

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

MARCH 2013

The Golden Girls have yet another opportunity to honor one of our own who has done for much for the organization for so many years, namely Barbara Jacobik. She has spent countless months and years serving on the Golden Girl Board in just about every position there is. To show our appreciation and recognition for all her work, Barb will be honored at the annual Fairfax County Senior Recognition ceremony and luncheon which is set for May 3. The location is the Fair Oaks Marriott (Fair Oaks Mall property) from 11:30 – 2:00.

To attend, with your GG sisters, and support Barb:

- Send a check, for \$27, made payable to “Fairfax County Senior Citizens Council” and mail to Courtney Saddler, 5405 Heatherford Ct. Fairfax, VA 22030.
- Indicate your choice of vegetarian or chicken main entrée.
- Include your phone number. If you are paying for multiple people, please list their full names & phone numbers also.
- Get your check to Courtney by **April 3**.

DONNA'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hooray! I'll be handing over my nagging rights as membership chairman to Marilyn Mallery on the day of the breakfast. I assume you will give her all your support and get your applications and team stats in on time. Meanwhile, I'll try to recover from withdrawal pains resulting from not attending the monthly meetings, after having done so every year since 1990.

As usual, the directories will be handed out at the breakfast. All league players can get them from your league team managers; all tournament-only players can get them from your tournament team managers; and all others can either get them at the breakfast (on one of the tables) or I will mail them.

The spring and fall schedules are included in the directory, as well as directions to the fields for the newbies. There have been several clarifications to the league rules, so be sure to look them over and note the bold print.

Have a great, dry, satisfying year.

GGCALENDER

April 6 @ 9:00 am – GG Breakfast: Meet your new teammates, Eat, Prepare to be entertained like you've never been before.

Wed. April 17 @ 6:00 pm – RAIN – no not really – OPENING DAY. The full schedule is now posted on the web-site www.goldengirls.org .

Wed. April 17 @ 7:00 pm - _Golden Girl Board Meeting

CAN'T GET ENOUGH SOFTBALL?

For you Virginians: NVSS (Northern Virginia Senior Softball) is looking for players for a league that plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings at various fields in Fairfax County. All women over 40 and men over 50 are invited to participate. This is a large league with 3 different levels of play. Several Golden Girls play in this league and can attest that is lots of fun and great exercise. For more information, visit www.nvss.org.

For you Marylanders: Needed teams, individuals for Monday Night Women's 40+ Masters League at Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton MD. Starting week of April 8, weather permitting, D/H games may be 6:15/7:15 or 8:15/9:15 for ten weeks. Team cost \$1150.
Contact Carmen Campbell if interested. 240-723-1621 or 443-864-4179

G-BAY

Get ready to enjoy the warm weather with a great patio table set; a 6' hexagonal glass-topped table with umbrella and six comfortable chairs. Nearly new. Daughter brought them when she moved in, but we have no place to use them. Sells for over \$600 new. Yours for \$150. Donna Packard, 703-615-4563, oldeepee@gmail.com.



BREAKFAST REMINDER

This year the annual breakfast will be held on April 6 starting at 9 AM. The fun band will play their usual signature tunes. Bettie Pell will once again give out popular gas card door prize to lucky raffle ticket holders. **Bring your checkbooks or cash** to purchase tournament team items, or Golden Girls logo clothing and paraphernalia from June Sonosky.

There will be two breakfast themes this year:

The 70th anniversary of The League of Their Own women's baseball teams. In fact the colors of league teams this year will be based on the colors of those early teams, namely peach, yellow, mint green and blue. Anyone still having bloomers or early gym clothes skirts that they can fit into are encouraged to wear or bring them. Check out the poster on display that will be brought by Marilyn Mallery. It contains the signatures of the original League of Their Own players.

Animal Crackers - members are encouraged to wear an animal mask, costume, nose, or animal ears. Those who dress as critters may participate in an animal conga line at some point during the morning program.

We suggest that you sit with your newly formed league teams (see colors above) to become acquainted with your new teammates.

LOST AND FOUND

By Bettie Pell

We are starting another year and I'm hoping not to find anything in the famous Lost & Found Box, especially items with no names and phone numbers on them. Put them on everything you can. A red band around a bat handle does not identify the owner when it is left at a field. It will find its way back to you quicker if you have your information on it. If you find an item with the name & phone number on them, call the person ASAP.

By the way, I have a pair of grey Wilson shin guards that didn't make it in the L&F box last year. Check to see if you have yours.

GGG TRAVEL TO SOUTH AMERICA

By Marilyn Mallery

A group of 8 Golden Girls and their spouses, friends, and relatives just returned from an awesome trip to South America on the 13th annual "Winter Getaway". The adventuresome octet was Teresa Hone, Peg Moyer, Marilyn Mallery, Lynn Smith, Connie Jamison, Dolores Vestrich, Anne Whatley, and Diane Smith. An optional 3 day pre-trip to Iguazu Falls taken by Marilyn, Peg, and Connie started the action. These amazing falls are on the Iguazu River as it slithers between Argentina and Brazil and consists of 275 individual waterfalls spread out over about a 1.5 mile precipice. The scenery is truly mindboggling. As an additional bonus, they visited an avian and animal rehab sanctuary, a hummingbird garden with over 21 varieties, and a mine for quartz-family precious stones. They then joined the rest of the group in Buenos Aires on the cruise ship *Celebrity Infinity* as it set off on a trip around Cape Horn, the very tip of South America.

Along the way, several stops were made and the travelers explored a few more ports in Argentina and two stops in Uruguay before "rounding the Horn" and heading up the Chilean coast for final debarkation in Valparaiso, Chile. Some of the highlights along the way were visiting a colony of Magellanic penguins, stopping in Ushuaia (gateway to the Tierra del Fuego National Park touted as the "End of the World"), leisurely cruising through the majestic Chilean fjords, and seeing snowcapped volcanoes. The cruise ship was luxurious with great and plentiful food and excellent service.

After debarking in Valparaiso, Chile Lynn, Teresa, Diane, and Delores were taken to Santiago (2.5 hours away) for their flight home. Anne, Marilyn, Connie, and Peg extended for 3 additional days in Santiago to explore the area including a tour of the very scenic Colchagua Valley, home of Chile's massive agriculture and wine industries.

There were a couple of health scares and issues during the cruise. Peg's husband, Lee, was stricken with a TIA during dinner the evening before docking in Ushuaia but the Celebrity doctor was excellent and arranged for a complete battery of tests in Ushuaia to be sure that Lee checked out A-1 and was able to continue on. A nasty cold made the rounds of several of the Golden Girls while on the ship taking some of the ladies down for a day or two.

It was a wonderful, wonderful trip that we will all remember for the rest of our lives. All of us are still sorting through the hundreds of pictures we took along the way but following are some of mine that I think you might enjoy (and drool over).

Next year, the 14th Annual Winter Getaway is planned for New Zealand and Australia. It will be in the February 2014 timeframe and after I get the itinerary and details worked out, you will all be invited to come along. It will be an incredible trip made all the more fantastic by travelling with the world renown Golden Girls.

