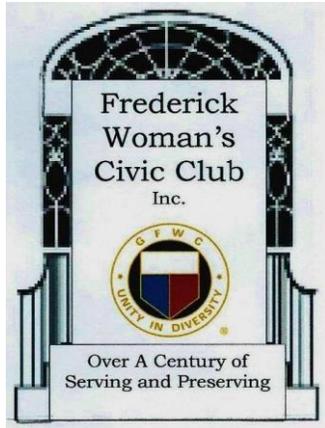


Club News & Notes

January 2020



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From the Desk of the President: Carol Feser

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends, time reflecting on the past year, and what is important in this New Year.

It was a huge disappointment that we had to cancel our Christmas Day Meeting, a wonderful time to enjoy the Children's Chorus from Lincoln Elementary, enjoy a holiday luncheon, and just time together. But...Nature had the last say this year. Our members come from all corners of the county, and we just can't risk unsafe travels to Steiner House. So we opted for snug, warm, and safe.

This month, we will have many opportunities to join in the life of our Club.

I have the honor of presenting the new Kings of Mardi Gras at Steiner House on January 6, Twelfth Night, at 7:00 p.m. To find out who they are, join us to meet the New Kings and honor the Past Kings of Mardi Gras. It is a festive night and one you will not want to miss. Our wonderful Hospitality Hostesses Bonnie Andrews Geisbert and Ro Higginbotham will delight you with many tasty treats.

At our January meetings, both day and evening, we will be assembling our Meals on Wheels boxes for the elderly. They are distributed in advance to Meals on Wheels clients when bad weather is expected to make sure they have meals on hand. Bring your box ready to go or feel free to assemble in our conference room after the meeting.

Mardi Gras is our main fundraiser and how we fund scholarships, maintenance of Historic Steiner House, and all the work we do in our Community Service Projects. Each member is expected to support Mardi Gras in some way. Members are needed to help bring in Sponsors, Silent Auction items, decorate the day of the event, etc. Most of all, we need you to purchase a ticket to Mardi Gras, and attend! The best party is when we are at Mardi Gras having fun!

Carol



January Birthdays

2	Mary Frances Trunk
5	Betty Bridgford
13	Kathy Necciai
14	Mary "Sam" Reeves
26	Jennie Sue Pearson

First Vice President – Pat Louison

The December day meeting was not held due to inclement weather. The updates by each CSP chairman are included in this January newsletter under their Community Service Program/Project. As a reminder to club members, 2019 Year-End Reports are due to Pat Louison by **Monday, January 6**. Contact Pat with any questions at (301) 363-8221 or GRLPGL1974@comcast.net.

Second Vice President – Jennie Russell

We were all disappointed missing our December General Meeting due to bad weather. Sadly, we also missed our annual performance by the Lincoln Elementary School Chorus. Many thanks to each of you who sent in mittens, gloves, and hats for the students. We will be delivering them to the school the first week in January.

Our January General Meeting will be on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and we will be working on shoeboxes for Meals on Wheels. Bring in filled shoe boxes if you have them or extra supplies to fill new ones.

We have no program planned at this time for our February General Meeting as it will be just two days after Mardi Gras -- but I'm sure we will be sharing news of a successful event!!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Art – Debbie Winkles

The Youth Art Competition reception will take place at the Mary Condon Hodgson Gallery at Frederick Community College on Saturday, January 4, 3:00 p.m.-

5:00 p.m. Everyone is strongly encouraged to come to this fun celebration and see all of the amazing student art work. Donna DiSciullo (friend to Sam Reeves) will be our keynote speaker. Judging will take place on January 2, 2020.

Education – Richelle Emerick/Nancy Foltyn

We are still collecting gloves, hats and mittens for Lincoln Elementary School since we cancelled our December meeting when the Lincoln Elementary School choir sings for us. We will take what is collected to the school right after the daytime January club meeting.

We continue to enjoy spending an hour each Tuesday morning from 8-9 at Lincoln Elementary helping students buy books with the pride dollars they have earned! Mary Snyder, Rosemary Glenn, Nancy Folytn and Richelle Emerick, will be joined by Martha Copeland in January to continue this service to Lincoln students. We each do one, sometimes two, Tuesday's each month. Let one of us know if you would like to join us with this fun project.

Beginning in January our project with Catocin Furnace (CF) will begin in earnest. Nancy, Richelle and Mikki have met with CF staff and Stem teachers in Frederick County to determine which educational materials will best fit into the school's plans when students visit CF on their field trips. We will be preparing different types of educational materials for use when students visit the gardens planted by the Green-Walled Garden Club. If you are interested in this service project, please let us know. It should be fun! Catocin Furnace Historical Society is very grateful for our assistance in helping with this project.

Conservation – Mikki Stratmeyer/Nancy Keller-Bonde

Have you ever asked yourself why do I bother with recycling? Or has someone asked you why do you bother to recycle? When Mel & I take our weekly trip to the recycle center at the Frederick Landfill, I sometimes do wonder why it is important. Here are some reasons why listed by the National Recycling Coalition:

1. Good for our economy

American companies rely on recycling programs to provide the raw materials they need to make new products.

2. Creates jobs

Recycling in the U.S. is a \$236 billion a year industry. More than 56,000 recycling and reuse enterprises use 1.1 million workers nationwide.

3. Reduces waste

The average American discards seven and a half pounds of garbage every day. Most of this garbage goes into landfills, where it's compacted and buried.

4. Good for the environment

Recycling requires far less energy, uses fewer natural resources, and keeps waste from piling up in landfills.

5. Saves energy

Recycling offers significant energy savings over manufacturing with virgin materials. Manufacturing with recycled aluminum cans uses 95% less energy.

6. Preserves landfill space

No one wants to live next door to a landfill. Recycling preserves existing landfill space.

7. Prevents global warming

In 2000, recycling of solid waste prevented the release of 32.9 million metric tons of carbon equivalent (MMTCE, the unit of measure for greenhouse gases) into the air.

8. Reduces water pollution

Making goods from recycled materials generates far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials.

9. Protects wildlife

Using recycled materials reduces the need to damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.

10. Creates new demand

Recycling and buying recycled products create demand for more recycled products, decreasing waste and helping our economy.

Home Life – Jan Nefflin/Judy Virts

In January at our day meeting we will be putting together emergency meal boxes for Meals on Wheels. We will need items to fill the shoeboxes. We will also accept prefilled boxes. I will take them to the Senior Center after the meeting.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Book Club – Sandy Long

Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Olive Garden. Our book selection is My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton by Laura Kamoie/Stephanie Dray.

Luncheon Committee – Bonnie Andrews

Thanks to everyone who did the lunches this past year. They were wonderful. Also, thanks to all who came to the joint meeting at Gladchucks. We had a lot of great comments on how much people enjoy the meetings at restaurants especially now that they can bring their husbands or friends.

Mardi Gras Update – Pat Louison, Chair

2020 Mardi Gras – Frederick

- Our Honorary Committee is comprised of the following individuals and non-profit organizations:
 - Hermine Bernstein, Blessings in a Backpack
 - MaryLynn Hinde, SHIP
 - Inga James, Heartly House
 - Rick Weldon, Frederick Chamber of Commerce
 - One Additional Honorary Committee Member – Pending
- Our Mardi Gras Woman of Inspiration is Tonya Hatosy-Steir, Executive Director, Woman to Woman Mentoring.
- We are in the process of receiving the non-profit Young Woman Volunteer nominations.
- Mardi Gras tickets will be available the first week in January.
- The Mardi Gras Website, Eventbrite and Facebook have been updated with additional information (thank you, Debbie and Rosemary).
- The Mardi Gras committee, club members, and Megan Kula continue to work on sponsorships with the deadline of January 15.
- The Mardi Gras committee and club members are also working on silent auction items with a deadline of January 6.
- Food Vendors: Renaissance Chef, Glory Days, Fratelli's and Cluster Spires with CarterQue pending. Food Vendors will be in the Ballroom.
- Music: Mike Boyd, Jazz Connection and Unique Dreams. For playlist suggestions, send to Mikki Stratmeyer at: michelestratmeyer@comcast.net.
- Publicity: The Mardi Gras ad (designed by Debbie Winkles) is/will be in the following publications:

- SASS Winter Edition (Ad - For the Combined Months of December, January and February)
- The Frederick Magazine (Ad – January and February Edition; February Calendar of Events)
- The Urbana Neighbors Magazine (January and February Calendar of Events)
- The FNP (Barter Agreement: Ad to Sell Tickets to Event; Calendar of Events, 72-Hours)
- Blessings in a Backpack (Ad, Marketing Materials)
- The Frederick Chamber of Commerce Website (Ad, Marketing Materials)
- Heartly House (Ad, Marketing Materials)
- SHIP (Ad, Marketing Materials)
- One Additional Marketing Opportunity - Pending
- Twelfth Night: Monday, January 6. Carol has made the selection of the three Kings of Mardi Gras; Bonnie and Ro lead on planning the menu.

Membership – Leah Johnson/Laura Scafide

Taking to heart the guiding principle in the GFWC Guidebook, *“Every woman’s club has its power, by wise and careful action, to improve the conditions, elevate the tone, and crystallize the moral force of its community in such a way as to make it more desirable to live in, more beneficial to its own citizens, more of an example to others,”* we embarked on our recent “Membership Satisfaction Survey.”

Thank you to each member who participated in this recent electronic survey and to the tireless efforts of committee members working with us, Mary Snyder, Jennie Russell, Carol Feser, Melinda Shanholtz and Debbie Winkles.

Debbie’s expertise and dedication in finding where and how to do the electronic survey, free of charge, was the catalyst to make it a reality. Our committee spent endless hours of working together to tweak the questions, how to communicate to make it happen and the next steps will be to evaluate the outcome.

Sunshine

Members of the Frederick Woman’s Civic Club, Inc. express our sympathy to Clare Dinterman on the passing of her husband, Ray.

Dates to Remember

- January 6, 2020 – Twelfth Night – 7:00 p.m.
- January 9, 2020 – Women’s Suffrage Meeting – 11:00
- January 9, 2020 – Mardi Gras – 1:00 p.m.
- January 13, 2020 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- January 16, 2020 – Evening Meeting – 6:15 p.m.
- January 20, 2020 – General Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- January 29, 2020 – Book Club at Olive Garden

Thought for the Month

Think as little as possible about yourself and as much as possible about other people.

Eleanor Roosevelt

From the book Minutes from the Great Women’s Coffee Club by Angela Beasley

