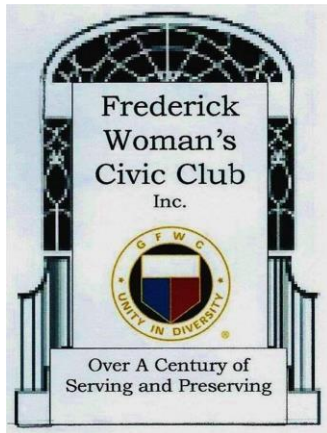


Club News & Notes

MARCH 2020



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From the Desk of the President: Carol Feser

Welcome to Spring!

This mild winter has really been surprising, only an inch of snow so far. It gave us a cold, but nice evening for our Mardi Gras event at the Clarion. Mardi Gras is the finale of Twelfth Night, a Tea for Young Women Volunteers, Kings Dinner, and finally Mardi Gras.

Thank you to all who participated in some way to make Mardi Gras a success. It takes many to make this a successful event. It started months ago, and everyone, from the Mardi Gras chairman to each committee member worked tirelessly to make this a success for the community. The support from the Kings, Sponsors, Vendors, Publicity, and Silent Auction contributions showcased the best of FWCC. The Clarion was lovely, we had the benefit of a newly renovated ballroom and lobby. They were terrific to us. It was a memorable event, and thank you all.

We have a number of things to complete quickly. Nominations for the next administration will be worked on this month. It takes each member's contribution to make our organization work. If you have an interest in becoming involved in the vision and direction of our club, please don't hesitate to let me know. We all need to participate in keeping FWCC a great organization, and that takes all hands working together.

There are a lot of opportunities to serve our community highlighted in this newsletter. I am hoping you find something that speaks to you.

Carol



March Birthdays

13 Jan Nefflin
14 Bette Shafer
17 Nancy Boyd
23 Karen Butler
24 Nellie Mender

May Dinner Meeting Change

Please note the change in the May Joint Dinner Meeting to May 18 at Gladchuks.

First Vice President – Pat Louison

The Community Service Program chairs continue to make a positive difference with their respective projects and programs in our community. Their tireless and generous efforts reflect the commitment of the CSPs and extended civic club members who volunteer their time to these important causes in Frederick County. Please refer to each CSP update in the March Newsletter.

Second Vice President – Jennie Russell

Two exciting programs are planned in the upcoming months. Please try to attend and bring a friend!!

For our March 16 general meeting, we are delighted to welcome Sarah Hempel Irani as our speaker. An award-winning sculptor, Sarah has been commissioned by the Frederick Art Club to create a statue of Frederick native and renowned fashion designer Claire McCardel as a public art endeavor.

On April 27, which is our annual anniversary tea, we will hear from Teri Bisceglia from AAUW Frederick, who will present "Women's Suffrage in Frederick County: A Snapshot." Terri is a Certified Tourism Ambassador and Historian.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Art – Debbie Winkles

The Frederick Festival of the Arts is the first weekend in June. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the Frederick Festival of the Arts, let Debbie Winkles know.

Education – Richelle Emerick/Nancy Foltyn

We now have 6 members participating on Tuesday mornings before school at Lincoln's Book Rack (Thanks Betty Bridgeford for joining us!). It is great fun.

The Catoctin Furnace educational project is well underway and will be ready in August for Frederick County stem program students who visit the Furnace next school year. This new project is a joint effort with the Greenwalled Garden Club.

Conservation – Mikki Stratmeyer/Nancy Keller-Bonde

World Water Day is March 22 and is celebrated each year to raise awareness of the importance of freshwater around the world. We can do our part by sensibly managing grass, tree, shrubs and flowering plants that make up our living landscapes, especially around water usage.

The drought in the South last summer was a lesson to us all that nature isn't easy to regulate. Get smart about your living landscape choices so you can be water-wise no matter what nature throws your way.

Follow the 'Right Plant, Right Place' Rule. -First, choose plants that are best for your environment and climate zone. Hundreds of varieties of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowering plants exist, and some of them are perfect for drought conditions.

Choose Breathing Plants Over Dead Materials - They create the oxygen we need and sequester carbon. They also will capture and filter rainwater and hold soil in place.

Let Grass Turn Brown - Remember, plants are smart! Plants go dormant during dry spells and come back when the rains return.

Don't Overwater - Plants and trees will grow stronger and work harder, creating deeper, vertical roots, if they need to seek water.

Water Deeply - When you do water, allow the moisture to reach the roots of the grass and provide water for trees. Also, water early in the morning before the hot sun can cause excess evaporation. Water sheets off hard surfaces, asphalt and other

hardscapes in cities and suburbs. Grass, trees and plants will slow down and capture this moisture, helping recharge underground aquifers.

International Outreach – Melinda Shanholtz/ Clara Dinterman

SERRV Day of Service:

SAVE THE DATE: On Friday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. we will make our trek to New Windsor, MD to work in their warehouse, until 3:00 p.m. wrapping & packaging items to fill mail-order requests. They will provide lunch. Call Melinda at 301-694-0060 to join us and wear closed-toe shoes.

Public Issues – Martha Copeland

We will be collecting supplies for the Animal Shelter. Specific items are listed on Amazon Wishlist for the shelter. Visit Amazon's website and search Lists for "Frederick County Animal Control".

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Book Club – Sandy Long

The Book Club will meet March 25 at Mariachi's on Rt. 355. The book is *The Spies of Shilling* by Jennifer Ryan Hill.

Evening Meeting – Elaine Junker/Karen Butler

The Evening Meeting will meet March 19 at Steiner House. Meal is at 6:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. speaker, 7:45 p.m. meeting.

Luncheon Committee – Bonnie Andrews

I want to thank everyone who chaired and served on the luncheon committee. The lunches and brunch have been delicious.

REMINDER: Our May joint meeting will be held at **Gladchuks** due to the increased price at Dutch's Daughter. Please mark your calendars. **It will be Monday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.** The menu will be the same Salmon, Chicken or Beef. Price is the same \$30 per person. You may select one entree. Please make sure to be there. It is the election of officers.

Mardi Gras Update – Pat Louison, Chair

2020 Mardi Gras – Frederick

The Mardi Gras fundraiser, held on Saturday, February 15, was a transition year for this event. It still included the tradition of having the three Kings of Mardi Gras for 2020 (Kai Hagan, Rex, King of Mardi

Gras, Shane Shanholtz, King Proteus, and David Brooks, King Comus) and with music by Mike Boyd and the Jazz Connection. New features were introduced with a focus on women in the community through their volunteerism and service in Frederick. Our 2020 Mistress of Ceremonies, Dina Carole, the mid-day personality at "106.9 The Eagle" radio station who is active in civic and volunteering activities; our 2020 "Woman of Inspiration" Tonya Hatosy-Stier, the Executive Director of Woman to Woman Mentoring; and, our young women volunteers nominated by the YMCA of Frederick County (Kathryn Pressly) and representing their local high schools (Brianna Bongard, Middletown High School; Hailey Eisentraut, Middletown High School; Caitlen George, Middletown High School; Isabella Gusman, Middletown High School and recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship from FWCC, Inc.; Rachel Kenny, Tuscarora High School; Kelly Shockley, Middletown High School; and Kayla TeBeest, Brunswick High School), reflect how these young women make a positive impact in their everyday lives for Frederick County.

We also introduced an honorary committee of leaders from our local non-profit organizations: Hermine Bernstein, Blessings in a Backpack; MaryLynn Hinde, SHIP; Inga James, Heartly House; Rick Weldon, Frederick Chamber of Commerce; and, Jean Wright, Women's Business Network. We received complimentary publicity of the Mardi Gras on their websites and on social media that promoted the event.

These new features resulted in new attendees to the Mardi Gras who provided positive feedback to these changes. There was an uptick of 110 tickets sold with 150 people attending the event. The silent auction made \$4,675 with all of the baskets purchased and paid. In addition to our annual support of local food tasting sponsors that donate their time and delicious offerings to this event from CarterQue BBQ, Clustered Spires Pastry Shop, Glory Days Grill and Renaissance Chef Catering, we also brought in a new food tasting sponsor, Up On Market Bistro Restaurant.

An additional change that was made this year was to re-evaluate and implement new criteria for sponsorships. As a transitional year of new features, this presented new opportunities to the civic club to increase sponsorship amounts from previous years.

All of these new features and changes would not have been possible without the ideas, suggestions, recommendations, time, effort and hard work by our Event Planner, Megan Kula. Megan provided the civic club with the opportunity to enhance and implement change to the Mardi Gras event. She also recognized the value that FWCC brings to our community and the impact of the volunteerism of its members. As a result, Megan gave us much more of her time and work effort than what was contracted that showed her commitment and generosity in support of the good works of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club in our community.

And last by not least, the hard work, effort, and time commitment by Megan Kula, the Mardi Gras committee and extended members of FWCC who implemented these new features; attended monthly meetings; selected the 2020 Kings of Mardi Gras; managed and coordinated 12th Night; managed and assisted at the community service project day; managed the financials, including vouchers and payments; secured sponsorships from local businesses and food tasting sponsors, including required documentation for the Clarion Inn; managed the process of tickets sent, sold, tables purchased and seating arrangements; obtained high-end silent auction items and putting together the beautiful baskets and the professional write-up and cost of each basket; managed publicity with local publications and non-profit organizations to promote the event; contracted and secured the music with Mike Boyd and the Jazz Connection and Unique Dreams; designed materials, the program cover and certificates of appreciation, and developed the video for display at the event; created and managed the Mardi Gras program booklet with Sir Speedy and the posters displaying the sponsors and honorary committee; managed the registration table, including past kings in attendance; ensured on-site security; greeted event guests; coordinated the established table assignments the night of the event, and, assisted with the decorations moving to and from Steiner House, the setup, and clean-up efforts at the Clarion Inn. This was a coordinated effort by all to make the 2020 Mardi Gras a success.

Membership - Leah Johnson

Jennie Sue Pearson has moved to Delaware. At our February meeting, Jennie Sue was made an honorary member of the club. Jennie Sue will greatly be missed

as she rarely missed a meeting, and she greeted everyone with a cheerful smile.

Her new address is:
30619 Cedar Neck Road
Unit 1103
Ocean View, DE 19970
Phone: 302-581-2601

Sunshine - Elaine Junker

Members of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. express our sympathy to Jennifer Coates on the passing of her father, Jerry Coates.

GFWC Maryland Convention

The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs convention will be held April 19-20, 2020, at the Crowne Plaza in Annapolis, MD. Everyone should have received the CALL to CONVENTION via email. The deadline for hotel reservations is March 15, and the deadline for reservation/meals is March 25.

Please mark your calendars for Western District Annual Meeting on May 20, 2020, to be hosted by our club.

Dates to Remember

March 2 - Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 9 - FWCC Board Meeting
March 16 - FWCC General Meeting
March 19 - FWCC Evening Meeting
April 18-19 - MFWC Annual Convention,
Annapolis, MD
May 18 - FWCC Joint Meeting - Gladchuks
May 20 - Western District Annual Meeting

Thought for the Month

We Must Learn to Understand One Another

*Conflicts always occur
It is in the resolution of conflicts
that human beings stand out
Every conflict can and should be calmed
by talking about and understanding
one another's needs and by acting with compassion
to solve the differences
This is how all people should get along
This is how we must get along.*

From One World, One Heart by Susan Polis Shultz