PRESIDENT’S LETTER

“If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.”

Happy New Year 2012 - we hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas. Thank you, Phyllis for opening your home to us for our Christmas party. The food was good and your home was very festive.

The “lunch bunch” met on December 19th at the Hotel Jefferson – we enjoyed a delicious lunch and admired the huge, beautiful tree and pretty decorations. Please join us this year for the “lunch bunch” as we have a good time and try lots of restaurants. We have a great start for our club this year with eight new members, a successful fashion show behind us, and great plans for the rest of the year. Now, let’s get busy and write those reports!

Dianne Kronmeister, Co-President

The January Book Club met on January 9th at Millie’s lovely home. Terry is planning the Lunch Bunch for the winter and spring. She has planned a nice get together for Monday, January 30th at Stella’s. The President’s Project for this month is Smile Dolls for International Outreach. Read more about this project from Pat Jeffress in the newsletter. Please continue to bring your aluminum cans to raise money for our operating expenses. I am looking forward to 2012’s meetings, speakers, projects, and getting to know our wonderful new members.

Kit Davison, Co President

DATES TO REMEMBER:
FEB. 21 GFWC Virginia Legislation Day, “A Day in the Capital”
MAR. 17 LEE DIST. ANN MEETING
Installation of officers & Awards

JAN 30@11 STELLA’S LUNCH BUNCH

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Thank you for all that you do! Your chairmen and officers have been hard at work getting our club reports in order. NOW! Let’s all attend the Lee District Annual Meeting at the Richmond Country Club to collect our awards and to watch our own, Pat Jeffress, be installed as Lee District President.

Please check your email and print and return or bring the club survey to the January meeting. We want your feedback.

Tricia Miller, First Vice President

MEMBERSHIP

Dear Ladies,

Now That the hurried pace of the holidays has worn off and we are “Ladies of Leisure” once again~aahhh~let’s sink our teeth into “Lunch Bunch” options, shall we! Here’s the lineup for the next 4 months:

Monday, January 30th at 11:00:
Stella’s, Lafayette Street, Richmond, Va.
You are in for a treat. We already have a nice, confirmed number of guests for this affair.
Please let me know if you would like for me to add your name to our reservation also! Carpool available!

**Monday, February 27th at 11:30:**
La Grotta, Shockoe Slip, Richmond, Va.
For those of you who have not been, I am suggesting you join me for an impactful tour of the Holocaust Museum from 9-11 on this same morning.
Carpool available!

**Wednesday, March 14th @ Noon:**
Cafe Caturra, Grove Avenue, Richmond, Va
Shopping on Grove beforehand from 10-Noon!
We did this last year and it was so much fun!
Carpool available!

**Monday, April 30th: @ Noon**
Kanpai Japanese Steak House, Short Pump @ Noon.
May it be the PERFECT Spring day to stroll across the street to Stranges afterwards to pick up some wonderful plantings!

**NEW MEMBERS!**

Your GWC booklets are ready! Please be sure to remember to pick them up at our January meeting!

**FASHION SHOW PICTURES!**
Dianne Kronmeister was kind enough to print off some wonderful pictures from the fashion show. Many of you were the lovely subjects of some of these candid shots so please look for an envelope with your name on it at our January meeting. Your special photo will be enclosed—and is yours to keep :)!

That wraps it up for Membership, friends! Winter wishes for a warm and peaceful January!

Kindly,

Terry Smith-Cole
Membership

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**HOME LIFE**

Did you know that every three minutes a child is born with a cleft—often unable to eat, speak, socialize or smile. In some places these children are shunned and rejected. In many cases, their parents can’t afford to give them the surgeries they need to live a normal life. Nearly every 3 minutes a child somewhere in the world is born with a cleft lip or cleft palate. One in every ten children born with a cleft condition will die before they reach their first birthday.

**Operation Smile is an international children’s medical charity** that heals children’s smiles, forever changing their lives. Since 1982, Operation Smile—through the help of dedicated medical volunteers—has provided more than 2 million patient evaluations and over 200,000 free surgeries for children and young adults born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. Operation Smile is able to provide free cleft lip surgeries for children and young adults around the world for as little as $240.00. This is possible thanks to the generous contributions of medical professionals who volunteer their time and corporations that donate critical supplies and equipment necessary for safe surgery. This cost includes travel for essential medical team members to an international mission site, expenses incurred to purchase the additional supplies required for the medical mission, and shipping costs.

As one of the most prominent children’s charities in the world and with a presence in over 60 countries, Operation Smile is able to heal children’s smiles and bring them hope for a better future. GFWC Virginia supports Operation Smile and has directed that any club contributions be mailed to the organization at 6435 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 25309.

Committee Member, Jeanne Napier

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**PUBLIC ISSUES**

In December 28, 2011, our Goochland County was added to the list of counties that have fi-
nally received the notice to file for damages related to the Earthquake of 2011 that hit Louisa and surrounding areas. The organization that helps residents apply for Federal Government aid is FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

This agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security, was initially created by Presidential Order in 1979. The primary purpose of FEMA is to coordinate the response to a disaster that has occurred in the United States and that overwhelms the resources of local and state authorities.

This last year was an important reminder to all of us that earthquakes, like other disasters, can strike anytime, anywhere – not just on the West Coast. They come with little to no warning and their effects, such as shaking, can often be felt hundreds of miles and many states away from their epicenters. In August, when the 5.8 magnitude earthquake struck Louisa County, shaking was felt as far south as Georgia and as far north as Quebec, Canada. We have continued to feel the aftershocks since that time, with measurable ones in December and as recently as the first week of January.

If you or anyone has experienced structural damage, interior damage, or suspect issues with your home, it is important that you contact FEMA at 1-800-62-FEMA(3362) for eligibility and deadlines for filing. If you have insurance coverage, it is also necessary that you file with your homeowner’s company as well.

An inspector will be assigned to you and will come to your residence, do an inspection, and process your claim with the agency. This inspection is for the Individuals and Households Program and you will receive one of several notices whether you will receive assistance for the repair of your loses or damage. While the funds do not restore your property to pre-disaster condition, they can help with repair, whether you do the work yourself or hire outside companies approved by FEMA. Funds are sent immediately following the eligibility letter is received, or if you agree during the inspection, funds can be deposited electronically into your bank account.

It was a long awaited step of the approval process for Goochland and other adjoining counties to Louisa, but the assistance will help residents at this very difficult time.

If you know someone who could benefit from this call, by all means refer them to FEMA for assistance.

Sara West, Chairman

**MINUTES**

General Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2011

Co-President Dianne Kronmeister called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Patsy Garber read us a thoughtful devotional on Fulfillment. Dianne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Cole-Smith inducted five new members: Laura Santini, Pam Johnson, Cyndi Young, Dana Jordan, & Annette Burton. We all read the Collect, had refreshments, & welcomed our new members.

There were seven entries in the club Art Show, which were on display. Six entries received blue ribbons from judge Pat Jeffress and will be shown at the District Art Show.

When Dianne called the meeting back to order, the minutes were approved as in The Nugget.

Treasurer Jeanne Napier gave the current treasurer’s report showing a balance of $7,232.96. Richmond Country Club has not billed for the fashion show lunches.

Terry Smith-Cole, 2nd VP’s asked us to bring our personality tests to the January meeting to get our results, & reminded us of the Christmas Party at Phyllis Silber’s Dec. 12.

In Trish’s absence, Dianne asked us to turn in...
Kit announced that we received $12.50 from Patsy Garber’s first can recycling trip. She announced Lunch Bunch plans for Dec. 19 at TJ’s and Book Group Dec. 5 at RCC.

Education Chair Billie Reid reported that we have given over 500 books to elementary schools and commended Cyndi Young for the food drive at Goochland Elementary School. She reminded us of Christmas Mother shopping tomorrow and wrapping Saturday.

Home Life Co-Chair Ellen Robinson distributed a list of items needed for our adopted lady, which Pattie Pryor plans to deliver Dec. 10.

Public Affairs Chair Sara West said the USO was most appreciative of our baggies of morsels and encouraged everyone to read The Nugget article.

Fashion Show Chair Melanie Kerneklian thanked her committee, especially Joan Peterson, Patsy Garber, Dottie Howell, & Mary Ann Valentour, who did so much for the success of the show. 134 tickets were sold.

Art Chair Dottie Howell demonstrated making snowmen from socks stuffed with birdseed, and each member then finished a snowman that Dottie’s committee had stuffed, adding buttons, accessories, and headgear chosen from Dottie’s vast collection. A good time was had by all and there were no injuries due to glue guns.

Cyndi Young reminded us of the Louisa Christmas Parade Dec. 10.

With no Old or New Business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45. Present: 25 members

Rachel Parker, Recording Secretary
The Goochland Woman's Club  
Treasurer’s Report  
November & December, 2011

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**Receipts**

- Fashion Show Tickets (57@$30.00) $1,710.00
- Fashion Show Sponsors $250.00
- Fashion Show 50/50 $126.00
- Fashion Show Purse Sales $320.15
- Fashion Show Jewelry $571.00
- Fashion Show Auction Items $200.00
- Dues $360.00
- Initiation Fee $10.00
- 50/50 (11/28 meeting) $18.50
- Book Sales $4.00
- Donation $55.00
- Aluminum Money $12.50
- December Social $704.00

**Total Receipts** $4,341.15

**Disbursements**

**Operation & Administration**

- Hebron Meeting - 11/28 $25.00
- Hunt Country Cuisine (Christmas Social) $594.00
- Terry Smith-Cole (Christmas Social) $132.00
- Bank Fees (Sept.-Dec.@$2.00) $8.00

**Sub-total** $759.00

**Philanthropic**

- Patsy Garber (Fashion Show Expense) $28.35
- Dianne Kronmeister (Fashion Show Expense) $100.00
- Richmond Country Club (Fashion Show Expe $2,631.50

**Sub-total** $2,759.85

**Total Disbursements:** $3,518.85

**Balance as of 12/31/11** $8,055.26

Jeanne Napier, Treasurer