



NEWS & NOTES

Service, Strength, and Sisterhood

President's Corner

Nora Peterson

November is here already! I hope all of you were able to enjoy the cooler temperatures while they lasted!

We held our Bunco event on November 3rd in Chantilly, and we have posted a few pictures from Sunday afternoon out on the club's Facebook and Instagram pages. Everyone had an enjoyable time, and I would like to thank Celeste, Susan, members of the Events Committee and all the other club members who helped plan and support the event—we have a great team of ladies willing to work together on behalf of our club. Thanks also to our sponsors, donors and club members who provided generous monetary donations towards the event.

I'd like to welcome our five new members and the two ladies who have re-joined after a hiatus from the club- I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and encourage you to reach out to me or anyone else in the club if you have any questions about any aspect of the club.

For anyone who missed hearing the information provided to us at our October meeting by Val Pena, Communication Director at Safe Havens for Pets, we have added a link to the presentation on the club website on the "Home" page. Val explained to us that victims of domestic violence are often reluctant to leave their pets behind out of fear that the pets will be harmed. This is an often-overlooked aspect of domestic violence and a sad reality for many victims.

Many heartfelt thanks to Ujwala Joshi for her years of editing the News and Notes; Ujwala is stepping down from this role and Diane Lewan and I will be taking over this important feature of our club. We'll be sending out information on changes to the format to all of the Committee Chairs that will take effect with the December edition. Thanks again, Ujwala, for all of your hard work on the News and Notes!

I hope to see all of you at our meeting on November 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn!





Arts and Culture Committee
Chairs: Barb Garland and Robin Clukey

We are happy to say that the Arts and Culture Committee is back in action. An organizational meeting was held at Rosemary's home on Monday, October 28. We will continue to give donations to the Hylton Performing Arts Center and Fauquier Community Theater. We encourage members to attend performances at these venues.

During November and December, we will be working along with the Health and Wellness Committee to offer our help doing crafts at the Heritage Village on the second Wednesday of the month.

A tentative schedule for 2025 has been planned with dates to be finalized in the near future:

- January - a cooking class led by one of our members at their home.
- February – Fauquier Theater production “The Play That Goes Wrong” – organized by Rosemary Boettke
- Sip and Paint at Robin Clukey's
- GFWC Art Show – organized by Amy Scala
- March 15th – attendance at the Manassas International Food Festival
- April – Visit to the Lorton Art Center and Lunch in Occoquan
- May – Visit to a Museum and Tea

More detailed information will be provided nearer the date. Events will be open to DWC members who do not belong to the Arts and Culture Committee based on their capacity.

The Committee is going to explore some new initiatives. Sharayu and Barb Garland are going to learn how we might be able to support the drama department at Battlefield High School. In addition, the Committee would like to look into how we can help a needy student to afford art or music lessons.



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

The holiday season is upon us! Halloween ushered in the quick-paced lead up to Thanksgiving, one of America's most treasured holidays. It is an exciting time with so much to plan and do...

November finds the members of the Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee engaged in

some activities to show gratitude to our first responders and to provide information about domestic abuse awareness.



Our first effort was to create our “Purple Posies” to distribute to locations where victims of domestic abuse might find information about whom to contact for help. On October 10th, five members (and Shamal’s sister-in-law) met at the Bull Run Regional Library MakerSpace to paint and decorate flowerpots and to fill them with purple mums. They were then graced with a butterfly (symbol of renewal), cards that prominently displayed hotline numbers and a handcrafted purple bow. The completed posies were taken to doctor’s offices, nail salons, beauty salons, supermarkets, and libraries.



On October 24th, we met at the home of Susan Sivori to assemble the trays of treats for our local first responders. Trays of homemade cookies, brownies and candies were piled high with an abundant array of goodies and then delivered by volunteer members to local and county police, firefighter, and ER staff at Haymarket Hospital. They were received with joy!

Each November, members of our committee meet at the home of Susie Collat to collate holiday decorations, comfort items, candy, games, and puzzles which go into making our beautiful “Holiday Baskets for Homebound Seniors.” Susie has invited committee members to her home to complete the baskets followed by a light lunch at her home (15316 Turning Leaf Place, Haymarket) on November 15th at 11:30-3 PM. The baskets will be delivered to “Volunteer Prince William” as part of their community holiday outreach.

We will be attending “Wreaths Across America” on December 14th at Stonewall Memory Gardens at 11:30 AM to lay wreaths on the graves of our veterans and to honor their memory. AND...we will be having our first-ever Holiday Cookie Exchange on December 19th at the Haymarket/Gainesville Library Community Room at 1:30. PM. Members will bring their favorite holiday cookie to exchange and there will also be some trays to assemble some “holiday Treats for First Responders”. More information to follow.

Wishing all of our sisters a beautiful and bountiful Thanksgiving; may you be blessed by the goodness that you so readily show to others.



Health and Wellness Committee
Chairs: Barbara Murray and Sue Mork



As you can see in the photos, the Halloween craft activity at Heritage Village Assisted Living & Life Enrichment, Adina Cimpean. Please mark your calendars for 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.

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 Heritage Village craft activity, brought to the homes of Barbara or Sue, or exchanged in the parking lot at the DWC November meeting. It works best to attach the in-kind donation amount to the pajamas for **GFWC reporting** purposes. Please see www.boxesofbasics.org for volunteer information.

Our committee members plan to volunteer at Crossroads Connection in 2025. Please visit their web site crossroads-connection.org for packing and food delivery volunteer needs that can be done any-time. They currently provide weekend food for food insecure children at 18 PWC schools.

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



Embrace November’s Spirit of Gratitude and Reflection

We are in a busy time of the year. ED&L members participated in Halloween activities and are getting ready for Thanksgiving and the Holiday season.

The DWC school outreach programs are in full gear – reading and math at Gravely and PROWL Pantry and PACE Village meetings at PACE West.

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.

Due to staff changes (New Principal, new science teachers) at Ellis, many of our outreach activities such as Ellis Striders, Science Experiments, and “Our classroom Reads” are on hold. Mary Ellen is still trying to contact the new Principal to talk about the DWC role at the school. Because of the lapse in communication with Ellis’s parental liaison, Halloween treats for teachers were not provided. Mary Ellen will try to provide Thanksgiving treats for teachers.

We have added science activities at another Title 1 school in Manassas – Mullen ES. We had one session on Energy in September and are getting ready to do a session on Motion in November.

PROWL Pantry at PACE West - Volunteers have signed up until January. I will pass the signup sheet via email for sign-ups from January to June. Martha has replenished the items for the PROWL Pantry. Martha will provide early Thanksgiving treats to the PACE West staff next week.



DWC members participated in the Trunk and Treat event at PACE West on October 25. It was a great community effort. The women from DWC were met by not only students dressed in costumes

for the event but staff members also. It seemed everyone had fun.

DWC will participate in the Harvest feast to be held on November 25th. We provide desserts. Martha will deliver the desserts on November 22nd. We will find out the volunteer requirements (how many and timings) on November 14th during the PACE West Zoom meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

We will no longer be working with the PACE West library. Our assistance is no longer needed there. Rosemary will continue to hold on to the books and McKay’s credit slips until we hear back from Ellis or if we decide we want to donate books elsewhere.

PACE West Holiday Bonanza – donations (new or almost new items) Please drop donations off at Sharayu’s home till November 20. In addition to the family gifts for the students, we need gift bags of all sizes, tissue paper, and bows. Rae Lamb will send out the schedule for the wrapping sessions.

Our book club met to discuss *Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame* by Olivia Ford. It was an ode to mouth-watering recipes. We will be meeting again on December 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. 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.

Martha sent an email to the whole club with an explanation about the ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) Book Club.

Many of you probably already have a system for keeping track of your "To Be Read" and "Read" lists of books. And those books probably cover a wide range of topics. You may be surprised to learn that GFWC has an honorary educational society - Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) - which provides a program that encourages self-enrichment and personal growth through reading.

That program allows you to progress through various levels of involvement as you read more books.

Ilia Desjardins is the contact person for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia (GFWC VA) ESO program for the current club year 2024-2026. She is quite enthusiastic about her role as coordinator, and she is the person who will keep track of your list of submitted books if you decide to participate.

Rosemary, Mary Ellen, Nora, and Martha have started to participate in the ESO. Please feel free to check with any of them if you have questions.



Environment Committee Chair: Amy Scala



Environment Committee has continued to be active and making an impact on the organizations we support. FOHA, Friends of Homeless Animals, BRMC, Bull Run Mountains Conservancy, Leopold’s Preserve and Haymarket Food Pantry (dog and cat food). Members volunteered for the annual Halloween Safari, BRMC, Bull Run Mountains Conservancy offers a nighttime hike through Leopold’s Preserve.

A guide leads you along the trail where you meet native “wildlife” that perform natural history skits. Afterwards, relax by the bonfire and listen to live music.

Reminder: November 14th we will be visiting **Freedom and Whiskey Equine Rescue**, a nonprofit horse rescue founded in Virginia.

Please contact Amy Scala, EC Chair, for more information or if you would like to join us.
amyscala@ix.netcom.com



Events Committee
Chairs: Barbara Garland and Connie Loggans

Our annual Bunco Event “Let the Good Times Roll” was held at the Chantilly National Country Club on Sunday November 3rd. A big thanks to Celeste Corrigan and Susan Sivori for chairing this fundraiser as well as all the DWC ladies who volunteered to work at the event.

At this point we have planned to alternate International Dinners and Movie Night/Dinners on the second Monday of the month. Attendance is open to all members of DWC. On October 14, a group of nine met at Byblos’s in Gainesville to enjoy Lebanese food. On November 11 we will be meeting at Nando’s in Gainesville for dinner before going to a movie at the Gainesville Regal Theater to see a movie (look for an email on Saturday 11/9 for information on the movie and time to meet). On December 9, the International Dinner will be held at Qui, the Korean restaurant in Gateway in Gainesville. Please let Barb Garland know if you plan to join us at Qui.

The committee has decided to have an Author’s Tea in April. As of now we are working on details for this event which is scheduled for April 27th so please put this date on your calendar. More details will follow in the near future.



The Dominion Juniors Club
Chair: Yubo Zhang

In October, the Dominion Juniors Club volunteered at Haymarket Day on Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We shared a booth with the Dominion Women’s Club and had seven members volunteer in total.



We had flyers that included information about our club, along with a form for people who were interested in joining our club to fill out. The volunteers walked around the event to gain more

members in our club. We approached girls that looked like they were in the grades eighth-12th and would tell them information about our club. We were able to find a lot of girls there since Hay-market Day is a widely known event and the whole community comes out to celebrate.

Additionally, on the following day, Sunday, October 20th, we had our monthly meeting. During our monthly meeting, we discussed many important items. Most importantly, we discussed our Pie Fundraiser. We came up with a goal of \$1000 to raise in order to have enough money to purchase Christmas gifts for the foster kids. We also came up with a strategic plan for each member to sell fifteen pies in order to reach our goal. We will continue to sell pies and hope to reach our \$1000 goal.

Submitted by: Angela Goh (Vice President Dominion Juniores Club)

Club Essentials

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club 2024 – 2026 Executive 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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Facebook Page: GFWC DOMINION WOMAN'S CLUB (look for the page with our logo)



Instagram Page: [gfwc_dominion_womans_club](https://www.instagram.com/gfwc_dominion_womans_club)
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 2024

- 11 – Dinner at Nando’s and Movie at Gainesville Regal, 5:30 PM
- 13 – Arts and Culture Committee – 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
- 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
- 9 – International Dinner at Qui (Korean restaurant at Gateway) at 6:30 PM
- 11 – Arts and Culture Committee – Heritage Village Craft Activity 2:30 -3:30 PM
- 14 – “Wreaths Across America” at Stonewall Memory Gardens
- 17 – DWC Holiday Gathering at Hilton Garden Inn, Haymarket

January 2025

- 8 – Arts and Culture Committee – Heritage Village Craft Activity 2:30 -3:30 PM
- 15 – DWC Monthly Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, Haymarket, the social time at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM
- 22 – Book Club, 7 PM, (<https://bookclubs.com/clubs/5964273/meetings>)
- 30 – Environment Committee – Palmer’s Restaurant DVCC 12:00 lunch/ 1:00 meeting

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

Ujwala Joshi, Editor