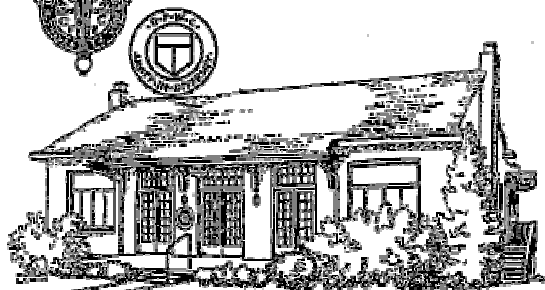




GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB



The Kirkland Woman's Club 1947

GFWC KIRKLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER

407 1st ST/PO BOX 2502
KIRKLAND, WA 98083

MIA SCHERICH, PRESIDENT
GWEN LANGWELL, EDITOR

DECEMBER, 2007

VOLUME 12, ISSUE 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How warm and bright our Clubhouse is today, with its red ribbons, candle sconces and green boughs! It reflects the love we share during this magical season of Lights.

As the days grow short and nights grow cold, we seek warmth and light in our communion with others and in our celebrations of light. We join our friends for songs and games, we exchange gifts, we select presents for a poor mother and child, we send care packages to homesick soldiers in Iraq.

This season, be a "living light." Give and receive in the spirit of warmth and love.

*~ Mia Scherich, President
Kirkland Woman's Club*



AT THE CLUBHOUSE

**Potluck
Luncheon**

**Gift Exchange
Silent Auction**

Thursday, Dec. 6
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

Arts Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Cynthia's, Noon
Lasagna Lunch
Served!

**Cookie Exchange
Coffee Social**

Thursday, Dec. 20
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

**No Board Meeting
this Month**

Club News

NOVEMBER MINUTES

The regular meeting of the GFWC Kirkland Woman's Club was held at the Clubhouse on November 1st. President Mia greeted members and introduced five guests.

INSPIRATION: Gwen Langwell read "Comes the Dawn" contributed by Corrine Hieb.

LUNCHEON: We sat down to a delicious lunch amid bountiful piles of grapes and lovely decorations. The luncheon committee, Cynthia, Rita, Eileen and Barbara, was introduced and thanked.

PROGRAM: Following luncheon, we had an interesting talk by Carol Jansson. She has a helper dog named Windy who was with her. Windy demonstrated her ability to help Carol. Carol also gave us a three-page informational that she had written. This tells a lot about the types of dogs used and the many wonderful tasks they perform.

President Mia called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. She announced she has extra yearbooks if needed. She also announced that our member Lora Lue Chiorah-Dye is directing "Expressions of African Dance" on Saturday, December 1st at Kane Hall at 7:00 P.M. If anyone is interested in going, we can carpool. Please contact Mia. Mia also announced that we now have a website. She also asked for helpers to decorate the Clubhouse for the Christmas festivities. Come at 10:00 A.M. the day after Thanksgiving.

TREASURER: Shirley Ward gave the Treasurer's report.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gwen Langwell, in the absence of Corrine Hieb, read the minutes of the October meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

ARTS: Cynthia reported that we will be meeting at her house at noon on Tuesday, November 6th, to work on our annual tea and musical. Please come and help with this and have fun.

CLUB OUTREACH: Joie gave a report on the Teddy Bear Bake Sale. It was a big success.

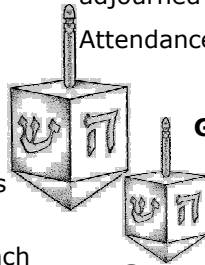
HOME LIFE: It was announced that 12 layettes were assembled this month. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Kellie invited everyone to come to the Coffee hour at Madison House at 1:00 Nov. 15.

The Collect was read and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Attendance: 15 members, 5 guests.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Langwell for Corrine Hieb,
Recording Secretary**



HOLIDAY PARTY

Thanks to everyone who decorated so beautifully. Thanks to our kitchen staff, Cathy Hackett and Gwen Langwell. Thanks to everyone who brought delicious food. The festivities include the Gift Exchange, the singing, the feelings of good cheer, the togetherness of women of like mind, and the talents that we share. This is a lovely way to end the year and ready ourselves for the new one!



YWCA FAMILY GIFTED

Merry Christmas to our YWCA Family Village family! Cathy, Una and Peggy have been hard at work procuring items to make the season special for this 34-year-old single mom and her 4-year-old little girl: \$50 gift cards for a clothing a grocery store, some silver jewelry and a beautiful candle for the mom, and a game, book w/ doll, puzzles and "pretty-in-pink" clothes for the child, including a velour outfit, gloves, mittens, down vest, and socks. **Thanks, team,** for this loving task!



COOKIE EXCHANGE AT COFFEE

This month's coffee social, to be held Thursday, December 20 at the Clubhouse, will be a cookie exchange. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of your favorite holiday cookies. While we are enjoying our coffee and treats, the **cookies will be judged** for fanciest, most creative, prettiest, tastiest, and other fun categories. After the judging, everyone will be given an empty paper plate to **fill with samples** of each other's cookies to take home to our families and friends. This is a great way not only to socialize and **have fun** but to acquire a variety of holiday treats that no one person would have time to bake themselves.

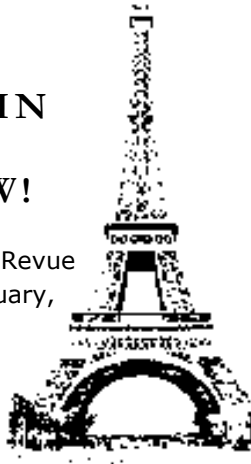


CAN YOU COOK IN FRENCH? GÍGÍ WANTS TO KNOW!

GíGí, our High Tea and Musical Revue musical to be held in mid-February, will be here before we can say "parlez vous français!"

So dust off your Julia Child volumes and get to work!

Cooks are needed for hors d'oeuvres, finger sandwiches, petit fours, scones, tea cakes, etc. Contact Cynthia if you would like to participate in this spectacular annual event that raises funds for our music scholarships.



MAKE HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS THIS XMAS

Cathy Hackett passes on this letter from a woman in her church:

Dear Friends,

A friend, Debbie, has a son serving in Iraq. His name is Nick. Would you be willing to contribute to supplies the fellows really need and use? Letters from all of us are always welcomed by these men, too and are easily added to the box of supplies.

Debbie is sending the next box this coming **Tuesday, Dec. 4** and the box after that leaves for Nick and his 6 buddies **around the 9th or so.**

The list of goodies below includes recreational materials, toiletries and food. Debbie tells me **homemade cookies** and savory munchies are much appreciated by the guys. Please make sure cookies/ munchies are able to withstand shipment (i.e. they won't break down or spoil in shipment). FYI: This early in the Christmas mailing time period, it takes 5, maybe 6, days for packages to arrive in Nick's hands in Iraq.

Interesting point: **white socks** are desperately needed. Evidently, these fellows put their socks through so much, especially considering the very high temperatures and form-fitting boots they work in, that they wear a pair of socks for a couple of days and then toss them.

Other Useful Items include

- * Drink Mixes (Crystal Light is perfect)
- * Snack Foods (non perishable)
- * White socks
- * Hand held video games
- * DVDs (no pornography, please.)
- * Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, deodorant)
- * Calling cards (AT&T are usually best)
- * Letter writing materials (stamps are not needed)
- * Gold Bond foot powder is a BIG one
- * Books and magazines
- * Music CDs
- * Bug spray
- * Protein bars, energy bars, cereal bars
- * Sunscreen
- * Baby wipes, unscented
- * Germ killer (Purell, Germ-x, etc)
- * Gently used books
- * DVD players
- * Crossword books
- * Beef jerky
- * Disposable cameras
- * Gum
- * Chapstick
- * Clorox Wipes
- * Febreze
- * Gel Insoles for shoes
- * Small battery operated fans
- * Batteries
- * Non perishable food items



If you wish to donate items or cash (always appreciated for shipping expenses), let me know as soon as possible. **I'm happy to pick up your contributions** or you can drop them off at my place:

Cyndie Urich
425-830-9296
14219 NE 64th Ct
Redmond 98052

Sincerely, Cyndie

Thanks, Cathy, for this wonderful opportunity to spread the holiday spirit! - MS

International Corner

Passport to the World: GFWC has talked about Passport to the World in referring to attendance at the GFWC International Conference at Chicago and the upcoming cruise in February 2008. I feel we can use that title to learn more about International countries represented by our members. Thus starting January I would like to see a short article about the country the member has come from, or any international issue or travel to different countries. Who will be the first one to take this up this challenge? Let me know and we will print your story.

Donations in 2007: The year is coming to an end and I want to know about your donations to different international organizations so that I can include them in our 2007 International Report. GFWC International Portfolio lists the following organizations, but you are not limited to them.

UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM: United Nations Association of the USA, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

REACHING OUT INTERNATIONALLY: Care, Plan USA (formerly Child Reach), Clowns without Borders, Cure International, Heifer Project, Global Volunteers, Operation Smile International, Save the Children, US National Committee for World Food Day, People to People Student Ambassador Program, Save the Children, School for International Training, and Youth for Understanding US

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: In December 1999, the UN designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and invited governments, international organizations and NGOs to organize activities designed to raise public awareness of the problem. According to UN women's organization UNIFEM, "Violence against women remains prevalent, pervasive, systemic, and even sanctioned. The key challenge that remains is to move from awareness that it is a human rights violation and a crime, to making it socially unacceptable and counter to community norms.

"Governments, NGOs, civil society, the private sector, and international bodies must work together to face this challenge head-on, and to provide the political will, commitment and courage to finally eradicate this scourge from human life."

- Shirin Velji, International Chair

Federation News

GET YOURSELF IN PRINT!

GFWC Headquarters has received a request from a newspaper reporter for leads on individuals who have **made major life changes** and are happier for having done so. Examples might include a lawyer who became a painter, a suburbanite family who moved onto a sailboat, or a retired grandmother who started acting in movies.

To respond to this PR opportunity, contact GFWC Communications & Public Relations Director Nikki Willoughby or call 202/347-3168 ext. 149. Deadline is December 31, 2007.

MAKING THE CLUB MANUAL REMARKABLE

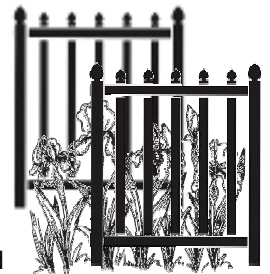
GFWC International President Jacquelyn Pearce reports that "at the Orientation Meeting in early November, 2008-2010 committees worked to update and revise the outlines for their program areas. These updates will be included in the GFWC 2008-2010 Club Manual, which will be published in April 2008! All updates, proposed changes, additions, and ideas for the club manual materials are due to GFWC Headquarters by Monday, December 3. For questions and more information, contact GFWC Program Director Pat Nolan at 202/347-3168 x 133."

Latebreaking News

WROUGHT IRON BY TEATIME!

After much research, the Building and Grounds Committee has chosen the pattern for the new wrought iron fencing which will enclose our porch. The fencing will replace the rotted flower boxes and bring a clean, polished look to the Clubhouse.

"We are hoping to have the fencing installed in time for the High Tea and Musical Revue in February," commented President Mia. "With the addition of flower urns, our Clubhouse will be right in line with the Gígí theme." Gígí is set in Paris around the turn of the Century. Our building, and the classic pattern of the wrought iron, is of a similar ilk.



COOK'S CORNER

THE BEST POUND CAKE EVER

1 cup crisco (can use butter or oleo but it is better with crisco)
 1 2/3 cups sugar
 5 eggs
 2 cups flour
 pinch salt
 1/3 cup orange juice
 1tbsp. vanilla

cream sugar and crisco
 beat in eggs one at a time
 mix together flour and salt
 gradually add orange juice and vanilla with dry ingredients
 bake in well-greased bundt pan or angel food cake pan. bake one hour in preheated 350 degree oven.

BOOKMARKS

THE HOUSE OF VANDEKAR

by Evelyn Anthony



A young woman in England is taken by her fiancé for a weekend at a huge and beautiful inn. She is shocked when they arrive. It is the house in which she was born and had fled several years before. She is still having nightmares. The story really starts as the entire story of the Vandekar family is told. This book is well plotted, the characters come alive, and you will not be able to put it down.



TRIVIA

Did you know that the week of December 2nd through December 8th is National Handwashing Awareness Week?
 Well, it is.

TALK, TALK, TALK

By Gwen Langwell

There was an old frog that lived in a moat
 That nasty old frog jumped in my throat
 It happened when he slipped on a rock
 one day
 That nasty old frog took my voice away

When I opened my mouth trying to speak
 All that came out was a little frog squeak
 A rapid solution I started to seek
 I did not want to be silent for even a week

In fact, just one day of having to be quiet
 For me, that would cause an internal riot
 A day without sounds, syllables and such
 For me that would be just one day
 too much

So I went to an old wizard high on a hill
 What he gave me to take was a large
 green pill
 He said that I must dissolve it in perrier
 And it would send that frog away

I gulped it down in one big slurp
 Then I burped a big green burp
 I was cured and as good as new
 I could talk as good as you and you

Once I started, I talked and talked
 When I was still and when I walked
 I talked in sentences, I talked in rhyme
 And I am still making up for all that
 lost time

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world. - *Anne Frank*

This Holiday give six gifts that don't cost a cent to give:

The gift of Listening...

But you must Really listen. No interrupting, no day dreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

The gift of Affection...

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The gift of Laughter...

Funny pictures. Share articles, funny stories and funny greetings. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

The Gift of a Written Note...

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The Gift of a Compliment...

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

The Gift of a Favor...

Every day go out of your way to do something kind.



*Contributed by
Corrine Hieb, Inspirations*

*A million thanks to
Alice Parsons
for mailing out newsletters
to those who do not have
email! Thanks for coming
to our rescue. Alice!*

*Kirkland Woman's Club
PO Box 2502
Kirkland, WA 98083*

To: