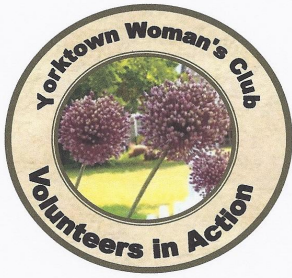


December, 2016



The Town Crier

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 7** GFWC Holiday Open House Wash. DC
- Dec 15** Tidewater Pres Council
- Dec 19** Christmas Luncheon 11:30 AM at El Fresco
- Jan 4** Board Meeting, 9:00 AM, Yorkminster Presbyterian
- Jan 17** General Meeting 10:00 Yorkminster
- Jan 22** Chocolate Social
- Feb 16** Tidewater Pres Council
- Feb 21** YWC Art Show

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President's Corner



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

The Holiday Season is upon us and for many it is the season of giving. But you do not have just a season of giving. You consistently give the most precious gift of all – you give of yourself, your time and talents, *throughout* the year. You are a special gift!!

In the spirit of giving, give a special thank you to Carol Childs and Linda Avery for chairing our booth in the Christmas Market on Main in Yorktown. Also, special thanks to Sharon Stephens, Amy Heavnor and her daughter for volunteering to ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle on December 17 at Walgreens. We need 2 more volunteers for this event so if you have 90 minutes to give, please contact me. This is a very busy time of year but you still manage to donate hours to help others.

NOVEMBER 14. At this general membership meeting the proposed \$5.00 per year dues increase was approved. When you renew your membership in spring 2017, active members will pay \$45.00 and associate members will pay \$50.000.

DECEMBER 15. President's Council Cypress Point Country Club, Virginia Beach. This is a meeting of the Tidewater Area GFWC Club Presidents. It is open to all and if you would like to attend please email me at jlmay_988@msn.com. Lunch is on your own.

DECEMBER 19. Our annual holiday luncheon will *bee* at Al Fresco in Newport News. The price is \$23.00. Please RSVP with payment to Gloria Gori at 898-9036 not later than December 12th.

DECEMBER 20. Committee Chair annual reports and hours due.

JANUARY 12. Science and Technology Fair Present Yorktown Woman's Club Award at York County School Division Annual Science and Technology Fair for all middle and high school students. The fair will be held at the Grafton School Complex.

JANUARY 22. Chocolate Social 6:00-8:00 PM at the Hornsby House in Yorktown. Tickets are \$20.00. Gail King is the Chair so contact her to get your ticket for this delightful and delicious event. Don't miss out.

JANUARY 25. Reports must *bee* in the mail to District Chairpersons. The reports consist of our volunteer hours and narratives describing our activities.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU ONLY THE BEST!!J

Jane May, GFWC YWC President

P.S. Santa knows that you all have been good all year – more than good – absolutely perfect!!

Volunteers in Action

Affiliations:

GFWC



VFWC

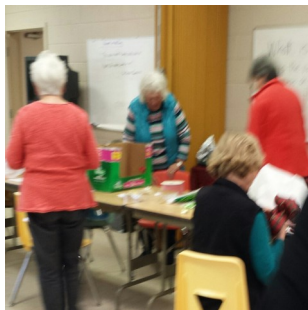


Tidewater District





Linda Avery displays crafts for sale.



Lots of creative action at craft day!



Yorktown Fife & Drums perform at Market Day parade.

Holiday Craft Workshop Yields Market Day Dividend

The Christmas Crafts Workshop proved to be not only good fun, but a good fundraiser as well. In November members gathered at St. Joan of Arc to make Christmas wreath bows, decorate cinnamon ornaments, arrange candle rings, and assemble packages of reindeer food. The Night Division added birdseed wreaths made at their meeting earlier in the month. Before going home, there was even an opportunity to do some holiday shopping as gift cards and gift donations from our Yorktown Day supporters were available for purchase. We raised over \$500 from "Black Monday Sales" at this workday. All of the items from the workshop, along with some surprise handcrafted items were available for sale at the Yorktown Christmas Market on Main on December 3rd. Members, donned in their colonial garb, worked at our booth on Main Street. Not only were they successful in raising funds for our charitable projects, they also took advantage of the opportunity to let visitors know a little about our club and the work that we do in the community. Thank you to all of our talented YWC ambassadors!

Debra Walsh, 2nd VP

January Meeting Topic: Education in Haiti

Our next meeting will be held at 10:00 on Tuesday, January 17th in the old fellowship hall of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church. The International Outreach Committee will host a presentation on education in Haiti. We are very fortunate to have two volunteers from Bethel Baptist Church in York County share their experiences and ministry. They bring a wealth of knowledge having traveled to Haiti previously and will return there in February. Even with all the devastation of hurricanes and other severe impacts on life in general, schooling is so important to them. They will speak about The Academy of Christian Light in Haiti located in Bon Repo, Haiti and their Church's Ministry.

They will bring items made in Haiti that are for sale. The monies from these sales go toward supporting the items necessary for the students to attend the school. There is absolutely no obligation....they just want to get information out to the community. Education is not free in Haiti. Students must be able to afford uniforms, shoes, books, and supplies to attend. It is so humbling to realize that a country plagued with all the catastrophic events and extreme poverty that they so strongly desire education. The Yorktown Woman's Club voiced a desire to focus on Haiti this year. How better can we make even the smallest impact than through the children. Please attend and support this much needed ministry.

Lynda Burton, International Outreach Chair

Chocolate and Savory Event

LADIES, come prepared to purchase your CHOCOLATE AND SAVORY tickets on December 19th at the luncheon.

COST: \$20

DATE : JANUARY 22nd

TIME. : 6:00-8:00PM

PLACE: HORNSBY HOUSE IN YORKTOWN

CALL GAIL KING WITH ANY QUESTIONS [1-757-968-1260](tel:1-757-968-1260)

Gail King, Event Chair



Yorktown Woman's Club

Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 19th

11:30 AM

Al Fresco Italian Restaurant

11710 Jefferson Avenue

Cost of \$23.00 includes bread, salad, entrée, homemade dessert, beverage, tax & tip

Menu selections include:

Salmon Salad

Grilled salmon, assorted vegetables, romaine lettuce, walnuts and cranberries

Pollo alla Pellegrino

Boneless chicken breast with asparagus & peppers topped with mozzarella in a marinara wine sauce with a touch of marinara

Vitella ala Marsala

Scaloppini of veal sautéed with mushrooms finished in a marsala wine sauce

Melanzane alla Parmigiana

Breaded eggplant with mozzarella and fresh tomato sauce

RSVP with payment by December 12 to Gloria Gori at 898-9036



Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of our former member, Lou Ayers who we learned passed away October 31. Lou was a valuable member of the Art Department and known for her hand-loomed woven scarves which took top awards in competition.

Our support goes out to all members experiencing loss, or illness, including Sandy Renner and our Tidewater District President, Carol Mahoney.

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.

Dare to Dream of No More Hunger

International, Public Issues, and Home Life Community Service Programs voted at the November meeting to begin 3 projects, hoping to lessen the hunger problem on the Peninsula. One project is the Palmer Mobile Pantry coordinated by the Peninsula Foodbank and sponsored by Orcutt Baptist Church. We will donate \$500 for the 2 months of March and May (\$400 has been donated and we probably have enough in Projects for the other \$100). The Orcutt men will unload the food truck and we will work some of the jobs needed for March and May. If you would like to see a Mobile Pantry in action to help you decide if you want to work, it takes place in the Fellowship Hall at 653 Baxter Lane, Newport News (near the Yoder Barn) at 1:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. It runs for about 3 hours. Anyone is welcome to visit - the next one will be

on Dec. 13.

Another project is also with the Peninsula Foodbank. It is to help pack food into backpacks for needy school-children to take home on Fridays so they will have meals on the week-ends. We will go to the Foodbank to do this project. More information will be coming with the details of this project.

A third project is "Souper Sunday". This would involve either collecting cans of soup at meetings or sitting outside a grocery store and requesting soup from customers. The soup will be donated to the York County Food Closet.

We are excited about our plans to support the state's Signature Project, "Dare I Dream of No Hunger" and hope you will be also!

*Libby Smith Public Issues
Lynda Burton International Outreach
Carol Childs, Home Life*



Treasurer's Report

Ellen Raffetto, Treasurer

November 1—30, 2016

Operations Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,755.51</u>
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$5,755.51</u>

Projects Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$19,100.90</u>
Deposits	\$216.00
Expenses	\$717.89
Ending Balance	<u>\$18,599.01</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$24,354.52</u>

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 20th.

Yorktown Celebrates Christmas

Looking for something special to do during the holidays? Take a break and check out these activities in our own historic Yorktown Village.

[Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus](#)- Saturday, Dec.10 (8:30AM) Riverwalk Restaurant. Tickets required.

[Market Days](#) Saturday, Dec.10 (9:00AM- 3:00PM) Riverwalk Landing. Featuring arts & crafts and food vendors.

[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!

[Christmas in Yorktown Exhibit](#) Dec 1 to 31, Tues—Sat. (10:00-4:00) & Sun (1:00—4:00) at the Gallery At York Hall

[A Colonial Christmas](#) Dec 1-31, 9:00—5:00 at the American Revolution of Yorktown Museum. Free admission to York County residents.

Happy Holidays!

The Birthday Girls



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

Regina Walter	12/01
Amy Heavnor	12/13
Mary Young	12/18
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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