

MDWCC

Museum District Woman's Club

Building relationships. Strengthening our community.

Letter from the President

Happy New Year Ladies in our neighborhood!

We had snow in December for the first time in many years! It was amazing to see so much snow in Richmond and fun for the children sledding all over the city. Hope you enjoyed it too.

We had a good turnout for the December meeting and are grateful for Mary Herrington telling us about the family and young boy we helped with our Christmas donations. It was a moving story, and left us hoping we could help more, and grateful for all that we have. Thank you Regina Toomey for lending us your beautiful house for the meeting.

This month we will meet at 3400 Cary Street at Penzeys Spices to hear from Diane Lisso. We are meeting in the store and it always smells wonderful. We'll have delicious food and wine, so come join us for our first meeting in 2010! We will also tell you about the new Progressive Dinner we are planning.

Welcome to our new members! Our membership continues to grow, and we love having new members, so please bring guests and encourage friends and other neighbors to join. Our mission is to build community by building friendships, and to meet new people, and have a good time. So hope to see you this month! Wishing each and everyone of you a Happy New Year full of happiness, health and wealth!

Best Regards

Patricia Michelsen-King
President of MDWC

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New Member Spotlight

Anna Holmdahl – 3325 Stuart Ave.

Ann was born and raised in the south of Sweden. Two years ago her husband got a job offer in Richmond VA. They decided to take advantage of a great opportunity to live in a foreign country and moved here in the fall of 2007. Shortly after their arrival to Richmond they found their dream house on Stuart Ave where they have lived for 1 ½ year now. Anna found Richmond to be a good size city with lots of interesting things to do and to see. Anna loves to walk to the store, the park, the restaurant and to a good friend in the neighborhood! Anna is a Physical Therapist by profession. Currently, she is studying physiology at VCU. Anna also loves to spend time as a volunteer at Ten Thousand Villages (fair trade store in Carytown), go to the gym or for a walk with her little puppy Freja, meet up with a good friend or just hang out on the front porch.

Penny Adams - 3020 Kensington Ave.

When Penny and her husband decided it was time to retire from the television business, they decided to leave Los Angeles and move back to the east coast to be close to family. Since they wanted to be within a day's drive from their family, Richmond seemed the perfect place. They bought a house in the Museum District in June 2007. Penny loves sitting on the front porch, checking out the neighborhood. She loves walking places, and loves how everything in Richmond is so accessible. For fun, she spends a lot of time visiting with family and friends and entertaining them in return. She enjoys investigating new places in Richmond—historic sites, museums, outdoor venues. Penny also has a house on the water in White Stone, so, especially during the summer, she loves spending time out on the "Rivah" with her husband.

January Birthdays

Sue Lough – Jan 3
Sukie McCormick – Jan 3
Heather Croy – Jan 27
Brandi Cummings – Jan 26
Donna Jacobi – Jan 16
Jane Little – Jan 22



Dear MDWC:

My deepest gratitude to all of you for your generous contributions to the two families that you helped support through the holidays and I wanted to give you a little update. I heard from the Mom with 5 children who, thanks to your assistance, was able to stay in the motel a few extra days and was able to secure housing before Christmas. She bought food and gifts for the children for Christmas and wanted all of you to know she is "on the way" to stabilizing her family and has extended her "warmest thank you"!!

As for our homeless 18-year-old, he reported "with a bright smile" that he was able to spend Christmas with his aunt and buy some food and clothing with your gift cards. He is attending school each day and we continue to assist him with his educational needs and services in the community.

Thank you again for your loving words and concern for our families who are experiencing homelessness in Richmond. It is an honor to be a part of such a special group of women.

Sincerely,
Mary Herrington

Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Éclair

1 large box of Vanilla pudding (instant)
1 container of whipped cream
1 box of honey flavored graham crackers
1 container of Chocolate Fudge icing.

Use a casserole dish - layer bottom of dish with 1 level of graham crackers
Make vanilla pudding based on the recipe and put in frig to gel.
Then fold whipped cream in pudding until just blended.

There are 2 different ways to put mixture in - you can put 1 layer of graham crackers and then put enough mixture to cover; add another layer of graham crackers and rest of mixture then 1 more layer of graham crackers on top;
or 1 layer of graham crackers, put all mixture in, then top with 1 layer with graham crackers.

Remove all of the foil top from icing container and put in microwave for 30 to 50 sec.; pour melted icing over top layer of graham crackers and put in frig to chill until icing hardens typically a couple of hours.

By-Laws Changes

There have been proposed changes to the By-Laws. The By-Laws can be found on our website- www.mdwc.org. Please take time to review the changes. The membership will be asked at the February meeting to vote on the changes.



Upcoming Events

Jan 20

Penzeys Spices
3400 W Cary Street

Feb 17

"Invitation to a Fancy Dress Ball"
By
Richmond History Center
St Benedict School Library,
3100 Grove Ave

Mar 17

Museum District real estate market
Chris Small
Museum District Bed & Breakfast
2811 Grove Ave

Apr 21

Kristine Duane Gregory
Bedeckers Interior Effects Inc
location TBA

May 19

Appetizer/Dessert social
location TBA

June

Joint MDA/MDWC picnic
date and location TBA

Social meetings are at 7:30 pm