



WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE

JANUARY, 2026

NEWSLETTER

A Note from Darla and Barbara,

Welcome back, ladies, and Happy New Year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready to pick up where we left off in 2025.

As we turn the calendar to 2026, we aren't just beginning a new season; we are entering the most historic year in the history of the Women's League of Washington College....our **75th Anniversary, a Diamond Jubilee that honors**

Seven and a half decades of sisterhood, service, and scholarship!

There has never been a more exciting time to be a part of this group. Let's reignite our holiday spark and, with your participation, make this milestone year our most exciting and productive year yet.

Please read on to see the exciting, delicious, and fun activities we have planned for our 75th year, culminating with our Presentation Gala in June. We have a \$25,000. goal to reach, so let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

With gratitude,
Barbara and Darla

Spring Calendar at a Glance (Mark your calendars)

January 20 - WLWC Board of Directors/Committee Meeting

February 1 - Diamonds in the Rough - Blue Bird Trivia and Dinner

February 22 - Sip and Sample Social with Bespoke and Bohemia Wine

**March TBA - Dr. Patrick Nugent, Political Science Dept. - "Gen Z's
Participation in Community Engagement"**

April TBA - Campus Tour

April TBA - Tour of Sports Centers/Attend Women's Sports Events

May 12 - 75th Anniversary Scholarship Luncheon

June 18 - Garden Party/Presentation of Scholarship and Library Checks

End Of the Year Recap

Exam Care - An Update from Chairman Karen Ellner

Thank you to all who volunteered assembling boxes, packing goodies and distributing exam care packages on December 5th. It was a team effort and the process moved along quickly. A total of 237 boxes were sold and we made a profit of \$7,243. Save the date, **Thursday, April 30th**, for our spring ECP fundraiser. If you are available to volunteer on April 30th, please contact me at karenellner999@gmail.com.

Dickens Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe

The Shoppe had another successful year - thanks to all of the beautiful donations we received from our members, friends and neighbors. We really brought a lot of people to The Bank to shop, buy greens, gifts and treats for themselves to make the Holidays more bright! Much, much thanks to all the members who collected, sorted, worked on the shop display and spent Saturday selling, packing up and taking bins back to the Bespoke shop. Special thanks to Carol and George Nelson who cut, bundled, and bowed 40 beautiful fresh greens arrangements. We sold out! We also want to extend a special thank you to Kurt Douglass, owner of Bespoke Chocolate, and his amazing staff for allowing us the use of the old space for our workshop. **All this hard work netted \$1,370 for our student scholarships! Yeah Team!!**

Upcoming Events for January and February

January 20 - Board Of Directors/Committees Meeting

The meeting will take place at 1:30 pm on the January 20th at Chestertown Town Hall 118 N Cross Street Second Floor. All members are welcome to

attend these meetings. Discussion this month will center around the January - June calendar of events and projects for WLWC.

February 1 - “Diamonds in the Rough” 4-7 pm

Join us for a fun late Sunday afternoon at a private 75th Diamond Anniversary Trivia and Dinner party at the Blue Bird Tavern, 512 Washington Ave. A menu, cost and RSVP information will be emailed to members and local alumni next week. You are encouraged to invite guests and spouses for a great afternoon at “The Bird”!

February 22nd - Sip and Sample Social 2-4 pm

WLWC is hosting a casual, drop-in-style Social on Sunday afternoon featuring Bespoke Chocolate and Bohemia Manor Wines. Each guest will receive a small sample of wine and paired chocolate. Our atmosphere will be social, lively, and fun —a perfect way to spend a winter Sunday afternoon reconnecting with members their guests and local Washington College Alumni.

The event will have

- One small pour or flight (2–3 oz total)
 - Two bite-sized chocolate samples
 - Light pairing talk at intervals or printed tasting notes; self guided
- There will be an option to purchase chocolate and wine to take home.

The final details will be in the February newsletter and in a special invitation.

January Happy Birthdays - May Your Special Day be as Wonderful as You Are!



Robin Gilchrist
Kathleen Ruge
Pat Barrows
Carolyn Davis
Mary Alice Barron
Mackey Dutton

Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership to be a part of our Diamond Jubilee Year, please do so soon so you can continue to join us for all the exciting events.

So many of you have invited friends to join, so if you have someone you would like to see as a member, please encourage them to be a part of this fun and purposeful group.

You can join or renew by logging on to our website:

<https://www.womensleagueofwashingtoncollege.com/>

Social Media

For all your information about what is happening with WLWC please log onto our Web Site <https://www.womensleagueofwashingtoncollege.com>. or Facebook - Women's League of Washington College. If you have pictures or information you would like posted on either of these sites, please send it to womensleaguewashingtoncollege@gmail.com or publicity chairman Julie Vallecillo.