

April 2021



Broadcasting from Woodbridge Woman's Club GFWC



Motto: Service and Friendship

GENERAL MEETING: April 19, 2021, 1:00 via ZOOM

Our speaker for the April meeting is Kathy Cain from the Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun. Kathy is the Chairman of Environment GFWC - VA. Kathy will provide a presentation on Honey Bees and Native Bees.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



This month I have the honor to tell you we are submitting Joyce Jolly's name for consideration for the Jennie Award. What is the Jennie Award you may ask? Here's the explanation from the GFWC webpage:

"The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national levels for their outstanding personal commitment to club, community, and family.

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. In fact, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC."

Joyce certainly qualifies for this award. We need to show our support for her nomination and wish her the best of luck!

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Inspirational Women of Prince William page is now up on our website. Please visit, read, and perhaps think about someone you know who you'd like to recognize in the months to come. Although inspired by Women's History Month, this page is NOT a history month project. It is intended to be a permanent, continuously changing list of women we find encouraging and women we want to encourage, and it is a celebration of all they do in our community. To add a writeup of your own, the only criteria/instructions are:

1. Get Her PERMISSION to both write about her and post her photo.
2. Yes, a photo must be included.
3. Each writeup needn't be long, and in fact, shouldn't be long. No biographies please, but thoughtful explanations as to why you find a particular woman inspiring.
4. Please, no business endorsements, political endorsements, or solicitations.

Submit all writeups to Rosemarie Fitzsimmons at rosefitz.portraitwriter@gmail.com.

Woodbridge Woman's
Club 2019—2021

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Chloellen Miller

Club Meeting Dates and Programs 2020-2021

General Meetings

September 16, 2020 (NO MEETING DUE TO COVID)

October 21, 2020 (NO MEETING DUE TO COVID)

November 14, 2020 ZOOM Virtual meeting 10:00 AM

December 14, 2020 ZOOM Virtual Meeting 1:00PM

January 25, 2021 (ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

February 22, 2021 ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

March 15, 2021 ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

April 19, 2021 ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

May 17, 2021 ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

Northern District Fall Meeting September 2020

Northern District Spring Meeting March 2021

Club Board Member Meeting Dates 2020– 2021

January 11, 2021	Monday 10:00
February 1, 2021	Monday 10:00
March 1, 2021	Monday 10:00
April 5, 2021	Monday 10:00
May 3, 2021	Monday 10:00

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FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

A little background about the committee's review of Club fundraising.

In January 2021 the Board set up the WWC fundraising and Realignment Committee comprised of:

3 board members, Lucy Chairman, Jo, Carol.

3 members from the general membership, BJ, Lee and one or two other who provide information to the committee but were not always available for the zoom meetings.

As Parliamentarian, a non-voting member of the Club, my job is setting up the Zoom meetings, take notes, provide minutes and other fundraising information to the Chairman and committee. All Club program chairmen have worked with the fundraising committee in the development of the new Club fundraising and realignment plan. After many meetings and long discussions the Board approved this Plan at the April 5, 2021 meeting.

This fundraising plan covers the future fundraising projections for the club and outlines how the Club and all members can participate to help our move forward. Member engagement in projects and activities to help our community is essential, everyone's help is needed to make this successful. This Plan is flexible and can be adjusted as necessary.

The fundraising plan is attached to the newsletter. Please take a moment to review this information.

Pat White

EDUCATION

I will be collecting the applications after April 20th. SATs were not required this year, since many had not had the opportunity to take them. Hopefully we will get good candidates, in need, for our 5 scholarships.

We will meet them virtually, (at least we hope so) at our May virtual scholarship event.

Sylvia Hoffmeier.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

As we continue with our realigned club projects, it is important for every member to be an active part of **Civic Engagement and Outreach**. Our new projects continue to move forward! **THANK YOU** for being involved and **"reaching out"** in the community! The little things we all do are appreciated. We **ARE** making a difference!



FELLOWSHIP HOUSE PROJECT

This month gift card donations to CVS are donated to the Woodbridge Fellowship House residents. Anyone wishing to donate anything to Fellowship House is reminded there is a buzzer in the foyer to use and someone will then come and take your donation. No need to go inside. **THANK YOU** to the members who have already donated a gift card or other donation to Fellowship House!



FIRST RESPONDERS

Many members have already **reached out in the community** and donated goodies, gift cards, etc. to your local first responders. This month the Club will be donating \$100 each to five area Fire and Rescue Departments as a **THANK YOU**, with more similar donations planned in the future. Remember, if you have donated, just drop a quick email to Jo, jbpetty@verizon.net about your donation.

ACTS Food Pantry



This month the club is again donating \$500 to the ACTS Food Pantry as we continue **"community outreach and engagement. BOGO (Buy One Get One)** is the perfect way for members to add to the Food Pantry. Whenever you are shopping and there is a **BOGO** offer, take advantage of this and donate the **"get one"**, to ACTS or your place of choice! A wonderful **outreach** that will truly be appreciated. Remember to email Jo,

jbpetty@verizon.net about your donation.

FURRY FRIENDS



THANK YOU to those who have donated food, blankets, towels, etc. to the animal shelter!

JUST A NOTE



Remember to send a little thank you note to your pharmacist, doctor's office, mail carrier, newspaper carrier, UPS driver, store clerk, etc. telling them you appreciate them with a kind word, thanks. This is just another way to **"reach out"** to others!

Hopefully most have received the Covid-19 vaccine and have or will soon be reconnecting with friends and family. With Spring and warmer weather here, seeing friends and loved ones, even if it is outside, has been long awaited! Though we are vaccinated, the virus is still here. Continue to stay safe and healthy! Looking forward to seeing you "virtually" at the April 19th ZOOM meeting!

Jo Petty

WWC Virtual Book Club

We will meet on ZOOM at 1:00 Friday, April 16. We talk about the books we have been reading. A good way to find something new to read. If you are interested in joining us please contact Pat White for the link to our meeting.

ENVIRONMENT-

Patriot Scuba Project

The WWC members have taken a total of 34 bags of plastic bags and plastics to Patriot Scuba to be recycled into Trek and materials for outdoor benches and furniture.

Marilyn's trunkful of ten bundles labeled with WWC information ready to deliver to Patriot Scuba.



Marilyn Wempa on a bench made from recycled plastic bags.



Ten benches have been recycled from plastics and placed around Occoquan.

Lets keep donating those plastic bags and plastics. Please let me know the number of bags you take and when you dropped them off at Patriot Scuba.

Thank you for participating in this worthwhile project.
Marty Seers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our April Birthdays

09 KATHY MCNEELY
09 SHARON NASH
13 KAREN HANNAH

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

Women belong in all places where decisions are being made...It shouldn't be that women are the exception.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Collect for Club Women

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding
and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense
and meet each other face to face,
without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement
and always generous.

Let us take time for all things;
make us to grow calm, serene, and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,
that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know
the great common human heart of us all,
and, oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!



Mary Stewart April 1904