

# GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

## DECEMBER 2013

2013 is over so it's time to think ahead to 2014. First order of business is getting your Golden Girls membership renewed. In early January everyone who was a member in 2013 will receive a registration form in the mail (USPS not electronic). There is a new twist this year - all your basic information like name, address, phone number(s), etc. on the top portion of the first page will be filled in for you! Please check it over to be sure it is correct and make any corrections necessary. You will need to fill in the middle section of page 1 as that information can change from year to year. **BE SURE TO SIGN THE WAIVER AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 1.** - everyone must sign it!

Fill out page 2 as directed noting a couple of changes.

- The charge for the breakfast is \$10 this year. The Golden Girls organization is again subsidizing a portion of the cost - like everything else the hotel raised their prices but it is still a bargain.
- PLEASE opt for the electronic version of the newsletter unless you don't have a computer. All old newsletters are on the website so if you ever have to refer back to something, they are all there.
- Enclose your check made out to "Golden Girls" with your form and mail it directly to the membership chair. The PO Box has been canceled. Address is at the bottom of the form.

Just a reminder, everyone who plays on a Golden Girl league or Golden Girl tournament team **MUST** be a member of Golden Girls **BEFORE** they play on any Golden Girls team.

To have your information contained in the Golden Girls directory, your forms must be in by March 15. Also the "ggsoftball" group e-mail will be purged then and only those who have registered for 2014 will continue to receive messages. All applications received after that will have to "rejoin" the ggsoftball group e-mail list...it's a nuisance but that's the way Yahoo! now requires it be done.

### ***Thank You Notes***

*Donna Packard sends along the following:* The Fair Oaks Hospital Thrift Shop was happy to receive the many books left over from the annual meeting book exchange. Notable among them were nine lovely cookbooks that looked as though they had never been opened! Does that say our members are already good cooks, or that their loved ones wish they were?

*From Carolyn Mysel of CHO:* Thanks so much for your second donation of clothes, gift items and checks totaling \$105. What a nice surprise! We had our Christmas Store on Saturday and someone was watching out for us because the sleet and sloppy weather held off and we had a very successful event. We had 127 families shopping with us and they got gifts for over 300 children. I won't have a final count until Christmas is over but I know we're helping more than 200 families this year. All of your donations are helping us do this. Again, thanks to the Golden Girls for continuing to support CHO and our efforts to make life a little better for those in need.

*From Bettie:* Once again, thank you to those who donated to CHO for the holiday season. Because we had to delay our Christmas Party, we missed the date for their annual Christmas event; however, anything we collected at the party will be used, as they always have last minute requests for Christmas.

## ***Holiday Party Success!***

Considering that it was a rescheduled event, the Golden Girls Party went off with a great turnout of almost 50 people. Lots of chatter and laughter were heard from those checking out the Youthful Wall of Fame and lots of groans from those watching the football game. The food was spectacular as always with some items disappearing quickly. Only three shrimp made it to the end of the party, but they were easily dispatched by someone willing to make the sacrifice. And, who knew that within two weeks the weather would go from an ice storm to comfortably warm.

The 32 pictures submitted were really fun. Some of us were easily recognizable whereas others were extremely hard to identify. Just to mention a few, people were able to identify quickly such lovely faces as Midge, Claudia, Lori, Diane, Lynn, Legs, Linda, Barbara J. and Peg. Some photos were a little small to see facial features but still some folks guessed correctly. Even with people sharing their ideas about who was who, Shirley and Barbara B. stumped a great many of the guesser. The photos, however, that stumped everyone were Beth Hersey and Pat Blackman. Thanks for sending the photos and making a fun time of viewing the youthful you.

Next year we'll try a different approach with everyone invited to bring an item of personal memorabilia with a story attached.

## ***Winter Conditioning Program***

We still have a few more spots for our winter program which starts on January 6th at 9:00ish am till 12:00 noon and will continue for the next 9 Mondays after that. The cost is \$70 for the program. The address is: Dulles Sports Plex (Michaels and Son) at 21610 Atlantic Blvd., Sterling, VA 20166 703/430-9966. Any questions, please call Beth or George Hersey at 703/759-2251.

## ***Kudos***

Lori Grimm was selected as a softball player to the Washington Metro Area Softball Hall of Fame on December 14, 2013. She will be inducted March 1, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington. This is a very prestigious honor that she wants to share with the Golden Girls. She is very grateful to her coaches and teammates for nominating her and hopes that many Golden Girls will come to the event. More details later.

Joe Bauer (Siri's husband) participated in a special baseball tournament where they won their age division. An article about the event is on our website [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org) under the Misc. tab.

## ***HELP! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!***

We are still in desperate need of a Social Chairlady! If you don't want to do this full time, at least volunteer to honcho the next breakfast activities. Next year is a BIG year for us and we want to do something extra special. Get together with another member or two to share the load. You won't be involved in any of the registration or room setup planning - that is already covered. We have funds in the Treasury available for entertainment expenses. Contact Barbara Jacobik at [jacobik@juno.com](mailto:jacobik@juno.com) or 703-378-2390. We really, really need YOU.

## ***Got Clubs?***

Looking for a used set (or at least irons) of graphite shaft, right-handed golf clubs  
Sue Dottie 571-228-0523

# ***Galendar***

**Monday, Jan 6:** GG Winter Program begins

**Saturday, Mar 1:** Lori Grimm's Hall of Fame induction

**Saturday, Mar 15:** Deadline for registrations with reduced breakfast rate

**Saturday, Apr 6:** Annual Golden Girls Breakfast 9:00 @ Best Western - 10820 Balls Ford Rd; Manassas

## ***Attention Tournament Team Players!***

It's that time of the year for the tournament teams to start revving up for the new season. Here are some notices from a couple of the teams:

1. If you will be 68 or more in 2014, you are invited to a Tournament/Olympic Team Meeting on January 11th @10:00 - 12:00 at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna, VA. *This is for those interested in playing on a 70s or 75s team.* Also invited are any person(s) that may be interested in managing or coaching these teams. For all SPA tournaments, the 70 team can have 2 players age 69 and 1 player age 68; the 75 team can have 2 players 74 and 2 players age 73. Huntsman is still "true age".
2. Carol Babineau is interested in getting a 60s team going. Contact her if you are interested and she will set up an organizational meeting if there is enough interest. [Cbabineau7@comcast.net](mailto:Cbabineau7@comcast.net) 540-720-9728 (home) 540-903-7964 (cell).
3. The 65s are regrouping and are having an organizational meeting on January 12 at 2 p.m. Katy Page is hosting 10202 Chestnut Oak Ct, Vienna. If you're over 65 and interested in playing tournament ball, please come.

## ***Note from Doris Schaefer***

I will miss playing with you all as I have recently moved to Fort Mill, SC. My job moved me to work in Charlotte, NC but being 10 miles away I moved right over the border into South Carolina. I hope to still be a part of the GG's news and events when I sign up in 2014. I know there is no other organization like the Golden Girls but I may try and find some softball lovers in the Carolinas. If you are ever in the area I can be found at: 1527 Paddock Club Lane #101, Fort Mill, SC 29715 and at the same telephone number 703-656-6143.

## ***Did You Know?***

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure. Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where. Then when he began to load his sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, and the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered. Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a mug of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little fragments all over the kitchen floor. When he went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom. Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked and yanked it open. There stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?" And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.