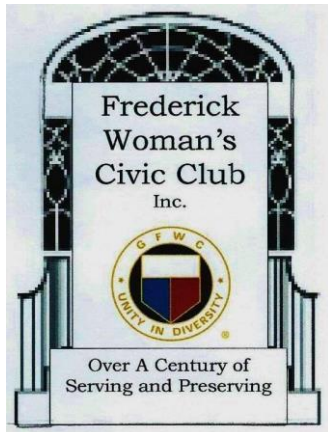


CLUB NEWS & NOTES

November 1, 2018



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From the Desk of the President:

Welcome back to FWCC! It is the 107th year Serving and Preserving in the Frederick Community. It has been a busy summer! Heartly House Drop Off has continued all summer, and we have expanded this program to be called Open Tuesdays, same hours, 10am-1pm. We have noticed a lot of drop-ins at the Drop Off, it has been a good time to come to Steiner House to do work, garden, paint with Debbie, and in general socialize.

Our Program Chairs, some new, are stepping up and leading the way with our Community Service Programs. The Mardi Gras Committee, under the guidance of Pat Louison and Richelle Emerick is hard at work, preparing a wonderful fundraiser for February Mardi Gras. Ways and Means has just finished a great Pansy Sale to the community. We hope you bought some, they were beautiful.

Monday, October 15 was our annual joint dinner at Gladchuks Restaurant, and we had a full house! Our speaker, Chris Haugh, had a wonderful story about Mt. Olivet Cemetery, and included a who's who in Mt. Olivet. He included family information about the Steiner family. As a new feature, we held a small silent auction to benefit Public Issues with Wreaths Across America, and specifically Antietam National Cemetery. Those of us who attended last year noted a shortage of wreaths for Antietam, and we wanted to add to the \$300 we had set aside for them. The silent auction brought in \$120 and the donation jar was \$140 making it a total of \$260 to be added to the \$300 we budgeted.

Coming up, on December 8, we will be open for Museums by Candlelight. Bonita will be heading that event, so look for her volunteer sign up opportunity.

Each of you help make FWCC a wonderful asset to the community. I thank you all for your continued support for our club this year as we work to make Frederick a great place to live.

Carol





Birthdays for November

Happy Birthday to the following November “babies”:

- 3 Jennifer Coates-Wang
- 9 Nancy Thrasher
- 9 Mikki Stratmeyer
- 16 Martha Copeland
- 21 Nancy Davis
- 21 Mary Snyder

First Vice President and Dean of Chairman – Pat Louison

FWCC, Inc. joins the Frederick Chamber of Commerce

On behalf of the 2019 Mardi Gras Committee, we are pleased to announce that FWCC, Inc. is now a member of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce. Rick Weldon, newly elected President of the Chamber of Commerce is very supportive of the Mardi Gras event and FWCC, Inc. as a whole. The advantages include:

- Publicize in the Chamber’s weekly newsletter that reaches 44,000 emails and the opportunity to attend calendar of events;
- As a member and as a non-profit, we are also a member of the Non-Profit Alliance to attend monthly meetings that will allow us to collaborate with those agencies (i.e., opportunity to promote FWCC, Inc., increase Mardi Gras ticket sales, ads, sponsorships and travel adventure raffle ticket sales);
- Interface with the Chamber for marketing ideas and support (i.e. ticket sales, publicity, sponsorships, ads and travel adventure raffle ticket sales);
- Use of tools and resources to enhance Mardi Gras outreach and for other civic club events, as a whole.

Updates and Frederick Chamber of Commerce events will be shared with FWCC, Inc. members.

Second Vice President – Jennie Russell

Our fall dinner meeting on October 15 at Gladchuk's featured local historian Chris Haugh, Community Relations and Historic Preservation Manager at Mount Olivet Cemetery, who kept the crowd of members and invited guests fascinated with information about the ongoing preservation work at

the cemetery, facts and stories about members of the Steiner family, and history, history, history. Chris shared information about the new *Mount Olivet Cemetery Preservation and Enhancement Fund* (for historic monument repair and restoration) as well as upcoming evening tours of the cemetery on Saturdays (October 20 and 27) and Friday (October 26). For information and to make reservations for a tour, visit <http://marylandghosttours.com/>.

Next month, on November 19, the day meeting speaker will be Suzanne Cliber from the County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources. Suzanne will be speaking to us on a variety of conservation issues, including the Green Homes Challenge and how we can be "green." Hope you all can join us!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts/Youth Art – Debbie Winkles

White House Christmas ornaments are available for sale. If you have friends, family members, clients, etc. who would like to purchase, please let me know. I will make it easy for you to get them. They are \$25 and benefit the FWCC Youth Art Competition.

Mark your calendars: January 5, 2019, 3:00-5:00 is our Youth Art Competition Reception at the Mary Condon Hodgson Gallery, Frederick Community College. Please join us for this wonderful event. Also, if you have not already done so, let me know if you can contribute drinks or treats for the reception.

Conservation – Mikki Stratmeyer/Nancy Keller-Bonde

Did you know that each person in your home can save 16 gallons of water a day? How you’re wondering? Wet your toothbrush then turn off the water. When ready to rinse, turn the water back on. You will save 8 gallons in the morning and 8 gallons at night. Easy enough.

Have you admired the beautiful hanging baskets in Frederick? Well our club has an opportunity to help do the winter baskets. It is very easy all the materials are provided at no cost to us. You just need to meet at Thanksgiving Farms, outside of Buckeystown, on **Saturday, November 17 from 9-12**. Please let me know if you are coming. michelestratmeyer@comcast.net. We have 3 ladies already. Conservation is about making things beautiful too!

Education – Gina Opatovsky

Education program will continue to collect the Box Tops for Education. There is a jar on the bookcase in the boardroom.

Home Life – Jan Nefflen/Judy Virts

Members who took a Salvation Army Christmas stocking... please note as on the list of suggested things to put in your stockings (by color and age) it stated that we will be collecting all stockings on our next day meeting on November 19. The deadline date was changed for us so I can collect them at our next get together meeting (which is the Board meeting) and take them down right after. If you cannot make the meeting, please drop off the stocking at the Salvation Army the week of Nov.12-16. Please do not change boy or girl or age group. Please label your stocking from FWCC. Thank you for your service to the children of Frederick.

International Outreach – Clara Dinterman and Melinda Shanholz

For decades, GFWC Clubwomen have reached beyond their communities to make a lasting difference in the lives of others throughout the world. We are all part of the global community. Issues such as hunger, poverty, preventable diseases, human trafficking, the lack of clean drinking water, and education know no boundaries. Our International Outreach focus will be on human trafficking.

What a great time we had working for SERRV! We kept up, would you believe! We worked so fast, we got to leave before 3. Yay! But then we missed out on shopping at their store; so, we vowed to keep our eye open in the News Post for SERRV's Big Sale in November. Maybe a whole group of us can do this! There are so many beautifully handcrafted things to see and buy if you so desire (I did pick up a few catalogs BTW). The people were cheerful and kind to us. It was such fun working together for a common goal and, of course, having fun gossiping (oops, I mean getting to know each other better). It was a fun day for sure and we are already to go again in the spring.

It's "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" time! Yes, boxes have been distributed at the past two meetings (2 boxes to each member, 1 for you and 1 for your hairdresser's salon, your podiatrist, doctor, etc.). **Please return your boxes, filled to the brim, to me by our November General Meeting. Happy Trick or Treating for UNICEF.**

Public Issues – Martha Copeland

Eighty (80) Christmas cards signed by members of the club were delivered to the home of June Rose Lamb for distribution to active servicemen and women serving overseas.

A basket labeled Children of Incarcerated Parents is now available in the board room (thank you, Bonita). Collection of family size hygiene products will be ongoing throughout the club year. Your donations are most appreciated!

STANDING AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

MARDI GRAS – PAT LOUISON/RICHELLE EMERICK

Support the 58th Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Come, enjoy and support the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. 58th annual major fundraiser, Mardi Gras “**A Jazzy Night for Caring and Sharing**” on Saturday, February 23rd from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. This semi-formal event will be held at the Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center, 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick. Proceeds will benefit the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute, local scholarships, non-profits organizations, and historic preservation.

This fun-filled evening will include a wide variety of music for all to enjoy (i.e. jazz, dinner and dancing selections), and cash bars in both the courtyard and main ballroom. A “Travel Adventure” raffle, courtesy of Cruise Holidays, will also be part of the evening. Raffle tickets will be available for \$10.00; the winner will receive a 7-day cruise or a 5-day all-inclusive resort stay for two.

The local restaurant **food tastings** will be held in the courtyard from **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Our **silent auction**, from **6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**, will again include high-end bidding on fine-dining and casual-dining gift certificates from local restaurants; sports, the arts, museums, and theatre events and admission tickets; river rafting and fun sports tickets; hair salon and day spa packages; wine and wine tastings packages; signed artwork and books; jewelry and pottery; and, much, much, more!

At **7:45 p.m.**, Mike Boyd on trumpet, will lead everyone into the main ballroom with a rendition of “When the Saints Go Marching In” for the former kings, spouses and guests to be recognized at their respective tables. The **Royal Court** will be introduced by the Emcee of the evening with the procession of

the three Mardi Gras Kings, Queen and her Princesses to center stage.

Dancing will begin at **8:30 p.m.** with a wide variety of dance music. **Desserts** from **Clustered Spires Pastry Shop, cheese and crackers, and fruit** will be available in the ballroom until **11:00 p.m.**

For additional information and advance tickets (\$75.00 per person; \$85.00 per person with patron's name published in the program), visit www.FWCCINC.ORG or call (301) 663-5875. Mardi Gras and raffle tickets may also be purchased at Eventbrite Frederick Events/58th Annual Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras 2019 - Important Dates

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 Mardi Gras Committee Meeting – Updates: 1:00 Steiner
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 Mardi Gras Committee Meeting – Updates: 1:00 Steiner
Friday, January 4, 2019 Princess Applications Due
Sunday, January 6, 2019 12th Night
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Mardi Gras Committee Meeting – Updates: 1:00 Steiner
Sunday, January 20, 2019 Princess Tea
Friday, January 25, 2019 Ads Due
Friday, January 25, 2019 Auction Items Due
Friday, January 25, 2019 Vendors / Sponsors Due
Friday, February 8, 2019 Program to Printer
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Mardi Gras Committee Meeting – Updates: 1:00 Steiner
Friday, February 15, 2019 Program Review
Sunday, February 17, 2019 Princess Community Service Project: 11:00 – 2:00 (Bring Lunch) (Tentative – Dependent Upon Weather)
Tentative Rehearsal Date: 2:00 – 4:00 Clarion Inn
Friday, February 22, 2019 Decorate Clarion Inn, If Available
Saturday, February 23, 2019 **Mardi Gras**
TBD Wrap-Up Meeting



MEMBERSHIP- LEAH JOHNSON

Please welcome new member Mary Kay Morgan. Mary Kay's hobbies are knitting, family and oral history. She belongs to Carrollton Manor DAR, and Frederick Steeplechasers running club. She is interested in being a docent for the Museums Candlelight Tour. Mary Kay's information: Mary Kay Morgan, 206 Heritage Court Walkersville, Md. 21793 301-845-8687 Birthday: February 13 Parkway24@gmail.com

We mourn the passing of our beloved member and friend, **Mildred Cody**, on September 19, 2018. Millie was a cheerful, efficient, and active member of our club, and always worked to continue the ideals of the GFWC. Millie's family warmly remembered her at a service held at All Saints Episcopal Church. FWCC members attended the service to remember our friend.

WAYS AND MEANS

FWCC, Inc. Annual Christkindlesmarkt on November 11 – Mikki Stratmeyer

The Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. will once again hold its annual Christkindlesmarkt on Sunday, November 11, from 1 to 5 pm at Holly Hills Country Club, New Market. Artists and crafters throughout the region will be selling a wide-array of holiday gifts, including upscale accessories, beauty items, clothiers, florals and keepsakes, leather goods, ornaments, wood carvers, painted glassware, and much more. Light refreshments will also be provided. For advance tickets of a \$15 donation, contact Mikki Stratmeyer at (301) 606-7290 or make a check to FWCC and mail to Mikki Stratmeyer, PO Box 617, New Market MD 21774. Tickets are also available on Eventbrite: Christkindlesmarkt

OTHER NEWS OF NOTE

Report on GFWC International Convention-Mary Snyder

"It's Our Time To Connect" was the theme of the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO, attended by Carol Feser and Mary Snyder in June. The convention was held at the 1890 Union Station Hotel, a National Historic Landmark terminal where a 3D Light Show was held each night on the 65 foot ceiling of the Grand Hall.

Carol represented Maryland in the day long LEADS training with other attendees from 48 States. There were tours of the City of St. Louis, the Cathedral Basilica, the Arch and the Missouri Botanical Garden, and Anheuser-Busch Brewery. I got to meet a Clydesdale horse and taste Budweiser (which I have never tried), and see the Old Basilica covered with incredible mosaics.

Workshops on Community Service Programs and GFWC partnership programs provided information and inspiration for new projects and programs. On Monday morning, a service project of Rise Against Hunger where over 400 clubwomen gathered to pack 40,176 meals in 186 boxes, and over \$18,000 was received in donations.

An amazing thirteen year old, Pierceson Phillips, spoke to over 700 attendees about suffering from Tourettes Syndrome, his condition and experiences of acceptance. Pierceson started his speaking career when he was 10 years old, and now he travels from classroom to classroom, boardroom to boardroom, and beyond. At a luncheon, Nancy Witter entertained everyone with her wit and inspired us with her message: "Who's Better than Me? A guide to Living Happily Ever After" which is the title of her book. She stressed the need of taking care of ourselves and always remembering, "Who's better than me - no one". Summarizing her message: take care of ourselves, be a help to other women, and have a view of opportunities in our lives. There was a fashion show where creations made out of recyclable bags proved women are creative. There were 38 entries ranging from a lobster fisherman to the winning entry from Delaware, Wonder Woman. A highlight was hearing Maryland called for the award Fundraising. (Excerpts taken from Karen Wasik, president-elect of GFWC-Maryland, report)

Closing out the convention was the installation of new officers for 2018-2020. Mary Ellen Brock, President, spoke of her 7 Grand Initiatives.

It was a fun and informative convention. St. Louis is a lovely city and the people very friendly. I thoroughly enjoyed it. The 2019 GFWC Convention will be held in Austin, TX.



Dates to Remember

November 1-5 – GFWC Southeastern Region Conference – Winston Salem, NC
November 5 – Board Meeting
November 6 – Get Out and VOTE
November 11 – Christkindlesmarkt (please attend and support this fundraiser)
November 19 – General Membership Meeting

Donation for the Month of November

Salvation Army Stockings
UNICEF

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

