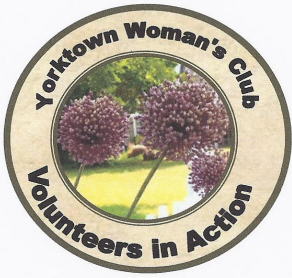


December, 2015



The Town Crier

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 14, (Monday)**
Christmas Luncheon
11:30 AM at the Arbors
- Dec 18** Night Division
Holiday Party 7:00 PM
at the home of Karin Herdy
- Jan 6** Board Meeting,
9:00 AM, Yorkminster
Presbyterian

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President's Corner



"Together we can do great things, which none of us alone could imagine!"

The weather has turned chilly and the winds of winter are near. My mind turns to the holiday season of Christmas and the joy we feel at this time of year! Yesterday, I received news that one of my closest friends died after a short, but painful, battle with cancer. The reality of life's fleeting nature makes this season all the more important. I realize that each of us see the lights of Christmas through lenses created by our life experiences. Our family, our church, our friends, our schooling, joys and disappointments all create these lenses. We get comfortable and complacent that our lens is the correct and right view on the world. This is normalizing by our comfort with people who see the world in a similar way as we. It seems to me that the world is seen through billions of different lenses. That being true, the best way to continue to learn and grow is through open discussion of what we see and what others see. In effect we increase the depth of our lenses by looking at the world through the eyes of others. In this faulted world of hatred and lack of compassion, this allows us to embrace the Christmas spirit of love for our fellow man and woman. May this Holiday season bring growth, love and warmth to you and your family.

December 5 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Yorktown Christmas Market on Main will occur. We will have a booth to sell our crafts. We need people to help set-up, conduct sales, and to break down. Jane May and Pat Sappenfield head up our effort

December 12, White House Santa's Sleigh trip to see the Christmas Decorations was scheduled for 8:30 AM. **There is no way we could arrive on time, so we will have no bus for this trip.** Sue Gorski has already contacted all who signed up to attend.

December 14 Christmas Luncheon at the Arbors in Port Warwick. Cost is \$19.50 and must be **paid to Gloria Gori by December 10.**

December 15 Please give your Volunteer hours to all Committee Chairs, so they may be counted for 2015

January 6, 2016 All Chairperson Reports are due to Linda Avery for the 2015 year. (January 1- December 31)



*Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year!
May you see the lights through many changing lenses!*

Linda Avery, President

Volunteers in Action

Affiliations:

GFWC



VFWC



Tidewater District





Christmas items hand-crafted by YWC will be on sale at this event



Crafters at work making decorations for the Yorktown Christmas Market.

YWC Crafts for Sale at Yorktown Christmas Market

YWC will be there when the Town Crier rings in the 10th Annual Yorktown Christmas Market on Main Street, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Christmas Market features arts and crafts vendors with unique shopping opportunities including **OUR CHRISTMAS BOWS**. We will have a booth and sell the beautiful bows, along with other items crafted by our talented members in November. If you can volunteer to man the booth for a 90 minute shift, please contact Jane May or Pat Sappenfield. If you can't, please come and shop and tell everyone you know about the bows we will sell for only \$3.50. Come and catch the Christmas Spirit with strolling entertainment and Santa's arrival.

Jane May, 1st VP

Holiday Craft Workshop a Fun Fundraising Event

The Christmas Crafts Workshop on November 16th at St. Joan of Arc was a huge success! Thanks to help and instructions from Marilyn Zink, approximately 120 wreath bows were assembled. Those who tended to get tangled in the ribbon were busy at work decorating cinnamon ornaments, assembling packages of reindeer food and making bird seed ornaments. Several of our talented seamstresses brought their sewing machines and made beautiful holiday table runners.

All of these items, along with some surprise handcrafted items will be available for sale at the Yorktown Christmas Market on Main on December 5th. There was even an opportunity to do some holiday shopping for those at the workshop as gift cards and gift donations from our Yorktown Day supporters were available for purchase. Approximately \$ was raised from this sale and will go back into our Yorktown Day fund for next year. Thank you to all of our talented and industrious members!

Debra Walsh, 2nd VP

December Court Docent Schedule

Thanks to the following ladies who have volunteered to serve as a Court Docents for the month of December:

December 1	Carol Scott,	December 8	Sandy Molineaux,
December 10	Gladys Wagner	December 15	Libby Smith.

We will then break until January 12, 2016. If you are looking for something new and rewarding to do in the New Year, consider working with the docent program.

Ellen Raffetto and Marilyn Staton Co-Chairs

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings Collected

Thanks to our members who will make Christmas a little brighter for some local children in need by filling a Salvation Army Christmas stocking. Thirty five stockings were filled

for children who would not have a Christmas without your generosity. All stocking must be returned to Jane May or Pat Sappenfield not later than December 3rd.

Jane May, 1st VP



Yorktown Woman's Club
Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 14th

11:30 AM

The Arbors at Port Warwick
1100 William Styron Square South
Newport News

The cost is \$19.50 and includes salad, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea.

A wine bar will be available.

Menu selections include:

**Chicken Picatta with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables
Spiced Tilapia & beer battered Gulf shrimp, mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables**

Flat Iron steak with tobacco onions, mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables.

Contact Gloria Gori at 898-9036 by Dec. 10th for reservations.

Take a few hours off from the holiday rush and join us for a relaxing time with good friends.



Our support goes out to all members experiencing loss, or illness, including Libby Smith, Marty Gardner, Berta Cole and Susan Hensley.

If you know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital let Pat Sappenfield or Linda Avery know so we can send our well wishes.

Learn to Relax at the January Meeting

The program at our January 18 meeting will feature Senior Yoga. Tina Holter, will lead us in a session of "Chair Yoga". She will teach and share information about chair yoga including breathing, yoga moves, relaxation, and laughing yoga. Anyone can do this! Wear comfortable clothes and relax after the hectic holidays with us!



Treasurer's Report

Carol Childs, Treasurer

November 1—30, 2015

Operations Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5353.22</u>
Deposits	\$ 450.04
Expenses	\$ 636.04
Ending Balance	<u>\$5167.22</u>

Projects Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$21,379.89</u>
Deposits	\$781.12
Expenses	\$ 31.10
Ending Balance	<u>\$22,129.91</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$27,297.12

Add Up Those Hours—It's Reporting Time

It's reporting time -that time of year where we take stock of the many accomplishments of our club and the many, many hours and contributions donated to make them a reality. While that hour you spent recycling newspapers or preparing a dish for the Veteran's picnic might not seem worth reporting, when it's added to the hours other individuals nationwide are working on Conservation and Public Issues it becomes a powerful force. Last year our members contributed over 6,800 hours working on projects and volunteering in the community. A list of organizations supported by YWC can be found in your yearbook along with the Chair of the Community Service Program who collects this information. Hours worked for these organizations, as well as for YWC, may be counted as volunteer hours. Please take time to review this list and turn in the volunteer hours worked to the CSP or Committee Chair by December 15th.

Celebrate a Yorktown Christmas

[Christmas Tree Lighting](#) Friday, Dec. 4 (7:30 PM) Riverwalk Landing. A tradition continues with the Yorktown Christmas Tree Lighting. Highlights include a 7 pm performance by The Fifes and Drums at the Victory Monument, festive music, procession of lights through the village, and the arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus.

[Christmas Market on Main](#) Saturday, Dec. 5 (10:00AM- 3:00PM) Main Street. Featuring arts & crafts vendors, **including our very own Yorktown Woman's Club**, strolling music, & a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

[Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade](#) Saturday, Dec. 5 (7:00 PM) Water Street. Decorated boats compete for prizes in a floating parade of lights, caroling around a beach bonfire, music & hot cider.

[Toyland Parade](#) Saturday, Dec. 12 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Riverwalk Landing. Decorate a stroller, yourself, or a pet and join in the parade. Santa & Mrs. Claus will appear. The Fifes and Drums will lead the parade, and the Polar Express will chug through Riverwalk!

The Birthday Girls



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Best Wishes to all of our members celebrating birthdays during December.

Gay Knox	12/06
Lynda Burton	12/19
Libby Smith	12/19
Shirley Ludi	12/22
Betty Dexter	12/23
Gladys Wagner	12/25



Membership

Invite your friends to consider joining

Yorktown Woman's Club. We are always looking for new members interested in supporting the community. The Christmas Luncheon would be a wonderful time to include a friend.

Gloria Gori, Membership

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