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Women's Giving Circle Newsletter



One Legacy, Many Hands

The Women's Giving Circle of Harford County is dedicated to engaging women of all generations in the power of community philanthropy. Our contributions of time, talent and financial resources address the needs of women and families. Through education and increased awareness of local needs, we make a difference in the lives of women and their families throughout Harford County.

For more information or to join: [Link to our webpage](#)

Save the Date! **WGC Membership** **Happy Hour**

Thursday,
February 12, 2015
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Liberatore's, Bel Air

President's Message

Hello Gracious and Giving Ladies!

I am so excited to begin my term as **Women's Giving Circle** Chair and thrilled to have such enthusiastic and capable women-leaders to serve on the Board and as committee chairs. Over the next two years, as our membership grows, it is my goal to also grow in our capacity to engage our members in the power of community philanthropy.

To that end, the Board, committee chairs and I will have a half-day "retreat" to talk about a few (rather fabulous) ideas I have for our members as well as for the continued growth (both in numbers and demographics) of the WGC. I am not ready to spill the beans just yet, but I think you will really like the upcoming changes. So, stay tuned!

Remember the Prospective Member Event (PME) each of you attended before joining?

Well, we are planning our spring PME's for April and May. We do not have firm dates as of this newsletter, but we will email each of you with the dates soon.

Do you have a woman in your life you think would enjoy the WGC?

If so, talk to her and pass her information along to the Membership Committee and we will send her (and you) an Evite to the PME of her choice. Ring those bells!

WGC & CPWN Joint Happy Hour

Tuesday,
March 24, 2015
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Liberatore's, Bel Air

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I am looking forward to serving you over the next two years almost as much as I am looking forward to spring!

My best,

Jodi M. Davis, Chair

Treasurer's Report

WGC is proud to announce that we ended the 2014 calendar year with a total of 129 members giving us \$43,174.90 available to award in grants this year and raising our endowed fund to \$49,690.00. Great job ladies!

Jodi Marschhauser, Chair

Committee Updates

Grants Committee

The Women's Giving Circle released the Grant Guidelines and Application in January for a new grant cycle for 2015. Please let any non-profit organizations that you support or work with know about the availability of these grants. The maximum grant award has been increased this year to \$5,000.

The application may be found on the Community Foundation of Harford County's website (<http://cfharfordcounty.org/apply-for-a-grant>).

The application deadline is **12:00 P.M. on March 13, 2015.** You may also share the post from the Facebook page of the Community Foundation or the Women's Giving Circle. Please share this information with your networks!

The Grants Committee will meet **on Friday, February 27th from 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. at The Historic Colored High School, 205 S. Hays Street, Bel Air.** We will review and discuss the changes to the Grant Application and Scoring Sheet for 2015 and provide an overview of the scoring process.

Please let me know if you will attend. This meeting is optional for anyone who has already taken part in prior years' scoring of proposals.

New members are always welcome! If you would like to join the Grants Committee, please contact Kim Malat at:

kmalat@yahoo.com

Kim Malat, Chair

Outreach and Engagement Committee

The Outreach and Engagement Committee had a productive 2014. We continued to generate ideas that helped spread the mission of The Women's Giving Circle to the community.

We especially had fun organizing the MagaScene event with Kristy Breslin, which aired in December on the Harford Cable Network. I hope everyone had a chance to watch several of our members discuss the development of the WGC and the ongoing impact it has made in Harford County.

If you haven't been able to see the show or you want to recommend it to a friend or potential member, it continues to be available for viewing on the Harford Cable Network (www.harfordcable.org) under the heading, "Watch Your Favorite Program On Line" (in the upper right corner).

We are very proud of the growth of the WGC. In order to get to the next level, we welcome members to join the Outreach and Engagement Committee, who can offer fresh marketing ideas.

The next committee meeting will take place on **Monday, March 9, 2015 from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.** We will be planning the goals for 2015.

To join us, please contact Terry Troy (mrt8696@gmail.com) or Susie Bowser (susiebowser@comcast.net).

Terry Troy, Chair

Membership Committee

Our first Membership Happy Hour for 2015 will be on Thursday, February 12, from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. at Liberatore's. Happy Hours will be scheduled quarterly, with future dates yet to be determined.

We have also scheduled a join Happy Hour with the Chesapeake Professional Women's Network (CPWN) on Tuesday, March 24 from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. at Liberatore's.

This is a great opportunity to spread the work about the Women's Giving Circle and to meet business women in the community. CPWN is based in Harford County and provides professional networking opportunities to its members. CPWN is all about women supporting women.

If you have any comments or suggestions for these, please contact us at WGCHarfordMembership@gmail.com.

Check out our Facebook page for information regarding happy hours, meetings, grants, etc.

Ronnie Davis, Chair

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