



NEWS & NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

Rosemary Boettke

It's that time of year when our schedules fill up with special activities with family and friends, so the time our members devote to our outreaches, initiatives, and volunteer needs is doubly appreciated right now! Thank you so much for all you do. As always, when reading the articles from our amazing committees, please take note of the date and time of any activity in which you may be interested and mark your calendar, and also be sure to let the appropriate committee chair know of your interest. There are special donation needs this time of year as well, and these items are listed within the committee articles. We are grateful for any assistance you can give with these particular needs.

Our participation in Haymarket Day on October 21 was successful! Several of our members volunteered their time that day proudly representing our club and chatting up prospective members. Several women entered our drawing to win a free year's membership, and hopefully the lucky winner will be joining us. All those that entered the drawing were given a goodie bag with club information, so perhaps we may see some of them at one of our meetings sometime soon. Many, many thanks go to Gale Goodwin for coordinating our Haymarket Day efforts, as well as all the volunteers and committee members that helped her.

I hope many of you will be joining us at our DWC November Meeting on November 15. We will be having a panel of speakers from the schools we support – Ellis, Gravely, and PACE West – and they will be speaking to us about their programs, the work DWC members do at these schools, as well as any additional needs they may have. We have been involved with these schools for many years, so this is a wonderful opportunity for all members, both those familiar and unfamiliar with our history with these schools, to learn more.

Our DWC December Dinner Meeting will be held on December 20 at Brass Cannon, with an earlier start time of 6:00PM. Please plan to join us for this special evening of fun and fellowship with your DWC sisters!



Arts and Culture Committee
Chair: Elizabeth Laverty

Hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy this beautiful weather and color this Fall!

We have several opportunities to gather coming up. Barb G is hosting a Tapas demonstration for us on November 10th. Registration for that activity is closed, and I thank everyone for their participation. Flower Gallery is planning to host a group of us for a flower arranging class on December 16. There is still room to register for this activity, so if you are interested, please let me know at lavertyeliza@gmail.com. In December we will visit Fauquier Community Theatre for a performance of Miracle on 34th Street. The date for this has not been set.

The DWC club-level art contest will be held in February. This is in support of the larger art initiatives of GFWC. If you plan to participate, please review the rules booklet attached to news and notes. Remember that all submitted art must be completed in this calendar year. I would like to begin collecting intent to enroll information by mid-December so please review the booklet and let me know if you plan to participate.

Appreciate your continuing support of the Art and Culture Committee.



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

Happy November, friends! Our committee has been busy over the last month with several projects.

We wrote and delivered cheerful seasonal greeting cards to the residents at Gainesville Health & Rehab and re-started our monthly bunco afternoons for the residents. If you are interested in volunteering for this outreach, please contact Sharayu Tulpule (sharayuq@comcast.net) so that she can add you to her email list.



Several of our bakers met at Susan Sivori's home to assemble some beautiful (and delicious) trays of home-baked cookies and bars that were delivered to the first responders in our community. The picture here shows just how happy and grateful some of the Gainesville firefighters were to receive the well-stocked trays!

We will be collecting items for our “Holiday Baskets For Homebound Seniors” for the next few weeks. Items can be brought to the November DWC monthly meeting and deposited in the container marked for that purpose. We are asking for hard candy, small Christmas table decorations (small trees, decorative figures, and seasonal signs), tea towels and small, inexpensive fleece blankets...anything to make the holiday bright and cozy for a homebound senior. On November 17th, Susie Collat will be hosting a packing party at her home (15316 Autumn Leaf Place) followed by a light lunch; we always have such fun packing the festive baskets and enjoying Susie’s wonderful hospitality!

On December 16th at 11:30 am, we will be taking part in “Wreaths Across America” at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas to honor our veterans. Our committee will be donating thirty wreaths; all members of DWC are invited to participate in the event, which includes a lovely patriotic ceremony at the Memory Gardens. Please let Mary Ellen know (megwayne@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.

We invite you to consider assuming a leadership role on this committee for the upcoming club year. Mary Ellen and Susie would be happy to provide guidance and information for anyone interested in moving this very vital group forward with some new ideas and energy! Have a delightful and delicious Thanksgiving. We are so grateful to be working with such caring sisters!



Health and Wellness Committee
Chairs: Barbara Murray and Sue Mork



The Health and Wellness Committee supported the **Walk to End Alzheimer’s** on October 21st at the Harris Pavilion in Manassas with club and member donations and seven members walking to show awareness and hope for the future. Attendees received colorful flower pinwheels and there were many booths with information on further volunteer needs as well as community resources.

On November 8th, 20 members are looking forward to the tour at the Inova Schar Cancer Research Center.

Crossroads Connection Food Donation List-Please bring items to the monthly meeting or drop off at Sue or Barbara’s homes.

Kellogg's Assorted Pkt. Individual Cereal
Del Monte Fruit/Peach Cup

Quaker Instant Oatmeal Variety Pack
Motts No Sugar Applesauce Cup
Nature Valley Chewy Fruit & Nut Bar
Nature Valley Oats 'n Honey Crunchy Granola Bars
Veggie Straws
Chef Boy R Dee (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
Snyder's Mini Pretzels
Welch's Fruit Snacks
Goldfish Crackers
Kraft Easy Mac & Cheese Cups 12/2.05oz
Kellogg Nutri-Grain Bars, Sweet & Salty Granola Bars
Skinny Popcorn Individual Servings

The collection for the GFWC Virginia State Project, 'Comfort Cases', will continue through December 2023. 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.

The "Step in Time" Fitness Challenge will conclude at the end of December 2023. For those participating please continue to record your activity and hours and send to s.mork@comcast.net when completed.

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.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Health and Wellness Committee, contact Barbara Murray Mike_Murray2013@comcast.net or Sue Mork s.mork@comcast.net



Education and Libraries Committee

Chair: Martha Feeney

Co-Chair: Irmien Horne

We look forward to seeing everyone at this month's DWC meeting on November 15, when speakers from Gravely Elementary School, Ellis Elementary School and PACE West School will be presenting the program. Please be ready to ask questions at the end of the panel presentation! We are excited that all club members will be able to meet these special educators.

Teacher Appreciation



Halloween Treats at Ellis



Halloween treats at Pace West

In October, school staff at both Ellis Elementary School and PACE West School enjoyed Halloween/Fall treats from our club. We always enjoy celebrating the hard-working, caring staff at these schools in this way!

Gravely Elementary School

Please consider joining fellow DWC members at Gravely Elementary School in Dominion Valley on Mondays and Tuesdays, as they work with second grade students on their math and reading skills. The math tutoring is on Mondays 12:30-1:30. Reading tutoring is on Tuesdays 10:00-11:00. At the end of October our friends received Halloween greetings and a Halloween pencil from the DWC volunteers.

PACE West School



Trunk and Treat at Pace West

We were able to participate in the PACE West Fall Festival again this year by providing the non-candy prizes for the games and participating in the “Trunk or Treat.” Many thanks to Nora, Elizabeth, Barbara and Diane for making the event so much fun for the students

Please bring your Holiday Bonanza donations to the Nov. 15 DWC meeting or drop them off at Diane’s house or Idalia’s house.

DWC Book Group

All DWC members are invited to attend this book group, which uses an organizer website called “Bookclubs” accessed from a desktop computer or app. The November 29 meeting will be at the home

of Barbara Murray at 7:00. The book to be discussed is Old World Murder by Kathleen Ernst. Please contact Elizabeth Laverty (lavertyeliza@gmail.com) or Rosemary Boettke (rboettke@gmail.com) with questions or to receive a link to join the group through “Bookclubs.”

Have questions about this committee?!? Please contact us - Martha Feeney mlfeeney@comcast.net and/or Irmen Horne irmenhome@aol.com or go to our website - www.dominionwomansclub.org – which has information about all committees.



Environment Committee
Chair: Amy Scala

Our Environment Committee will be focusing on activities that continue to promote Environmental Preservation & Education along with our Animal Welfare initiatives.

We will focus on activities that foster our relationship with our partners in Leopold’s Preserve, Bull Run Mountains Conservancy, Haymarket Food Pantry (dog and cat food) and continuing our efforts within FOHA (Friends of Homeless Animals).

Environment Committee presenting Donation at FOHA



Lillian Fraser walking Thalia at FOHA



FOHA’s 50th anniversary, **PAWS for CELEBRATION** held on October 15th was a success. Thank you, Danielle, Sarah and Rosemary, for your support and planning to attend the event. FOHA was able to raise a combined total of over \$50,000 to help continue their mission of saving homeless animals. Nora, Rosemary, Amy and Lillian presented our Environment Committee donation of \$1000 to Alison Maurhoff, Executive Director, on November 1st.



BRMC's Halloween Safari Volunteers

BRMC's 24th annual **HALLOWEEN SAFARI** presented by Bull Run Mountains Conservancy and the White House Farm Foundation was held on October 20th and 27th. Thank you to Mary Catherine (cardinal), Sarah, Robin, Barb G., Nancy and Lisa D for volunteering to make it a fun experience for families.

FRIDAY CONSERVATION CORP, volunteer opportunity at Leopold's Preserve on Fridays from 8:30 - 12:00 or a few hours. Invasive plant removal.

Our next meeting will be held at Palmer Restaurant, DVCC on November 30th lunch at 12:00, meeting starts at 1:00. Looking forward to our guest speaker Olivia from Aero Wildlife Rescue.

Please contact Amy Scala for any inquires or interest in joining EC at amyscala@ix.netcom.com



Events Committee
Co-Chairs: Claire Szanyi and Nora Peterson

We hosted the first of our informal social events on Thursday, October 26th at the Aroma II Tasting Room in Haymarket. We had a small turnout, but the conversation and wine flowed freely, and we enjoyed meeting a couple of members' husbands too. Big thanks to everyone who attended, and we are looking forward to seeing and getting to know more club members at the next social gatherings. We encourage members to contact us with suggestions for our social events; if any of you have a favorite restaurant, winery or if you participate in an activity that we all might enjoy, please drop us an email, text or give us a call.

"Let the Good Times Roll" Bunco event scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Stonewall Golf Club was successful. A large number of attendees enjoyed this fun afternoon of BUNCO, lunch, and raffles. Big thanks to Celeste and Susan for leading this event, and to all our members for their assistance.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - Holiday Open House at GFWC Headquarters in DC
 - We will be researching group transportation.
 - More info to follow regarding costs per person.
- Thursday, January 18, 2024 - Bingo at Great Mane Brewery in Haymarket
- TBD February - Calligraphy workshop
- TBD March - Bowling at Galaxy Strikes Bowling in Warrenton
- TBD April - Trivia at Great Mane Brewery
- Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Spring Fundraising Event at the Stonewall Golf Club
- TBD May - Farm Brewery at Broad Run
- TBD June - Dinner Cruise in Alexandria
 - We will be researching group transportation.
 - More info to follow regarding costs per person.

Please contact Claire Szanyi clairecszanyi@gmail.com or Nora Peterson nora.peterson@hotmail.com if you have questions/suggestions, if you would like to help coordinate one or more of our social events or if you would like to join the committee or be added to the Events Committee distribution list.

Treasurer's Report **Sharayu Tulpule**

We will hold our ever-popular fundraiser – Tana's Pot Pies. Each pot pie, chicken, vegetarian, or gluten-free is \$23. Please place your orders before November 8, 2023, by sending an email to dominionwomans11@gmail.com. You can pay for the pies at the November Meeting or when you pick up the pies on November 17, 2023. For those members who are unfamiliar with Tana's Pot Pies, descriptions and photos of the pies can be found at www.tanaskitchen.com.

Our holiday dinner is scheduled for December 20th. The cost of the dinner is \$45. You can sign up and pay for the holiday dinner at the November monthly meeting.

Club Essentials

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2022 – 2023 Board

President – Rosemary Boettke

1st Vice President – Barbara Garland

2nd Vice President – Gale Goodwin

Corresponding Secretary – Sue Mork

Recording Secretary – Connie Loggans

Treasurer – Sharayu Tulpule

Parliamentarian – Elizabeth Laverty

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Non-Profit Member: Prince William Chamber of Commerce www.pwchamber.org

Non-Profit Member: Haymarket Gainesville Business Association www.HGBA.org

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 2023

- 10 – Arts and Culture Committee – Tapas Demo – 1 PM
- 15 – 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
- 23 – Thanksgiving Day
- 29 – Book Club, 7 PM, (<https://bookclubs.com/clubs/5964273/meetings>)
- 30 – Environment Committee Meeting at Palmer Restaurant 12:00 lunch / 1:00 PM meeting

December 2023

- 6 – GFWC Holiday Reception at GFWC HQ in DC
 - 16 – “Wreaths Across America” at Stonewall Memory Gardens
 - TBD – Arts and Culture Committee – FCT Performance – 2 PM
 - 20 – DWC Dinner Meeting at Brass Cannon Restaurant, Stonewall Golf Club, Gainesville
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Collections

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

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