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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ah, Indian Summer! Excitement in the air! And excitement at the Clubhouse as we start a fresh new year. Our focus for 2007-2008 will be to welcome the community to our Club: to let them know who we are and what we do. Today at our meeting we will hear some exciting plans we have made in order to accomplish this goal: our Bring-a-Friend Tea, the Bear Bake Sale, perhaps a Fashion Show, our annual High Tea and Musical Revue, an International coffee, a publicity campaign - including a website - and much, much more. Want to help? There is room for you to join the fun! Just speak to one of our Committee Chairs and they will find a spot for you. Or become a Committee Chair yourself: the Conservation Committee is open for the taking, if you are so inspired!

I look forward with you to **a welcoming year**, both in the community at large and amongst ourselves.

That is, after all, why we are members of the Club: to welcome one another in loving, cooperative service, not only helping others, but fulfilling a deeper purpose for our lives.

AT THE CLUBHOUSE . . . or not!

Luncheons

1st Thursday
Clubhouse
11:45 AM

Coffee Social

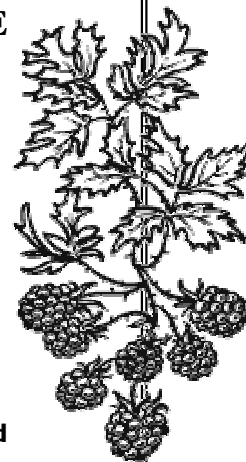
Thursday, Sept. 20
1:00 PM
Clubhouse

GFWC-WA Fall Board

Saturday, Sept. 22
Federation Forest State Park

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 25
10:00 AM, Clubhouse



~ Mia Scherich, President

THANKS TO OUR LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Special thanks to our luncheon committee this month, consisting of Shirin Velji and Peggy Stephenson, greeters, and Kellie Moeller (Chair), June Gibbons, Helen Campos, and Sherry Brisco, hostesses.

BRING-A-FRIEND TEA BRAINSTORM OF NEW MEMBER

Sherry Brisco, Chair of our Community Outreach committee, is planning a Bring-a-Friend Tea Thursday, September 20. She will be handing out invitations at our September luncheon for you to give to a friend in hopes of their attending with you.

Sherry is one of our newer members. She was active in her woman's club in California, where they also held a Bring-a-Friend Tea to introduce prospective members to the Club.

SEPTEMBER B'DAYS CELEBRATED AT TEA

This year KWC is planning to acknowledge birthdays at our coffees (or, this month, our tea!) Clubmembers born in September include Shirin Velji, Winkie Jaccard, Moolokeh Moattar, and June Gibbons,

FALL BOARD AROUND THE CORNER

The GFWC-Washington State Fall Board meeting will be held Saturday, September 22 at the Federation Forest State Park. If you are interested in attending, contact Mia Scherich for registration and carpooling information.

NOTE FROM CORRINE

I truly appreciate more than words can express the wonderful support and acts of kindness received from numerous members after my colon cancer surgery and then the following treatment. The chemotherapy uses aggressive drugs that will continue thru November or December and keep me from being active. I felt I probably should resign my elected office but President Mia advised otherwise. So I am most grateful to Gwen Langwell and Peggy Stephenson for offering to fill in until I can serve again. I miss everyone in the club and being able to work together in the various activities that help our community and federation. I look forward to the time I can assume my position and see everyone again. Best wishes in all that you do. Keep up the good work!

Blessings.

Corrine Hieb, Recording Secretary

INDIAN SUMMER

A soft veil dims the tender skies,
And half conceals from pensive eyes
The bronzing tokens of the fall;
A calmness broods upon the hills,
And summer's parting dream distills
A charm of silence over all.

The stacks of corn, in brown array,
Stand waiting through the placid day,
Like tattered wigwams on the plain;
The tribes that find a shelter there
Are phantom peoples, forms of air,
And ghosts of vanished joy and pain.

At evening when the crimson crest
Of sunset passes down the West,
I hear the whispering host returning;
On far-off fields, by elm and oak,
I see the lights, I smell the smoke,—
The Campfires of the Past are burning. by

~ **Henry Van Dyke**

1852-1933

International News

Dear Members:

Welcome to our new fiscal year but let me remind you that last year (2006) we received various certificates from the Regional and State Boards for our International activities and also we were the luckiest club to receive the Best Award for our International activities. I want to thank the Board and the members of Kirkland Woman's Club (KWC) for their support to make it a reality for the International Committee to receive the award during my first year with the KWC. But, now we must try harder to keep the award this year.

I would like to encourage members to give individual donations to the international charities that are supported by GFWC. Remember to advise me of your donations so I can include them in the International Report.

I will be meeting with the committee members on Sept. 6th after our general meeting to discuss how we could handle the International portfolio this FY. I would like to use the 2006-2008 GFWC Orientation theme "Passport to the World of GFWC," to profile our International members. Stay tuned to the updates and we will inform you of the activities and events planned for this FY.

The 8th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) took place in Colombo, Sri Lanka from August 19-23, 2007. The theme of the 8th ICAAP was "Waves of Change, Waves of Hope". The goal of the Congress was to enhance the local, regional and global response to HIV/AIDS. This event provided a forum for meaningful exchanges of expertise, experiences, and lessons learnt in HIV/AIDS programs.

International Literacy Day - September 8, 2007. International Literacy Day is a reminder to the world about the importance of literacy for individuals, families, communities and whole societies. This year's theme is "Literacy, key to good health and well-being." This is also the thematic emphasis of the 2007-08 biennium of the United Nations Literacy Decade. The 2007 event will look at literacy and its links with general health care, nutrition, family and reproductive health and health-related community development. Events are organized worldwide to raise public awareness and support for literacy.

United Nations Association Seattle Program & Annual Meeting – Sept 15.

United Nations Association Chapter Program and Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 15, 10 am, at Fireplace Room, University Temple United Methodist Church, 1415 NE 43rd Street, University District, Seattle. Topic: "Sharing Wisdom about Peace and Reconciliation: An African Journey".

Kim Bush and Judy Friesem have returned from a seven-month journey across east and southern Africa visiting people actively engaged in promoting nonviolent approaches to conflict resolution and reconciliation among groups that have been brutally hostile to one another in the past. Peace-making and peace-building are critical elements required to stabilize many communities in a number of African countries. They will tell of peace-making and peace-building work by the UN, which now has 19 authorized peacekeeping missions with nearly 100,000 "blue helmets," including the most recent in Darfur.

Following the presentation the United Nations Association Metropolitan Seattle Chapter will convene its annual meeting to elect members, and officers as necessary. For further information, call UNA Seattle, 206-568-1959.

Juniors' Cruise to Bahamas – February 2008.

It is time to plan for your winter getaway! Consider traveling with other Junior and General members to the idyllic paradise of the Bahamas for a four-day cruise aboard the Carnival Sensation! GFWC members will receive special benefits, such as a one-hour complimentary cocktail hour and a \$25 per stateroom onboard credit. Cruise rates start at \$357 for inside cabins and \$437 for outside cabins. For more information or to book a cabin contact: Roberta Fenska, Cruise Planners, 856/435-4118 (Direct) or 866/872-6294 (Toll-free) or e-mail rfenska@comcast.net.

Million Voices Campaign. Enroll now! GFWC is a founding partner of the new Million Voices Campaign to End Domestic Violence, and we need your help to enroll 10,000 GFWC members by this fall. Complete and return the membership form at www.ndvh.org/million to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and raise your voice! In the process you will bring this campaign awareness to benefit International Women.

~ Shirin Velji
International Chair



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