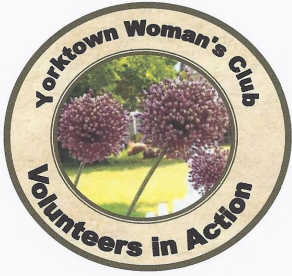


September, 2016



# The Town Crier

## Mark Your Calendar

- Sept 15** VA Symphony Under the Stars
- Sept 19** General Meeting
- Sept 24** District Training
- Oct 5** Board Meeting 9:00
- Oct 17** Yorktown Day Stew Committee
- Oct 18** Yorktown Workday for all YWC
- Oct 19** YTD Brunswick Stew Fundraiser
- Oct 20** President's Council
- Oct 29** Tidewater Reporting Workshop
- Nov 2** YWC Board Mtg
- Nov 4-6** Southeast Region Conference

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## President's Corner

Welcome Everyone! Summer is ending and Yorktown Woman's Club (YWC) is starting its 68<sup>th</sup> year! It is due to the dedication and support of members like you that the club succeeds each year. Thank you to each of my board members for volunteering to serve the next 2 years with me. A very special thank you to our past presidents and their boards.

In June, Linda Avery and I attended the General Federation of Woman's Clubs International Convention. I am proud to say that your Yorktown Woman's Club is part of this great organization. The GFWC presents a powerful voice against human trafficking and supports equal pay for equal work and other legislation. Check out the GFWC Legislation website <http://cgrcengage.com/gfwc/home>.

Sept. 3 - We had planned to attend Symphony Under the Stars. However, Tropical Storm Hermine called the tunes and played "cancel the event." This event has been rescheduled to Sept. 15th so stay tuned.

Sept. 7 - You provided side dishes and assisted veterans at the Rotary Club's Veterans Picnic and Fishing Trip. Fish or no fish, you will not find a happy group of fisherman ever. They are grateful to *bee* out of the hospital for a day. Thanks to all who helped show those who gave so much that they are not forgotten.

Sept. 19 - First General Meeting will *bee* our annual potluck dinner at Grace Episcopal Church. Your spouse and guests are invited. Home Life Committee is hosting.

October is just around the corner. On October 19<sup>th</sup> every year, we serve a Brunswick Stew Luncheon which is our major fundraiser. We have done this for over 50 years!!! Please *bee* part of the hive and ready to lend a hand.

We will *bee* a *beehive* of activity but let's not forget to have fun!

Jane May  
President, Yorktown Woman's Club



*"A hive of activity, a swarm of volunteers, honey for all!"*

## Volunteers in Action

Affiliations:

GFWC



VFWC



Tidewater District





**YTD Committee Chairs**

Our Co-Chairs for Yorktown Day and our newly appointed Committee Chairs are already working to insure smooth sailing for our annual event. Yorktown Day will be co-chaired this year by Jane May and Marilyn Staton. Following is a list of the committee chairs.

**Fundraising**

.....Connie Jones

**Biscuits**

.....Gladys Wagner

.....Sharon Stack

**Stew..** Lynda Burton

.....Mary Moore

**Pie ....** Sue Gorski,

.....Martha Copes

**Little Patriot Meals**

.....Linda Crane

**Table Decorations**

.....Mariann Edwards

**Street Hostess**

.....Linda Avery

**Entry Table**

.....Barbara Pitts

**Table Hostess**

.....Rae Hinderliter

**Serving Line**

.....Pat Sappenfield

.....Kaye Moore

**Inventory:**

.....Merle Burgess

.....Marilyn Staton

**Drinks** Gracie Wetzel

**Cashiers**

..... Ellen Raffetto

**New Member's Guide to Yorktown Day**

Yorktown Day, October 19<sup>th</sup> marks the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's decisive Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown which effectively secured independence for the American colonies. The day will be celebrated with a parade, wreath laying, and military demonstrations, but the highlight of the day is the annual Yorktown Woman's Club Brunswick Stew Luncheon! For over 50 years our club has served this homemade stew and it has become our signature fund-raising event. Dressed in colonial costume our members serve our Brunswick stew, ham biscuits and homemade pies to Yorktown Day visitors.

Each member participates by contributing 2 pies or 2 dozen cookies and working on a committee. The stew committee meets on two days before Yorktown Day preparing and cooking gallons of Brunswick stew. The biscuit committee prepares hundreds of ham biscuits while the pie committee slices and packages the delicious homemade pies baked by our members. Everyone comes in Colonial dress on October 19<sup>th</sup> to set up and serve the meal, decorate tables, greet visitors, total bills, clear tables, and clean up. It is a long, but extremely rewarding and fun day. Look for your committee assignments as an attachment to this newsletter. You will be contacted by your committee chair with details soon.

*Marilyn Staton, YTD Co-Chair*

**Notes for Yorktown Day**

You will find your committee assignments in an attachment to this newsletter. If anyone needs to change an assignment, please contact Jane May and she can make a change. We are flexible. Please bring any extra dresses to the pot luck dinner on September 19<sup>th</sup> so that we can share them with anyone who needs a costume. We need many bamboo trays. If you have some that we can use, it

would be much appreciated. Please put your name on the back. Our prep day will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18 beginning at 9:00 am in the Parrish Hall of Grace Episcopal Church. Pies can be brought between 8:30 and 9:00 am and checked in with the pie chair. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jane May at 867-6717. We will be making a presence in the community and hope that all members enjoy the day.

*Marilyn Staton, YTD Co-Chair*

**Covered Dish Dinner to Kick Off Our New Year**

Our "Welcome Back" annual Covered Dish Dinner will be held Sept.19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Grace Episcopal's Social Hall. Please bring a dish to share and have it there by 6 pm. Dinner will start at 6:30 promptly. Our Home Life Committee will serve as hostesses and our Hospitality Committee will provide beautiful table decorations. A fun evening is planned for all with raffles, door prizes and auctions which will include a stained glass art piece by Grace Wetzel. Husbands and guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our speaker will be Katie Patrick, Agency Services Director from the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. She will speak about their mission to minimize hunger and promote nutrition for those in need in our area. We will be collecting canned goods and paper grocery bags at the meeting in support of the Food Bank. Please bring what you can. Come out and support the club, Yorktown Day is only a few weeks away— get the latest info. There may even be a few colonial dresses available if you come early! Hope to see you there.

*Carol Childs, Home Life Chair*

## Ship of Dreams to Sail at Symphony Under Stars

Symphony Under the Stars is rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15. Our picnic theme this year is "Ship of Dreams" and we plan to launch the "Ship of Dreams" and set sail for a fun and relaxing evening. Events begin at 6:00, but plan to join us early to set up and picnic. We will be serving refreshments

to the musicians during intermission so wear club colors (purple and green). Bring, your beverage of choice, and a dish to share along with lawn chairs and a small table, if you have one. Don't miss this wonderful event!



Our support goes out to all members experiencing illness, loss, or difficult times, including Dove Barton, Berda Cole, Martha Copes, Twyla Oppenhuizen, Libby Smith and to Joyce Knox in the loss of her husband.

If you know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital let Sharon Stack or Jane May know so we can send our well wishes.

## Yorktown Day Committee News

### Pie Committee

*Sue Gorski, Chair*

Each year Yorktown Day visitors come to our luncheon looking for our homemade pies and cookies. Following is information everyone needs to know as they prepare these items. Each member is responsible for furnishing 2 pies or 24 cookies. Bring them to Grace Episcopal Church on October 18th, by 1:30 PM. Pies should be cool when you bring them and cookies should be packaged 2 to a Ziploc bag. The Pie Committee will cut and package the pies.

Two very popular pies are pecan and Japanese fruit pie. However, apple, cherry, or blueberry are also good choices. Due to Health Department rules, **we cannot accept any cream pies, lattice top pies or store pre-baked pies!**

If you do not make pies from scratch consider baking a commercial pie. Mrs. Smith and Marie Callendar pies work well. Or instead of pies, a few ladies may wish to make cookies – at least 2 dozen or more are needed per person. Recipes are on our website at <http://ywcnews.com/> for cookies and the Japanese fruit pie.

If you do not bake at all you contribute the cost of 2 pies which equals \$16.00, prior to October 18th. This should be paid to Ellen Raffetto, Treasurer. The pies will have to be made or purchased and baked by fellow members.

### Stew Committee

*Lynda Burton, Chair*

Mary Moore and I welcome each of you assigned to this committee for YTD. It is truly a great group of members who work hard and have lots of fun in the process! It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other. This committee will meet on Monday, October 17th to pick chicken, peel potatoes, and begin the stew process. We will meet again at on Tuesday,

Oct. 18th to cook and finish the stew. We will meet at 2:30 pm on both days at York High School Kitchen to prepare our famous stew. Mary and I will personally contact each of you to go over the entire process and check your availability during the later part of September. Please don't hesitate to call either of us with questions,

### Drink Committee

*Grace Wetzel, Chair*

Hello Ladies from the Yorktown Day Drink Committee. This year we will have both hot and cold drinks sold under the same tent, like last year. Members, if you have an ice chest we can use, let me know. Please put your name on it with tape, so I can make sure you get it back. I have to buy over 20 bags of ice, plus extra ice for the men, to help with the stew. **ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING ONLY ONE GALLON OF TEA, SWEET OR UN-SWEETENED WITH THEM, on October 19.** We will be selling can sodas, and bottle water only. Cups of tea, coffee, or water come with the meal. Please, contact me if you have any questions at [gracewetzel@cox.net](mailto:gracewetzel@cox.net)

### Night Division Meeting Date Changed

The September meeting of the Night Division has been re-scheduled due to the change in the date of Symphony Under the Stars. We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 29th at the home of Karen Herdy at 7 pm. The group will discuss their "summer reading assignment," [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#). We are looking forward to a lively discussion!



## Treasurer's Report

June 1—August 31, 2016

### Operations Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$5,526.39</b>
Deposits	\$935.16
Expenses	\$504.45
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5,957.10</b>

### Projects Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$15,537.44</b>
Deposits	\$ 0.35
Expenses	\$ 3,914.65
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$11,623.14</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS: \$17,580.24**

## Spotlight on the Education Committee

Being on the YWC Education Committee is a pleasure and joy. Each year scholarship application forms are sent to the high school guidance counselors and placed in the local newspapers. Reading from their applications what many of our York County students are doing gives you a sense that our young people are doing okay.

Any York County Senior attending a 2 or 4 year Virginia college or technical school with a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale may apply. Scholarship winners are selected by our committee, and it does not have to depend on grades or need. We read all the applications and then each member selects her top three choices. From those choices, our winners are selected. The winners are asked to join us at our May Luncheon to meet our YWC members.

We are proud of all of our scholarship winners and are so pleased when we have news from them. We are especially proud of our 2010 winner, Rico Gomez from York High School.

Rico is a remarkable young man. His father was in prison and Rico was the sole caretaker for his mother until she died while he was in high school. He has achieved much coming from the background where he grew up.

Rico was able to finish Thomas Nelson and complete his first semester at ODU. However, due to

lack of funds, he had to drop out. He is working at the DOG Street Pub in Williamsburg and saving toward his next semester. He hopes to continue in the Food business.

Several years ago, Rico was in a car accident and was burned on over 50% of his body. He also received several deep wounds on his head and arm. It is a miracle that he is alive. He has recovered and continues working towards his goals in life. He may be a past scholarship winner, but we are still very proud of him and still like to be able to help him. Some members contributed toward a computer and printer the summer of his graduation. He was overjoyed and still is amazed that so many people still care about him. If you would like to help Rico, please call me or email me at [s.gorski@cox.net](mailto:s.gorski@cox.net)

Besides scholarship selection, the Education Committee also makes book donations in memory of our deceased members. Our committee is always open for new members. So come join us!

*Sue Gorski, Education Chair*



## The Birthday Girls

Best Wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays this summer.

<b>Donna Cunningham</b>	<b>06/02</b>
<b>Marilyn Staton</b>	<b>06/07</b>
<b>Ellen Raffetto</b>	<b>06/13</b>
<b>Sharon Hammer</b>	<b>06/17</b>
<b>Linda Avery</b>	<b>06/21</b>
<b>Joyce Knox</b>	<b>06/25</b>
<b>Nancy Van Camp</b>	<b>06/28</b>
<b>Jane May</b>	<b>07/05</b>
<b>Jean Woodworth</b>	<b>07/10</b>
<b>Connie Jones</b>	<b>07/12</b>
<b>Molly Day</b>	<b>07/18</b>
<b>Carol Schuster</b>	<b>07/21</b>
<b>Gidget Miller</b>	<b>07/24</b>
<b>Susan Hensley</b>	<b>07/25</b>
<b>Debra Walsh</b>	<b>07/27</b>
<b>Barbara Murphy</b>	<b>07/31</b>
<b>Patsy Coats</b>	<b>08/01</b>
<b>Kit Taylor</b>	<b>08/05</b>
<b>Grace Wetzel</b>	<b>08/05</b>
<b>Sandra Renner</b>	<b>08/07</b>
<b>Ursula Rokher</b>	<b>08/19</b>
<b>Harriett Saunders</b>	<b>08/31</b>
<b>Sheila Noll</b>	<b>09/10</b>
<b>Sally Snyder</b>	<b>09/25</b>
<b>Twyla Oppenhuizen</b>	<b>09/27</b>

## Membership News



Welcome to our new members who recently joined Yorktown Woman's Club. We look forward to meeting and working with you in the coming months.

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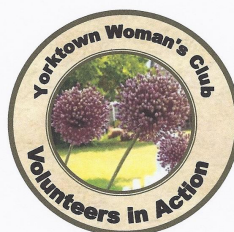
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