

Tidings

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A Letter From Our President Angela Paez

Happy February Juniors!

It has been quite the weather roller coaster and I must say that I enjoy the slightly warmer side that we have seen recently!

Your chairs and officers have been on a roll lately! Sheila Ridout has been hard at work arranging for our vendors for our Chocolate and Shopping Prospective Member Social. I'm hoping that you will each bring at least one new prospective member to share our Club. And the more hands, the more fun we have helping our communities.

At our Social, we will introduce Project Pinwheel, which will benefit the Prevent Child Abuse Now Organization. More on this wonderful project will be presented at our regular meeting, but we will be "selling" pinwheels that will be on display. So between the vendors and the pinwheels, I hope you bring your checkbook!

On March 19, I am hoping that you will attend our Spring District Meeting in Wakefield. Our GFWC VA President, Hope Royer, and our very own Lori Chevalier, serving as GFWC VA 3rd VP/ Director of Junior Clubs will be in attendance. This is a fun way to show Lori our support, so I hope that you will consider making the short trek to the exciting metropolis of Wakefield for a few hours. At the meeting, we will have a Silent Auction benefitting our district project and District Awards will be presented. With all of the hard work that you do, I hope that you realize what an inspiration you are to our District.

Also at our District meeting, we will display Arts and Crafts throughout the District. If you have an item that you would like to be shown-off, please bring it to the meeting on the 28th! E-mail me with questions.

Our Audit, Nomination and Revisions Committee will have reports at our regular meeting. Please make certain to read through your newsletter so that our Regular meeting will go as quickly as possible.

Our Education Chair, Nicole Hancock, has been on the move reorganizing our scholarship application and getting it web-friendly. This will be the first time that our local scholarship will be made available through our website, and I cannot wait to see the results. She is also setting up another Dr. Seuss celebration at the library....so much going on!

And it seems that we are getting revved up again! Our Free to Breathe walk/ fun run will be on March 12, with Relay for Life on April 29. May 22 will be our Annual Banquet, so mark your calendars! I can't wait to see all of you at the February regular meeting!

In Junior Love,
Angela



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1st VP Toni Lee-Andrews

2011 Southside District Spring Meeting is Saturday March 19th!

Hope Royer, GFWC VA President and Lori Chevalier, GFWC VA Director of Junior Clubs will be in attendance. It would be great to have as many members as possible also attending. Club members are invited to spend the night at the 4-H Center on Friday as well and attend dinner and breakfast. Registration is due on March 1, so I need to complete the registration form at the regular meeting. I will need to know about attendance as well as meals so that I can get each of you registered! District Awards will be given out at this meeting and it is fun to hear about all that we have accomplished. We have to designate a delegate and an alternate for this meeting; Madame President will do this at the meeting under New Business.

There is also going to be a Silent Auction at District. I will make a motion at the meeting that we participate and if the motion carries we will need someone to make the basket. The Silent Auction has enabled donations of over \$3,000 to the district project for the last several administrations. Each club has been asked to donate at least one themed basket/purse worth at least \$25. We are welcome to donate more than one. The new category this year is food goodies. Ideas that have been given are a special cake on a nice cake plate; a basket of home-made jams, jellies or pickles; breads or other baked goods. The recipe can be provided if you are willing to share. The auction will be from 8:30 - 9:45 am and again after the morning session. The money raised will be split 50% for the district project and 50% for the general budget. The district project is the VCU Massey Cancer Center – help for lymphodema patients. Compression garments for swollen limbs can cost as much as \$150 and the funds go to help women who need them, but can't afford to purchase them. Madame President needs members for the District Nominating Committee; this is the Committee that selects who is nominated for the next District Junior Director, Assistant Junior Director and Secretary/Treasurer for 2012-2014. If anyone from the Club would like to be on this committee, please let Madame President know. She already has a representative to be on the State Nominating

Committee, so this person would only have to assist with District nominations.

Convention

GFWC VA LEADS applications are due to our District President by March 1. This is a great opportunity to interact with other Clubwomen across the state. In the past this focused mostly on Federation, but this LEADS will be different as more life-coping skills will be focused on, like how to be a clubwoman and a working mom...that sort of thing.

At Convention, there will be a table of gently used jewelry for purchase. If you have jewelry that you would like to donate, please give it to Madame President by the April Meeting. Also at Convention, several watches will be raffled off; the price range is from \$50-\$200. In front of each watch will be a bag. You buy your raffle tickets and then put them in the bag that you want a chance to win from. The Junior Fun Night at Convention will be a BINGO Bash. The prize in each game is either Silpada jewelry, a Vera Wang item or a Longaberger item; the final game will have all three.

Southeastern Region Meeting

The Southeastern Region Meeting will be in Kentucky this year on November 4-6. The SER fundraiser is selling donated new or gently used Christmas ornaments. Keep this in mind for later in the year, however, if anyone wants to donate ornaments now please give them to Lori Chevalier.



Stephanie Griffin, Lori Chevalier, and Mary Kaye Owen are out bright and early for street clean up.

3rd VP Sheila Ridout

Hi all ~ I hope that your valentines were all sweet to you! Depending on when you receive/read Tidings, I hope that you're planning on attending our chocolate & shopping social and are planning on bringing a friend or 2 (prospective member or not) OR you did and had a good time. Monday's meeting would be a great follow-up to the social for any prospective member.

On the horizon, I'm planning on an Easter Egg Hunt (possibly the day before Easter?), a girl's game night (for late March?), a potluck dinner/game night for couples/friends (early May?), and an "at-home" movie night (for mid-late May). If you're willing to open your home for any of these PLEASE let me know, and we'll set a date. Also, if anyone wants to do a movie night (at the theatre) and would like to be the point of contact, let me know; or I can set something up, but won't likely be able to join you.

Don't forget to bring something to the February meeting for your secret pal (\$5-\$8). Everyone either selected a name at the January meeting or was sent one via email. If you didn't receive one, please let me know ASAP so that I can reforward it.

Want to get more out of your membership? Make time to attend the Southside District Spring meeting on Saturday, March 19th (in Wakefield) or even the GFWC VA Convention the last weekend of April (in Richmond). Both will be a lot of fun and are a great way to see how our club fits into the bigger picture. And *hopefully* there will be lots of opportunity to cheer as we win some awards! Lots of activities going on at each of the meetings, and you can stay for as much or as little as you're able. I'd love to tell you more about either meeting if you're interested.

Make the most of your days! Looking forward to seeing you (and guests!) at the meeting!!!

Happy Birthday



January 21st – Stephanie Griffin
February 4th – Denise Price
February 27th – Tammy Collins

Women's Health Christine Weston

Alright ladies dig deep in those purses and fetch out those pennies. We are collecting Pennies for Patients. This is a campaign to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. We will be collecting any loose change that you have to donate for the cause. We want to fill 3 or 4 collection small collection boxes.

Tell Congress No Cuts to Domestic Violence Services



The House of Representatives is currently considering cuts to all federal programs, including the Violence Against Women Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, and the Victims of Crime Act.

The demand for these services currently outweighs the available resources, so funding cuts would be devastating for victims who use these lifesaving programs.

Take a few minutes to contact your Representative and urge him or her to preserve current funding for VAWA, FVPSA, and VOCA.

Find your Representative at www.House.gov, call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121, and ask to be transferred to your Representative's office.

For more information on VAWA, FVPSA, and VOCA funding, or visit <http://www.nnedv.org/docs/Policy/fy11briefingbook.pdf> to read a briefing book published by the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

Education Nicole Hancock

Motions to be made at the February meeting:

- I move to donate an amount not the exceed \$25.00 to the Prince George High School After Prom.
- I move to participate in the Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Hopewell Public Library and donate an amount not to exceed \$40.00.

Discussion: The "Seuss Celebration" is scheduled for Friday, March 4th from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. The plan is to have cake or cupcakes, a "Cat in the Hat" hat craft and probably 2 read-aloud books. The librarian believes that 40 people would be a good estimate for the minimum attendance; however, last year proved that many people were interested. They have enough supplies for the hats, but would love to have extra people to help with the craft. They still need one guest reader. We could help with the refreshments – tentatively, cake and punch. I was thinking about buying a cake from Sam's Club and punch to donate to the event. Or, because they haven't decided on the refreshments, perhaps we could donate money to the event and let the library provide the refreshments. I am open for suggestions and will be in touch again with Janet Anderson, the librarian in charge on the event.

- I move that we provide a Scholarship to a Hopewell High School 2011 graduate in the amount of \$1000.00.
- I move that we provide a scholarship to a tri-city 2011 graduate in the amount of \$500.00.
- I move that we provide the Hopewell High School scholarship recipient with a gift not to exceed \$25.00.
- I move that we provide the tri-city scholarship recipient with a gift not to exceed \$25.00.

Discussion: These are our annual scholarships. The tri-city scholarship will include the schools of Prince George High School, Thomas Dale High School, and Colonial Heights High School.

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell Scholarship application could go out next month. During the scholarship meeting held on January 26, 2011, we discussed some possible changes to the scholarship process and application. Please be

Upcoming Events

» February 28

7:00
1st Baptist
Regular Club Mtg

» March 12

8:30am
Short Pump T.C.
Free to Breathe 5K

» March 19

Southside District Meeting!

Full calendar of events at:

<http://gfwchopewelljuniors.org/events>

ready to discuss your view during the February meeting.

How do you perceive the goal or club philosophy behind these scholarships? In determining the recipient what factors should take precedence over others? The application, as it is currently written, denotes three criteria – grades consistent with Honor Roll, financial need, and leadership as demonstrated through school, extracurricular activities, and community service. Which of these areas should hold the most weight when determining the recipient?

Application FORMAT

These are possible changes to the format of the application...

Currently, applicants must answer three response questions. We discussed introducing a fourth question that would address community service (something such as, "if you could donate to a community service organization, how would you

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donate and why?"). We also discussed changing the responses to one out of three in addition to the community service question or two out of three in addition to the community service question. This would shift the focus to community service, thus addressing the heart of our organization. Do you have an idea for a response question? How do you feel about the number of response questions? Please contribute at the February meeting.

Another potential change that was mentioned involved references. Some concern was expressed about the "canned," automatic response that comes in the form of a reference letter. In order to get a more candid letter of reference, we thought that a change from "Teacher Reference" to "Reference" (in general) *nickels* would help. Sunday school teachers, employers, neighbors, other non-academic references, as well as teacher references would be accepted.

Finally, we thought that adding the questions, "do you work? how many hours per week?" would help provide perspective when evaluating activities and volunteer hours.

Application PROCESS

These are possible changes to the application process...

We would like to try an electronic application and submission instead of only accepting paper copies. One paper copy will be provided to the guidance offices at the schools for them to make copies, if need be. The application can be filled out entirely online. A transcript request form would need to be printed and submitted to the guidance office. I would pick those up and attach them to the online applications.

Reference forms would also be available online and mailed to us or submitted with the transcripts.

If we agree to the electronic application process, the application could be available relatively soon.

Applicants could fill out and submit the application until the due date. I plan on emailing or mailing the guidance counselors around April 25, so that they can get the application to students and advertise this scholarship. Last year, the guidance offices suggested a date closer to the submission deadline (ie, mid to end of April) because students don't get into scholarship mode until that time. The deadline for submission will be May 17 and our scholarship meeting will be Thursday, May 19.

Finally, we could advertise the scholarship through

several media. We can publicize the scholarship, website for electronic form, and due date in a newspaper article, on facebook, and through the schools.

Please have your ideas ready so that we can make any necessary changes to scholarship application. Also, please contribute to the development of a club philosophy/goal so that we can make the best determination of who should receive this scholarship. I look forward to discussing this wonderful opportunity for the young people in our area!

Recipe Corner

Melissa Brewer

Tomato Canapés

3/4 c. finely diced tomatoes
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh basil leaves
1 package mini fillo shells (found in freezer section)
1/4 c. mayonnaise
2 teaspoons finely diced onion
1/2 teaspoon The Lady's House Seasoning (recipe to follow)
1/2 c. packed shredded mozzarella
4 tbsp. real bacon pieces

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Place diced tomatoes in a colander. Sprinkle with onions, basil, and House seasoning, and toss to coat. Allow to drain stirring occasionally. Fill each fillo shell with a scant tablespoon of the tomato mixture. Stir together mozzarella and mayonnaise. Sprinkle each shell with 1/4 teaspoon of bacon pieces. Bake filled shells for 10-12 minutes. Serve hot or refrigerate.

House Seasoning:

1 cup salt
1/4 cup black pepper
1/4 cup garlic powder

Mix ingredients together and store in air tight container for up to 6 months.