

February, 2017



The Town Crier

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 21 (Tues) Art Show & Reception 6:30 Yorkminster Presbyterian New Fellowship Hall

March 1 (Wed) Board Meeting, 9:00 AM, Yorkminster Presbyterian

March 20 (Mon) General Meeting 10:00 York County Library

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President's Corner

A BIG Thank You for supporting "Souper" Tuesday.

Thanks to your generosity the York County Food Closet received 140 cans of soup. You donated 68 cans and as promised I matched with 72 cans. *Thank you for supporting the GFWCVA State Project – Dare to Dream of No Hunger! It is hard to imagine but many in our community only have enough resources to pay either rent or food but not both!*



Another big Thank You to David and Philip Bowditch of the Hornsby House who graciously allow us to use their beautiful inn for our Chocolate Social. The Chocolate Social Committee arranged a grand and elegant evening. Hats off to all for the generous donations of savories and the chocolate sweets. Everyone left with a big smile on their face. It was another deliciously elegant and successful event.

Upcoming Events:

FEBRUARY 16 Tidewater District President's Council meets at 11:30 at Al Fresco Restaurant, Newport News. This is a meeting of the Tidewater Area GFWC Club Presidents. It is open to all and if you would like to attend please let me know via email at jlmay_988@msn.com by February 10th. Lunch is at your expense.

FEBRUARY 21 General meeting is the Arts Show at Yorkminster. It is payday! Your 6 figure paycheck is S-M-I-L-E-S York County students' artwork is amazing and they are thrilled to be recognized. Club member artwork is also awesome! Ginny Napier and the Arts Committee are busy preparing for this nighttime event. The Night Department provides the refreshments. Please join us for this evening event and wear red in support of women's heart health.

You may have noticed that our January and February general meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and not the 3rd Monday. In January and February the 3rd Mondays are federal holidays so we meet on the 3rd Tuesday in those months. The only other exception is October 19th, Yorktown Day. No matter what day of the week Yorktown Day is always October 19th and we are there with the stew. This year Yorktown Day, October 19th is on a Thursday so mark your calendar. Chairpersons are needed for this event. If you are interested, please contact me jlmay_988@msn.com

Jane May, President

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

Volunteers in Action

Affiliations:

GFWC



VFWC



Tidewater District





Put on your red and come to the Art Show. You will be supporting both York County students and Woman's Heart Health Month. Go Red for Women!



Debbi Mesick, Sheree Perkins & Lisa Blessing representing Academy of Christian Light Mission and Lynda Burton, International Outreach Chair

Celebrating Art

The annual art show will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 in the new fellowship hall at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

You won't want to miss this display of beautiful art work from our talented York County students or the proud smiles as winners are announced and awarded their ribbons. We have over 80 entries from students in the competition this year. To round out the evening the Night Division will host a cupcake recep-



tion where you will have a chance to congratulate the participants. Put on your red in observance of Woman's Heart Health Month and join us for this special evening. Hope to see you there!

Ginny Napier, Arts Chair

There's Still Time to Show Off Your Crafty Side

It's not too late! There is still time for club members to enter their art and crafts in the annual Art Show. Bring your art and photography entries to Yorkminster Presbyterian church old fellowship hall by 9 am on Feb.6 and your craft entries to the NEW fellowship hall on Feb. 21, the day of the show by 9 am. **Please note that the meeting of the Art Committee scheduled for Feb. 15 has been cancelled.**

Craft categories are listed below. Items entered must have been completed within the past year (since the last art show) and can be in any of the following areas:

Crafts Categories

1. Ceramics
2. Pottery— wheel thrown and hand built.
3. Holidays- centerpieces, ornaments & figurines.
4. Jewelry
5. Paper
6. Rubber stamping
7. Shell craft- includes eggery and shells.
8. Tole Painting
9. Weaving -baskets & miscellaneous
10. Scrapbooks-Themed Section or book.
11. Miscellaneous category

Needlework categories

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Crochet -includes afghans and apparel.
3. Embroidery
4. Knitting- apparel, afghans, felted items.
5. Needlepoint
6. Quilts
7. Sewing- adult, infant and teenage apparel.
8. Miscellaneous

Ginny Napier, Arts Chair

Helping to Educate the Children of Haiti

Our hearts were touched during our January meeting after hearing of the work of 3 local ladies to bring education to the children in Bon Repos, Haiti. Debbie Mesick, Sheree Perkins and Lisa Blessing spoke of the Academy of Christian Light mission which is providing education to 100 impoverished children in Bon Repos. Haiti is a poor country with a literacy rate of approximately 50%. Education is not free and only 30% of school age children attend school. The goal of the mission is to educate children living in poverty to grow up in the glory of God. Handmade items by artisans in Haiti were available for purchase with all monies from these sales used to support the school. The ladies will be returning to Haiti in February with a some additional funds thanks to purchases by some of our generous members and a donation of \$50 from the YWC International Outreach budget.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we collected 68 reusable grocery bags that will be sent to Haiti and 140 cans of soup on the "Souper" Tuesday that will be donated to the York County Food Closet.

An Evening of Sweet & Savory Delights

The CHOCOLATE AND SAVORY is always a very special event and this year it was "very special" as we enjoyed having so many new members join the committee to plan and work throughout the evening. It was a pleasure to say "yes" to be the coordinator because of the wonderful people who did the work. Please join me in thanking all of the hardworking members of the committee.

TABLE DECORATIONS: Carol Childs, Susan Nagy, Rose Field, and Deb Reiser. TICKET TAKERS: Mary Moore, Michelle Pollock, Harriett Saunders, Sharon Stephens, Ellen Raffetto and Terry Hanson. LADIES IN CHARGE OF THE FOOD AND THE TABLE: Sue Gorski, Courtney Chandler, Sharon Hammer, Gina Walter, Carol Childs, Joyce Dorsey and Jean Woodworth. RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION AND DOOR PRIZE: Connie Jones and Carol Scott. NAME TAGS: Mariann Edwards. PHOTOGRAPHER: Amy Heavnor. MEN WHO PREPARED THE SHRIMP: John Oppenhuizen and Scott Chandler. A big

thank you to everyone who worked throughout the evening doing kitchen duty and everything else to make the evening run smoothly.

A TRULY BIG THANK YOU goes to all of the great cooks in the Woman's club who generously contributed their time and talents to make all of the delicious food. The table was beautifully decorated with all of their bountiful delights. David and Philip Bowditch have been especially generous to the YWC over the past several years. Once again they donated an evening at the Hornsby House and one the cookbooks written by their Mother, Marian Bowditch. Gary and I bought the evening and will spend the night of the Super Bowl in their best room and enjoy a super bowl party with many of the people they invited from Yorktown. BUSINESS RESULTS: we sold 101 tickets for \$2020 and the auction and raffle made us \$480. After expenses we netted about \$1600. This money will be used by the YWC For charity.

Gail King, Event Chair

YWC Awards Two Students at Science Fair

On January 12th our club had the privilege of honoring two young ladies for their science research and projects at the York County Science Fair. Because females are under represented in the science and technology fields, we wanted to provide recognition and encouragement for our local female students' achievements. This is the second year that we have awarded cash prizes of \$125 to an outstanding project from a middle school and high school student. After seeing the complex issues which these students tackled in their projects, it is clear that our future is in the hands of some very capable, inquisitive, intelligent and grateful individuals. The award and recipients' smiles are made possible by your volunteering at Yorktown Day, Christmas Market and Chocolate Social – just to name a few. Your dedication really does make a difference in the community

Debra Walsh, Newsletter Chair

Court Docent February Schedule

Court Docents for February are: Lois Bates 2/7, Sandy Molineaux 2/8, Ellen Raffetto 2/9, Nancy Van Camp 2/15, Pat Adams 2/16, Sheila Noll 2/22 and Mariann Edwards 2/23. This completes our schedule for the school year except for a make up day in June.

Thank you ladies for donating your time. If you haven't yet volunteered with this program, consider shadowing a docent next semester to see what it's all about!

Ellen Raffetto, Chair



Carol Childs puts the finishing touch the beautiful table at the Hornsby House.



Member News

Welcome to our new member!

Alice Frady

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We look forward to meeting and working with you soon, Alice!

If you are a new (or old) member who has not yet selected a committee to work with, contact Connie Jones, Member-at-Large at EasternwingsCJ@aol.com. She will be glad to answer any questions and get you connected. If you have commitments during the day, consider joining the Night Division.



Treasurer's Report

Ellen Raffetto, Treasurer

January 1—31, 2017

Operations Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,605.57</u>
Deposits	\$ 91.00
Expenses	\$ 2,099.19
Ending Balance	<u>\$3,597.38</u>
Operations	

Projects Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$19,681.04</u>
Deposits	\$ 2,425.00
Expenses	\$ 5,113.44
Ending Balance	<u>\$16,992.60</u>
Projects	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$20,589.98</u>

March Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at the Yorktown Library at 10:00, hosted by the Conservation Community Service Program. Megan Tierney, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent specializing in Environmental Horticulture, will be our guest speaker. There will also be a special visit from some Senior Center of York ladies. It is rumored that they may teach us how to line dance! You won't want to miss this one!

Carol Scott, Conservation Chair

Meals for Lackey Clinic

I would like to invite all members to help support our efforts to supply dinner for the volunteers who give medical care at the Lackey Clinic. We now serve 30 people on one Thursday every other month. Please contact Carol Childs at 757-898-6491 if you can prepare a salad, dessert OR main dish. You need not be a member of Home Life to help – we welcome all member's help with this project. Our upcoming schedule for meals is March 26, May 18, July 20, Sept. 21, and Nov. 16. Thanks to all who help with this project. It is very much appreciated by the health care workers.

Carol Childs, Home Life Chair

Annual Reporting Completed

We recently completed the annual report for the Yorktown Woman's Club. Each GFWC Woman's Club worldwide completes these reports which summarize the projects, hours worked and dollars raised by each individual club and then tallies the total. Last year our club completed 29 projects. Our volunteers worked 3,691

hours and donated \$ 8,135 cash and \$2,597 in kind contributions to our community, local and national organizations. Thanks for all that you do. You are each amazing and the world is a better place because you care.

Debra Walsh, 2nd VP

The Birthday Girls



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

Carol Scott	02/02
Gloria Gori	02/10
Anne Elksnir	02/13
Merle Burgess	02/24
Carol Thornberry	02/26
Lois Bates	02/27



Our support goes out to all members experiencing illness or loss, including Gidget Miller, Lucinda Brackman, and Dove Barton.

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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