



Belle Haven Women's Club
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FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Despite the chill in the air over the past several weeks, our hearts have been warmed by the continued generosity and spirit of this very special neighborhood. The BHCW kicked off 2014 with festive and community-focused events alike. Peek inside this month's newsletter for more on January's activities, including features about our inaugural Winter High Tea and Program, as well as a record-breaking Community Projects food drive. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** we will hold a second Spring Food Drive on Saturday March 15th (organized by Community Projects in concert with our neighborhood St. Patrick's Day festivities). In particular, we welcome the involvement of young people in this effort. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in making that happen!

February's arrival means that it's time for the annual Wintertini - always a highlight of the calendar year. We look forward to celebrating with many of you this coming Friday evening at the home of Lisa and Rod Lawrence. Thanks so much to the Lawrences for opening their home, and to Liz Murphy and Kara Cosby for organizing the event!

Though we are still in the throes of winter, it's already time to start thinking about next year's BHCW leadership. The Nominating Committee process will soon gear up. Please let us know if you are interested in serving in a leadership position, or want to learn more. We would be happy to talk with you about it. There are such talented and accomplished women in the neighborhood, and we need your time and talents in order to craft successful programs. The BHCW can only be as strong and effective as our volunteers. Thank you for your consideration!

Lura Nell and Christine

BELLE HAVEN WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS

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Diane Brumbaugh
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February 2014 Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 6
7:00 pm

Board Meeting
At the home of Eleni Silverman
6022 Grove Drive

Friday, February 7
Time: 7 – 11:00 pm

Wintertini
Chaired by: Kara Cosby and Liz Murphy
At the home of Lisa and Rod Lawrence
6238 Radcliff Road
Cocktail Attire

Sip Cocktails and Wine with Your Neighbors and Chase
Those Winter Blues Away!

RSVP and Advance Payment were due by February 3.

Tuesday, February 11
10:00 a.m.

Community Projects
Hosted by Sarah Moore and Pat O'Reagan
1923 Belfield Road

March 2014 Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 6
7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
At the home of Sally Murphy
6041 Woodmont Road

Saturday, March 8
10:00 a.m.

Cookbook Committee Tasting (open to all BHWC members)
Breakfast and Brunch
At the home of: Lura Nell Mitchell

Tuesday, March 11
10:00 a.m.

Community Projects
Location to be Announced

Saturday, March 15
Time & Info: TBA

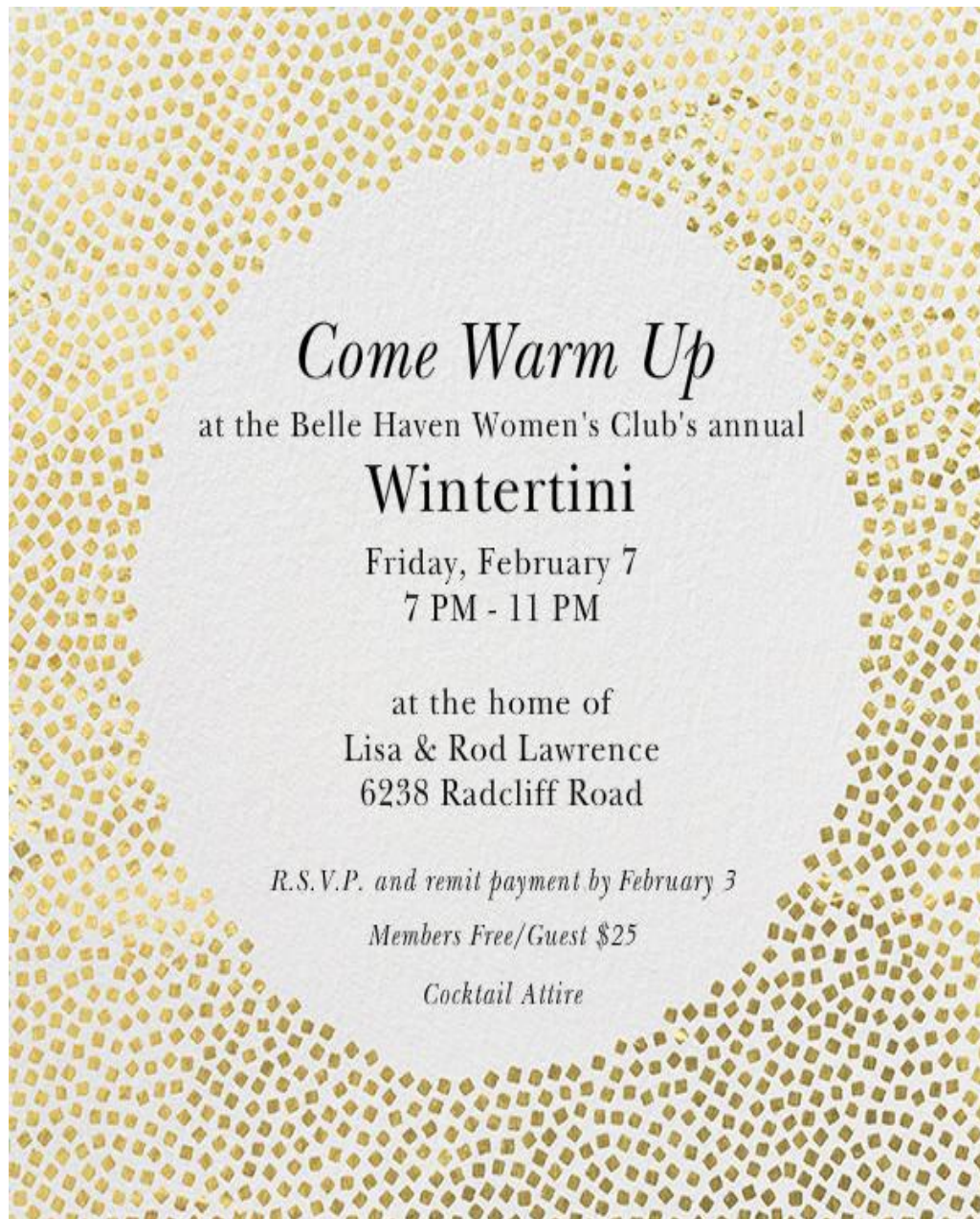
Thirteenth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
Chaired by: Tracy Castle and Rachel Talay
Time for little leprechauns to decorate their bikes, trikes and wagons
to parade around Fort Willard Circle. Irish treats for children and
adults will be served. **and.....**

**"Spring 2014" Canned and Non-Perishable Items Collection
to Benefit Families Served by United Community Ministries**

Chaired by: Diane Brumbaugh and Barbara Quarmby
Location: Fort Willard Circle

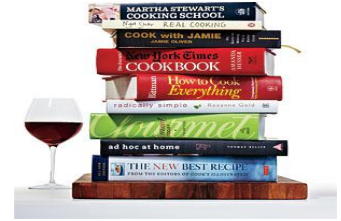
Tuesday, March 18
10:00 a.m.

Garden Club Meeting
Location to be Announced.



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BHWC COOKBOOK CORNER



During January, the **BHWC Cookbook Committee** continued its work on the forthcoming BHWC Season by Season Cookbook. Recipes for the Winter/Holiday section of the cookbook were collected, production of the Fall section got underway and is nearly completed in Word document format. Fall recipes have been returned to contributors to be reviewed for accuracy and clarity. **If you have not submitted your favorite recipes (any season, any meal), please be assured that it is NOT too late.**

I am pleased to announce that the **next cookbook committee tasting** will be held on **Saturday, March 8th, at 10:00 a.m.** and will feature **Breakfast and Brunch** offerings. The tasting is open to all BHWC members. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

And, finally, the Committee has a high priority need for guidance and assistance with the **graphic arts and production efforts** for the forthcoming cookbook. If you have such expertise you would be willing to share, please let me know and I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience. My home telephone number is 703/960-9990 and my email is christine.l.corcoran@icloud.com. I would love to hear from you and thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Stay warm and well.

Christine Corcoran Stark, Cookbook Committee Chair

TO SUBMIT RECIPES:

Email Recipes to: **bhwccookbook@gmail.com (Word Documents Preferred)**

Hard Copies to: **Christine Corcoran Stark, 2221 Windsor Road**

Note: Please include your name and contact information on each recipe submission.

Questions: **Call Christine at 703-960-9990**

**If you would like to join the Cookbook Committee, we'd love to have you with us!
Please e-mail or call Christine Corcoran Stark.**

The Cookbook Committee recently hosted its third tasting event. On January 28th, a “**Healthy Eats**” evening was held at the home of Fran Rice. Thank you, Fran! The members attending tasted many dishes that showcased recipes including: Curried Red Lentils with Jasmine Rice, Arugula, Kale, and Winter Spinach Salads, homemade granola, California Turkey Chili, and roasted hot apple compote.



Barbara Hayes, Barbara Myslinski, Gerry Pratsch, and Lura Nell Mitchell discuss what to try first.





Betsy Micklem, Fran Rice, and Kate Goelz enjoy a glass of wine at the January Healthy Eats Tasting.

BHWC INAUGURAL WINTER HIGH TEA

January 12th saw approximately 60 women gather at Belle Haven Country Club to enjoy a glass of champagne and hear from etiquette and floral design expert Paige Canfield. Paige discussed “Tabletop Trends and Entertaining with Flowers,” focusing on how to use flowers during informal and formal entertaining. She also highlighted current trends in color and vase selection, as well as shared information about website resources and local vendors.

Paige brought with her several different bouquets she had designed and assembled. Each bouquet went home with a lucky lady whose name was drawn in a raffle. Finally, a traditional afternoon high tea followed the program, allowing BHWC members a chance to visit with neighbors and friends. A relaxing Sunday afternoon was had by all!

Kindly note that Paige is happy to share information about trends, online and local resources and more with BHWC members who were unable to attend, as well as those who were present, but want to learn more. Paige is launching a website (sumnerbdesigns.com) in late March. In the meantime, if members have any questions, Paige’s email address is sumnerbdesigns@gmail.com.



Paige Canfield, of Sumner B. Designs

More Photographs from the BHWC Inaugural Winter High Tea



Heather Wanser and Tea Co-Chair, Kathy Mulcahy, check guests in.



Delicious treats at the Winter High Tea....



Jan Test and Kara Cosby



Angela Anderson, Meg Meyer, and Barbara McMurray enjoying the afternoon.

BHWC WINTER FOOD DRIVE



BHWC Community Projects Co-chairs, Barbara Quarmby and Diane Brumbaugh, organized the January 2014 Food Drive. BHWC members and Belle Haven neighbors donated an unprecedented amount of food and other requested items to help the United Community Ministries Food Bank provide for 600 needy families along the Route 1 corridor during these critical winter months. To help promote this BHWC effort, teens Gillian Aiken and Tori Griffin prepared flyers and delivered them to nearly 50 Belle Haven homes. A whopping **442 plus pounds of food** was collected and delivered to United Community Ministries. This is all-time BHWC record!

Christine Washington was happy for food to be dropped off on her front porch throughout the week preceding the collection. Thanks to Diane and Mark Brumbaugh for opening their garage for the Saturday drop-off and collection point. Special thanks to Gillian Aiken and Tori Griffin for their much appreciated efforts, to Willa Cericola and Martha Johnston for loading all those bags and boxes into cars, and to Martha and Rusty Johnston for delivering the food to UCM. Five men from UCM unloaded in no time. Many, many thanks to everyone in the neighborhood who donated so generously! Please mark your calendars for March 15th and let's do it again!



Donations are loaded into Martha Johnston's SUV



Donations being received by Willa Cericola

BELLE HAVEN WOMEN'S CLUB

2014 – 2015 LEADERSHIP

The Nominating process for next year's Belle Haven Women's Club leadership will begin soon. If you are interested in becoming more involved, or would like to pass along a name or names of other women in the neighborhood whose leadership abilities would contribute to the continued success of this extraordinary community organization and its efforts, please contact Lura Nell Mitchell or Christine Washington. We would be so grateful for your thoughts and suggestions.

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LOST AND FOUND

If you think you may have left an umbrella or a cashmere scarf at the December Holiday Party, please contact Lura Nell Mitchell at lnmitchell@cox.net.

Did You Know?

The Belle Haven Women's Club has a terrific website. Find the BHWC Membership Directory, Calendar for the Year, Photos, Membership Form, and More...

www.bellehavenwc.com

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For Easy Access: Bookmark the BHWC Website and Check ☒ Remember Me