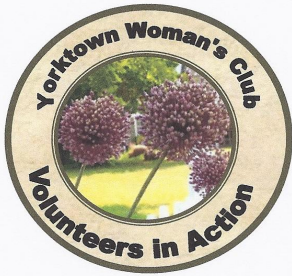


October, 2016



The Town Crier

Mark Your Calendar

- 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 Meeting
- Nov 4-6** Southeast Region Conference
- Nov 14** YWC General Meeting
- Dec 3** YWC Christmas Market Booth
- Dec 19** YWC Christmas Luncheon

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President's Corner



That stuff that keeps falling - it is not rain, it is liquid sunshine - at least that is the way I am dealing with this stuff. It just needs to be out of here on Yorktown Day, Oct. 19.

For over 50 years, members of our club don colonial bonnets, tie on aprons and cook up gallons of Brunswick to celebrate Yorktown Day. In 1964 our club was approached by the National Park Service asking us to provide food for guests and dignitaries attending the event. This request has evolved into our largest fundraiser, the Brunswick Stew Lunch!

The Brunswick Stew Luncheon is an all hands on board event! There is a great camaraderie at Yorktown Day. We work side-by-side and share the work and the laughs. Do you know that peeling potatoes and cutting onions can be fun? The fun translates into funds as our Brunswick Stew Luncheon proceeds fund our scholarships, and local and international charities. It is a busy day but it is a great day! If you have any questions about your assignment, please contact your committee chair.

Yorktown Day Preparation:

- ☐ Stew workdays start on Oct. 17 and continue on Oct. 18 at York High.
- ☐ Biscuit and Pie Committee work on the 18th at Grace Episcopal Parish Hall.
- ☐ Club members are scheduled to work on the 19th! Please notify your Committee Chair if you cannot participate.
- ☐ Each member brings 2 pies to Grace Episcopal Parish Hall on the 18th or pays \$16, so we can procure them. If you cannot make the pies, please send your check payable to Yorktown Woman's Club to: Ellen Raffetto at P.O Box 404, Yorktown, VA 23690, no later than Oct. 10th.
- ☐ If you have a colonial costume, please wear it! If you need a costume, there are some available. Contact Connie Jones 757-303-2300.

In November get crafty for Christmas. On November 14 from 9:00-3:00 at St Joan of Arc Church on Rte. 17 we will make Christmas Crafts for the Dec 3 Yorktown Christmas Market on Main. Again this year, we will make Christmas Wreath Bows. Spend an hour or the entire time - you decide. If you have craft ideas or already-made crafts you would like to donate, please let Linda Avery know as soon as possible.

Jane May, President

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

Volunteers in Action

Affiliations:

GFWC



VFWC



Tidewater District





2015 Yorktown Day Parade

Yorktown Day Committee Chairs

Questions about your committee assignments? Please contact your chairperson:

Fundraising—Connie Jones 898-7160

Biscuits—Sharon Stack 898-5343

Stew—Lynda Burton 898-5187

Pie—Sue Gorski 890-2805

Table Decorations—Gidget Miller 890-0494

Drinks—Grace Wetzel 369-8112

Street Hostess—Linda Avery 804-642-0285

Entry Table—Barbara Pitts 898-8069

Table Hostess—Rae Hinderliter 868-7609

Serving Line—Pat Sappenfield 224-0427

Cashiers—Carol Childs 898-6491



Our colonial ladies
ready to serve lunch

Yorktown Day Checklist

Yorktown Day is fast approaching and here are a few reminders:

- All people on the stew committee should be at York High School at 2:30 pm on Monday, October 17 and at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, October 18. (Parking directions in article below) Please bring an apron.
- All members are expected to bake 2 fruit or pecan pies (no cream pies or lattice top). Please have your pies at Grace Church by 9:00 am on Tuesday, October 18. It is also helpful for pie committee members to bring a knife and server.
- Each member please bring one gallon of ice tea (not refrigerated) to Grace Church.
- If you have a cooler that can be used for ice, let Grace Wetzel know.
- Please bring any bamboo trays if you have them. Be sure that your name is on the back.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- For ease of parking, plan to be at Grace Church at 8 or 8:30 am on Wednesday, October 19.
- The serving line will start at 11:00 am.
- 2016-2017 Yearbooks will be available for pick up at Grace Church if you have not gotten your copy yet.

Marilyn Staton, YTD Co-Chair



Stew Committee Notes

The Stew Committee picks 250 lbs of chicken and peels 50 lbs of potatoes and onions each year.



Welcome to all Stew Committee Members!!!! Our Team will meet on Monday, Oct. 17th, and Tuesday, Oct. 18th, at York High School kitchen at 2:30 to create the best stew ever. Each of you should have received a personal call informing you of the process. Remember to bring an apron, wear old clothes and comfortable shoes, and bring a knife or potato peeler. We will provide those lovely hair nets and gloves. Since parking is limited close to the kitchen area carpooling is encouraged. Directions are as follows: Turn into the school off Rt. 17 and make an immediate left. Go past the main entrance to the school to a circle area near the tennis courts. Parking is available to your right. If the lot is

full some spaces are available in visitor areas in front of the school. The kitchen is directly behind the school to your right. If you have any difficulty, please call Lynda Burton on her cell at 813-5968 on that day.

Expect to have great fun getting to know your fellow members, picking chicken, peeling potatoes, and putting our secret recipe together! Can you possibly think of more fun??? We actually hire the cafeteria manager at the school to assist us and supervise the process. She is wonderful!

It is like cooking at home except instead of a cup of this and that...it is 50 pounds of this and 18 gallons of that. Thank you so so much for participating in the STEW COMMITTEE!!!!

You will find it is great Fun!!! See you there.

Lynda Burton, Stew Chair

Reminders from the Pie Committee

Each member is asked to bake two pies for Yorktown Day. If you are unable to do so, you may pay \$16.00, (which is the cost of two pies) by Oct. 10th to Ellen Raffetto, Treasurer. We ask that you please do your best to bake two pies (or bring homemade cookies) for our Yorktown Day celebration. I know it is easier sometime to pay the money, but we really need for you to bake pies.

Many people, besides loving our ham biscuits and Brunswick stew, also look forward to our homemade Pies. If you can bake them and need someone to bring them to Grace Church on October 18th, please call Sue Gorski, 890-2805, and she will be happy to pick up your

Sue Gorski, Pie Committee Chair

Extra Hands Needed for Table Decorations

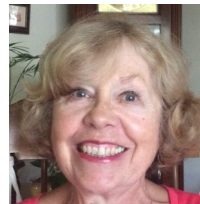
Ladies, please consider coming a bit early on Oct.19 to help Gidget Miller with the table decorations. Libby Smith is recuperating from surgery and I will be on a Danube River cruise, so she has no helpers. Gidget will need help putting the American flags on tables, as well as help decorating with the leaves, pods, and berries that colonial ladies probably used. If you have any pretty berries, pods, branches, or flowers that she could use, please call her 890-0494. Thanks ever so much!

Mariann Edwards, Table Decorations Chair

Meet Our New Members

Gina Walter

My husband Helmut and I immigrated from Germany in the 1950's. Helmut retired from the Coast Guard after his last duty tour in Juneau, AK in 1987. I enjoy gardening, long walks, aerobics, traveling and spending time with our three daughters and two granddaughters.



Michelle Pollock

I came to Virginia after HS. I was an AF military brat and left three years later to follow my Army husband around the world. Because both our families live in the area, we decided to come home to Virginia. We have 2 grown children and a cat. We lost our poodle in January.

I am an Associate Broker at Keller Williams Realty and I support my church, Abingdon Episcopal in Gloucester, as the chair person for the school food backpack program. I am also a member of the Yorktown Rotary Club, currently serving as the Secretary. When I have time, I love to travel, fish, and entertain.

Courtney Chandler

I live in Yorktown with my husband and our two daughters, age 15 and 18. They are students at York High School and Thomas Nelson Community College. I am a 5th grade teacher in Hampton City Schools and a graduate of William & Mary. My husband is a landscape contractor and a member of the Yorktown Rotary Club. I enjoy reading, fishing and playing golf. I have attended the Night Department meeting because I work during the day. I hope to be able to attend more functions in the future.



Member News

Welcome to our newest member

Sandy Tumminillo

138 Breezy Point Dr
Yorktown, VA 23692
757 898 3590
sandraft@me.com

We look forward to meeting and working with you soon!

Also, please note the new address of former member Marty Gardner who would love to hear from her YWC friends.

Marty Gardner

79 Timber Ridge Ln.
Zion Crossroads, VA
22942

Club Dues Increase

State GFWC dues will increase \$5.00 next year,. The board has recommended that YWC 2017 dues increase from \$40 to \$45 in order to cover this increase. This proposal will be voted on during the general membership meeting on November 14th.

Save the Date for a Delicious Evening

Reserve the date of January 22nd for our annual chocolate event at the Hornsby House. Time will be from 6:00-8:00. If you would like to be part of the planning and hosting committee for the event please call Gail King 968-1260. I will be organizing this committee in early

November so please call as soon as possible. It is great fun and a wonderful way to invite nonmembers who love a party and may want to join YWC. All funds, after expenses, go to charity

Gail King, Event Chair

Court Docent Program Back in Session

The Court Docent program is back in session and five new docents have come on board: Ginny Napier, Sue Nagy, Terry Hanson, Gail King, and Pat Adams. Welcome! Our upcoming docents are:

10/11 Ginny Napier	10/12 Linda Avery	10/18 Carol Scott,
10/20 Susan Nagy,	10/25 Pat Adams	10/26 Marilyn Staton,
10/27 Mariann Edwards		

If you are interested in shadowing one of these ladies and finding out about this rewarding activity, see the article below or contact Ellen Raffetto, Court Docent Chair.

Public Issues CSP Overview

Participating in the Public Issues Community Service Program is an opportunity for members to help meet our community needs in the fields of Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Historic Preservation and Safety.

Promoting citizenship, members volunteer as docents accompanying York County high school seniors to the local courthouse. An attorney guides the students through court sessions and the students then tour of the local jail with one of the corrections officers. This project was started in 1987 at the request of the York County judges. During their senior year, all York County seniors participate in one of these tours.

In the area of Veterans Affairs, club members join the Yorktown Rotary Club to help provide a Fishing Trip for dis-

abled veterans. Members prepare dishes, serve lunch and clean up while the veterans go out on a boat to fish. The veterans love this day in the sun on the water.

This year, members are planning to work with the International CSP to plan projects dealing with hunger in the community. Some possibilities being considered are a mobile pantry with the Peninsula Foodbank, making Grace bags for the homeless, participating in the Backpack program with the Peninsula Foodbank and collecting canned goods for the York County Food Closet. Members will meet soon to discuss and implement some of these projects. Please consider joining us. We welcome both your ideas and and your help!

Libby Smith, Chair

The Birthday Girls



Best Wishes to our members celebrating birthdays in October.

Margaret Thomas	10/04
Sue Wheeler	10/05
Linda Crane	10/22
Dorothy Mills	10/24

And a special birthday wish to **Sally Snyder** who celebrated **100 years** on September 25. Happy Birthday Sally!



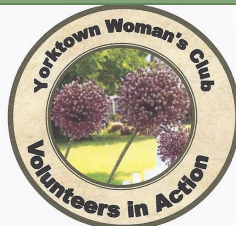
Our support goes out to all members experiencing illness or loss, including Libby Smith, Lucinda Brackman, Susan Hensley, Ellen Raffetto and , Twyla Oppenhuizen.

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

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