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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Be Thankful! This is the season to count our blessings. But it is also the season to share them with others. We did just that at our two Teddy Bear Bake Sales, with all the loving contributions of cookies, sweet breads, and candy treats.

And the bake sales were a chance for the Kirkland community to share their blessings, as well: they seemed to be extra generous when they realized the donations were going to help children in distress.

We can now look forward to Thanksgiving with friends and family, our Christmas Decorating Party, and, of course, Christmas, with gifts for a Redmond YWCA Family Village family.

Be thankful. Count your blessings. Share.

~ Mia Scherich, President

ON THE CALENDAR

Luncheons

1st Thursday
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

Arts Committee Planning Meeting

Tuesday, November 6
Cynthia's House
Lunch Hour
Light Luncheon Provided

Disaster Prep Class

Thursday, November 8
Kirkland City Hall
1 PM or 7 PM (see Article)

Coffee Social

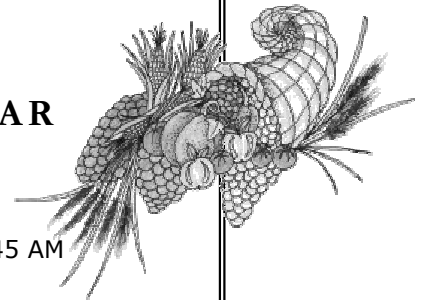
Thursday, November 15
1:00 PM, Madison House
Kellie Moeller

Christmas Decorating Party

Thursday, November 23
10:00 AM, Clubhouse

10:00 Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 27
10:00 AM, Clubhouse



OCTOBER MINUTES

The regular meeting of the GFWC Woman's Club was held at the clubhouse on Thursday, October 4. President Mia greeted members and guests were introduced. The luncheon committee was thanked: Joie Goodwin, Una Duignan, and Mary Florence. Special thanks to Stephanie Skomorowski, who was not on the committee but provided the delicious main dish. The autumn theme was charming and inventive and enjoyed by everyone.

Program. Barbara Jack, a business-woman, published poet and public speaker entertained us with poetry, stories and encouraged us to write our memories. She pointed out the importance of a personal history. This program was well received.

Business Meeting. President Mia called the meeting to order and led the Flag Salute. She announced that the Board had voted to approve of the minutes at the Board meeting and to then publish them in the newsletter. We could then dispense with reading them during the meeting itself. This is a trend several professional organizations have adopted to keep meetings from becoming too lengthy.

Several members expressed support of the idea and wanted to put it to a vote, since they questioned whether it was proper for the Board to have made this decision independent of the general membership. However, upon consideration President Mia stated that we should first determine if our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order actually permitted this change before we could vote on whether we should do it or not. Discussion was tabled until this could be determined.

President Mia announced that we will soon have a web site. A motion was made to approve accepting the hours that Julie Devine volunteers at Peter Kirk Elementary and Studio East, and the hours that Joie Goodwin volunteers at KITH, Kirkland Wedding Network, Kirkland Market Association, and Kirkland Senior Council. It was moved, seconded, and passed. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. It was moved, seconded and passed.

TREASURER: Shirley Ward gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTS: Cynthia Morrow-Hattal announced the committee will meet for a sack lunch at

her home Oct. 9th to work on "Gigi," which will be performed at our High Tea fundraiser in February. She suggested that we sponsor performances at nursing homes by the teens who will sing at the tea. This will give the kids points for community service and our club will be able to include that in our reports.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Joie Goodwin announced that we will have a Teddy Bear Bake Sale on Wednesday Oct. 10th from 10:00 until 2:00, and sent a sign-up sheet.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Shirin Velji gave us an update and announced that UN day is October 24. She suggested attendance at Voluntary Simplicity course at Kirkland Library. She also spoke about Million Voices.

LAYETTES: Una Duignan invited everyone to help with the layettes Thursday Oct. 11 at the clubhouse.

~ Gwen Langwell for
Corrine Hieb, Recording Sec'y



PARLIAMENTARIAN NOTES

This column is written to clarify and help make interesting parliamentary procedures relative to our club. As we know, bylaws are an organization's "Bible" and a legal document. Our bylaws (Article VII Section 8) state in part that the parliamentary authority of the club shall be the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.

But first, a brief historical review. Parliamentary procedure came to America with our ancestors, mainly those used in the English Parliament. At the time of the founding of our country, each colony had its own idea of procedures. During the Continental Congress, each colony had different rules regarding elections, representatives, etc. in their own areas. This confusing state of affairs continued until 1801 when Vice President Thomas Jefferson saw the crucial need for a written and uniform system of rules. His "Manual of Parliamentary Procedures" was adopted by both House and Senate to prevent needless haggling and waste of valuable time over procedures.

It was not until 1876 that Henry Martyn Robert, a practical civic-minded engineer, wrote his "Robert's Rules of Order." It included rules and practices for congress but also details for businesses and "ordinary societies." An immediate success, those

Parliamentary Notes, cont'd.

rules also details for businesses and "ordinary societies." An immediate success, those rules are still in use to this day.

Rules of parliamentary procedure are **based on common sense**. They protect the rights of people to join together to accomplish common goals and enables them to debate and take action in a fair manner with the least amount of controversy. They protect:

- the right of the majority to decide
- the right of the minority to be heard
- the rights of individual members, and
- the rights of absentees.

Parliamentary procedure should be used to help and not hinder decision-making.

- Corrine Hieb
Parliamentarian



TEDDY BEAR BAKE SALE A 'ROARING' SUCCESS

The Teddy Bear bake sale netted \$130.00. This money will be used to purchase teddy bears to give to Police who will give them to children in crisis. Thanks to Joie for chairing this fun event. Her helpers were Mia, Gwen, Julie, Shirin, Sherry and Peggy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This year we will be acknowledging members' birthdays at the Coffee Socials.



November birthdays - Cathy, Corrine, Doreen and Joan. Be sure to attend the Coffee Social at Madison House this month to help them celebrate!

COFFEE AT MADISON HOUSE THIS MONTH

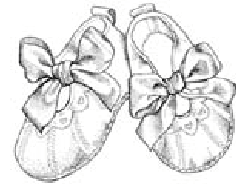
Kellie Moeller will host the Coffee Hour at Madison house this month at 1:00 on Nov. 15. June Gibbons and Mia Scherich will assist. We hope everyone will attend - it always a special treat when we go there.

THANKS TO OUR LUNCHEON TEAM

Our luncheon team today was Rita Hattal, Cynthia-Morrow Hattal, Barbara Roberts, and Eileen Uebelacker.

LAYETTES

Twelve layettes were put together this month. Virginia, Doreen and Peggy. Una Duignan, our Layette Chair and excellent planner, was ill.



GÍGÍ PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY

Come join Cynthia and Eileen as they plan for this spring's High Tea and Musical Revue, Gígí. Planning meeting will be

- Tuesday, November 6
- Cynthia's House, Lunchtime
- Light lunch will be provided!

Now is the time to get in on planning the theme and decorations, the menu items, etc. This is our major fundraiser for the Senior Music Scholarship awards we give in the spring.

EXPRESSIONS OF AFRICAN DANCE DEC 1

Our gifted Lora Lue Chiorah-Dye will direct "Expressions of African Dance" Saturday, December 1st at 7 PM in Kane Hall. As you recall, Lora put on a spectacular program of African dance at the Clubhouse two years ago. We look forward to this program.

WEBSITE WORKING WELL - DO VISIT!

Mia reports that our new, free website is working beautifully. "We have already had several inquiries, which Joie monitors, about our Club. And the Calendar feature is a great way for club members to stay keep track of upcoming events." The web address is listed below. Do visit it often!

<http://www.orgsites.com/wa/kwc>.

International News

SHIRIN "MAKES A DIFFERENCE" AT CONFERENCE

Shirin reports that she attended a domestic violence awareness conference entitled "**Peaceful Families**" on Make a Difference Day October 27 at the Iman Center in Kirkland. More than 75 ladies and a few men were in attendance. Though the conference was targeted to Muslim women, about one-third were non-Muslim.

The topic included Quranic **Family Model**, the relationship of each gender to Allah, What Islam says about domestic violence and an explanation of the various kinds of abuse – verbal, physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual. This was followed by a panel discussion of local service providers – including lawyers, shelter advocates and governmental and non-governmental organizations that assist the victims.

An interactive exercise to demonstrate the situation of an abused woman and a video of how the community can reach out to the victims was very useful.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DECEMBER 6

UNA Seattle is continuing its collaboration with the City of Seattle Office of Civil Rights and many other organizations to plan Human Rights Day events for 2007. It is an opportunity to honor individuals and organizations that have contributed to the advancement of human rights here and different parts of the globe. There will be a midday event on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the downtown Seattle Public Library. The featured speaker that day will be Kenji Yoshino, celebrated law professor at the Yale Law School. He is a specialist in civil rights law, constitutional law, anti-discrimination law and law and literature. On the evening of December 6 Professor Yoshino will speak again and awards will be made to the selected honorees at a gala to be held at the Town Hall in downtown Seattle. Refreshments and live entertainment by local artists are included in the event at Town Hall. Please be on the lookout for the information in the local newspaper.

~ Shirin Velji
International Chair

Neighborhood News

DISASTER PREP CLASS COMES TO KIRKLAND

Liv Grohn, visitor at our October luncheon, announces that a Disaster Preparedness class will be held Thursday, November 8 at the Kirkland City Hall. Times are either from noon to 1:00 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is no charge for this class.

Liv writes, "I'm sure you all remember the wicked storms of last year as we approach the one year anniversary. If you thought that was difficult, uncomfortable and/or you didn't feel prepared--think about what a REAL disaster would be like.

"I went to the preparation training class and it was **amazing AND easy** and leaves one with a sense of control in what we know will feel chaotic when disaster hits.

"The premise of the 9-step prep program is that in a real disaster (read: earthquake) **we will not have 911**. We and our immediate community will become our 911.

"As leaders in the community, attend this program and organize in your own neighborhood. **You have the chance to make your neighborhood a community!**"

Liv, whose husband is a state legislator and sits on the Emergency Preparedness Committee, would be interested in knowing who will be attending. You may call her at 425.828.9445 (hm) or 425.736.8011 (cell). Register at kirklandcitizencorps.org.

KC DISTRICT FALL BOARD MEETING RPT

Mia, Gwen and Corrine attended the Fall Board Meeting on October 13th. It was held at Sharon Robert's home in Kent. There were 12 members in attendance, representing Cascade, Sokico, Kirkland, Olympic View and West Seattle clubs. Minutes of the Spring Board Meeting of March 17th were read and the Treasurer's report was given. Kathie Jorgensen was endorsed for the position of GFWC-WS First Vice President. A nominating committee for the 2008-2010 was appointed. Each club gave a synopsis of what they had accomplished since the last meeting. The meeting adjourned at noon.

Quote of the Month

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."
~ Leonardo Da Vinci ~

COOK'S CORNER

Creamy Caramel Sauce

1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup heavy cream

in a four cup glass measure or a deep microwaveable bowl, microwave butter on high 45 to 60 seconds to melt. whisk in brown sugar and cream until blended. microwave 2 to 2 1/2 minutes more until bubbly and slightly thickened. stir once during cooking. serve warm

~ Gwen Langwell

BOOKMARKS

ELLEN FOSTER By Kaye Gibbons



This book packs a wallop. It is written first person singular. It covers about three years of Ellen's life in the poor and rural South. She was born into an extremely dysfunctional family. At age nine, she becomes the "grown-up" caretaker. She carries a prejudice against black people although her only friend is a black child. She fights a father who is intent on raping her, goes through the death of her mother, then the death of her father and living with her maternal grandmother who hates her and puts her to hard labor. Her goal in life is to have a mother and/or family and to be loved. She finally achieves this through inner strength and persistence. The loss of her prejudice and the shaping of her character are cleverly developed.

~ Gwen Langwell

Comes the Dawn

After awhile you learn the subtle difference
between holding a hand and chaining a soul

And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning
and company doesn't always mean security.

And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts
and presents aren't promises

And you begin to accept your defeats
with your head up and your eyes ahead,
with the grace of a woman,
not the grief of a child.

And you learn to build all your roads on today
Because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans
And futures have a way of falling down in mid flight.

After awhile you learn that even sunshine burns
if you get too much.

So you plant your own garden
and decorate your own soul
Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn that you really can endure.

That you really are strong

And you really do have worth.

And you learn and you learn --

With every goodbye you learn.

~ Contributed by Corrine Hieb
Inspirations



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