

GFWC
Dudley Woman's Club

A Volunteer Organization Dedicated to Community Service



March 2009 Newsletter

March is **National Optimism Month**. Can you keep your positive attitude for 31 days? Say YES! and remember - enthusiasm is contagious so share the wealth!

Jumping back to January, we are pleased to report that our **Community Service Project** to collect children's books and DVDs for the library yielded a new shelf collection valued at \$650! In these difficult economic times your generosity exemplifies the true spirit of selfless giving and for this, we thank you!

The "**Chinese Auction**" at our February meeting was great fun and a must do for next year. Proceeds from the auction will be used to support the many philanthropic initiatives of our club.

Although we experienced a little writers' cramp by the close of our February meeting, the dozens of **Valentine's Day cards** inscribed that evening sweetened the day for those who are cared for at Christopher Heights, Webster Manor and the Dudley Adult Day Care Center. Thank you to the students of Dudley Elementary School for donating dozens of hand-made cards!

It's time to send ticket payment for **our first annual "Fashionista" Fashion Show** on March 15 at the Indian Ranch function hall. Stein Mart stores is supplying the fashions for our line up of celebrity models. Tickets are \$25 each, which includes the show, lunch and a host of vendors and prizes. Proceeds will benefit the Woman's Club and our scholarship program. Please send you payment to Elaine Gould or bring it to our March 9 meeting.

Do you love gardening? Here's an opportunity to share your green thumb - we are seeking two people to complete the roster of **caretakers for the memorials in town**. The community service project entails picking up the flowers from the town highway garage on Indian Road and planting them at an assigned memorial the week before Memorial Day. Weeding, watering and general care will then be needed throughout the summer. Interested? Please contact Nancy Vajcovec.

If you prefer a one-day commitment for beautifying our community, please consider joining the list of volunteers who will help clean a few streets in Dudley mid-to-late April for **Earth Day**. Bags and gloves will be provided. By working in teams, we will pick up roadside trash and gather it into piles for the Highway Department to collect. Days and hours are flexible and will be decided by each team. The more volunteers - the more roads we can tackle! T-shirts will be provided by the Dudley Board of Health. To sign up, please call Nancy Vajcovec.

The state **GFWC is collecting recipes** from members to publish a cookbook. Please send your submission to Elaine Gould by March 9 or bring it to the meeting.

A fond farewell and best wishes go out to our **Education Director Jane Cain!** Jane is leaving her Library Director post at the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library for a librarianship closer to home. Jane was among the handful of ladies, who invested her time to start our Dudley club. She will be missed!

Upcoming Meetings...

March 9 Dudley Municipal Complex 6:30 p.m.

Please note this meeting will begin one half hour early!

The International Department Presents: "An International Pot Luck Dinner"

Please bring a main dish representing another country with a place card describing the dish and its origin. The Executive Board will supply salad, dessert and drinks. A health issues program will follow with Dr. James Bilodeau.

Community Service Project: Members are asked to bring toiletry items for women of a veterans' home.

April 13 Dudley Municipal Complex 7 p.m.

The Conservation Department Presents: "Think Locally, Act Globally" with Conservation Commission member Nancy Vajcovec. Members of Dudley Conservation Land Trust will present their purpose, functions, accomplishments and future goals.

Community Service Project: Earth Day trash collection supplies will be distributed

Annual Dinner Meeting 6 p.m. at the Colonial Restaurant

Our club's year begins and ends in May. What better way to close a year and celebrate our successes than to enjoy a dinner together. Appetizers and cash bar will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. with three entree choices: Chicken Breast with bread stuffing (\$15), Baked Scrod with seafood stuffing (\$17), and Roast Prime Rib of Beef (\$19). Your selection and payment will be needed by the April 13 meeting.

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