

ECHOES



The Woman's Club of Windsor
Member: General Federation of Women's Clubs,
General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia, and
Southside District



Special points of interest:

- * Girls Just Want to Have Fun—Pajama Party
- * Christmas Games
- * A list of everything we need to bring to the December meeting is listed on page 10.

Living the Dash For our Town

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We were very fortunate to have almost all of our family for lunch, had a great time and everyone ate entirely too much!

Don't forget that our December meeting is going to be a Christmas Pajama Party! We are purchasing pajamas for the children at the Genieve Shelter and decided to have a little fun also. If you absolutely do not want to wear pajamas, please come to the meeting anyway.

*Also a reminder that we are exchanging White Elephant gifts. Please **do not buy anything**. We've asked members to make so many donations, we decided to do something that will not cost anything, but will still be fun and we will each have a gift to take home. **Please wrap the gift, but do not put your name on it.***

"Wreaths Across America" is asking for volunteers to help place wreaths on all of the graves at the Albert Horton Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, on Saturday, December 10th. This will take place as soon as the truck arrives with the wreaths, usually at 9:30 AM. There is a ceremony following all of the wreaths being placed and it is your choice whether to stay for this. Larry and I did this last year and even tried to stay for the ceremony, but the cold got the best of us and we left before it was over.

Jackie and I went shopping for the gifts for the Neighbours Place residents and were lucky to find nice sweatshirts for the men on a 50% off sale and we got Christmas socks and some fun socks for the ladies. Susanna is taking care of purchasing gift cards and gifts for our adopted family. Dot and I are going to purchase pajamas for the children at the Genieve Shelter before the meeting.

Thank you to Kay Stephenson for asking Mary Catherine Foster to speak at our November meeting. Mary Catherine is a Master Gardner and shared some great information on beneficial insects and how they can help in our gardens.

I hope that each of you will have a wonderful Christmas and not get too stressed by the preparations and that the new year will bring much health and happiness.

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Merry Christmas!

Mary Lee

Minutes from the November 2011 Meeting

The Woman's Club of Windsor held its regular monthly meeting on November 20, 2011. President Mary Lee Willis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.-welcoming all-especially new members and guests.

Chaplain Shirley O'Brient gave the devotional from Treasure Chest- "Art of Thanksgiving"-followed by prayer. She also shared a delightful reading, entitled "My Resignation".

Pledge to the flag and club collect was led by Anne Fike.

Verna Jones introduced Christina Watts-Child Health Insurance Outreach Worker, who presented information on Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater.

This program provides health insurance covering children with affordable Health Insurance. It is a part of Virginia Health Insurance Program for the uninsured. She urged us to pass the word and to let her know of other civic organizations she might contact.

The roll was called with 30 members present. October minutes were printed in newsletter. No corrections were noted. Correspondence included letters of appreciation from a World War II Veteran and Department of the Navy, Fleet and Family Support Center, Yokosuka, Japan.

Treasurer Jackie Blythe distributed a report for October 21-November 17, 2011. Balance forward was 4,364.06. Receipts of 1,652.00 and disbursements of 523.10 left a balance of 5,492.96. A copy of the report is filed.

Committee Reports:

Arts: Helen Hill reported –

*40 dolls were delivered to Salvation Army
Scrapbook Crop was held on October 29th.*

Photo Class is planned for Feb 4, 2012 at Helen's home. Participants must apply by Jan 28th.

Arts & Craft Contest at February meeting (writings due January 25th.)

Pictures taken by members on display tonight.

Thanksgiving Table Scape for this meeting by Shirley O'Brient.

Education: Joyce Neighbours reported:

Baskets delivered to teachers at Windsor High, Windsor Middle, Windsor Elementary, Carrsville Elementary and Isle of Wight Academy Schools during Education Week.

Breakfast with Santa is planned for December 3rd. Volunteers are asked to be at Community building by 7:00 A.M.

Home Life: Dot Gwaltney reported:

53 pairs of socks delivered to Genieve Shelter.

Christmas gifts for Neighbours Place, Mason Family and Genieve Shelter will be purchased from club member donations of 10.00 each.

Minutes from the November 2011 Meeting (continued)

International Outreach: Kathy Queen thanked all who brought Unicef Donation boxes.

Public Issues: Virginia Norfleet reported:

*Veterans Day baskets delivered to Hampton VA Hospital.
17 World War II Veteran letters mailed for Veterans Day
Senior Safe Driving Class planned for Jan. 25th and 26th.*

Unfinished Business:

Five members have not paid dues for the current club year.

New Business:

*Gift exchange at December meeting will include only white elephant items.
December meeting will be a "Pajama Party"!*

Announcements:

*Door prizes were won by Shirley O'Briant and Julia Perkins.
Hostesses Kathy Queen, Emogene Babb, Theresa Beale, Joyce Gardner, Courtney Roggman and Kay Stephenson were thanked for delicious refreshments.
"Wreaths Across America" project which we support will lay wreaths at Horton Veterans Cemetery on December 10.*

Program:

Kay Stephenson introduced Mary Catherine Foster-Master Gardener who spoke on "Beneficial Bugs". She shared many helpful hints in dealing with plant concerns and described how nature deals with many of these problems.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Virginia S. Norfleet

Secretary



Joyce Neighbours, Cathy Funk, Mary Lee Willis, Nancy Howell, Dot Gwaltney, Jackie Blythe, Nancy Foster and Helen Hill—Trying to convince Santa that we've all been good!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORTS

ARTS: Helen Hill & Patti Harrison, Co- Chairmen

Some of the Arts Committee decorated the Community House on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. I hope you like what we have done. Thanks to Mary Lee and Betty Jane.

The table scape will be done by Betty and Helen this month. It will be the NUTCRACKER SUITE. I hope that you get some ideas that you can use for your holiday table.

Two reminders: The photography class is on February 4th and the Arts and Crafts competition will be at the February meeting. Please take advantage of both.

Please add the following to your list of items to save for the Art Teachers:

- grits or oatmeal boxes
- picture frames
- dry cleaner or large plastic bags (not the small grocery store or Lowe's, etc bags)
- Magazines
- thin cardboard

This committee wishes all a Happy Holiday Season.

A Reminder to anyone who is making scarves for Special Olympics to bring them to the December meeting?

They have to be mailed out by the end of December.

Thanks, Patti

CONSERVATION: Luann Scott & Kay Stephenson, Co-Chairmen

Conservation Tip of the Month:

Suggestions from "Birds and Blooms" magazine on getting birdhouses ready for the next season:

- In fall or before spring nesting, open them up and remove the debris. Thoroughly wash inside to remove any parasites.
- To make fall cleanup super-simple, buy birdhouses that don't need to be unscrewed for cleaning. You simply lift the tops and sweep.
- If the birdhouse is new, it's not a bad idea to leave it outside for a couple of months or even a couple seasons. Then it'll feel more like home to birds.

EDUCATION: Joyce Neighbours & Joleen Neighbours, Co-Chairmen

Baskets of fruit, candy and crackers were delivered to the teacher's lounges at Carrsville Elementary, Windsor Elementary, Windsor Middle, Windsor High and Isle of Wight Academy Schools to honor National Education Week. They were very appreciative.

One of the objectives of the Education Committee is to assist the Friends of the Windsor Library with the annual Breakfast with Santa Claus. Many of our members came out early Saturday morning, December 3rd and helped in numerous ways. A very special thank you to each one.

HOME LIFE: Dot Gwaltney & Susanna Presson, Co-Chairmen

Thanks to all of you for your generous outpouring of support for our three December projects. Gifts will be delivered to the Neighbours Place residents, the Mason family and to the Genieve Shelter. We don't plan to ask for anything else for the coming year, except to be prepared to help make lap robes for Consulate Health Care residents in January. Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Tip of the Month:

How to remove melted wax:

Candlelight is romantic, but there's nothing lovely about prying or scraping melted votives out of their holders. Instead, place the glass holders in the freezer for a few hours. The wax should shrink just enough to pop right out.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Kathy Queen & Lisa Robertson, Co-Chairmen

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Korean - Sung Tan Chuk Ha

Japanese - Shinnen omedeto.

Hawaiian - Mele Kalikimaka

Italian - Buone Feste Natalizie

German - Froehliche Weihnachten

Spanish - Feliz Navidad

No matter how you say it we wish you a Merry Christmas!

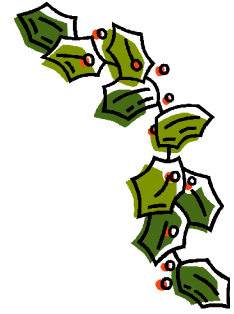
Thank you for your participation in the Trick or Treat Boxes, come to the meeting to find out how much ðchangeö we collected to help change the lives of children in impoverished countries. Again, THANK YOU!



PUBLIC ISSUES: Virginia Norfleet & Nancy Marshall, Co-Chairmen

Public Issues:

- You've done a great job-"clipping coupons"! Nancy Howell totaled them at a value of 4,104.65 for Dec.1 mailing.
- Senior Safe Driving Class- January 25 & 26. Tell your friends and family.



Members have generously donated \$10. toward the club's purchase of Christmas gifts for the Neighbours Place residents, gift cards for the Mason Family and children's pajamas for the Genieve Shelter.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ladies!! Remember to wear your pajamas to our upcoming December meeting. If possible make them Christmas themed and if not wear your most comfortable pair! Don't forget your fun slippers or fuzzy socks to match!

We have a few fun games planned to keep us all entertained. So bring your holiday spirit and lets have some holiday fun together! See you on the 15th! Courtney

WAYS AND MEANS: Theresa Beale & Courtney Roggmann, Co-Chairmen

Don't forget that we have reprints of our 2002 Cookbook and they make wonderful Christmas or bridal shower gifts. The books are \$20. each. See Dot to get some of them to sell. These make great Christmas or bridal shower gifts! **If every member buys or sells two they would all be gone.**

Enjoy this month, because we will have several fundraisers planned beginning with another scrapbook crop in January.

COOK'S CORNER

Sugar Cookies

Ivey Mae Holland

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| 1 cup sugar | 1 cups all-purpose flour |
| 1 cup shortening | 1 teaspoon soda |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 2 teaspoons cream of tarter |
| 2 eggs | 1 teaspoon salt |

Cream sugar, shortening and vanilla. Add beaten eggs, flour in which soda, cream of tartar and salt have been added. Mix well. Chill. Roll and cut in desired shapes. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes.

(This is one of Ivey Mae Holland's recipes from our 2002 cookbook and these cookies are one of my grandsons favorites. He always lets me know when he is going to be home from school, so that I can make a batch for him to take back. I also top them with a thin glaze.)

Sugar Cookie Glaze

Ingredients

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 2 teaspoons milk
 - 2 teaspoons light corn syrup
 - 1/4 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract
- assorted food coloring

Directions

In a small bowl, stir together confectioners' sugar and milk until smooth. Beat in corn syrup and almond extract until icing is smooth and glossy. If icing is too thick, add more corn syrup. Divide into separate bowls, and add food colorings to each to desired intensity. Dip cookies, or paint them with a brush.

ABOUT GFWC

Partnerships

All levels of GFWC are enriched by partnerships with collaborating organizations. On the local and state levels, clubs partner with hospitals, local government, schools, and businesses to assist their communities in becoming better places to live. State clubs often work with their governor's office to act on state wide issues.

At the national level, partnerships with nonprofit organizations, corporations, government entities, and related advocacy organizations help GFWC provide critical information, materials, and resources to clubs. For example, our current relationship with the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), enable GFWC and NINDS to provide every GFWC club with a Know Stroke kit. Clubs use the kits to educate themselves and their communities regarding the symptoms, causes, and treatments for stroke.

GFWC Resolutions

GFWC's voice comes directly from the local level. Policy positions are based on members' concerns. Resolutions form the foundation of all GFWC policy initiatives and determine our position on public policy issues and legislative action. These policy positions reflect the Federation's consensus on issues of international and national importance. GFWC members and clubs use resolutions in their pursuit of issues important to them.

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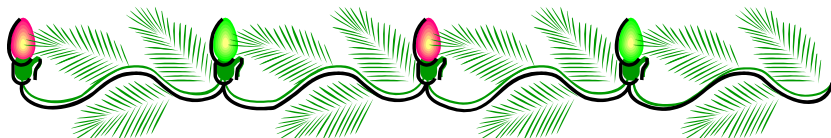
MORE ABOUT FAMIS

We were pleased to have Christina Watts at our November meeting to speak to us about Smart Beginnings. She is looking for ways to spread the word about the Famis program for uninsured children and pregnant women.

Eligibility depends on income, family size, age, citizenship and residency.

If you know of anyone who might qualify for this coverage please give them Christina's name and telephone number—757-562-8511.

Until I started volunteering at the Western Tidewater Free Clinic I didn't realize just how many people have no medical coverage and most of them are people who fall through the cracks of working in a job that does not include health insurance and does not pay enough to purchase coverage.



CHRISTMAS FUN

“YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS”

In September 1897, Francis Pharcellus Church, a former Civil War correspondent and editor at the *New York Sun*, received a letter from the then 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the Sun, it is so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

115 West Ninety-Fifth Street

Virginia,

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

E F T H O E G D I R T R A P K
 I H N V T W E L F T H D A Y R
 O W P E V O L E U R T S A W H
 G O L D E N R I N G S E E S Z
 O R E W B B U D G Q P I E G C
 P H B V D U S D I A M D R E K
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CALLINGBIRDS
 GEESE
 LORDS
 PEARTREE
 TRUELOVE
 DRUMMERS
 GOLDENRINGS
 MAIDS
 PIPERS
 TURTLEDOVES

CHRISTMAS FIND OUT WHO GAME

The Goal is to Find out who has done everything on the list First

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| 1. Never has had a "White Christmas" _____ | 11. Has all his/her Christmas shopping done _____ |
| 2. Has celebrated Christmas in another country _____ | 12. Hasn't done any of his/her Christmas shopping yet _____ |
| 3. Returned a gift s/he received last Christmas _____ | 13. Has never seen "It's a Wonderful Life" _____ |
| 4. Has seen a real, live reindeer _____ | 14. Has seen "It's a Wonderful Life" too many times. _____ |
| 5. Believed in Santa Claus until s/he was 10 years old) _____ | 15. Has "re-gifted" a Christmas present _____ |
| 6. Loves the Christmas song "What child is this?" _____ | 16. Knows all the reindeers names _____ |
| 7. Has been to Bethlehem _____ | 17. Has never made a snowman _____ |
| 8. Went Christmas caroling last year _____ | 18. Knows what s/he is getting for Christmas this year _____ |
| 9. Has peeked at a present before Christmas _____ | 19. Has made "figgy pudding" at least once _____ |
| 10. Still gets his/her own stocking filled each year _____ | 20. Doesn't like Eggnog _____ |



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"Living the Dash - For Our
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REMINDERS:

Hostesses for the November meeting are: Nancy Foster, Sherry Atwood, Kim Garrett, Patti Harrison, Nola Mumford & Suzanne Woodward

Greeters are: Marsha Atwood, Betty Cobb, Joyce Gardner, & Virginia Norfleet

Leading the pledge to the American Flag and Club Collect is Nancy Marshall

• **WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT**

HOME LIFE CSP

- \$10 to take care of the Christmas gifts to The Neighbours Place, our adopted family and to purchase children's pajamas for the Genieve Shelter. (If you haven't already paid.)
- Non Perishable food or donations to the Food Bank at Mount Carmel Christian Church .

PUBLIC ISSUES CSP

- Coupons for the military
- Old cell phones for the military

WAYS AND MEANS

- Pick up cookbooks to sell.

CALENDAR

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|-------------------------|---|
| December 15, 2011 | Club Christmas Party |
| December 25, 2011 | Christmas |
| December 31, 2011 | New Year's Eve |
| January 1, 2012 | New Year's Day |
| January 25, 2012 | Dues and Reports Due to the District |
| January..... | National Birth Defects Prevention Month |
| January..... | National Poverty in America Awareness Month |
| January..... | National Blood Donor Month |
| January | Cervical Cancer Awareness Month |
| February..... | American Heart Month |
| February 3, 2012 | National Wear Red Day |
| February 25, 2012 | GFWC Virginia "A Day at the Capital" |

Merry Christmas!