



OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming

- 10/10 Women's Soccer vs.
Johns Hopkins
3:00 p.m.
- 10/20 Board meeting
Town Hall, 2nd Floor
1:30 p.m.

A note from Mary Alice and Anne

We kicked off the year with a beautiful evening at historic Piney Grove, guests of owners Chip and Jennifer Lieber. Women's League members and guests enjoyed a glass of wine, beer, or seltzer, yummy hors d'oeuvres from Happy Chicken, and desserts. Thanks particularly to helpers Letha Hammon, Phyllis Roberts, and Linda Applegate. The event gave us all the chance to reconnect with friends and meet new ones.

Members were free to wander through the house and the surrounding property on a day when the weather could not have been better.

Nina Fleegle impressed and educated us all with the history of this charming 18th century manor home. We welcomed new members, Gisela Hall and Katie Sibley, to the League and then were graced by the company of WC President Bryan Matthews and First Lady and Women's League member Sue Matthews. It was a treat to have them take the time out of their busy schedules to mingle with everyone. We are so grateful to everyone who could join us at this little piece of paradise in our own Kent County!



Women's Soccer vs. Johns Hopkins on October 10th

If you were to look at your co-presidents you might make assumptions about one having spent more time in the library than on the playing field. If you guessed that was Mary Alice you would be correct. Years later as a parent she spent seemingly countless hours cheering her child on from the sidelines and found it was a wonderful way to bond with others. Now in retirement, she has taken it upon herself to recreate that experience for the Women's League. Whether you were a player, a parent, or just a casual fan, we hope you will show up to cheer on Washington College's women's athletes. Some of you may even have children or grandchildren who will be on the field. Or if they're too young to play on the team, bring them along and they can play on the grass during the game. Bring your friends and family and join us at Kibler Field on **October 10 at 3:00**. Here's hoping for lovely fall weather and a victory!

Exam Care Packages

For those members who may be new to the Women's League, exam care packages are one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and are sold at the end of each semester. The packages are boxes of goodies purchased by parents and/or members to help students maintain their energy during exam week. We provide an assortment of healthy and sweet snacks.

Online orders are accepted through November 20. [Click here](#) to order a box for a student you know or to donate a box for a student who wouldn't otherwise receive one.

The fall date to assemble and distribute exam care packages is **Tuesday, December 1**. Please report to The Egg located in Hodson Hall.

Box assembling and packing: 9 am – 11 am

Distribution of boxes: 11 am – 7 pm

Volunteers are needed to complete the above tasks. Any time you can spare is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer on December 1, please contact Karen Ellner. It is a fun morning spending time together with other members chatting and packing goodies. "Many hands make light work."

Mark your calendars for our spring date: Tuesday, April 27, 2027.

Toes and Tushies - Once Again with Gusto

Judy Ames and Rita Premo want to remind everyone that Toes and Tushies is one of our club's community projects. With the support of the Board of WLWC, we are expanding the project to help meet an important need among local elementary school children.

Toes and Tushies will now support two efforts. We will continue to support George's Free Store on the college campus; we have been asked to provide personal care and hygiene products rather than food.

In addition, we are joining support for an ongoing concern in Garnet Elementary School. Some students are in need of essential clothing items: new underwear and socks. These are simple necessities that can make a meaningful difference for a child. We would like to make sure that the school has these items available when they are needed.

We are asking our members to support Toes and Tushies through financial donations. This is the most efficient way for us to respond to the needs of both programs and ensure that the appropriate items are available when needed. Every contribution, large or small, can make a difference to a student or child in our community.

We will happily collect gifts at future meetings. Or you can send contributions to the Treasurer, Ginette Corney. (Be sure to note that it is for Toes & Tushies or for George's Free Store.)

Women's League Directory

Just a reminder that an up-to-date Women's League directory is posted in the [Members Only](#) page of our website. Anne or Mary Alice can provide you with the password if you have lost it.

Social Media Reminder

For all your information about what is happening with WLWC please log onto our website at www.womensleagueofwashingtoncollege.com or Facebook - search 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 publicity chairman Julie Vallecillo.

Wondering What's Happening on Campus? [Click here](#) for a list of October activities.

For those celebrating October birthdays - May Your Special Day be as Wonderful as You Are!



Left: Mary Alice, Darla, Barbara and Genie were among the many WL members who attended Bryan Matthews' Inauguration as the 32nd president of the college.



Above: Scenes from Piney Grove