts and Culture Committee – Fauquier Community Theater – Holiday Inn Musical, 2:00 PM
- 7 – GFWC Holiday Reception
- 12 – Environment Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 17 – Wreaths Across America
- 20 – HGBA Meeting (www.hgba.biz)
- 21 – DWC Dinner Meeting at Brass Cannon Restaurant, Stonewall Golf Club, Gainesville

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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