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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!

General Membership Meetings:

Grant Recipient Vote:

Friday, May 19th,
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Harford Community College
Darlington Hall
Room DH202ABC

To RSVP, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-giving-circle-general-membership-meeting-tickets-34522366327>

Introduction of Grant Recipients:

Thursday, September 28th,
8:00 - 10:00 AM

Message from the Chair

Greetings Members!

Spring is here and, like the tulips and daffodils, the WGC Board is breaking ground! The committees have sprung into action and there is lots of news to share.

I am grateful to the members that have stepped forward to accept a leadership or committee role. Since our last General Membership meeting in January, Cynthia Hergenbahn has accepted the role as Grant Committee co-chair. We now have a full Board and there is new energy, new ideas, and new events. Here are some of the ways we are working to support the WGC:

- We have combined the receptions for prospective members and the member happy hour celebrations in to one event – the Sneak Peek. It's our party with a purpose - an opportunity to introduce the WGC to interested women and for members to mingle and catch-up. The first Sneak Peek was held April 19th at MaGerk's and was a rousing success! I hope you will join us for one of the remaining Sneak Peeks scheduled in 2017 and bring a friend. Watch for the events on Facebook and expect an Evite!
- Another change is the opportunity for members to bring a guest who is interested in the WGC to the September General Membership meeting. This is one of our most rewarding meetings when we have the privilege to meet our most recent grant recipients and learn more about their work in our community. This is an informal opportunity to introduce the WGC to your friends and associates while we celebrate this year's grantees. More details are forthcoming. Please plan to attend!
- Full implementation of Auto Pay, making it easier for you to pay your membership contribution with a credit card with the added option of dividing the payments. At Sneak Peeks and General Membership meetings, we'll have someone on-site with a smart phone or tablet who can assist you with your payment. Or, you may go to the Community Foundation website at any time and access the same payment portal there: <https://cfharfordcounty.networkforgood.com/projects/19674-woman-s-giving-circle-of-harford-county>.
- Implementation of "Next Generation" membership for women which allows for a membership contribution of \$350 vs. \$550 for a limited time – until age 35 or for a total of three years of Next Generation membership, whichever comes first.

As we continue to grow, there are ways for you be involved – come to an event, participate on a committee, or like and share Facebook posts and events. Thank you for your continued support of the Women's Giving Circle!

Kim Malat, Chair

Sneak Peek, Party With a Purpose:

Wednesday,
May 17th,
5:30 - 7:00 PM
The Vineyard Wine Bar,
Havre de Grace

See the Facebook event at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/892739014201608/>
or email the Membership and Outreach Committee at
wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com for details.

Wednesday, September 13th,
5:30 - 7:00 PM
location TBD

Wednesday, October 13th,
5:30 - 7:00 PM
location TBD

[Connect with us on Facebook!](#)



Treasurer's Report

The WGC is proud to announce that we currently have \$98,748 in our endowment fund and \$55,550.12 in our grant fund for the 2017 grant cycle.

Well done ladies! Thank you for being part of such a generous circle of women supporting our community!

Marion Miller, Treasurer

Committee Updates

Grant Committee

Spring is here! The grass is green, trees are budding, flowers are blooming – and the Women's Giving Circle Grant Committee is busily reviewing submitted grant applications for the 2017 grant cycle.

Twenty-nine grant applications requesting a total of \$120,231 were accepted for review. \$55,500 is available for 2017 grants.

Grants were due to the Community Foundation no later than March 17, 2017 at noon. Reviews were completed, scores tabulated, a group review meeting was convened, and recommendations for funding were agreed upon. Recommendations were presented for approval to the Executive Board at the May 2nd Board meeting. Final proposed recommendations will be shared for approval by the membership at the General Membership Meeting.

The Grant Committee is comprised of 19 members and is Chaired by Rosemary King Johnston (randdjohnston@comcast.net) and Cynthia Hergenbahn (cynthia@hergenbahn.net).

We are a group of highly involved individuals and are always looking to welcome new members. No experience is necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the Committee and its work.

Rosemary King Johnston, Chair

Membership Committee

Please consider inviting a friend to join the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County through one of our upcoming events! We are hosting a quarterly "Sneak Peek, Party with a Purpose" around the county in 2017. April's event kicked off at Magerk's in

Bel Air.

The next Sneak Peek is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017, from 5:30 to 7:00 at The Vineyard Wine Bar in beautiful downtown Havre de Grace. This event has limited tickets available, so please be sure to RSVP only if you are committed to attending at [Sneak Peek, Party with a Purpose](#).

Other meeting dates to pencil in are:

September 13, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sneak Peek, location TBD

September 28, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. General Membership meeting to introduce 2017 grant recipients. Guests are welcome.

October 18, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sneak Peek

For any questions or suggestions about Membership and Outreach, please feel free to contact the Women's Giving Circle

of Harford County at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com.

Members are encouraged to "like" the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County Facebook page and share the events as they are scheduled. Also, we encourage members to forward emails regarding these events to their philanthropic friends. The more members we have, the more good we can do in our community!

Christine McPherson and Cathy Schmidt, Membership and Outreach Co-Chairs

Links & Information:

[Women's Giving Circle of Harford County webpage](#)

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