

May 2021



## Broadcasting from Woodbridge Woman's Club GFWC



**Motto: Service and Friendship**

### **GENERAL MEETING: May 17, 2021, 1:00 via ZOOM**

Our meeting for May will not have a speaker because it will be a program on the scholarship winners so here is a shoutout for all our winners this year!!

Best to all our winners with all that the students endured this year with the pandemic.

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**



This is our last newsletter until we meet in September. There's one last bit of business I need to remind everyone until then.

In the January 2021 Newsletter I announced that due to the Pandemic I had talked to the other Club Officers and asked if they would agree to serve an additional one-year term of office. We discussed this at the January board meeting. The four officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer agreed to extend their term of office for one more year. The one-year term of office for the Officers and the majority of Board members will start September 2021 and end May 2022. This will provide continuity while we have Zoom meetings instead of in person General Meetings. I greatly appreciate the officers and board members stepping up in support of our club during this unusual time. This was handled by the Parliamentarian and will be placed in our official records.

New Handbook pages for meeting information will be sent out in early September 2021. The next official Club nomination and election of officers for a two-year term will be held January through March 2022. Please consider running for office or joining the board.

Our last General Meeting is on Monday, May 17. I hope to see you on Zoom!

### **EDUCATION**

A committee of 4, Carol Bowen, Phyllis Zimmerman, Kathy McNeely, met at my home, in person, on Friday the 7th, to evaluate the applications for our scholarships. We selected 5 students as winners. All of the applicants were worthy, so it was not easy for us to make decisions. We did not necessarily choose the top scholars, but those who were good students, and showed the most financial need.

At the next meeting on the 17th, we hope to meet them all via zoom.

Sylvia Hoffmeier, Education Chair.

**Woodbridge Woman's  
Club 2019—2021**

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**President**

Phyllis Zimmerman

**Vice President**

Lucy Williams

**Secretary**

Kathy McNeely

**Treasurer**

Carol Bowen

### **GFWC Community Service Programs**

**Arts and Culture**

MaryAnn Nolton

**Civic Engagement /Outreach**

Jo Petty

**Education and Libraries**

Sylvia Hoffmeier

**Environment**

Marty Seers

**Health/Wellness**

Jo Petty

### **GFWC-Advancement Areas**

**Communications/Public Relations**

**Website/Facebook**

Rosemarie Fitzsimmons

**Newsletter/Email**

BJ Grey

**Fundraising Chairperson**

Lucy Williams

**Leadership**

Phyllis Zimmerman

**Speaker Program**

Lucy Williams

**Membership Chairperson**

Karen Cavanaugh

**Woman's History/Resource  
Parliamentarian/Historian**

Pat White

**WWC**

**Club Courtesy Chairperson**

Marti Seers

**Thought for the Day**

Chloellen Miller

## Club Meeting Dates and Programs 2020-2021

### General Meetings

**September 16, 2020** (NO MEETING DUE TO COVID )

**October 21, 2020** (NO MEETING DUE TO COVID )

**November 14, 2020** ZOOM Virtual meeting 10:00 AM

**December 14, 2020** ZOOM Virtual Meeting 1:00PM

**January 25, 2021** (ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

**February 22, 2021** ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

**March 15, 2021** ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

**April 19, 2021** ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

**May 17, 2021** ZOOM virtual meeting 1:00

**Northern District Fall Meeting September 2020**

**Northern District Spring Meeting March 2021**

### Club Board Member Meeting Dates 2020- 2021

January 11, 2021	Monday 10:00
February 1, 2021	Monday 10:00
March 1, 2021	Monday 10:00
April 5, 2021	Monday 10:00
May 3, 2021	Monday 10:00

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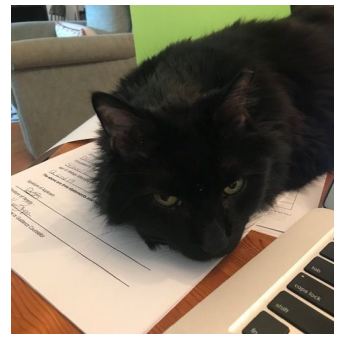
### Woodbridge Woman's Club on Facebook:

[facebook.com/woodbridgewc](https://www.facebook.com/woodbridgewc)

**GFWC Headquarters:** [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

## EDUCATION-CONTINUED

Sylvia's cat, Thomas, helped with the scholarship selections. He likes this one!



## ENVIRONMENT

### "ADOPT A SPOT"

Club member Joyce Jolly has received authorization from Prince William County for an individual "Adopt A Spot" in her Belmont Bay Community that is sponsored by the Woodbridge Woman's Club. A Woodbridge Woman's Club sign provided by Prince William County will be placed at this location. This project has also been approved by the Club Board as an official project for our Club Environment program. Hours spend working on this project should be reported to the Club Environment Chairman, Marty Seers.

Prince William County through the "Adopt A Spot" program allows individual communities to take charge of the health of their neighborhood, block or favorite spot by committing to keeping it litter free. The Club Environment Chairman encourage's other members to get involved in their neighborhood. Check out the Prince William County website to fill out an application to officially "Adopt A Spot" in your neighborhood.

### PATRIOT SCUBA

During the month of April eleven (11) bags of plastic bags were taken to Patriot Scuba. This brings a total of 51 bags of plastics our members have donated. The plastic bags and wraps will be recycled into composite decking, railings, and benches. Patriot Scuba is located in Occoquan at 305 Mill St., Unit B-1. Look for bins and signage near store entrance and drop off collected plastics and wraps. If you have questions regarding acceptable plastics to drop off give them a call @703-490-1175.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our May Birthdays

15 - Marty Seers  
20 - Kathleen Harding  
21 - Judy Newhouse  
27 - Karen Cavanaugh

### GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes to Karen Hannah who has the Covid Virus and also pneumonia.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

As we take a short break for the summer, please continue to be an active part of **Civic Engagement and Outreach**. Our projects continue to move forward! **THANK YOU** for being involved and "reaching out" in the community and making a difference! Remember to email me, [jbpetty@verizon.net](mailto:jbpetty@verizon.net) with any donations you make while we are on summer break.



### FELLOWSHIP HOUSE PROJECT

This month gift card donations to Walmart are being donated to the Woodbridge Fellowship House residents. The bus is again working to take the residents. We have two more gift card donations we will be making to the residents in June and July. **THANK YOU** to the members who have already donated a gift card or other donation to Fellowship House!



### SENTARA ICU

This month we are sending fruit baskets to the ICU department at Sentara. These hard workers sometimes get overlooked; therefore, the club will deliver a fruit basket to both ICU shifts in appreciation for all they do daily. A wonderful **community outreach** and **THANK YOU**.



### ACTS Food Pantry

May and June the club will again donate \$500 to the ACTS Food Pantry as we continue "**community outreach and engagement**". A wonderful **outreach** that is greatly appreciated. Remember to email Jo, [jbpetty@verizon.net](mailto:jbpetty@verizon.net) with any donation you may have made as well.



### JUST A NOTE

Just a reminder to continue to keep in touch with friends and family especially those waiting to be vaccinated. A little "thinking of you" is always welcome. Also, a quick **thank you** note to your UPS driver, store clerk, pharmacist, doctor's office, mail carrier, newspaper carrier, etc. telling them you appreciate them with a kind word is just another way to "**reach out**" to others!



Hopefully most have received the Covid-19 vaccine and have or will soon be reconnecting with friends and family. Seeing friends and loved ones has been long awaited! Though we are vaccinated, the virus is still here. Please continue to stay safe and healthy! Hopefully, this will be a more enjoyable spring and summer for everyone!

Looking forward to seeing you "virtually" at the May 17<sup>th</sup> ZOOM meeting!

Jo Petty

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it" - Amanda Gorman

## WWC Virtual Book Club



We will meet on Zoom at 1:00 pm Friday May 14, 2021. We each talk about books we have been reading. This has been a great way to find something new to read.

Did you know that since the 17<sup>th</sup> century women had been getting together to study the Bible. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century the first American reading circles, a precursor to book clubs, required little more than a thirst for literature and a desire to discuss it with like-minded women. Women met anywhere they could get their hands on books. In the 60' and 70's there was a sense of female power that emanated from book club sessions. Even today during the Pandemic book clubs went on-line to continue their book club connections and support each other during these unusual times.

Come join us for book club, all are welcome. Send an email to [pwhite916@yahoo.com](mailto:pwhite916@yahoo.com) to get added to the book club zoom invitation list.

## INFORMATION

Prince William County has a wealth of information for anyone who wants to keep up with what is happening in our County. Anyone can sign up to have this information sent to your email. Two websites of interest are PWCgov.org and [PrinceWilliam@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:PrinceWilliam@public.govdelivery.com).



### **Welcome Home, GFWC By Hope Royer, WHRC Chairman**

Plans for a headquarters building were first discussed in 1892, only two years after our organization was founded. The act of Congress that granted a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs had specified that its headquarters be located in Washington, D.C. It was not until April 1922 that the Federation's permanent home was purchased at 1734 N Street, NW.

The five-story, stone and brick home at 1734 N Street, NW was built in 1875 for Rear Admiral William Radford and his family. Thaddeus and August Markley, the home's second owners, added to the Admiral's original design by constructing a unique long and narrow room above the former carriageway (now the Women's History and Resource Center Archive). 1734 N Street became home to its third owner, General Nelson A. Miles, in 1895, a respected military leader during the Civil War and the American Indian Wars. Mr. and Mrs. John Jay White purchased the mansion in 1908 and remodeled the building into a "modern" residence. The Whites agreed, in 1921, to sell the home to GFWC for \$70,000.

GFWC President Alice Winter signed an option and began soliciting funds to initially pay for the building. Five clubwomen each put up \$1,000. In January 1922, when the GFWC Board met, it sustained the action and entered into a contract of purchase. The balance of the necessary \$20,000 "down payment" was completed using advance loans of \$13,500 and \$1,500 from the GFWC General Fund. GFWC took possession of the building on April 1, 1922. Within forty minutes of the April 1922 GFWC Convention Call to Order, delegates pledged \$105,000 from the Convention floor. The three-year \$50,000 mortgage was paid off and necessary updates and redecorating were begun.

The rest is history, a very interesting history, indeed.

Pat White

## WWC Club Year during the Pandemic

May 2021 General Meeting marks the end of the Club year and the beginning of a new Club year. As historian I would like to add some information to our history about how the Club and our members were able to be virtually together and how we functioned as a Club via Zoom for this club year. I would also like to add any Pandemic experiences members may have that they would like to share for this Club history article. Experiences can be Club relate or personal.

Please forward your story to [pwhite916@yahoo.com](mailto:pwhite916@yahoo.com) as soon as you can. Let me know if you need help. Thank you for your participation in this effort.

## GFWC 2020 Annual Program Statistics

Each year, GFWC calculates the total amount of projects, volunteer hours, and both in-kind and dollars donated for the work of its clubs. The most recent data is available in the 2020 Annual Program Statistics Report. In addition to the total calculations, the data is broken down between each of the GFWC Special and Community Service Programs and the advancement programs that were active in

### GFWC Signature Program

Number of Projects: 2,383  
Volunteer Hours: 57,018.6  
Dollars Donated: \$473,598.71  
In-Kind Donations: \$686,797.51

### GFWC Juniors' Special Program

Number of Projects: 2,832  
Volunteer Hours: 67,532.5  
Dollars Donated: \$746,934.13  
In-Kind Donations: \$512,207.22

### Arts and Culture

Number of Projects: 5,439  
Volunteer Hours: 302,679.5  
Dollars Donated: \$611,013.08  
In-Kind Donations: \$508,707.17

### Civic Engagement and Outreach

Number of Projects: 9,671  
Volunteer Hours: 422,588.8  
Dollars Donated: \$2,020,880.27  
In-Kind Donations: \$2,213,895.05

### Education and Libraries

Number of Projects: 8,521  
Volunteer Hours: 344,109.8  
Dollars Donated: \$3,159,823.56  
In-Kind Donations: \$839,298.86

### Environment

Number of Projects: 4,574  
Volunteer Hours: 233,688.0  
Dollars Donated: \$437,497.46  
In-Kind Donations: \$510,703.43

### Health and Wellness

Number of Projects: 7,345  
Volunteer Hours: 461,076.5  
Dollars Donated: \$1,779,970.34  
In-Kind Donations: \$1,446,371.84

### Advancement Programs

Number of Projects: 33,937  
Volunteer Hours: 1,471,112.4  
Dollars Spent: \$1,636,605.51

### Totals

<b>Number of Projects:</b>	<b>74,702.00</b>
<b>Volunteer Hours:</b>	<b>3,640,335.96</b>
<b>Dollars Donated:</b>	<b>\$ 9,412,210.14</b>
<b>In-Kind Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 6,775,311.82</b>
<b>Dollars Raised:</b>	<b>\$ 5,697,552.55</b>
<b>Dollars Spent:</b>	<b>\$ 1,636,605.51</b>