



NEWS & NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

Nora Peterson

It was wonderful seeing all of the members who were able to attend the first meeting of the 2024-2025 club year on September 18th—I hope you enjoyed our new meeting location in downtown Haymarket. We had a very full agenda covering a multitude of upcoming events and activities and we also managed to allow for time to have a brief trivia game. The competition between tables was intense at times, and some of the questions were difficult. but I hope everyone had fun and learned a few things too.

The DWC Board has met twice so far this year, and we are all settling into our new roles. We appreciate all the advice and assistance that the out-going Board members have provided to us during the transition—thank you for your tireless dedication to DWC for the last two, more, years as part of the DWC leadership team.

As you read this month's *News and Notes*, you will discover that our committees are busy supporting the community in a variety of ways and I encourage everyone to join at least one of our five community service program committees if possible. We also have several “special interest” programs such as the Finance, Communications and Public Relations, and Hospitality committees—contact me or another Board member for more information.

Being a part of a committee and volunteering your time is so rewarding and you will get to know your fellow club members too!

Happy Fall and please remember the motto, “In a world where you can be anything...be kind.”





Arts and Culture Committee
Chair: Currently Vacant

As we mentioned at our club meeting on September 18th, we are looking for a club member or members to take on the role of Chair/Co-Chairs for this committee. To ensure this committee remains active, Rosemary Boettke has volunteered to host a planning meeting at her home on October 9, 2024 at 7:00pm. Rosemary will facilitate a discussion of possible activities, and we will also review the existing budget for the committee. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should contact Rosemary.



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

“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers” that is a quote from “Anne of Green Gables” and could not be more appropriate. October is such a beautiful month; the leaves are beginning to change, pumpkins appear on porches and fall holidays are heralded in by Halloween... it is the perfect time for our committee to kick off many of our outreaches.

GFWC Virginia’s National Day of Service:



We started in September by participating in GFWC Virginia’s National Day of Service to create awareness about food insecurity; thirteen of our members volunteered at the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry helping to distribute food to people facing food insecurity.

In addition, six members staffed a booth at the Haymarket Farmer’s Market and handed out information about the problem of food insufficiency and spoke to the patrons about the needs of the pantry and how to donate. Many people stopped by to chat with us and to pick up brochures

and lists of food items, one man even pledged to Susie that he wanted to make a generous monetary donation! We will be presenting that check and the check from our committee to the Food pantry in the upcoming weeks.

One of the things that we learned during our service at the Food Panty was that they are in need of breakfast items; the shelves for that item were completely bare! So, to help meet that need, we are thinking of having a collection of breakfast cereals at our meetings. More info to follow soon.

Our next endeavor will be to create our "Purple Posies" to call attention to the problem of domestic abuse and to provide info to those needing help. We will be meeting on October 10th. at the Bull Run Regional Library's Makerspace from 1-4 PM. The Makerspace room is the perfect place to paint our flowerpots, decorate them, add information about where to find help. and then fill them with purple mums; we then take them to places where the information might be seen and collected by women needing help to report abuse and to escape dangerous situations. Please let Mary Ellen (megwayne@comcast.net) or Susie (collatsusie@gmail.com) know if you would like to join us for this outreach.

October 23rd and 24th will find our committee members baking cookies and bars for delivery. to our community first responders. We will meet at the home of Susan Sivori (14520 Brinestone Place) on October 24th at 9:30 AM to prepare the trays of treats for delivery, if you would like to donate some baked goods (no cupcakes, please), they may be dropped off at Susan's on October 23rd. Please let Susan know if you plan to bake.

We always welcome new members to our committee! Be sure to contact Susie or Mary Ellen to add your name to our group. We wish all of our DWC sisters a happy and beautiful beginning. to your autumn!



Health and Wellness Committee
Chairs: Barbara Murray and Sue Mork

The Health and Wellness Committee began this club year with a well-attended, productive meeting held at Barbara Murray's home. The projects and budget for the year were reviewed. Members agreed to keep meeting dates on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Heritage Village Assisted Living & Memory Care's Director of Life Enrichment, Adina Cimpean, has requested that our members assist her with a craft activity on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please mark your calendars for October 9th, November 13th, December 11th, January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, and May 14th from 2:30-3:30pm. Adina is providing all supplies and leading the activity and will require us to assist the residents as needed with the craft.

Please join Rosemary Boettke, Northern District Health, and Wellness chair for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 19th in Manassas. This is a morning event starting at Harris Pavilion. Alz.org has details to register or volunteer at the event. We already have close to a dozen members signed up.

H&W is having a 'Pajama Rama' to support Boxes of Basics in November. Please consider providing donations of new pajamas in size newborn-youth fourteen and these may be given to Sue Mork or Barbara Murray at the November H&W meeting or the DWC meeting.

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



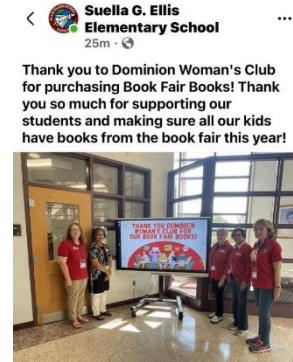
Education and Libraries Committee
Chairs: Laura Hyer and Sharayu Tulpule

October is the month of painted leaves. Their rich glow now flashes around the world. Henry David Thoreau

In many ways, September feels like the busiest time of the year after the lazy days of the summer. The DWC school outreach programs are in full gear – reading and math at Gravely and PROWL Pantry and PACE Village meetings at PACE West. We have added science activities at another Title 1 school in Manassas – Mullen Elementary School. The science activities at Ellis Elementary School are still on hold pending discussions with the new fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Davis-Marshall.

All DWC members are welcome to come and help second-grade students reinforce their math and reading skills at Gravely Elementary School, in Dominion Valley. The math tutoring is on Mondays from 12:30-1:30. Reading tutoring is on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00. Please consider joining your fellow members in this rewarding activity.

BUY A KID A BOOK AT ELLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:



On Friday, September 20, we had the “Buy A Kid A Book” outreach at Ellis Elementary School. It was an exciting day for the students and our volunteers.

We appreciate everyone who donated school supplies during August and September. These donations were delivered to Ellis Elementary School and PACE West School at the start of the school year.

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat will take place at Pace West on October 25. DWC would like to have at least one car for the “Trunk or Treat” at this event, filled with free giveaways (wrapped candies, etc.). If you are interested in helping on October 25 please contact Martha Feeney at mlfeeney@comcast.net or Laura Hyer hyerlm@yahoo.com.

PACE West Holiday Bonanza – Students have an opportunity to shop for gifts for the family using points they have earned throughout the year. In addition to the family gifts for the students, we need gift bags of all sizes, tissue paper, and bows. We are looking for volunteers to lead this activity.

Our book club met to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. It was a lively discussion. Barbara Murray showed an interview with the author. It was very illuminating. We will be meeting again on October 23 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame* by Olivia Ford. All members are welcome to join our book club meetings any month they desire. For more information or to be added to our email list, contact Rosemary Boettke at rboettke@gmail.com or Elizabeth Laverty at lavertyeliza@gmail.com.



Environment Committee
Chair: Amy Scala

Our Environment Committee continues to support Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA), Bull Run Mountains Conservancy, Leopold’s Preserve and Haymarket Food Pantry (dog and cat food).

Leopold’s Fall Festival



Dominion Woman’s Club, Environment Committee was invited to participate in their first Leopold’s Fall Festival event on September 21st. We had a ring toss and pin the nose on the pumpkin game for kids to win butterfly pins, nature scavenger hunt cards and stickers. Junior Rangers, sister and brother showed all of their badges to us. Thank you, EC members, for volunteering.

Scott Plein, Chairperson/President of White House Farm Foundation which owns and manages Leopold’s Preserve and family stopped by to say hello. Scott complimented us on our native garden and how nice it looked with fresh brown mulch.

FOHA’s Paws for a Cause fundraiser



Daniel Bryd, Director FOHA

Allison Maurhoff Executive Director FOHA

Steve Altman President FOHA

Event Sponsors

Friends of Homeless Animals, (FOHA) “Paws for a Cause” fundraising event was held on Sunday, September 29th at Clyde’s of Willow Creek in Broadlands, VA. As one of our top Environment Committee outreaches, we decided to become a Pet Lover Sponsor for this very important and vital fundraising event. Steve Altman, President thanked and recognized us for both volunteering and our monetary support. Three of our EC members attending the event. Thank you, Nora, Amy, and Barbara. Pictured with us is Danielle Bryd, Director and Alison Maurhoff, Executive Director also thanked us.

Reminder: Bull Run Mountains Conservancy’s Halloween Safari, October 18th and 25th at Leopold’s Preserve. EC members will be volunteering with check-in and in the parking lot on October 25th.

If you would like to join our Environment Committee, please contact Amy Scala, amyscala@ix.netcom.com



Events Committee
Co-Chairs: Barbara Garland and Connie Loggans

We had a great first Events committee meeting on Monday, September 30th. Planning for our yearly Bunco event is well underway and tickets are on sale. Buy your tickets soon before they sell out!

The committee has brainstormed ideas for future events, such as our spring fundraising event, a fun membership event, and lots of other activities. We will talk a little about future events at the October meeting.

Buy your Bunco tickets!

Treasurer’s Report
Claire Szanyi

Hi all - If you have not paid your dues or your pledge yet, please do so ASAP! You can send them to our PO Box (address is on the dues/pledge invoices sent out by me in August and on our website) or contact me if you would like to make other arrangements. Likewise, happy to take your bunco payments as well. Thank you!



The Dominion Juniores Club Chair: Yubo Zhang

On September 14, the Dominion Juniores volunteered at the Haymarket Food Pantry from 8:00AM to 12:00 PM.



Seven volunteers participated in this event. During the four hours we helped serve fruits and vegetables, fresh meals, and frozen meat. We greeted the customers with kindness and ensured the rules were followed regarding the limit of items they were able to receive. Additionally, we assisted the customers in making decisions for which foods would be suitable for them.



On September 22, we had our monthly meeting. We discussed future volunteering opportunities, fundraising events, and social events as well. We aimed to continue the events we participate in yearly, but also wanted to incorporate new events to allow for new experiences. We also held our election for new officer positions: secretary and treasurer. After discussing our events planned for the year, we started working on Christmas cards for the military.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming year as we have many new and recurring events planned. We are looking forward to participating in our tradition of making a positive impact in the community through various volunteer activities. From creating cards for the military to helping in local food pantries, there will be plenty of opportunities to be involved in the community. Collectively, we will continue to grow and make a difference in the lives of others.
Submitted by: Angela Goh (Vice President Dominion Juniores Club)

Club Essentials

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2024 – 2026 Board

President – Nora Peterson

1st Vice President – Laura Hyer

2nd Vice President – Gale Goodwin

Corresponding Secretary – Elizabeth Laverty

Recording Secretary – Joi Canavan

Treasurer – Claire Szanyi

Parliamentarian – Diane Lewan

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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

October 2024

9 – Health & Wellness Committee meeting; Heritage Village Craft Activity 2:30 -3:30 PM

10 – Purple Posies project at Bull Run Library, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

14 – Events Committee- International Dinner at Byblo's at 6:30 pm

16 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, Haymarket, the social time 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM

19 – Haymarket Day – (Contact Gale Goodwin)

19 – Alzheimer Walk in Manassas, VA (Contact Rosemary Boettke)

23 – Baking for First Responders, drop off at Susan Sivori's house

23 – Book Club, 7 PM, (<https://bookclubs.com/clubs/5964273/meetings>)

25 – Environment Committee – BRMC Halloween Safari at Leopold's Preserve (Contact Amy Scala)

25 – PACE West Fall Festival (Contact Laura Hyer or Martha Feeney)

November 2024

3 – DWC annual Bunco event – Chantilly National Golf and Country Club

- 4 – Education and Libraries Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- 13 – Health & Wellness Committee meeting; Heritage Village Craft Activity 2:30 -3:30 PM
- 14 – Environment Committee, Freedom & Whiskey Equine Rescue
- 14 – Holiday Baskets for Homebound Seniors, drop off at Susie Collat’s home
- 15 – Holiday Baskets for Homebound Seniors, Assemble baskets at Susie Collat’s home
- 20 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, Haymarket, the social time at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM
- 25 – PACE West Harvest Feast (DWC Participation unknown at this time)
- 28 – Thanksgiving Day

December 2024

4 – Book Club, 7 PM, (<https://bookclubs.com/clubs/5964273/meetings>)

- 4 – GFWC Holiday Reception at GFWC HQ in DC
- 14 – “Wreaths Across America” at Stonewall Memory Gardens (Contact Mary Ellen Murphy)
- 17 – DWC Holiday Gathering at Hilton Garden Inn, Haymarket

Collections

- Used children’s books – Rosemary Boettke
- Used batteries – Sharayu Tulpule
- Aluminum pop-tops – Yubo Zhang
- 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

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