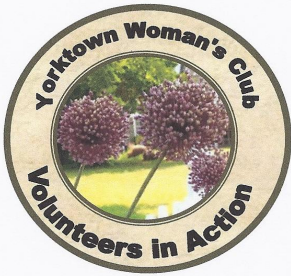


March, 2016



The Town Crier

Mark Your Calendar

March 21 General Membership Meeting
10:30 Yorktown Library

March 24 Night Division Meeting 6:00 at Ken Mathews Garden Center

April 6 Board Meeting, 9:00 AM, Yorkminster Presbyterian

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President's Corner

March has arrived! Can the warm breezes of Spring be far behind? Our February events were well attended and very successful. February left us with great bluster and a scarred landscape. I am thankful that we are all safe. During the Spring, the Earth comes alive once again. With the blooming of trees and flowers comes a fresh perspective on possibilities and the beauty of life. We, too, should allow ourselves to "Spring" into action, renewing our commitment to ourselves, family and community. Remember, "You are Somebody!"



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- **March 21** 10:30 Conservation CSP will be hostess for our Woman's History Event, Learn more about the role of a very important woman in Yorktown's history. Details are elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- **April 2** Tidewater District spring Meeting will be held at Atlantic Shores Retirement Community from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. This meeting includes installation of new officers for the District, District Awards to clubs, and Club display tables. Let me know By March 15 if you would like to join our club at his event. (ywcnews@cox.net)
- At the April meeting we will vote in our new slate of officers who will be sworn in at the May Luncheon. Please try to attend these meetings and show your support to our Club.
- **Save the Date: May 6-8 GFWCVA State Convention will be held at the Doubletree in Williamsburg. Tidewater District is hosting this event.** I have been designated as the Tidewater Chairperson for this convention. We need member support to complete all tasks. Please, plan to attend if you are able. Jane May is our club coordinator for volunteer opportunities at this event. She will be contacting you before long!
- **GFWC international Convention is June 25-29 in Baltimore.** We are trying to get a group together to attend. More on this next month!!

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Linda Avery, President



Volunteers in Action

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Tidewater District





Do you recognize this building? Learn why it is so important to Yorktown at our March meeting.



Above: Lynda Burton, Linda Avery and Connie Jones man the raffle table. Below: The gentlemen enjoy the sweet and savory treats.



Learn About the Heroine of Yorktown

Come celebrate Woman's History month at our next meeting on March 21st and discover the woman who saved Yorktown. Do you know who she was and what she did to preserve our Yorktown? Join us as Jennifer Carver, First Vice Regent, Comte de Grasse Chapter of DAR, tells the story of this remarkable woman known as the heroine of Yorktown.

Please note that the meeting be at the **Yorktown Library** on Rt. 17 in the meeting room. We will begin at **10:30** instead of our usually 10:00 start time. The Conservation Community Service Program is hosting this program and we all hope to see you there!

Jane May, 1st Vice President

Thanks to All for a Divine Chocolate Evening

The Chocolate and Savory Evening at the Hornsby House is always a very special event. Maybe this should be known as the Carol Childs' event as it was her idea four years ago. Thank you, Carol!

This year we have many people on the committee to thank for their creativity and diligence in carrying out all of the preparations for a delightful evening: Grace Wetzel for the stunning stained glass flower arrangement sold on the silent auction, Linda Burton & Connie Jones who put together the basket of delectable items which were part of the raffle, Debra Walsh for her exceptional creative computer skills. She used the beautiful drawing done by Susan Nagy as our theme for flowers and food. It was used on the tickets sold for the event. Connie Jones & Harriett Saunders did an outstanding job of taking in tickets, giving out the silent auction numbers and tickets for the drawing. I was extremely impressed with their efficiency and calm manner. Carol Childs and Marilyn Staton came in early on Sunday morning to set up and decorate the dining table. A big thank you goes to both Twyla & John Op-

penhuizen who purchased and made the shrimp, all six pounds!

In addition to the committee, a big thank you goes to all of the talented and dedicated ladies in our club who contributed generously of their time and talent. The table was beautifully decorated with their bountiful delights. Thanks to everyone's efforts the event raised approximately \$1,600 which will go toward our scholarship awards. It was so much fun to work and laugh with all of you as we made the evening very special.

I know you want to join with me as we thank David & Philip Bowditch for the use of their beautiful B&B and the generous offer of an evening at the Hornsby House and a copy of their mother's cookbook placed on the silent auction. Marian Bowditch was a charter member of YWC. I know she would be proud to host this lovely YWC charity evening in her home.

WHAT FUN WE HAD JOINING TOGETHER.

Gail King, Event Chair

Right: Stained Glass donated by Grace Wetzel



March Court Docent Schedule

The docents for March are: March 1, Lois Bates; March 3, Gladys Wagner; March 8, Nancy Van Camp; March 10, Ellen Raffetto; March 15, Marilyn Staton. Thank you ladies for donating your time. We always welcome

new docent volunteers.

If you think you'd like to get involved, or want to know more, come join us as a shadow. We'd love to show you what it's all about.

Marilyn Staton & Ellen Raffetto, Docent Co-Chairs

Winners Announced at Art Show

The room was filled to capacity with students, teachers, friends and family to celebrate the accomplishments of our York County School award winners at the YWC Annual Art Show on February 16th.

Talented York County students from kindergarten through grade 12 participated in the competition. All schools were well represented with 91 student pieces of art submitted for judging. Of these, 41 pieces received first place in their category and were displayed during the show. All first place winners were recognized individually and awarded certificates and ribbons to the applause of friends and family. Best-in-show honors were awarded in each of four grade groupings : K – 2 Emma Terry, Grades 3 – 5 Madelyn Doherty, Grades 6 – 8 Tri Cartwright, and Grades 9 – 12 Alyssa Shay. Each Best-in-Show student winner received a \$50 cash award. YWC members also participated in

their own art and crafts categories in the show. Barbara Pitts won awards for four photos and Margie Dumas won an award for her quilted table runner. Congratulations to all!

All Best-in-Show pieces will go to the District Art Show at the Newport News Woman's Clubhouse on March 5th to be judged for district awards. If you didn't get a chance to see the winners at our show, take the opportunity to view them there from 1:00 to 3:00.

In recognition of National Woman's Heart Health month, members wore red and distributed information about heart health as they greeted and congratulated the attendees at the reception.

A special thanks goes to the Night Division which hosted a colorful and delicious cupcake reception afterwards. Leftover goodies were delivered to the very appreciative firemen on duty at the local fire station that evening.

Ginny Napier, Arts Chair

Work Begins on Scholarship Awards

The Education Community Service Program has begun work on the annual scholarship awards. Guidance counselors in each high school have been contacted and given information and applications to provide to graduating seniors. If you know of a deserving senior, please invite them to apply. Applications are also available on our website. All applications are due in April for evaluation by the committee. We are proud to be able to help our local graduates this year with scholarships totaling \$3,000.

Sue Gorski, Education

Nominating Committee News

We will be voting on officers to serve for the 2016—2018 term at our April meeting. The nominating committee has composed the following slate of officers for consideration:

President: Jane May

1st Vice President: Marilyn Staton

2nd Vice President: vacant

Recording Secretary: Lois Bates

Corr. Secretary: Pat Sappenfield,

Treasurer: Ellen Raffetto

Historian: Gail King & Mary Moore

Chaplain: Sharon Stephens

Member-at-Large: Mary Moore.

We are still in need of a 2nd Vice President. The primary responsibility of this position is to publish the annual yearbook which is based on an existing Access Database. Former officers are available for assistance with this task. It is not required that you progress from this position to higher office. Please contact Carol Childs, Nominating Chair, if you would be interested in this position.



Top: Ginny Napier with Best-in-Show winners, Emma Terry, Madelyn Doherty and Alyssa Shay. Bottom: Madelyn Doherty displays her winning en-



Our support goes out to all members experiencing loss, or illness, including Martha Copes, Robin Milewski, Sandy Renner, Roselyn Washburn, Lucinda Brackman and Sue Wheeler.

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.



Treasurer's Report

Carol Childs, Treasurer

February 1—29, 2016

Operations Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$3,629.87</u>
Deposits	\$.04
Expenses	\$ 74.84
Ending Balance	<u>\$3,555.07</u>

Projects Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$15,947.81</u>
Deposits	\$ 715.12
Expenses	\$1,529.88
Ending Balance	<u>\$15,133.05</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$18,688.12</u>

Textiles Around the Globe Topic of Night Division Program

Our March meeting will be on Thursday, the 24th at 7 P.M. at the home of Rosemary Stacpoole in Yorktown. Rosemary is a wonderful source of interesting things that she gathered while living in many foreign countries.

For our meeting, she is going to

focus on "Textiles from Around the World." We will have coffee, tea and desserts. Please call me at 988-1006 if you can attend and/ or need directions to her house.

You won't want to miss it!

Twyla Oppenhuizen, Night Division Co-Chair

Going Red for Woman's Heart Health



Members attending the annual art show dressed out in red to support Woman's Heart Health Month and the Go Red for Women project. Heart disease and stroke kill one in three women yet it is 80% preventable. Promoting awareness of the signs, symptoms and danger of this disease is a GFWC goal. We were glad to be able to help!

The Birthday Girls



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

Sue Gorski	3/03
Noel Estridge	3/09
Joanne Van Riper	3/11
Ellie Mitchell	3/22

Meal Schedule for Lackey Free Clinic

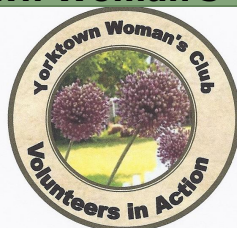
Yorktown Woman's Club will be providing dinner for the volunteers at Lackey Free Clinic on Thursday, March 24th. Thanks to those who signed up to provide a main dish, salad or dessert: Carol Childs, Lois Bates, Pat Sappenfield, Martha Copes and Connie Jones. Volunteers are still needed for May 26th. Please let me know if you are able to help or would like more information about this project.

Pat Adams, Homelife Chair

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