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GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

April 2017 NEWSLETTER

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

The April monthly meeting is on **Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Monday April 10th** to Nancy Bickerstaff at 304.366.3231 or email nbicky5@yahoo.com. Please RSVP – we are getting better at being polite. 😊 Hostesses for the meeting are Mandy Steele, Marie Mason, and Marcella Yaremchuk.

VOLUNTEER POOL SIGN-UP SHEET

I emailed a Volunteer Pool sign-up sheet, it was also passed out at our March Meeting. Several are concerned about making money, but interesting I only had one member sign up for Fundraiser's Easy to talk but hard to get volunteers. I never depend on volunteers then I am never disappointed. Only six members have signed up to assist. I will use the Volunteer Pool sheets to ask for help. We will not continue to ask. This is an easy way to know if you are interested in being a volunteer and serve on various Committees. Co-President Linda Hebert and I agree we need members to volunteer to be on Committees. Please step up to the plate and make life easier for those who do lots of work.

HOSTESSES

Cindy Stickles is our Hostess Chairman. Please email or call her cstickles@tandtpump.com or 304.367.1028 and volunteer to be a hostess. The Board hosts March and November so that leaves seven months. We need three hostesses for each month. That is twenty-one ladies to VOLUNTEER! We can suggest menus. NOT HARD! I know you ladies are great cooks!

MANSION UPDATE

Sarel has been working on the Cloakroom. He had to do some plumbing and plastering. Should be finished soon. We will seal the driveway as soon as warm weather gets here. It was done several years ago. Painting the kitchen cupboards is on our To Do List! Yard work is always on the list.

FINANCIAL FACTS

In 2008 we had \$3000.00 in the bank and the Mansion was ready for the Wrecking Ball! In 2012 we had \$12,000. in the bank and the Mansion needed lots of work and we had a Mortgage of \$46,000. FAST FORWARD to 2017 we now have about \$30,000. in the bank with a grant of \$5000. from the County Commission. It takes about 10 to 11 events to make \$5000.00. Our mortgage is paid off and we presently have 10 events scheduled for 2017. Check will be coming from the County Commission after July 1. Any questions about our finances please contact Jane Oreskovich, treasurer or Nancy B. We truly appreciate everyone who helps with events, Book Club and other projects. I will throw out some Fundraising ideas at our next meeting. Our Live Auction was a HUGE SUCCESS, taking in about \$1000. If you think we need more money, please advise of your plan and chair the committee to fund raise, that would be GREAT!

BYLAWS

Barbara Metcalfe, Parliamentarian, will review the Bylaws. They have been sent to everyone. Changes are being submitted to Barbara. If you have comments or suggestions, please get them to Barbara at bbmetcalfe@aol.com prior to the April meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8th – Wedding Shower Brunch
- May 4th – Green Hills Garden Club Lunch
- May 20th - Shower

WORDS OF WISDOM

If you are marking time, you are going backward as the world moves past you.

Look ahead. Aim high. Push on. Grow!

Remember
to fatten up
our pig!



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DOWNTOWN FAIRMONT

SHOPPING TIP: I had the pleasure of shopping Downtown Fairmont on a Saturday! Arts & Antiques is a great place and Curiosity Clocks is SUPER, furniture, glassware neat STUFF and priced to sell! I had a blast. The owner fixed our clocks! They are looking for a bigger building! Their shop is charming. New restaurant opening on First Street replacing the Freight House – The Rambling Root! Building owned by FCDP. Hope it does well. A new bakery is opening soon near WesBanco - The Little Red Hen Bakery! SUPPORT MAIN STREET! We are working on a Fundraiser for Main Street, several ladies helped to stuff envelopes. **Let me know if you would like to be a FLOATER and help with various projects.**

Several of our Members and their husbands are members of the Elks #294. A great organization that helps our young people, veterans, and the community. They serve great meals and they are housed in a beautiful Historic Building. They hold many weddings various events in downtown Fairmont. A true benevolent organization. Consider joining! Many of Fairmont's Movers and Shakers were Past Exalted Rulers and are pictured on the wall.

RHODODENDRON GIRLS STATE

Mary Jo Thomas will again lead the project on Rhododendron Girls State! An Open House and Reception will be held at the Club House. **Please volunteer to make some cookies!** This is a Priceless Project! Mary Jo obtains Scholarships for all three High Schools for young ladies who want to attend. A great experience for the gals. Rosemary Thomas assists her Mom with this project! Congratulations to Mary Jo and Rosemary for all their hard work in the Friendly City, great article in March 26th TWV. GO GIRLS! Ad Thomas did many great things before he passed. A true friend of the Bickerstaff Family! Sadly, missed by many in Fairmont!

THANKS

To Kathy Sprowls. Nancy Securro, and Raymond Alvarez for assisting with the History Day at the Courthouse. We promoted the Woman's Club and Woodlawn, as well as sold a few things.

TRAVELING

Marie Nardi is planning to join the Club. She has many talents including being a caterer. WOO HOO! She also suggested a bus trip to somewhere everyone would like to visit. We would need 50 people. We could invite ladies of the Elks, your friends etc. GET ON THE BUS, Stay Tuned! This would be a Fundraiser too.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn continues to flourish! Mowing will begin soon! Working on the Historic Yellow House. Donations continue to come in. Our Club is famous and loved all over the USA with this project. I realize not everyone was on board but it has been an AMAZING FEAT! Cannot thank you enough for all of your checks and sweat equity that has been involved with this project. We begin feeding the prisoners in April and continue through October. If you would like to help with lunches let me know. A donation of \$25.00 will buy lunch. If you would like to assist with serving the prisoners, let me know. They are very nice and love the food. They love homemade cookies!

NAME TAGS

I checked with Winner's Choice, the price is the same for Name Tags - \$8. If you are a GFWC member and want a name tag, please let me know. I will order them all at the same time. Brass and black lettering and are magnetic, very nice!

TYPE A PERSONALITIES

A word to those of us who are TYPE A personalities and try to do it all! We are used to doing it all! Spring is here and we want to get into the flower beds, and clean everything in sight! It is not easy as we get older to get down on our knees to scrub or pull weeds. Not to worry, do less! No one really cares if your house is spotless, gardens perfect! Slow down, sit down, lean into relaxing! I call the grandkids to help me! Figure out what is important.

**ENJOY! ENJOY!
LIFE IS SHORT – EAT ICE CREAM!!**