



**Dominion Woman's Club**

**March 2024**

# ***NEWS & NOTES***

*Service, Strength, and Sisterhood*

## **President's Corner**

**Rosemary Boettke**

It is hard to believe more than two months have flown by already in 2024. March is an exciting month because the promise of spring is just around the corner, and it is also an exciting time for our club as we begin the process of planning for the upcoming 2024-25 club year. At our DWC meeting on March 20 at Brass Cannon, our proposed slate of officers will be presented, you may still turn in your (optional) pledge forms, and you will be able to register for our Spring Garden Tea on April 14. I mention these three things in reference to planning for the next club year for the following reasons. First, it is extremely important to have strong leadership to represent the members of our club and to help guide and ensure the club's direction. Second, the money raised through our pledge initiative and spring fundraiser is currently where the bulk of the money comes from that allows us to support our charities and implement our numerous programs and outreaches. Knowing we have our leadership team in place, which includes committee chairs, as well as being assured of needed funding, means we can go forward into the 2024-25 club year with confidence that we will be able to continue doing our significant work in the community. Thank you to those who have offered to take on leadership positions already and thank you for considering supporting our club through the pledge initiative and our Spring Garden Tea fundraiser on April 14. Any and all help is tremendously appreciated.

Please enjoy reading the committee reports below to learn about past and upcoming activities. As always, I am in awe of what is accomplished each month. Your generosity, heart for service, and ability to work together seemingly have no bounds! We have a very special sisterhood indeed.

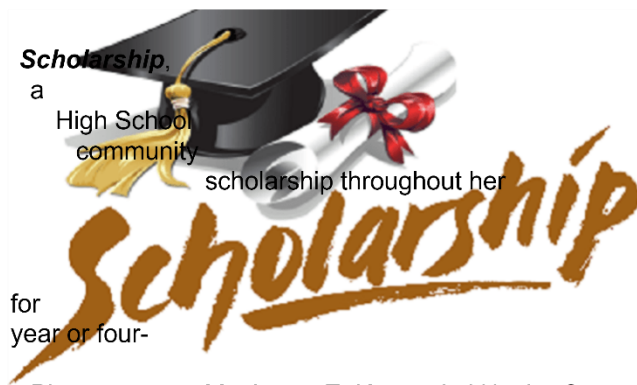
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## **DWC Signature Project:**

Our club gives a scholarship to a well-deserving senior Battlefield High School female student every year. We work with the school guidance department to promote this scholarship and to inform all Battlefield High School junior and senior students that it is available. The following flyer provides pertinent information. If you are aware of any senior students, please encourage them to apply. The application submission deadline is March 31, 2024. If you need any additional information or have questions, please contact Sharayu Tulpule at [sharayuq@comcast.net](mailto:sharayuq@comcast.net)



### **2024 Dominion Woman's Club Service Scholarship Battlefield High School**



The ***Dominion Woman's Club Service***

in the amount of \$2,000, will be awarded to graduating senior woman from Battlefield who has demonstrated excellence in service, leadership, and high school career.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America and have been accepted or waiting acceptance at a regionally accredited two-year college or university.

Please contact Ms. Laura E. Kostrzebski in the Counseling Center at Battlefield High School for more information.

Email: [kostrzle@pwcs.edu](mailto:kostrzle@pwcs.edu); Phone: 703-743-3686

The applications are due by March 31, 2024.



**Arts and Culture Committee**  
**Chair: Elizabeth Lavery**

Thank you to all the talented artists who participated in the club-level art show for GFWC. Your creativity and passion have resulted in a remarkable selection of artworks. We are thrilled to announce that several pieces will be advancing to the Northern District meeting on April 6th.

Without further ado, here are the winners:

Art - Acrylic Painting of Arboretum of Virginia by Amy Scala, Semi-Professional

Art - Watercolor Painting of Raining Flowers by Robin Clukey, Amateur

Art – Mixed Media of Elephant by Robin Clukey, Amateur

Needlework – Knit Shawl by Judy Umland, Amateur

Needlework - Crocheted Afghan by Barb Garland, Amateur

Congratulations to each artist, and we look forward to celebrating your achievements at the upcoming district meeting! 🎨☀️



Thirteen of us had the pleasure of attending a delightful tea at Crest Hill Tea Room in The Plains. The beautifully arranged spread included tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts, creating a memorable experience. This marks our third year of gathering at Crest Hill for tea, and it has become a cherished tradition for the DWC.

The Matinee Idyll experience at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on February 27 was truly enjoyable. Gerson Lanza's tap-dancing performance was a rhythmic delight. For our next Matinee Idyll, mark your calendars for March 19, when we will be treated to the Alma Ensemble—a captivating female-centric chamber music performance. Alma Ensemble, named after the often-overlooked composer Alma Mahler, is dedicated to championing women in music. We have a lovely group going, please consider joining us.

If you are interested in attending this upcoming Matinee Idyll performance, please reach out to Elizabeth Laverty for instructions on purchasing tickets.

Let us continue to celebrate the arts together! 🎵🎶

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## Civic Engagement and Outreach

Chair: Mary Ellen Murphy

Co-Chair: Susie Collat

Spring is in the air and the milder temperatures and longer periods of daylight energize us to get busy on our end of year projects! We have been crocheting “Octopi for Preemies” at two separate sessions at the Bull Run Library MakerSpace and will continue to arrange for times to get together to share advice and expertise in the coming months. If you are interested in joining us for this project, please contact Barb Garland ([bsrigarland@gmail.com](mailto:bsrigarland@gmail.com)).

### Treats for first responders:



DWC Memers assembling trays



DWC members assembling trays



Gaineville Firefighters with their trays

Our committee “bakers and fluffers” met on March 7th at Susan Sivori’s home to assemble beautiful St. Patrick’s Day- themed trays plentifully stacked with home- baked cookies and bars for our First Responders. The treats were then delivered to local and county police, firefighters, and emergency room personnel. Thank you to Susan for graciously opening her home to us and to our bakers for their generosity!



Many of our clubwomen visited the newly refurbished State Capitol in Richmond on February 19th, GFWC Virginia Legislative Day. They enjoyed meeting other GFWC members from around the state, an interesting talk from Dr. Sandra Treadway - Librarian of Virginia, a fun and informative tour of the Capitol, and visiting the Women’s Monument on the Capitol grounds. Members were also invited to observe as GFWC Virginia was recognized on the General Assembly floor that day.



At our March Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee meeting, members put their heads together to devise the new budget for the 2024-2025 club year. The budget will be submitted to the Finance Committee and approved in April; if approved, it will hopefully allow us to continue our current outreaches to the community as well as some new projects. We also created ten “Birthday Bags” for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry to distribute to their clients needing help to put together a birthday party/celebration for their child. Please contact Sue Mork ([s.mork@comcast.net](mailto:s.mork@comcast.net)) if you need information about donating supplies for these bags.

If you drive past the corner of Route 55 and Old Carolina Road, you can glimpse the handiwork of Martha Feeney, who “refreshed” the planting around the Haymarket sign. Throughout the seasons, some of our committee members will be maintaining the small garden and ensuring that our Town green is neat and attractive.

Our committee is considering a new outreach, “Project Linus,” which aims to comfort seriously ill or traumatized children ages 0-18 years old by providing them with hand-crafted blankets. We will be discussing how to implement this in subsequent meetings; more info to follow at a later date.

Finally, during the first week in April, DWC will once again plant a pinwheel “garden” across the street from the Town Hall as a means of highlighting the problem of child abuse during Domestic Abuse Awareness month. Our “Pinwheels For Prevention” initiative is supported by the Town of Haymarket ; anyone wishing to join us to help with the display should contact Mary Ellen ([megwayne@comcast.net](mailto:megwayne@comcast.net)). Coffee (or tea) and conversation to follow!

We are always delighted to welcome new members to our committee, but please keep in mind that you do NOT need to be a member of the committee to participate in our activities. We look forward to having you join us at one of our events and to help us make our community a wonderful place to live!



**Health and Wellness Committee**  
**Chairs: Barbara Murray and Sue Mork**



Members enjoyed a healthy salad lunch and fruit dessert at the February meeting for Healthy Heart month. Barbara explained how to layer salad ingredients in Mason jars and members made their own jar salads to take home.

The budget for this year and for 2023/24 was discussed. The committee decided to do a Spa raffle basket for the Spring Tea fundraiser and will use Misc. funds to purchase the necessary items. Our goal is to increase our volunteer service hours.



Donne Howell, Sue Mork, and Barbara Murray met with the CEO of ACTS, (Action in Community Through Service) of Prince William County. Dr. Jones was so passionate about the work to be done at ACTS that it put smiles on our faces. Thank you, Donne, for leading this new outreach! A donation of \$250 was made. We hope to have Dr. Jones speak at the fall club meeting. The Manassas satellite office offers Court Advocacy, domestic violence shelter, crisis counseling, safety planning, support groups for adults and children and the Senior Link phone reassurance program.

A Boxes of Basics tour and more information on how to help this worthwhile non-profit in our community will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The mission at Boxes of Basics is to empower kids with seasonal wardrobes that will give them confidence and help them thrive. A donation of \$250 will be given after the tour.

Please let Joi Canavan know if you would like to register for Carter's Mill HOA Health Series on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 911 Decisions for Your Life.

The date of the Swing for Life golf tournament is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Barb Garland has requested volunteers for two shifts of three people each shift. The times are 8:45-11 and 11-1. We will be donating \$250 to support Ovarian Cancer Research.

We will continue the food donation drive for Crossroads Connection ongoing to assist as we can with the nutrition of our local students. Please see their web site, [crossroads-connection.org](http://crossroads-connection.org), to sign up for packing and delivery of food. **They really need our help!**

***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 & Chs Cups 12/2.05oz

Kellog Nutri-Grain Bars, Sweet & Salty Granola Bars  
Skinny Popcorn Individual Servings

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](mailto:Mike_Murray2013@comcast.net) or Sue Mork [s.mork@comcast.net](mailto:s.mork@comcast.net)

The next committee meeting is March 12, 2024 at 10am at the Boxes of Basics facility located at 9323 West Street, Manassas.

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### **Education and Libraries Committee**

**Chair: Martha Feeney**

**Co-Chair: Irmen Horne**

We heard an exciting announcement at our recent Education and Libraries Committee meeting. Laura Hyer and Sharayu Tulpule have volunteered to be the co-chairs for the 2024-2025 club year! A transition meeting, with Irmen, Martha, Laura, and Sharayu attending, is already scheduled for later this month. We all look forward to working with these two wonderful co-chairs in the year ahead.

Our March 4 meeting was especially informative and reaffirming. All committee members left with an appreciation for the work of our DWC committees, for the sisterhood provided by membership in this GFWC organization and for the dedication of our volunteers. Please contact us - Martha Feeney [mlfeeney@comcast.net](mailto:mlfeeney@comcast.net) and Irmen Horne [irmenhome@aol.com](mailto:irmenhome@aol.com) - if you have any questions about this committee and/or its activities.

And here are some interesting facts for you:

### Did you know that:



- P.R.O.W.L. (Pantry) stands for **P**repared, **R**esponsible, **O**pen-minded, and **W**illing to **L**earn.
- P.A.C.E. stands for: **P**ositive **A**ttitude and **C**ommitment to **E**ducation.
- The mascot at P.A.C.E. West School is the panther.

- The deadline for applications for the DWC scholarship is March 31.
- DWC is a member of the Friends of the Library groups at both the Bull Run Library and the Haymarket Gainesville Library.
- DWC math and reading tutors are at Gravelly Elementary School on Monday and Tuesday mornings.
- DWC volunteers will be helping at the April 12 Health Fair at Ellis.
- Dr. T (Sharayu) teaches science lessons on a regular basis to fifth-grade students at Ellis.
- Our next Book Club will be held on March 27, and we will be discussing Lessons in Chemistry.
- Our next committee meeting will be on April 8 at the home of Nancy Featherstone.



### Environment Committee Chair: Amy Scala



Our February meeting's speaker was Anne Overstreet, Branch Chief, Acting at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Anne has been with EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) for more than 25 years and has experience in registration review, biopesticides, worker protection and the Office of Water. For more information visit [epa.gov/pesticides](http://epa.gov/pesticides)



On March 12th Sarah and Robin will be attending the Bull Run Mountains Conservancy's 2024 Annual Fundraising Party & Lecture! They will be presenting Bull Run Mountains Conservancy with our donation.

Our March 13th meeting will be held at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna. Plan to walk around the gardens, picnic lunch and a short meeting. Carpooling. Sharayu and Amy leads.



Elizabeth and Amy volunteering at Leopold's Preserve trash clean up event.

Looking forward to April's Earth Day activity at Leopold's Preserve on Saturday, April 20th afternoon shift 1-3. Barbara M. And Sue M. Leads for Leopold's clean-up. Please register on Leopold's website [leopoldspreserve.com](http://leopoldspreserve.com)

Additional opportunity for residents of DVCC, Dominion Valley Country Club clean up Saturday, April 20th 9-12.

May 8. Our combined Environment Committee and Art & Culture Committee's visit to Hillwood Estate, Museums & Gardens in DC will be an enjoyable combination of art, culture, and beautiful gardens. Car-pooling needed. Sarah lead

Please contact Amy Scala, Environment Committee Chair for more information or would like to join us. [amyscala@ix.netcom.com](mailto:amyscala@ix.netcom.com)



### **Events Committee**

#### **Co-Chairs: Claire Szanyi and Nora Peterson**

The Events Committee has been very active getting prepared for our April 14th Spring Garden Tea Party. Massive thanks to our committee members as well as other club members who have volunteered to help with the various Tea planning. It has been a true team effort, and we are thankful to all of you!

Registration for the Tea Party is officially open, and the form is live at [dominionwomansclub.org](http://dominionwomansclub.org). Please make sure to register ASAP! We continue to ask that club members seek out sponsors and donors for our Tea Party along with donations to our wine pull. Also, if you would like to help the day of the Tea Party, please reach out to Nora or Claire. We will continue to collect wine pull donations

(bottles valued at \$20 or more please) at the March club meeting and Kim Grunewald is the lead on this. If you cannot attend the monthly meeting and would like to donate wine, please contact us and we will make arrangements to meet you.

We had a few members attend Bingo on February 15th at Great Mane Brewery and we would like to have more club members attend our events. With that in mind, we will be looking for more Bingo events in the area. If you are aware of Bingo, or other events that you think our club members might like to attend, please let us know.

On that note, Sue sent out information on the Haymarket Regional Food Panty's "Souper Bingo" on March 16, 2024, at Piney Branch Elementary School (see address below.) Bingo cards will be available for \$1.00 per card or 1 Soup-related food item per Bingo card. "Soup" includes items such as soup, canned vegetables, grains, dried beans, pasta, and the like. Snacks and refreshments will also be available for purchase (cash only).

They expect to play ten rounds of Bingo, with brief breaks for snacks and a 50/50 raffle. Doors open at 2 PM, Bingo begins at 3:00 PM, and the event should end around 5:30 PM after 10 rounds of Bingo. Do not miss a great afternoon of fun and CASH PRIZES to benefit the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry!

The Events Committee met at the home of Anna Shackelford (thank you Anna!) on February 29<sup>th</sup> to walk through plans for the Tea Party.

#### Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Saturday, March 16, 2024, 3-6 PM Haymarket Regional Food Pantry Bingo at Piney Branch Elementary School, 8301 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA
- Thursday March 21, 2024 – Events Committee meeting—location TBD
- 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 – Axe Throwing

Please contact Claire Szanyi [clairecszanyi@gmail.com](mailto:clairecszanyi@gmail.com) or Nora Peterson [nora.peterson@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



## The Dominion Juniores Club Chair: Yubo Zhang



This past Saturday, March 2nd, our Juniores girls volunteered at the Haymarket Food Pantry (HFP) helping with food distribution. They tirelessly served **sixty-eight** families from **8:30 am to noon**, who arrived at their pre-booked appointments.

The Juniores assisted with distributing fresh vegetables, salads, desserts, meat, and non-perishables like boxed pasta and bagged rice. Haymarket Food Pantry's well-organized system ensured a smooth flow, and our girls stationed at the fresh section effectively paced distribution to allow each family to choose their needed items.

Thank you to our local supermarkets and families for their generous donations! You too can help fight hunger by checking out Haymarket Food Pantry's current needs at <https://haymarketfoodpantry.org/>.

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## Treasurer's Report Sharayu Tulpule

Pledge forms are due by March 15. No money is due till September.

Registration for the spring garden tea event is open. Members can register for the event at the March monthly meeting.

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## Club Essentials

### **GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2023 – 2024 Board**

**President** – Rosemary Boettke

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Barbara Garland

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Gale Goodwin

**Corresponding Secretary** – Sue Mork

**Recording Secretary** – Connie Loggans

**Treasurer** – Sharayu Tulpule

**Parliamentarian** – Elizabeth Laverty

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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.org](http://www.HGBA.org)

Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

GFWC Virginia [www.gfwcvirginia.org](http://www.gfwcvirginia.org)

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

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## Calendar of Events

### March 2024

- 13 – Environment Committee Meeting – Meadowlarks Botanical Garden
- 14 – Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee meeting
- 16 – Haymarket Regional Food Pantry Souper-Bingo at Piney Branch ES in Bristow from 3:00 – 6:00 pm
- 19 – Arts and Culture Committee – Hylton Performance – 12:30 PM
- 20 – 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
- 21 – Event Committee Meeting
- 27 – Book Club, 7 PM, (<https://bookclubs.com/clubs/5964273/meetings>)

### April 2024

- 1 – Education and Libraries Committee meeting, 7 PM
- 12 – DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Day
- 14 – Spring Fundraiser at Brass Cannon
- 16 – National Librarian Day
- 17 – 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 – Environment Committee Meeting – Earth Day volunteer opportunity
- 24 – Arts and Culture Committee – Hylton Performance – 12:30 PM
- 24 – Book Club, 7 PM, (<https://bookclubs.com/clubs/5964273/meetings>)

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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
- Crossroads Connections – Sue Mork, Barbara Murray
- Dollars for Doggies (Previously Pennies for Puppies) – Mary Ellen Murphy

Ujwala Joshi, Editor