



**WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF
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NEWSLETTER

A Note from Darla and Barbara,

Well, ladies, our Diamond Jubilee Year is officially underway, and we are about halfway down a path to meeting our \$25,000 goal.

January went by like a flash and ended by giving us a beautiful but not so friendly snow and ice storm, and Punxsutawney Phil predicted we'll have six more weeks of winter. Mother Nature can be fickle. Don't worry because the groundhog has only been right 38% of the time since they began this tradition in 1887.

February began with a really successful and fun event...a Trivia Night at the Bluebird Tavern. We think everyone who had been snowbound for a while was ready to get out and have some fun. And we did! Because it was so successful, it has been named Our First Annual Trivia Party at the Bluebird. Read on, as there is more about this event in the Newsletter.

Now to satisfy our sweet tooth we are hosting a Wine and Chocolate Sip and Sample on the 22nd. We hope you will respond to the invite you received in your email box. More in this Newsletter, along with other upcoming, fun-filled events. So get your Diamonds shined, your Denim dusted, and be ready to get out and join in the fun. Your participation is always the key to our success.

Stay warm, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Darla and Barbara

Read On for All the News and a Calendar of Events for February to June

Spring Calendar at a Glance (Mark your calendars)

- February 18 - WLWC Board of Directors/Committee Meeting**
- February 22 - Sip and Sample Social with Bespoke and Bohemia Manor Wines**
- March 21 - Attend a Women's Lacrosse Game**
- March 24 - Dr. Patrick Nugent and Dr. Sarah Brown, Political Science Dept. - "Gen Z's Participation in Community Engagement"**
- April TBA - Campus Tour**
- April TBA - Tour of Sports Centers/Attend Women's Sports Events**
- April 15 - Attend a Women's Softball Game**
- April 30 - Exam Care**
- May 12 - 75th Anniversary Scholarship Luncheon**
- May 17 - Graduation**
- June 18 - Celebration/Presentation of Scholarship and Library Checks**

(Continue Reading for Details)

Blue Bird Recap

Darla nailed it when she said it was a fun evening. Everyone enjoyed having time to talk with old friends and new. We enjoyed hosting not only our members, but friends, family and Washington College staff and faculty. Current Alumni Co-ordinator, Jack Despeaux, was our funny and fabulous Trivia Emcee. Everyone had fun answering general questions, questions about Chestertown, (provided by our Joan Horsey), Washington College and Women's League. We netted \$915 for the Scholarship, Endowment and Miller Library donation.

A great deal of thanks go to Darla Downer and Mackey Dutton who suggested it at our August planning meeting, and made it happen, Mary Alice Ball and Sigrid Whaley for their College and WLWC research, Anne Hart for her invitation design and tracking all the invites and money and to the Blue Bird for providing a great place and good food for Trivia Night!

Upcoming Events - February to June

February 17- Board Of Directors/Committees Meeting

The meeting will take place at 1:30 pm on the February 17th at Chestertown Town Hall 118 N Cross Street Second Floor. All members are welcome to attend

Discussion this month will center around final plans for the Wine and Chocolate Sip and Sample afternoon, and updates on the remaining activities through June.

February 22nd - Wine and Chocolate Sip and Sample Social 2-4 pm - Member/Guest Event

Please join us for a casual, drop-in-style Social on Sunday afternoon featuring Bespoke Chocolate and Bohemia Manor Wines. Each guest will receive a flight of wine samples to pair with Bespoke Truffles. The atmosphere will be social, lively, and fun —a perfect way to spend a winter Sunday afternoon reconnecting with members their guests and local Washington College Alumni, Faculty and Staff.

The event will have

- One flight of wines
- Truffles

Representatives from both companies will give you tips on pairings and answer any questions.

Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

You may purchase wine by the glass or a bottle of wine and chocolates to take home and enjoy. We will be selling \$5 raffle tickets for a chance to win wine and chocolates! 100 % of the proceeds will go toward the Scholarship Funds. Thanks so much to Bespoke and Bohemia Manor Wine for the providing the raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$20 per person. The link to purchase your ticket now is <https://square.link/u/VzJujwsp> or pay at the door. Don't forget to RSVP to Anne Hart by February 18th.

It will be a great afternoon of laughter, fun and friendship. Join us!!

March 21st - WLWC Attends a Women's Lacrosse Game

As part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, Women's League is celebrating Women's Sports by attending a Lacrosse game at Kirby Stadium. Watch WC's

women play Dickinson in lacrosse. Bring your kids and grandkids! All are welcome! **Saturday, March 21, Kirby Stadium and Noon**
March 24th - Drs. Patrick Nugent and Sarah Brown, Political Science Dept. "GenZ's Participation in Community Engagement"


We are very honored to have Drs. Patrick Nugent and Sarah Brown discuss their finding on how Gen Z's participate in community engagement. It is a fascinating talk about how the future leaders of our county view and view volunteerism community involvement.

The meeting will be held in Hynson Lounge, Hudson Hall from 1:30 to 3:00 pm Tuesday March 24th. Coffee and Tea are provided. The meeting is open to members and guests, students, faculty and staff.

April 15th - Day at the Ball Park - Supporting Women's Softball

Come and spend some time at the ball park with Women's League members, guests and children and grandkids to support and cheer our women's softball team. The game starts against Hood starts at 3pm at the soft ball field.

April 30th - Exam Care Collate/Fill and Distribute Exam Care Boxes

Spring Exam Care Collation/Filling and Distribution is Thursday, April 30th. Contact Karen Ellner  if you would like to volunteer to help in the morning or distribute in the afternoon.

Information will be available in the March newsletter on how to donate an Exam Care box to a Washington Scholar.

May 12th - "Diamonds Thru the Decades", Scholarship Fundraiser and Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 12th from 11 am to 2 pm. at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club. The event will be amazing, full of surprises, flowers and fun.

Would you like to be part of the planning? There is lot's to do do. You have all been so wonderful in years past getting involved in so many ways to help meet our \$25,000 donation goal. Here are just some of the committees you can volunteer for: Grand Raffle Sales at the Market; Fundraising Events at the Luncheon; Decorations, Publicity and Promotion. Please contact Barbara Brown for more information or if you would like to volunteer.



May 17th - Washington College Graduation

We will be ushering and providing information at this year's WC graduation. It is a wonderful day to share in the success and joy of the graduates and their families. We will meet around 9am on Sunday May 17th and be available until graduations starts at Noon. Most volunteers stay and for the graduation as it never fails to be an inspiration to us all.

June 18th - Diamond Jubilee Celebration and Presentation of Annual Donations to Washington College

The Grand Finale of our Diamond Jubilee is the presentation of our donation checks to the College and Miller Library, This year the event is held on Thursday June 18th from 5 to 7 pm at the home of Leatha Hammon and Bland Dickey. We hope you will be able to join us for this historic celebration of support to the students of Washington College the Women's League of Washington College has made for 75 years.

More details will follow, but please save the date.

February Happy Birthdays - May Your Special Day be as Wonderful as You Are!

Janet Witter



Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership to be a part of our Diamond Jubilee Year, please do so soon so you can continue to join us for all the exciting events.

So many of you have invited friends to join, so if you have someone you would like to see as a member, please encourage them to be a part of this fun and purposeful group.

You can join or renew by logging on to our website:

<https://www.womensleagueofwashingtoncollege.com/>

Social Media

For all your information about what is happening with WLWC please log onto our Web Site <https://www.womensleagueofwashingtoncollege.com>. or Facebook - Women's League of Washington College. If you have pictures or information you would like posted on either of these sites, please send them to <https://www.womensleagueofwashingtoncollege.com/> or publicity chairman Julie Vallecillo julievallecillo71@gmail.com

