



Woman's Club of Springfield

www.womansclubofspringfield.org

Club Meeting Schedule: Every second Tuesday of the month, September – June 6:30 PM
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22150

Club Officers: President, Shirley C.
1ST Vice President (Leadership), Carol Lee B.

Benefits: form new and lasting friendships, make a positive difference in our community through volunteer programs, develop new skills and interests for personal development, enjoy social activities, including day excursions and trips.

Member Obligations: Work required shifts monthly at the Pink Elephant Thrift Shop, help clean the Pink Elephant Shop every 6 weeks. Attend monthly meetings, participate on two committees/departments, Pay annual dues of \$75.

Club History: The Woman's Club of Springfield was chartered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs in 1954 as the Crestwood Women's Club. The name was changed to the Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc. in 1969. We are proud to have played a major role in the creation of the Richard Byrd Library; we raised over \$6,000 to move the library from a bookmobile to a suitable rented facility. Today, our affiliation and dedication continue to support the Richard Byrd Library.

In 1964, The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop was created to fund "The Sounding Board", a mental health facility. When Fairfax County took over this facility, we continued to operate the shop to fund other charitable projects. Today, The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop is our major fundraising activity. To date, we have made charitable grants of over \$500,000.

In 1992, our club created a long running partnership with Cameron Elementary School. We have supported 'Reading Is Fundamental', 'Head Start', clothing and school supply drives, and food baskets. This project has expanded to include other local schools, including Crestwood and Garfield. Among our many charitable projects, we are proud to annually award a college scholarship to a graduating female senior from John R. Lewis High School, West Springfield High School, or Edison High School. We support local hospitals with our Layette Project, 'Bethany House', for survivors of domestic violence, and 'ECHO', a non-profit community support organization in Springfield.

The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop: The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop opened for business in 1964. In 1974 the Woman's Club of Springfield became its sole owner and operator. The shop is entirely staffed by unpaid volunteers and is our main fundraiser. All profits are used for philanthropic projects.

The Pink Elephant Shop is located at 6127-B Backlick Road, Concord Center, Springfield, VA (703) 451-2467. Shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC):

GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional New York journalist who wrote under the pen name Jennie June, attempted to attend a dinner at an all male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a club for women. She chose the name "Sorosis", a Greek word meaning "an aggregation; a sweet flavor of many fruits." In 1890, Croly extended an invitation to women's clubs throughout the United States to attend a convention in New York City. Sixty-three clubs attended and took action to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. What began as 63 clubs in the early 1890s has become an international organization of community-based volunteers in thousands of clubs in all 50 states and more than a dozen countries.

Membership Application: Membership in the Woman's Club of Springfield includes a commitment to promoting volunteerism, empowering women to reach their full potential, and a dedication to making a significant impact on our community.

Membership Chair, Melody C. - wcs.gfwc@gmail.com

PROCESS REQUIRES attendance at one club meeting and approval of application by the executive board.

~MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION~

(Email completed application to: Melody - wcs.gfwc@gmail.com)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday (Month/Year): _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

Hobbies, Special, Interests, Talents: _____

You will be asked to participate in two of the committees listed below:

Signature Program Resources, Arts and Crafts, Civic Engagement and Outreach,
Education and Libraries, Environment, Membership/Hospitality, Finance & Fundraising,
Leadership & Legislation, Historian & Woman's History