



Mayfield Women's Club, Inc. GFWC/OFWC

Newsletter – January 2016

GFWC - Celebrating 125 years - April 24, 1890
 "Living the Volunteer Spirit"



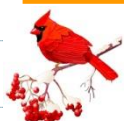
General Meeting: Monday, January 18, 2016; 7:00 PM

Mayfield Village Community Room
 6621 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village

Board Meeting: 6:00 PM

Greeting Hostess: Marcia Pecjak – Arrive at 5:30 PM

Serving Hostesses: Marie E (Chair), Chris B, Laurie P, Diana T



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We hope that you all had any an enjoyable holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends.

Thanks to the mild weather, Mayfield Village is making great progress on their new Community Center. For sure we will be able to have our Presidents' Picnic in the new facility in August.

And speaking of presidents, Carolyn is still looking for people to step forward and volunteer as president(s) and vice presidents(s). Without your willingness to serve we cannot go forward as a club. Many clubs with far fewer members than we have continue to rotate as officers. I've served as president twice now and actually enjoy it -- so much so that I'm willing to continue to do the Annual Report for the next president. So I hope that each of you will consider taking your turn and offer to keep our club and the services we provide available to our community.

Thanks again for all the work you have done for the Club this past year.

Barb Schaefer and Diana T

★ January Meeting Program

The program for the January meeting is the "Cultural Gardens of Cleveland". The speaker is Rebecca McFarland, local historian. It should be an interesting topic for everyone to enjoy!

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★ Committees

Home Life

January Celebrations and Observations around the world:

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

Jan. 1 – or Lunar New Year. Korea celebrates Solnal – the biggest holiday of the year

Jan. 5 – Twelfth Night (The 12 night after Christmas) Celebrated in Europe where people go out to sing and drink to the health of their friends, family, pets and crops.

Jan. 6 – Epiphany or 3 Kings Day marks the end of the Christmas season (12th day) and is believed to be when the 3 wise men arrived in Bethlehem to worship Jesus. In Mexico, 3 Kings Day is considered a holiday. Children put their shoes under the Christmas tree and wake to find them filled with presents of toys and clothes.



Jan. 6 -- Is a celebration in Venezuela called La Paradura del Niño. It is a celebration for Jesus as a baby, and Venezuelans place the baby from the manger on a blanket. Four people carry one corner of the blanket and hold a candle in the other hand and parade around the town with the baby.

Jan. 7 – East Orthodox Christmas or Julian Christmas – Celebrated in Ukraine & elsewhere.

Jan. 15 -- Is a day for celebration in Korean called Daeboreum. It is a celebration of the first full moon of the year and hope for a healthy year to come.

Jan. 19 – Epiphany Day for Ukrainians.

Jan. 20 – USA – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (since 1986). The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is celebrated on the third Monday in January.

Jan. 18–22 -- NO NAME-CALLING WEEK -- Annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds.

Jan. 25 – Scotland – Scottish poet, Robbie Burns, was born on January 25, 1759. Scottish people celebrate his birth by eating Haggis and having bonfires.

Jan. 26 – Australia – Australia commemorates the first European settlement in Australia in 1788.

Jan. 27 -- UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY Annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945.

Late Jan–early Feb. – Indian and Hindu festival that is held in honor of the Hindu goddess of learning, Sarasvati.

Sue K and Katy H

International – No updates at this time
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Legislation & Public Affairs –

- The Presidential candidates will actively participate in future debates and travel for recognition and support. Make a point to understand what you hear and read. Read about the Presidential Candidates:
<https://www.presidentialelection.com/candidates/>
- Important dates to remember:
 - Tuesday, February 16: Deadline to register to vote in the primary election.
 - Wednesday, February 17: Start of absentee and early in-person voting.
 - Tuesday, March 15: Polls open 6:30 am–7:30 pm; Drop-off of absentee ballots until 7:30 pm.

Marcia Pecjak

Scholarship/Education Committee -- No updates at this time.

Carolyn A

Social Committee:

Our next get-together is planned for Monday, January 25th. We will either see a movie and have lunch or dinner at Piccolo Italian Restaurant --using the attached flyer which gives our Club a 10% discount on each bill or just go to lunch or dinner. At the General Meeting, we will decide if there is a movie that sounds interesting and decide if we go to lunch or dinner.

SAVE THE DATE! – Wednesday, February 3rd, 6 PM – Lunar New Year Dinner at P.F. Changs, 26001 Chagrin Blvd, Beachwood. Stasia will have a sign up sheet at the January meeting.

Sheila W; Barb W; Stasia Mc

Treasurer:

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and that 2016 is filled with peace, happiness, and good health.

Reminder: When turning in expenses to me, please remember to include a completed expense sheet. It is also helpful that when you give me money (cash and/or checks) that you document the source of the money and the amount. While it makes sense at the time you hand things to me, but by the next morning...not so much!

Dotti C

Ways and Means Committee:

Update! Our Town and All Around Book Sale was a success. The total number of books sold was 140. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser! (A few members are asked to turn in payment at the January meeting.)

Marie E

Treasure Table – We will be up and running in January. Your donations have been great – keep it up! Books are always appreciated. “Recycle” is the name of the game! Bring your “spending change”!

Carol E

Welfare:

- We are still collecting 2016 calendars. Bring them to the January meeting.
- Collection: Bags of Love – Please see page 20 of the Yearbook for item listing
- We are collecting “new” and “used” Christmas cards for a welfare project in the future. We will be sending holiday messages to our troops in 2016. Please bring cards throughout the Club year for this special project in October.
- Extra Baskets in January and February – Chris Barni will have wicker baskets Club members can use as their container for the Chinese Raffle basket fundraiser.

Chris B; Marty N; Carol E

- **Update! Mayfield Village Charity Tree** -- I hope you saw the “Charity Tree” in the hallway at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. It was laden with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, caps and socks of many sizes—infant through adult. Your generosity covered the tree!!! Delivery was made to our local food bank, where those in need received our gifts. Infant “onesies” and stuffed animals were delivered to Ronald McDonald Room. Thank you one and all for your participation and caring of fellow citizens.

Thank you for continuing to bring in your torn, folded, old American flags and pop tabs. Happy New year to you!

Betty Jo M

Yearbook

Please continue sending me pictures of our social gatherings, meeting events and etc.

Diane Stevens

GFWC/OFWC Information:

GFWC News & Publications: <http://www.gfwc.org/news-publications/news-notes/>

- January 1 – http://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/NewsNotes_1.1.2016.pdf?d37f8a
 - Topics: 2015 Year in Review; GFWC Resolutions; 2016 Administrative Calendar; Happy Holidays from President Condon
- January 9 – http://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/NewsNotes_January9.pdf?d37f8a
 - Topics: Human Trafficking Awareness Month; Shot@Life Champion Summit; 2016 Convention Dates
 - 125th Anniversary Ornament: <https://marketplace.gfwc.org/125th-anniversary-ornament-p648.aspx>. It reads “Sold Out” but you can be notified of availability according to the Marketplace site. Call or e-mail for more details: 202-347-3168; marketplace@GFWC.org



Patti F – 1/6



Judy W -- 1/18



Stasia Mc-- 1/21

Heartfelt Thank You from Marty N:

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, brought meals, visited, or called and generously gave me support and your friendship during my surgery recovery. I appreciate all of you for being such special people.





Next Meeting – 2016



- **Monday, February 15; 7:00 PM**
- Greeting Hostess: Mary Mc – **Arrive at 5:30 PM**
- Serving Hostesses: Nan M (Chair), Peg De, Dottie T, Judy W



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