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Antioch Woman's Club Newsletter
February 2015

Antioch Woman's Club is proud to be part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is one of the world's largest and oldest volunteer community service organizations with more than 100,000 members worldwide. Founded in 1890, the G.F.W.C. is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

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Upcoming Events

February 9	Board Meeting 10 AM
February 11	American Midwest Bank General Meeting 11:30 AM Member Arts and Crafts Program: Lincoln's Watch Non-perishables for Open Arms Items for Troops
February 19	Book Club, Noon, Senior Center
February 23	Quilting 9 AM Meeting House
February 25	10 th District Program Bureau at the Arboretum, Buffalo Grove, 10 AM
March 9	Board Meeting 10 AM
March 11	General Meeting 11:30 AM Program: Barbershop Quartet Non-perishable items for Open Arms
March 19	Book Club, Noon, Senior Center
March 23	Quilting 9 AM Meeting House
March 25	District Awards 10 AM 10 th District meeting @ Dover Straits
April 6	Board Meeting 10 AM
April 8	General Meeting 11:30 AM Program: Symphony in Strings Clothing drive for Safe Place Perishable Items for Open Arms Items for Troops
April 16	Book Club, Noon, Senior Center
April 21	Game Day, McHenry CC 11 AM
April 22	District Awards 10 AM 10 th District Meeting@ Lambs Farm
April 27	Quilting 9 AM Meeting House

***You will find the Game Day registration form in this newsletter.
Game Day is April 21.

The Antioch Woman's Club meets on
the second Wednesday of every month from Sept-May
at 11:30 AM at the
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
24300 W. Grass Lake Rd.
Antioch, IL. 60002
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President's Corner

Jean Johnson

Happy New Year!
With the beginning of 2015 comes the beginning of a year-long celebration of the 95th anniversary of

Antioch Woman's Club.

Since its inception in 1920, the Antioch Woman's Club members have taken literally the objectives as stated in the original by-laws: "...intellectual growth and unity of effort toward civic improvement."

In an article of the ANTIOCH TIMES (July 22, 1922), reporting the progress of the library that the women started, a reporter ended her article with: "Long live the Woman's Club! It stands for all the worthwhile things in life!" YES, it does!!!!

We continue to uphold those ideals set forth by our predecessors through all our committees, programs, fellowship, public relations, and fundraising (to help those less fortunate). Great women have and continue to lead us, never forgetting our mission to seek new members in order to enjoy AWC for the next 95 years!

Love and peace,
Jean Johnson

Membership / Mentoring Program

Marcia Getty



I hope you have all been surviving the winter so far in good health! Spring will soon be here-- time to starting planning vegetable and flower gardens. Thinking of the warmer weather will surely help us make it through these last couple months of winter!

Address/email/phone changes
(PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BOOKLETS):

Anita Dyer adyer@securenoc.net

Joan Foss 847-951-7293

Jackie Vos 206-920-4223

Deceased:

*Cecilia Jordan – passed away December 16, 2014. Cecilia was a member of AWC since April 1984.

*Pat Groh – passed away December 28, 2014. Pat was a member of AWC since August 1994.

It is the perfect time to mentor our new members and guide them towards understanding all the wonderful benefits the AWC provides our community and worldwide. Find out what our new members interests are and help direct them to the right committee, maybe you will find out you might want to join that committee too! Remember new members are wearing pink ribbons.

Generosity : We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give ~ Winston Churchill.



Every meeting starts with our Pledge of Allegiance....



...and the Collect.



Social Committee

Karen Wehrheim & Betty Chornoby

Thanks to all making our Holiday Luncheon a great success. We're so glad you came. A special thanks to Maureen Fremgen, Nancy Morici, and Marcia Getty for working so hard to honor our requests for tablemates. That really made the luncheon extra special.

Thanks also to everyone who agreed to be hostesses at our regular meetings. Be sure to check the lists of hostesses in the book and the newsletter because we had to assign members who did not have a chance to sign up on the sheet we passed around.

February

Judy Grubich → Co-Chair
Beverly Amburgey → Co-Chair
Mary Clarke
Lorraine Oren
Marlene Fernandez
Adrienne Crifase
Maria Schwartz
Margaret Cole
Nancy Morici
Kathy Nixon
Jeannine Leonhart

March

Joanne Dugenske → Co-Chair
Sherry Kerkman
Lee Anderson
Ruth Macier
Mary Ware
Nancy Zitkus
Norma Lucansky
Eunice Rawson
Marilyn Baeckelandt
Jane Qualmann
Erika Rehberger
Carol Scholle

April

Karen Batterman → Co-Chair
Diane Huckstadt → Co-Chair
Karen Erb
Pat Bolander
Sheila Eisen
Claudia Smith
Susan Knudson
Patricia Rung
Mary Ann Lhotka
Mary Giaimo
Mary Kay McNeill
Ida Krozel
Carol Jester
Janice Fenske



February Arts and Crafts

Judy Schieck

Don't forget to bring your arts and crafts to display at our February meeting—a great opportunity to show off your talents!



Public Issues

*Susan Straley
Carolyn Crabtree*

Community Service Projects:

February, March, and April's community service project will be to collect donations for the food pantry at Open Arms Mission. Please bring one non-perishable food item or an individually wrapped paper product to the monthly meeting. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Focus on Community Safety

This newsletter's safety topic is "Snowbird Home Safety Tips". The following are some measures snowbirds can take to keep their homes secure if they plan to live somewhere else in winter.

To prevent break-ins:

- ✓ Cancel your mail service or have it transferred to your winter address.
- ✓ Put indoor lights on timers that can turn them on and off at night at random times.
- ✓ Inform a trusted neighbor about your plans, and have them check on the property regularly.
- ✓ Ask your local police department if it has a service to regularly patrol snowbird homes.
- ✓ Install bright outdoor lights and/or a home security system.
- ✓ Either hire a service or have a neighbor keep your driveway and sidewalk shoveled.

To prevent damage:

- ✓ Keep the thermostat at 55 degrees or greater and wrap water pipes with heat tape.
- ✓ Cut down any dead tree limbs near your home that could fall under excessive snow or ice.
- ✓ Throw out any perishable food, and clean and defrost your refrigerator.



International Outreach

Carolyn Van Patten

The November quilting get together was very busy as the ladies put together 31 quilt top kits. These kits were available at the December meeting. Many thanks to the ladies that took some kits home to sew and bring back at the January meeting. More quilt top kits will be available at the February meeting.

Our next 3 quilting dates will be from 9:00 a.m. til 12 noon at the Meeting House in Antioch--on February 23rd, March 23rd and April 27th-- so mark your calendars.

The 2014 International Affairs report shows 89 quilts and 28 dresses were donated to GFWC headquarters as well as donations to UNICEF and Heifer International. Kudos to all!



Operation Afghanistan

Karen Potter

Please bring items for our troops overseas and bring them to our meetings in **April**. Our troops can use most everything we use in everyday life but in smaller size: e.g. toiletries, candy, packaged drinks, small packages of cookies, crackers, munchies. Please remember the female troops and the items that they can use: tampax, deodorants, and powders. We thank you for your generous donations as they are very much appreciated.



Everyone enjoys a good party—thanks to McHenry Country Club!



Coupons

Sigrid Brueggemann

We will continue to gather coupons to send to military posts. This is our way of showing our overseas military families that we appreciate the sacrifices they are making for the defense of our country. Please deliver your coupons to me at the monthly meetings. The coupons should be sorted into five categories: (1) Baby Products, (2) Food, (3) Health and Beauty, (4) Household Goods, or (5) Pets. Please place in an envelope labeled with the appropriate category. Coupons must be within 3 months of the expiration date. Also, be sure to include your name and the number of hours you spent cutting and sorting with your coupon submission.



Education Committee

Mary Kay McNeill

Sheila Eisen



As an education committee, we are working with Antioch Community High School and Lakes High School to sponsor two sophomore students to attend the Illinois Leadership Council Seminar. One sophomore student from each school is selected to attend this conference. One of last year's attendees wrote the following thank you to Our Club:

"Dear Antioch Woman's Club, Thank you so much for sponsoring me and enabling me to come to this seminar! I have learned to become a great leader and grown as a person! To have this opportunity is something I could only dream about. Thank you for making this dream a reality!" -Teresa, Lakes Community High -

We are also continuing our valuable volunteer work at W.C. Petty School. Students read to the volunteers and look forward to seeing them.

With the winter months upon us, we have lost a few volunteers to warmer places or other endeavors. During the last 3 months, Antioch Woman's Club has had from 10 to 14 volunteers reading 128 hours with students at Petty School.

If you are looking for a heartwarming way to volunteer four hours--one hour weekly--for the month of February, we need you. Please contact one of us.

Conservation

Karen Noland

Please be reminded of the \$1000 Vina A. Miller Memorial Scholarship for Conservation. If you know a student attending an Illinois school for conservation, environmental studies, park service, or resource management, please contact me asap. The deadline is February 15, 2015.



Since Styrofoam is not accepted by our local haulers for recycling, I am starting our own AWC #6 recycling program. If you save your egg cartons, meat trays, restaurant takeout containers and other Styrofoam marked #6, I will collect it each month. We will also be separating our coffee cups at each meeting. What used to go in the garbage can now be recycled at a facility in Highland Park.

Again, I refer you to SWALCO.org or the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 847-336-9340. This group has information on disposing of electronics, shoes, textiles, drugs, chemical and hazardous materials and just about anything you may have.

Before you trash something, remember we can all make a difference by recycling.



Domestic Violence

Maureen Fremgen

The ladies of the Antioch Woman's Club have been very generous, again, with their donations to A Safe

Place among the other organizations that we support. The Antioch Woman's November clothing drive valued in-kind donations of \$6415.00. The three carloads of clothing and household items were delivered to St. Ignatius Resale Shop. The clients of A Safe Place are being given vouchers to shop at St. Ignatius's resale shop for their needs. Because of this collaboration with Safe Place and St Ignatius, we now deliver the items to the resale shop. On a side note, Open Arms Mission's clients are also being given vouchers to shop there.

The toys for Safe Place that were collected during our Christmas Party valued over \$1030.00 in-kind and a total of \$570.00 in cash, checks and gift

cards. At the end of the Christmas Party, I was handed a box full of hand-made scarves and hats for the moms. I don't know who made them, but I would like you to know that the lady who receives the items at Safe Place was very moved by your beautiful gift and talent. She was sure the moms would be very grateful. Thank you! Remember, those of you who volunteer at St. Ignatius that your hours that you work there are countable for our state reports. If you have any hours for volunteering, please keep track for 2015 GFW Report. You can give me that information at any time.

Thank you for all the work you have done to clean out you closets and shop for the toys for Christmas. May all of you have a Happy New Year!

Correspondence

Debi McGuffin



Just a quick update on the "thank you" letters/notes we received over the holidays in response to our donations. It's gratifying to note how they make such a

difference in so many lives and that they are truly appreciated. Below is a list of the recent ones sent to the club.

- ❖ Open Arms Mission
- ❖ Sew Much Comfort (Veterans)
- ❖ Antioch Elementary School (Kind News)
- ❖ Antioch Public Library (in memory of Doris Miller)
- ❖ Jack Miller (for our donation to the Antioch Library in Doris Miller's name)
- ❖ St. Peter Catholic School (4th & 5th grade classes who received the Kind News)

I am always touched when receiving and reading these thank you notes. In a world where so much is taken for granted, knowing that our time, effort and donations are truly appreciated by those who receive them is something that should make your heart happy and your face smile.

Again, it makes me proud to belong to a Club that works so hard and is so generous to those in need not only in our community but also around the world. Thank you.



Santa's Village 2014

Susie Lancaster

Many thanks to all you very special women who made this 2014 Christmas visit to Antioch's Santa's Enchanted Village a memorable one for many families. The looks on

the children's faces when they climbed up on Santa's lap to express their Christmas wishes was worth every hour that we spent to make their visit such a joyous memory. It was your generous help that made it a reality. Thank you.

To recap, Santa's Enchanted Village was open a total of 26 days this 2014 season. We welcomed 2,888 children and family visitors. The total amount due to AWC from photographs taken and collections received was \$1,500.00, all thanks to your help. The Antioch Woman's Club provided 44 Santa's Helpers volunteer hours. The actual number of accumulated hours that each of our volunteers spent travelling to and from Santa's Village, making costume changes and adjustments, welcoming visitors, assisting Santa, taking photographs, keeping records of numbers of visitors and collecting donations was 226 hours.

Cindy Erexson--with help from others--assembled most of the beautiful baskets you purchased. Anna Stornello was an especially hard-working Santa, being everywhere we needed her to be.

An extra special thanks to Nancy Andretich for all her knowledge and expertise and making sure everything ran so smoothly on the cash end. I can't wait until Nancy retires from her current job for her next job with us! This woman works behind the scenes, but we greatly appreciated her. Sherry Burke canvassed all of Gurnee and collected over \$500.00. Sherry Kerkman canvassed Antioch. She likes to cold call (being a former Avon Lady) and was very cognizant of the relationships our members have with some of our downtown businesses. Sherry brought in donations of over \$1500.00. Both women apologized that they didn't do as well as last year!! I think they both did a wonderful job given the mid-term elections!



In total we made over \$4,000.00 for us to be able to continue doing the wonderful things we do with the wonderful friends we have made. Well done, Ladies!



Fundraising Holiday Luncheon

*Lynne Fletcher
Linda Valentino*

The Antioch Woman's Club celebrated their annual Silent Auction and Christmas Luncheon at McHenry Country Club. Our President, Jean Johnson, did a marvelous job overseeing our largest fundraiser of the year. Betty Chornoby and Karen Wehrheim did an amazing job right down to the smallest details. The MCC staff provided plenty of service and consideration. The event was attended by 124 of our members along with friends from other Clubs. The bidding, fellowship, wonderful food, as well as libations were all fantastic.

I also would like to talk about several of our Santas. First, my super secret Santas: Karen Floeter and Jane Fraser. These girls are very special and always cover my butt! Thank you!! Also thanks to Linda Anne Valentino for all her hard work and diligence along with Marlene Fernandez (our dynamic duo). Candy Lazar and





Card Ambassador

Jackie Vos

Hi, Everyone! Here we are with another exciting new year ahead of us...and an escalating membership with new faces, new ideas, and new friends! Let's consider ourselves a constant "friendship watch," (i.e. neighborhood watch) and make sure we assist in spreading the word about any of us who need an uplifting note of encouragement or just a little good cheer during somewhat difficult circumstances. Open eyes and ears and pass the word. Even homebound members, unable to get out and about, would love to hear from us.

I will represent us all in this endeavor, so please e-mail or call me (new phone 206-920-4223) and we will "make someone's day BETTER!"

AWC Thursday Morning Bridge

Susie Lancaster



Are you a bridge player? If so, please join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM at the

Antioch Senior Center at 817 Holbeck Street (next to the Antioch Fire Department on the corner of Orchard and Holbeck Streets). You will really enjoy the fellowship of other AWC members playing party bridge. We welcome you to join in the fun and meet other members. Please come and play!



Book Club

Beverly Amburgey

How do you read a book? Sounds like a simple question? Well, in this day and age, reading a book doesn't always mean taking a book and opening up to page one. Our February meeting will explore all the different ways that we read a book! Do you physically take a book and read it, or do you take a tablet or Ipad and get your book from the vast array of technical support that is available to us now? Whatever your choice, let's have a conversation about how our book reading world has changed and what are the pros and cons. Joins us on February 19th at 1:00 and bring your device to show and tell!



Our president wears many hats.... literally and figuratively!



Left: Our super fundraiser, Sherry Kerkman.



Right: Membes Ida Krozel and Carole Anne Becker enjoy the party!

Calendar of Cancer Awareness Months

January

Cervical Cancer Awareness



May

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness
Brain Cancer Awareness



February

National Cancer Prevention Month
Gallbladder and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness



June

National Cancer Survivor Month



March

Colorectal Cancer Awareness
Kidney Cancer Awareness
Multiple Myeloma Awareness



July

Sarcoma Awareness
Bladder Cancer Awareness



April

Testicular Cancer Awareness
Esophageal Cancer Awareness
Head and Neck Cancer Awareness



August

September

Childhood Cancer
Gynecological Cancer
Leukemia/Lymphoma
Ovarian Cancer
Prostate Cancer
Thyroid Cancer Awareness



October

Breast Cancer Awareness
Liver Cancer Awareness



November

Pancreatic Cancer
Lung Cancer
Stomach Cancer
Carcinoid Cancer Awareness
Caregivers Month



December

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The Flamingo Game Day

April 21, 2015

*McHenry
Country Club*

Registration due by April 15

Fee \$24

Make checks payable to AWC

Send check and form to:

*Lynne Fletcher
39933 Golf Lane
Antioch, IL 60002*

*Social 11:00
Luncheon 12:00*



Name _____ Phone _____

Bridge Foursome:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Blackjack _____

Bunco _____

Scrabble _____

Mexican Train _____

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