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May 2022 Newsletter

May Calendar Meeting & Program also on ZOOM

Mon. May 2: WC Monthly Meeting;

11-11:30 Social time;

11:30 meeting followed by lunch.

Hostesses: Pam McCoach and Jackie

Miller; hot dogs, potato salad,

Dessert, and coffee/tea furnished.

1:00 pm Program: "Your Brain Health"

Speaker, Jessica Fredericksen,

Program Manager from Goodwin House

Mon. May 9: 9:30-12 Helping Hands (used to be

Called "Busy Bees")

Mon. May 16: 9:30-12 Helping Hands

1:00 pm WC Board Meeting

Mon. May 23: 9:30-12 Helping Hands

Mon. May 30: Memorial Day

**Mon. Jun 6: Spring Luncheon-Installation of new
WC Officers: Time & Place TBD**

Happy Birthday to Pamela Chambers on May 17th!

President's Message

Deneise Boyd

Hope everyone had a good Easter holiday.

Thank you Angela and Cathy for hosting in April! We voted in new member Linda Moran. Welcome Linda!!

Thank you Pat Fisher, Angela Morici and Kathleen Harrison for being on the nominating committee.

My granddaughter was on Spring break the week before Easter and she came to Monday's Helping Hands with me. She stuffed heart pillows and bagged them and decided she wanted to learn to sew up the pillows, so Pat Fisher showed her how to sew them. Fifty big heart pillows were delivered to Ralph and he asked if we would do a few additional steps with the pillows and I said sure. We now wrap each heart individually in a small plastic bag and then put 10 to a big bag and they are ready to be delivered to the participating hospitals.

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Susan Edson, the Northern District Credentials Chairman, has passed away. She passed on April 8th just 6 days after the ND meeting. Please keep Susan's family in your prayers during this time of great loss.

In the link below is her obituary with details for her memorial service.

<https://memorials.novacremate.com/susan-crupper-edson/4897891/>

Thought for the Day: The Measure of Success

The measure of success in Western cultures is the accumulation of things. The bigger the accumulation the greater the attribution of the term "success." Look at successful figures in the media in the USA—Elon Musk (wealth, multiple companies), Jeff Bezos (wealth, multiple companies), Barak Obama (political influence), Tom Brady (Superbowl victories), Snoop Dog (Rap fans), Social media stars (number of friends), to name a few. While the accumulation of things is not inherently evil, it is not the only measure of success. Nor is it the best. There is another.

The Enga people of Papua New Guinea use this other measure of success. An individual that is successful in their society is called, "The Big Man." How do you become a Big Man in Enga culture? You give things away. That's right. A

Big Man is someone who outgives everyone else. They outgive others in pigs, money, food, firewood, service, and anything else they have. They do it to help individuals and help their tribe. The giving away leads to the recognition of success as a member of the tribe.

-words taken from Good Friday Devotion by Pastor Mark Schroeder, Southeastern District, LCMS

WC Nominating Committee Results for 2022-2024

President: Cassandra (Sandy) Winger

1st Vice President: Pam Kleazelk

2nd Vice President: Judie Kip Davis

Secretary: Vicky Gill

Treasurer: Cherie Lejeune

Newsletter Editor: Pat Fisher

Registrar: Angela Morici

Voting is on May 2nd and installation at the June luncheon. Kathleen Harrison, Angela Morici, and Pat Fisher, Nominating Committee

Scholarship Information

The Women's Club of Arlington (WCA) Arts/Education Committee has kicked off the selection process for a new female graduating senior from Wakefield High School. Our previous scholar, Malate Alemu, received her last payment for the previous Scholarship cycle (Winter 2018 to Spring 2022) at George Mason University (GMU). Malate will not actually graduate until after the Winter 2022 semester because during her 4 years she finalized her major to Bachelors Business -Management Information Systems (MIS) with a minor in Computer Science (CS). This change required her to add a semester in order to capture the minor in CS. Going forward her employment goal is to work in Program Management (PM) and Software Engineering. Along the way during the summer of 2021 Malate took a Python (coding language) course outside of GMU from a third-party education enterprise called CodeAcademy.com. This coding class will help her gain employment after graduation. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook curated by the Bureau of Labor & Statistics ([BLS.gov/ooh](https://www.bls.gov/ooh)) the median income for MIS management is \$151,150 (USD) per year and the employment outlook for 2020-2030 is 11% which is faster than average. It appears that the generosity of every WCA member has helped to propel Malate along in her journey. We send her off with well wishes and the hope that she can "pay it forward" for some other women along the way! Regards, Pam Kay

Did you Know that The Woman's Club of Arlington voted to send \$100 to the World Central Kitchen? Already sent and thank you note received-to help feed the refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Thanks Ladies!

Gardening Tips: Extension Master Gardener Virtual Classroom Series

Friday, May 13, 10:00 11:30 am, ONLINE

Basil Love

Basil is America's most popular herb, and for many of us, that means the familiar Sweet or Genovese Basil and its use in Italian and French cuisines. But there is a broader world of basil out there different varieties, flavors, leaf sizes, and colors...; Basils are important to many different cultures around the globe beautiful garden basils; pollinator-attracting basils; and basils grown for function, for fragrance, and even for bouquets. Extension Master Gardeners Kathryn Kellam and Susan Wilhelm will introduce you to a wider world of basils and explain how to care for, harvest, use, and preserve exciting new basils as well as familiar favorites. Free. RSVP at <https://mgnv.org/events/> to receive link to participate.

Friday, May 20, 10:00 11:30 am, ONLINE

Controlling Mosquitoes and Ticks in Your Yard Without Pesticides

Learn pesticide-free best management practices to control mosquitoes and ticks in your yard and keep them away from you and your family. Extension Master Gardener Joan McIntyre will explain how to identify mosquitoes and ticks prevalent in this area, their life cycle, how they reproduce, and where they go in the winter. Free. RSVP at <https://mgnv.org/events/> to receive link to participate.

APRIL 24th is GFWC Federation Day! GFWC was started in 1890 with 63 clubs in New York City by founder, Jane Cunningham Croly! Today the GFWC has over 80,000 members and 3,000 clubs both in the U.S. and Internationally! Something to celebrate!

Please fill out the WCA Member Survey ASAP. If you did not receive or have questions, contact Cherie Lejeune at latripp24@gmail.com

Annual Woman's Club Dues are expected NLT May 1st. Active Members=\$40 and Inactive Members=\$30 Mail to club or give to Cathy Moreno on May 2nd.

New Member voted in at the April 4th Meeting: Update WC yearbooks

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Birthday: August 28

GFWC Northern District (ND) Spring Meeting

On Saturday, April 2nd, members of the Woman's Club of Arlington met with 17 other clubs of the ND at Springfield Golf and Country Club for the annual Spring Meeting. Attending from our club was President Deneise Boyd, Pam Kleazelk, Pat Fisher, and Cherie Lejeune. Mary Driver Downs, President of the ND opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. 17 clubs registered and 57 voting delegates were in attendance, per the credential team. Each District officer was introduced and shared what they had accomplished this past year. Treasurer reported that \$24,030.26 was in all 3 accounts: Checking, Grace Wellborn Fund and Certificate of Deposit. The Budget for July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 of \$24,527.72 was presented and approved. Membership chair reported that we now have 706 members in the ND. General Clubs lost some members: 701 down to 658. Jr. Clubs lost 2 members and the Juniorette clubs gained 4 new members. Yvonne Senig said we can't be afraid of change and urged all to have optimism and hope! The slate of officers for the next term was presented by Suzy Smith. President-Joyce Jolly; 1st VP-Yvonne Senig; 2nd VP Karen Paris; Secretary- Kathy Herbert; Treasurer- Celeste Corrigan. No nominees were presented for the Jr. Clubs. All were voted in as new officers for 2022-2024. Joyce Jolly reported on projects from last year. 745 members participated; 432 projects/programs were held; \$28,259 was raised/donated; 103,000 + volunteer hours were donated and \$91,353 for "In Kind Donations" were reported. The Woman's Club of Arlington received recognition in 3 areas:

Small Club Awards: Best Project: Education & Libraries. The Woman's Club of Arlington's Clubhouse serves as a community hub for school activities, such as a "Little Lending Library", a "Safe Rides to School" Bike Garden and the home to 3 varsity high school marksmanship teams. In 2021, the membership continued to support a talented local female with a multi-year, \$2,500 scholarship following a successful year of study at George Mason University.

Small Club Awards: Best Project: Environment. The Woman's Club of Arlington works hard maintaining the Arlington House Garden with 715 volunteer hours. They ensure the house looks beautiful by planting flowers, weeding, and watering the garden.

Small Club Awards: Best Project; Leadership. The Woman's Club of Arlington fosters leadership by promoting members to hold officer's positions and chair positions. Members participate on committees, attend special meetings, and are encouraged to take the lead in community outreach projects.

Manassas and Western Fairfax GFWC Clubs each had 10 members present at the Spring meeting. Dominion Woman's Club recruited the largest number of new members last year. First time attendees to a ND meeting were presented with a cute "BEE" paper bag that contained wildflower seeds, honey sticks and beeswax lip balm. Mary Driver-Downs theme these past two years was "Bee Growing and Blooming". Pam Kleazelk was a first-time attendee from our club. Six ND Club Members attended the LEADS conference this summer. Members/former members that died last year were honored with a Monarch butterfly reading by Barbara Kiker, and milkweed pods were given to the clubs that had lost members. Former members Bahar Hess and Gaby Van Camp were honored from our club. The Herndon Fortnightly Club was honored with a certificate for 110 years as a Woman's Club. Our club received a certificate for 90 years of existence. The 50/50 drawing was held. Pat Jacks from the Annandale Club won the 50/50 drawing but then donated it back to the ND who designated World Central Kitchen as the recipient of these funds. Amount of total gift to the World Central Kitchen, from the ND, was \$307! Newly elected President, Joyce Jolly introduced her new theme for her 2- year reign. It is "Comfort Cases" out of Rockville, MD that helps children in the foster care program transfer into adopted homes, etc. It will be called: "Care for Kids"-It Takes a Village! Back packs and many other things children will need will be collected this term and sent to Comfort Cases. The GFWC ND fall meeting will be held on Oct 1, 2022, at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. During the lunch hour we viewed the many Art Exhibits done by members of the ND Women's Clubs. Our club had no entries this year. 3 outside judges awarded first, second and third place ribbons to the crafts, photography, and art, per category. Lunch was a choice of Chicken Picatta, Crab Cake, or Penne Pasta Primavera. A fresh salad, rolls, and multi-layered cake for dessert completed the menu. Centerpieces on the tables were fresh daisy and mum flowers in Mason Jars decorated like a beehive and members were encouraged to take them home. The Collect for Clubwomen ended the Spring Meeting. Pat Fisher, Delegate Reporting

WC Program for May 2nd- Stronger Memory Program-Your Brain Health

On Monday, May 2, 2022, at 1:00 PM, Jessica Fredericksen, Goodwin House, Incorporated, Brain Health Manager, will lead a program on Stronger Memory. Jessica is the daughter of Pastor Wayne Fredericksen of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington. We all know someone who must deal with either dementia or Alzheimer's so please stay for this informative program after lunch. Invite a friend to also come. Drop-ins are welcome and program is free. Plenty of free parking at our clubhouse at 700 S. Buchanan St. Arlington, VA 22204. If you cannot come in person here is the ZOOM registration active link: <https://tinyurl.com/3vax6tb2>

Did you Know? May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month!