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President's Message. January is the month of new beginnings. It is appropriate that this month will have the first meeting of the year as a time to help the needy. Members have been asked to bring baby things for the layettes. During the meeting today we will assemble the bags for 12 boys and 12 girls. Not only will the mothers receive the needed things, but they will know that someone cares for them: that someone thinks of them and wants to help them.

This is the beginning of the year for us, but it is a beginning of a lifetime for these young women.

~ Gwen Langwell, Co-President

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

Luncheon to feature Layette Baby Shower. The speaker for Jan 5th will be Sue White who is an R.N. from Northshore Public Health. She will talk about the women that they help. She will share stories and explain the program. They are so pleased that we help them. They have 2,000 clients. When one is pregnant they check to see what they need and our layettes are very desirable. We are pleased to learn about their program and they have been wondering about us.

We will also be having a layette baby shower at the meeting. Our layette chairs, Habiba and Shari, ask that we bring unwrapped new or gently used articles for newborns of either sex. They will be greatly appreciated.

EDITORIAL

January is not just 31 days on a calendar. Nor is it just cold, dismal and sometimes snowing. It is a time for all of us to search a little deeper into our lives to see what might be missing. Some days through this month it will too cold, too windy and possibly too dangerous to go outside. Instead of gloom look around at all the things you have. Think of some of the good things you have done for family, friends and strangers. All of us have done something to give comfort to others. Forget the chores, read a book, write a book, take a nap.

And eat some chocolate.

~ Gwen Langwell, Editor



LAYETTE BABY SHOWER AT JANUARY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The Layette Committee would like to start the New Year with a Baby Shower during our January 5th potluck luncheon. They invite everyone to bring much needed newborn items to donate to New Mothers at the Public Health Clinic. Co-Chair Shari Casari reports that they used up many of the items from our last donation meeting and really need our help to restock the closet. Items needed include:

- Onesies
- Sleepers
- Gowns
- Receiving blankets
- Booties
- Sweaters
- Washcloths
- Bibs and Hats
- Crib blankets
- Stretch outfits

Both boy and girl items are needed. You can find nice gently used items at Value Village and Goodwill and garage sales. Target and Ross have great sale items. Ask your friends and colleagues to contribute: they will be happy to help.

Shari has scheduled an assembly party on Friday, January 27th at 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to come and help put the bags together. She writes, "Thanks to all of you who contribute so much to the success of this committee. Doreen, Habiba, Stephanie, Shirley: you are a delight and a huge help getting me 'trained' in this new position. See you all at the Shower."

~ Shari Cassara

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

And now let us welcome the New Year
Full of things that have never been

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

GROUCHY GRAMMARIAN

saturnine, *adj.*

gloomy

that is the Grouch

COOK'S CORNER

Hot Chocolate for a Chill Winter's Night

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup light cream
- 5 oz unsweetened chocolate
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 5 tablespoons sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch cinnamon

Combine the milk, sugar, and salt in a saucepan over medium heat. After the salt and sugar have dissolved, add the cream, vanilla, and cinnamon. Bring to just under a boil and add the chocolate. Turn the heat off, stirring until the chocolate is completely melted. Enjoy!

BOOK NOOK

Trouble is My Business

by Raymond Chandler

This is a book of four detective stories. It is an old book, last printed in 1950. It is worth a read just to see the difference in writing today, and how people lived in that time. You might find it in an old book store.

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*If you can't be a good example  
at least be a dire warning*

## KNOW YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

This month we are continuing with our series, "Know your Club Member." This month our interviewees are Habiba Swailem and Carmel Chartrand.

### Club Member Habiba Swailem

*How long have you been a member of the Kirkland Woman's Club and what caused you to join?*

I have been a member of KWC for about a year and half now. I was looking for a club that matched my interests and passion and my friend Shirin introduced me to this wonderful club.

*What do you enjoy about the Club?*

I enjoy helping other women, discussing women's interests and helping domestic violence women.

*What is one thing you could tell us about yourself that would surprise us?*

I am 5'2 and I was a member of basketball team in my high school.

*What was your first pet and what was its name?*

I had a cat named Niko.

*What were your chores as a child and how did you feel about them?*

My chores were to clean and fix my room I loved and I still love cleaning it is my passion.

*What did you want to be when you grew up?*

Pilot or police detective.

*What did you actually choose as a career?*

I had different jobs, from interpreter to phone technician to ABA therapist.

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us?*

I love traveling, I love people and I am a social butterfly.

### Club Member Carmel Chartrand

*How long have you been a member of the Kirkland Woman's Club and what caused you to join?*

My friend Shirin introduced me to the club and I thought the women at the club seemed genuine and I was interested in getting more involved with community.

*What do you enjoy about the Club?*

Most of all the diversity of the women and the mission of the organization.

*What is one thing you could tell us about yourself that would surprise us?*

For those who don't already know I am a grandma, my grandson is 15 months old and I get told I am too young to be a grandma, however, I do enjoy the nice compliment!

*What was your first pet and what was its name?*

Sugar was the name of my first dog and she was a mix between a cocker spaniel and poodle and she loved it when I would dress her up and take pictures of her. She was a model dog.

*What were your chores as a child and how did you feel about them?*

I had to do the dishes, dust and vacuum, and clean the bathroom every week. I felt cheated since all my brother had to do was take out the garbage.

*What did you want to be when you grew up?*

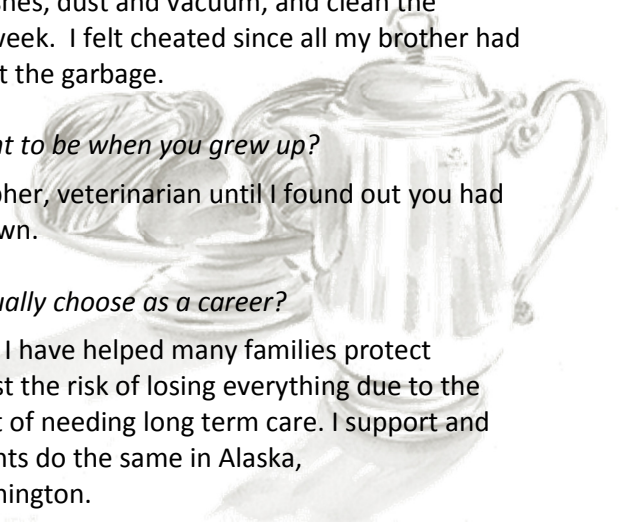
Model, photographer, veterinarian until I found out you had to put animals down.

*What did you actually choose as a career?*

Insurance agent. I have helped many families protect themselves against the risk of losing everything due to the unthinkable event of needing long term care. I support and assist several agents do the same in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us?*

I am honored to be a part of such a great organization and look forward to many years of service.



**UN-DECK THE HALLS**

We'll be taking down the tree and the other decorations  
after our January luncheon and meeting.

You might want to bring or wear comfortable shoes  
to accomplish this task.

Thanks for your help.

Barbara



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