



Living the Dash ... For Our Town

Just one more letter from me and this club year will be over. It's been a great year. We are so proud of all of our new members and really appreciate the many members who dedicate so much of your lives to things to benefit our community. Thank you all!

Since last meeting we have catered the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce Post Legislative Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether it was being at the community house at 6:30, serving and cleaning up, cooking a sausage or potato casserole or donating \$5.00 toward the expenses. – it was all appreciated.

We prepared and served punch to the many guests who attended Regena Johnson's 100th birthday celebration. That was a big success. Thanks to Nola Mumford for letting us know about it, so that we could be a part of the party. Thank you to everyone who made punch and helped with the reception.

Please notice the Pinwheel Garden at Community Electric. Nancy Foster, Betty Hardy, Kathy Queen and I planted the 72 Pinwheels we had purchased to observe Prevent Child Abuse Month. They are in the flower bed at the corner of the lot. Thank you to Betty for coordinating everything, to Ricky Hardy for making our sign and to Community Electric for allowing us to use their lot.

Betty and I delivered the diapers and bottles to the Genieve Shelter office and they were very appreciative. I checked the Wal-Mart site online to get prices and if I'm right we donated products valued over \$250. Way to go, Girls!

A big thank you to Kay Stephenson for a great program in March. I have actually started a compost pile – thanks to lots of work we have had done in our back yard. Thank you also for the still beautiful Viola's. I think everyone appreciated them. Mine is still living!!

There will be more about Guest Night in the Newsletter, but just a reminder that the time for this meeting is 6:30.

Also a reminder to everyone who signed up to solicit businesses for Raffle items for the Field Trials, we would like to know who you have seen and what they have donated by the April meeting, if possible. We need to get some good items to be successful!

I look forward to seeing everybody at Guest Night. Don't forget to wear your baseball paraphernalia.

Mary Lee

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The April 15th meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Community House.

Greeters: Susanna Presson and Peggy Wright

The Hostesses for the April meeting are: Joyce Neighbours, Joleen Neighbours, Verna Jones, Lee Miller

Our program will be a Movie

Congratulations!

At Spring District we won awards for:

Arts – Best Overall in the Small Club Category for distributing the decorated jars of candy to the residents at Consulate, dressed 33 dolls for the Salvation Army, providing a table of art items at each meeting, supporting Joleen in her role in Steel Magnolias, held art contest for both club members and for students in the local schools. The fact that we displayed the winners of the Student Art at the bank following the contest, was considered, as well as the fact that we contributed money to 4 local schools arts department and collected and distributed recyclable trash to the arts departments as requested by the teachers and that we made ornaments to decorate a 6 foot tree for the Genieve Shelter and also decorated the community house for Christmas.

Conservation - Best Single Project in the Small Club Category for planting 30 River Birch and Hawthorne trees at the Windsor Cemetery and for including help by the Boy Scout Troop.

Home Life – Best Overall in the small Club Category for making home-made items for people in need such as the lap robes for the nursing home and spring cleaning the Community House where our meetings are held.

Home Life – Health – Special Emphasis in the Small Club Category for showing recognition of February as Heart Month by wearing “red” and the fact that so many members took part.

Public Issues – Best Overall in the Small Club Category for supporting, participating and providing food for the volunteers at the Freedom Tribute, for assisting the Windsor Ruritan Club with the Fourth of July picnic, for sponsoring a Children’s Patriotic Parade and for supporting the local fire department and rescue squad.

Club Newsletter- Best Overall in the Small Club Category because Jean provided a newsletter that best exemplified good use of color, themed issue with appropriately coordinating graphics, positioning and appearance of news, timeliness of club and department news, proper use of the new GFWC Emblem, for providing an easy to read format, highlighting up-coming events and member accomplishments with pictures and was put to good use as an educational tool. Thanks Jean!! Also a reminder that Jean needs your input to continue having a good newsletter!

We also won the **Hopewell Public Issues Award** for working with another local civic organization in providing a free picnic for residents on the Fourth of July, for sponsoring the Children’s Patriotic Parade, for providing the reception for the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, thanking them for their dedication to the community. Also for coordinating the food for the volunteers at the Freedom Tribute and for providing one of the meals, as well as donating toward the expenses of the Tribute and for advertising it in the community. For participating in the Overseas Coupon Program, for sharing information from the Legislative Education and Development Office of the House Of Delegates, for having the Director of Emergency Services from Isle of Wight county present a program during one of our meetings and for paying to send a student to Girls State each year, our club exemplified work in the field of Public Issue.

Home Life

April is National Donation Life Month

If you haven't already signed up to be an organ donor, now is the perfect time. Despite continuing advances in medicine and technology, the need for organs and tissue is vastly greater than the number available for transplantation. To find out how to be an organ, eye or tissue donor visit www.donatelife.net.

April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month

We were asked to Plant a pinwheel garden to honor kids in our community. Please check out the Pinwheel Garden and sign we have planted in the flower bed at Community Electric to bring this to everyone's attention.

Dot Gwaltney & Susanna Presson, Co-Chair

District Projects

Thank you to all of the club members who donated something for the Silent Auction held at the Southside District Meeting. A total of \$1,590 was raised from the 34 different items and the items our club donated brought in \$170 of that. Thank you so much!

Another project the District is doing to raise money is to sell raffle tickets for the Beautiful Quilt made by Helen Hill. The tickets are \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. We have tickets to sell, but I would like to ask each member to be responsible for at least two tickets, either by buying them or by selling them. If you want to sell more we can get them. The drawing for the quilt is going to be at the March 2012 District meeting.



A Note From Public Affairs:

Please continue to clip and bring those coupons!! We'll be mailing this batch to Japan on June 1st. Thanks for your support.

Guest Night

Guest Night is on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the Windsor Community House. We will hopefully transform the Community House into a Cinema Café, complete with dinner and a movie. Dress is casual with baseball themed clothing very appropriate. The cost for the evening is \$20 per person.

We know dinner will be good, because Elaine Butler always excels whenever she caters our dinners. We will even have popcorn for your pleasure during the movie and prizes during dinner.

We will conduct very little business, but we do need to vote on one item. Ricky Hardy donated a sign for our use with the pinwheel garden and we would like to purchase another sign to use whenever we sponsor a project. Ricky can make this sign for around \$100. Please be ready to vote on this at Guest Night.

*I will also have a 50/50 raffle with one half of the proceeds going to American Military Mission, which is locally based, per an email I received from Sonja Hardison, the director. Her email read: **My name is Sonja S. Hardison and I am Director of American Military Missions, a faith based grass roots organization I started in 2005 when my grandson was deployed to Iraq. He said that a lot of his fellow soldiers did not receive anything from home, so that started this organization. I started sending more and then asked my church to help. I am writing you to see if you would be interested in having us visit one of your club meetings and do a presentation of what we do. We send packages monthly to deployed troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Kosovo and wherever our Troops are deployed and are in harm's way. It would be wonderful if your group could help with donations to help us keep this Mission going. We send letters and cards as well as many items such as snacks, toiletries, clothes (such as socks and t shirts). We send cookies and peanuts and whatever will make their deployment a little easier knowing that we at home care about them and honor them. We minister to all services.***

The hostesses this month will be providing \$10.00 each toward gift cards to be used as prizes.

I hope everyone will be willing to participate in the raffle.

Art News

Congratulations to all our members that won ribbons on the District level. Those winning blue ribbons will go on to the State level the end of the month. We had 10 blues, 4 reds, 1 yellow and 2 best in Class.

The students did well also. We had 5 blues, 11 reds, 2 yellows. Our congratulations to our students and their teachers. The student art will not go to the State Level

Now, for the winners from the club:

Theresa Beale	Afghan	Blue
Nancy Marshall	Photo (bird)	Red
Mary Lee Willis	Scrapbook pages	Blue
	Christening gown	Blue
	Photo (leaves)	Red
Dot Gwaltney	Christmas Quilt	Red
	Quilt (large)	Blue
	Scrapbook	Red
	Photo (boys)	Blue
	Photo (iron bird)	Yellow
Helen Hill	Turned Pen	Blue
	Needlework	Blue and Best in Class
	Metal Tray	Blue
	Nutcracker Tray	Blue and Best in Class

Art Committee

Garment Bag Blue



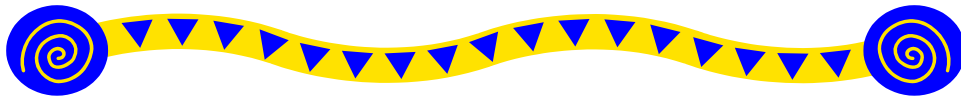
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Just a quick reminder that April 12th is D.E.A.R. Day. So please remember and on next Tuesday, the 12th, “Drop Everything and Read.” Perhaps some of you will have ideas to share about how you celebrated D.E.A.R. day. You can also find out ideas from the Drop Everything and Read site. Also you will find an interesting interview with Beverly Cleary, a winning children’s book author pertaining to this project.

The time is fast approaching for the scholarship applications to be returned and once I have received them, I will let the rest of the committee members know and we will have a meeting to determine the winner of the scholarship.

What an exciting time to be a member of the Woman’s Club of Windsor! Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 15th!

Joyce Neighbours, Co-Chairman
Education Committee



State Project Committee:

We’ve completed our Pinwheel Garden and hope you have all noticed it. Thank you to Kathy Queen and Nancy Foster for helping.

We have also completed the delivery of diapers and baby bottles to the Genieve Shelter. They were very appreciative. Thank you to everyone who donated items. Our total was around \$250.

Our next project will be another yard sale on Saturday, June 4th. This project won’t cost you anything, but will give you the opportunity to get rid of “stuff”. We’re hoping to raise enough money to sponsor the play “Hugs and Kisses” at Windsor Elementary School and at Carrsville Elementary School, if we can get approval by the principals. Start saving your yard sale items and if you would like to price them ahead of time that would be great. You can plan to bring them to the May meeting, or we can make other arrangements if we need to.

Thanks for all of the help we have gotten so that we can “Take Time to Save a Child”.

Sunshine Committee:

Joyce Neighbours has graciously agreed to chair our new Sunshine Committee and Betty Hardy will also work with her on this committee. The purpose of the committee will be to provide meals to club members during a serious illness or following surgery. The committee will be calling on members to provide food when needed. If anyone else would like to help coordinate the meals and serve on the committee please let me know. We also need for every member to be responsible for letting the committee know when there is a need.

Mary Lee Willis

News from the Ways and Means Committee ~ April 2011

Calling All Members...We Need Your Help!!

We have several fundraisers within the next two months, so any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

Saturday, April 16, 2011 ~ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

We have enough help for this event. I have included a list of everyone that signed up to help. If you have not signed up and would like to assist, please let me know as we can always use extra bodies!

6:00am shift to help in the kitchen and set up	7:30am shift to help serve and clean up
Courtney Roggmann	Luann Scott
Theresa Beale	Dot Gwaltney
Kay Stephenson	May Lee Willis
Peggy Wright	Helen Hill
Nancy Howell	Kathy Queen
Nancy Foster	Nola Mumford
Kathy Holt	
Julia Perkins	

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 ~ Town of Windsor Business Appreciation Breakfast

We will once again be serving this breakfast for the Town. Please see the attached duty sheet and recipes and call Courtney or Theresa if you are unable to assist with your duty.

Saturday, May 21, 2011 ~ Field Trial in Surry

This project is coming along but we still need some help. We have enough volunteers to cover helping out in Surry the day of. Thanks to all of the ladies that signed up for that!

We still need 6 volunteers to assist with providing desserts for the event. We are asking that you provide 2 dozen large cookies or bars and place them in individual zip top baggies and deliver to the club meeting on Thursday, May 19th or to Mary Lee by Friday, May 20th.

So far the following ladies have signed up:

Jean Claud Joyce Bracey Betty Hardy Nancy Howell Marsha Atwood
Verna Jones Shirley OBriant Suzanne Woodward Kathy Queen

We are also still in need of raffle items for the event. We are making good progress however we may be calling some of you to assist in reaching out to some of the local business'.

Thank you ladies for all you do to help support our club activities. If there is a time where you have signed up to assist or been asked to assist and won't be able to please contact Courtney or Theresa as soon as possible so that we can fill the position.

Submitted by Courtney Roggmann Co-Chair