

 **GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont** 
Celebrating 115 years of community service

JUNE

2023



NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO:

BOARD MEETING CHANGE: Board meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm @ the Clubhouse!! Next one is 6/20 6:30.

The regular monthly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 26th, 6pm** at The Club House. Dinner served by the hostesses: Linda Chefren, Penny Morrison, Ellen Shields, Sherry Roof, and Carla Wood.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, NANCY PORTER:

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Quilt Show and a special thanks to Tina for organizing the entire event. As you may have heard, we have a very simple fundraiser going on right now. We have 250 Boscov's shopping passes to sell. Boscov's is having a pre-opening sale on October 5th. They are giving away prizes and will have refreshments and entertainment, along with the deals that they will have. For those who have never been to Boscov's, it is a wonderful department store with great prices. They have housewares, furniture, all sizes of clothing, jewelry, purses, etc. Every person that attends that day needs to have a pass. So we need each person in the club to sell some passes. They are \$5.00. If we can sell all 250, we will earn \$1,250 for minimal effort. We have already sold 7 so we are off to a good start. So please think about who you can sell them to and come prepared to the next club meeting to buy them for those people. Thanks.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM MANDY STEELE, TREASURER:

REMINDER – Dues can be mailed to Mandy Steele, 218 Cochran St, Fairmont, 26554. **Dues were delinquent March 1st, 2023.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Stefanie Hurst	Bobbi Mohrman
Rae Dyer	Joby Chadwell
Diana Dunn	Linda Chefren

CONTACT US -

On Facebook - GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont

Email – womanscluboffairmont@gmail.com

Phone – 304.363.9414 & please leave a message

Monthly Meeting Dinners –

July meeting hostesses are: Nicole Colton, Patricia Belot, Dana Linger, Marcella Yaremchuk, Anna Rannenbergl.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jun 23 Fri	Set up @ Valley Chapel, 6pm	** Need volunteers **
Jun 24 Sat	Yard Sale @ Valley Chapel Methodist Church, 9-2 1511 Pleasant Valley Road	** Need volunteers **
Jun 26 Mon	Club meeting 6p	
Jun 27 Tue	Book Club	
Jun 27 Tues	Girls State Reception 5:30pm	
Jul 11 Tue	Book Club	
Jul 13 Thur	Next Gen meeting, 6p	
Jul 15 Sat	Main Street Fairmont 10-3	Julie, Joby, & Nancy
June 18 Tue	Board Mtg 6:30pm	
Jul 24 Mon	Club Meeting, 6p	
Jul 25 Tue	Book Club	
Aug 1 Tue	National Night Out	Marcella & Bobbi D
Aug4-6 Fri-Sun	GFWC WV Summer Conf	
Aug 8 Tue	Book Club	
Aug 10 Thur	Next Gen Meeting, 6pm	
Aug 15 Tue	Board Meeting, 6:30pm	
Aug 19 Sat	Main Street Fairmont, 10-3	** Need volunteers **
Aug 28 Mon	Club Meeting, 6pm	

Future bookings will be shared with you as scheduled. Please contact Diana at diana.dunn1959@gmail.com or 304.612.5031 or Linda Chefren at tmalcoll4@gmail.com or 304.365.1631 if you are able to help with events. Volunteers are always needed. **REMINDER - ALL members who work events are required to have a current Food Handlers card. Please send Diana Dunn a copy of your card.**

PROGRAMS – CHAIR: MARCELLA YAREMCHUK & VICKI IBER:

The speaker for the June meeting will be Katelyn Cox from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children).

PROJECTS – SUE GARCIA:

Our project for June will be donating items for CASA. Needed items are soft, cozy blankets (specifically kid themed blankets), small toys or activities (bubbles, matchbox cars, card games, play do).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*** We are always looking for new members. Invite your friends or new acquaintances to join us at a club meeting. We provide so much to our community.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Lydia Warren

Liz Butta

Debbie Fox

Jayne Nestor

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

As most of you know, last year we sponsored Wreaths Across America and sold around 150 wreaths. This year, we decided to set up the option to purchase wreaths online or by mail and to sell them all year long. Attached is the form with directions to purchase online. If you or a friend or family member purchases by mail, please complete the form and mail it to the address cited.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

To sponsor the cost of a wreath, you can now pay online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Once you get to the website, go to the menu lines in the top right corner and look for Search Locations/Groups. Then choose Local Sponsorship Group. On search line, type in GFWC Woman’s Club of Fairmont. Our ID Number is WV0113. Choose sponsor and the form to fill out will open. You can fill out the form online and pay that way. Or instead of going online, you can write a check made payable to GFWC Woman’s Club of Fairmont and mail with this form to: 300 First Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. Please send form and check in by NOVEMBER 10TH. Thanks.

Number of Wreaths to Sponsor:

- 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$17)
- 2 Wreaths (\$34.00)
- 5 Wreaths (\$85.00) *Most Popular
- 10 Wreaths (\$170.00)
- Custom Number of Wreaths

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

BASKETS NEEDED FOR MYLAN PARK EVENTS & CLUB MEETING RAFFLES: PLEASE HELP!

There are events scheduled for June, October, and December. We need volunteers to prep a large basket for each of these events. The contents can have a theme if you so choose. Three or four ladies can go together to offset the cost. Please get together a group and let Barbara Haddad (304.549.6439) or bhaddad51@gmail.com) know who is taking the lead and the month you choose. All proceeds from the raffles will go toward window repair or whatever needs the clubhouse has. Thank you in advance for your help. (A suggestion might be a Charcuterie Board with sauces, knives, crackers, gift card etc.)

We will also need smaller baskets, Charcuterie board, lottery ticket trees, or gift card trees to raffle at club meetings, The proceeds have always been for lawn care. Please help if you can and again let Barb know the month. We do these baskets, etc. in lieu of the “pink pigs on the tables at club meetings”.

LADIES – if there are topics you would like to see in our newsletter, guest speakers, or projects you would like to do, please let me know and I will share with the proper committee.

bhaddad51@gmail.com

GFWC TIDBITS:

GFWC's Signature Program's goal is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of violence against women in communities across the nation—and the globe. Areas of focus include Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse, Teen Dating Violence, Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Violence Against Native American Women, Military Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking.

SHARING AGAIN AS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT - MESSAGE FROM GFWC, WASHINGTON DC:



Addressing the Rape Kit Testing Backlog

DEBBIE SMITH ACT OF 2023

General Federation of
WOMEN'S CLUBS
Living the Volunteer Spirit

SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT
PRITECH-FORENSICS

SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT

When a victim of sexual assault reports the assault, a doctor or nurse will photograph, swab, and conduct an invasive and exhaustive examination of the victim's entire body for DNA evidence left behind by the attacker. The process may take four to six hours to complete. The victim assumes the evidence will be utilized to its fullest extent and in a timely manner to bring a perpetrator to justice. The reality is that there are still thousands of rape kits sitting in law enforcement evidence rooms or awaiting testing at state and local crime labs. Congress can take action to eliminate this backlog. Let's work to support survivors with the justice they deserve and hold perpetrators accountable.

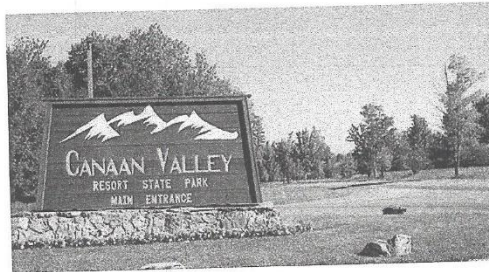
Please urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Debbie Smith Act of 2023 which provides vital funding to state and local law enforcement agencies and crime labs nationwide to improve DNA collection and analysis, eliminate the rape kit backlog, and enhance state and local prosecutors' capacity to bring these cases to court.

One of the most important methods to identify and prosecute sexual predators is through DNA analysis. State and local law enforcement need the federal government's resources to efficiently analyze and process DNA evidence from sexual assault, homicides, and rape kits. It is time to put an end to the backlog of untested and unanalyzed DNA evidence and hold perpetrators accountable. Please urge Congress to enact H.R. 1105/S. 499, the Debbie Smith Act of 2023. **[CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN!!!](#)**

Summer Conference 2023

August 4 - 5

2 days and nights



Canaan Valley Room Reservations

Simple Online Reservations:

<https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23260>

Group ID: 101633

- Wait for page to load -. Select "Groups and Meetings" on the blue bar and then "Conferences" on the drop down menu
- Click on the actual calendar and enter the dates of stay (DO Not Use the drop down option), Select Dates: arrival 8/3/2023 or 8/4/2023 and check out 8/6/2023.
- Next room options will appear below "Book Now" and complete your reservation.

Or you may **Call today for reservations**
304 - 866 - 4121

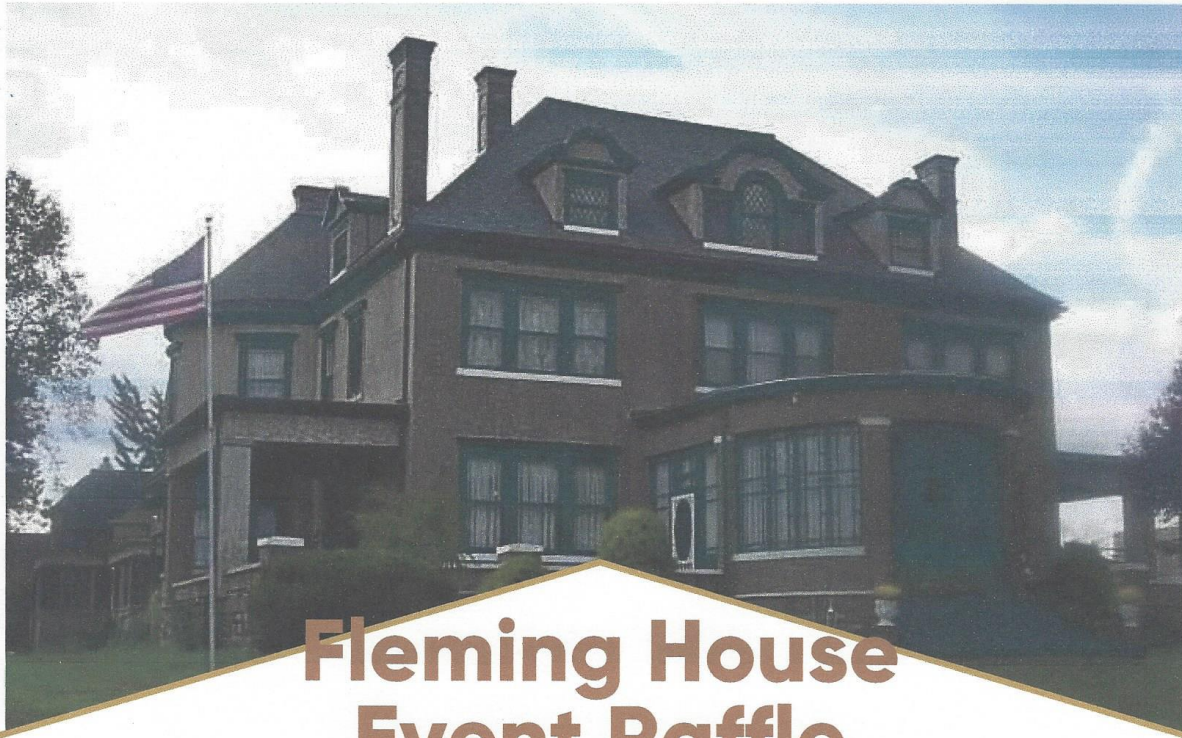
ROOM RATES

\$119 per night for 2 people
Special rates for 2, 3 or 4
bedroom cabins are also offered

GFWC WEST VIRGINIA
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SUMMER CONFERENCE INFORMATION ABOVE – ATTEND & ENJOY!!

SELL SOME TICKETS PLEASE!!



Fleming House Event Raffle

Host an event at the Fleming House* through December 2024. Valued at \$400, the Fleming House is ideal for bridal and baby showers, and other special occasions. The house can comfortably host up to 50 people.

The GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont clubhouse is not handicapped accessible. We regret any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding



\$5 per ticket

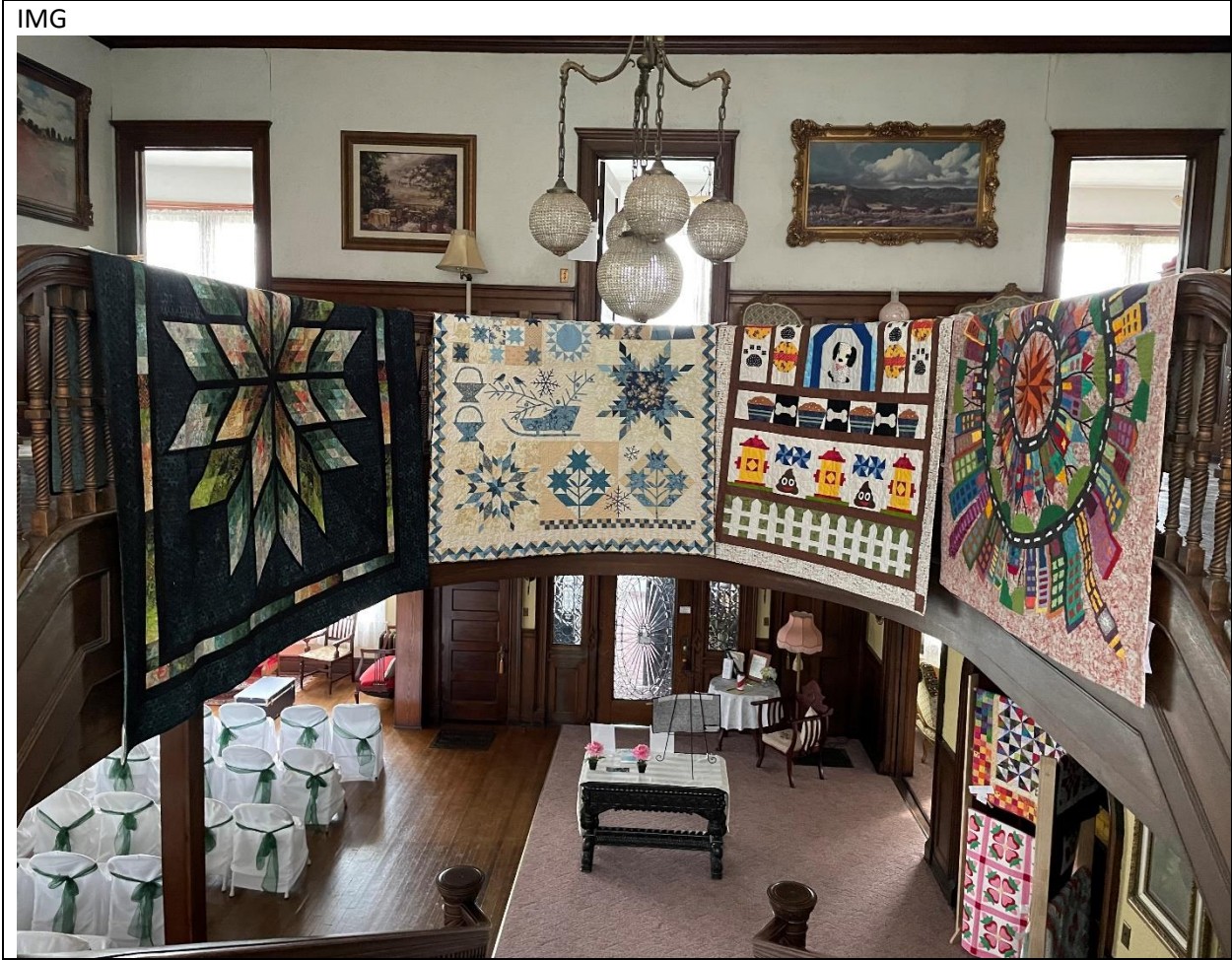
Drawing on September 25, 2023
a \$2.00 processing fee applies to tickets sold online



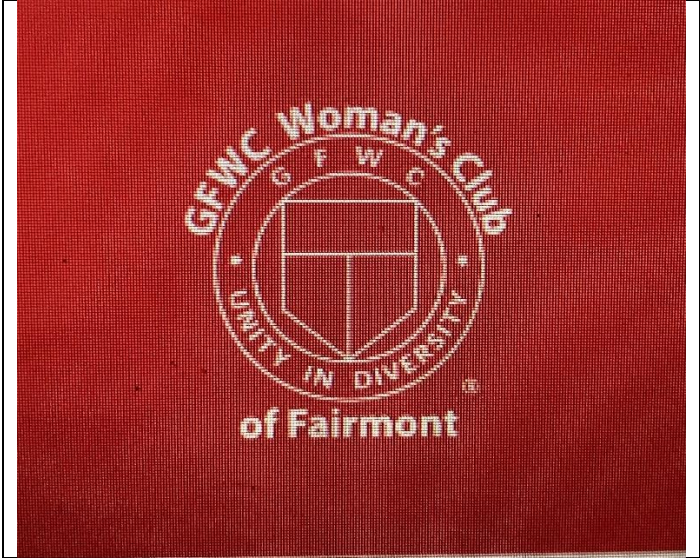
\$20 for 5 tickets

*Schedule pending open event dates. Fleming House is closed to events January/February.

The Quilt Show was a fun day & a success for our club:



If you want a TSHIRT please send a check made out to GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont to Karen Richman, 202 Braddock St OR bring \$20 to June meeting – DESIGN BELOW: This is a fundraiser for the Education Committee



The Literacy Fair brought the community & our club together!

Thank you Lee Niezgoda & her daughter, Rae Dyer, Dana Linger, and Nancy Porter for your effort:



Mary Jo Thomas at the Literacy Fair enjoying reading a good book to the children:



[BOSCOV is coming close to home – please try to sell these passes for a club fundraiser: See Nancy Porter for passes.](#)

The Woman's Club is selling shopping passes for Boscov's for their opening at Meadowbrook Mall on October 5th.

This pass allows people to come in before the official opening on October 7th. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Each person in the group will need a pass.

There will be free gifts, entertainment, and refreshments to those who come

with a pass. This can be an easy

fundraiser if each of you can sell 5

passes. The club keeps the entire \$5.00

– none of it goes back to Boscov's.

Please take some passes and sell them

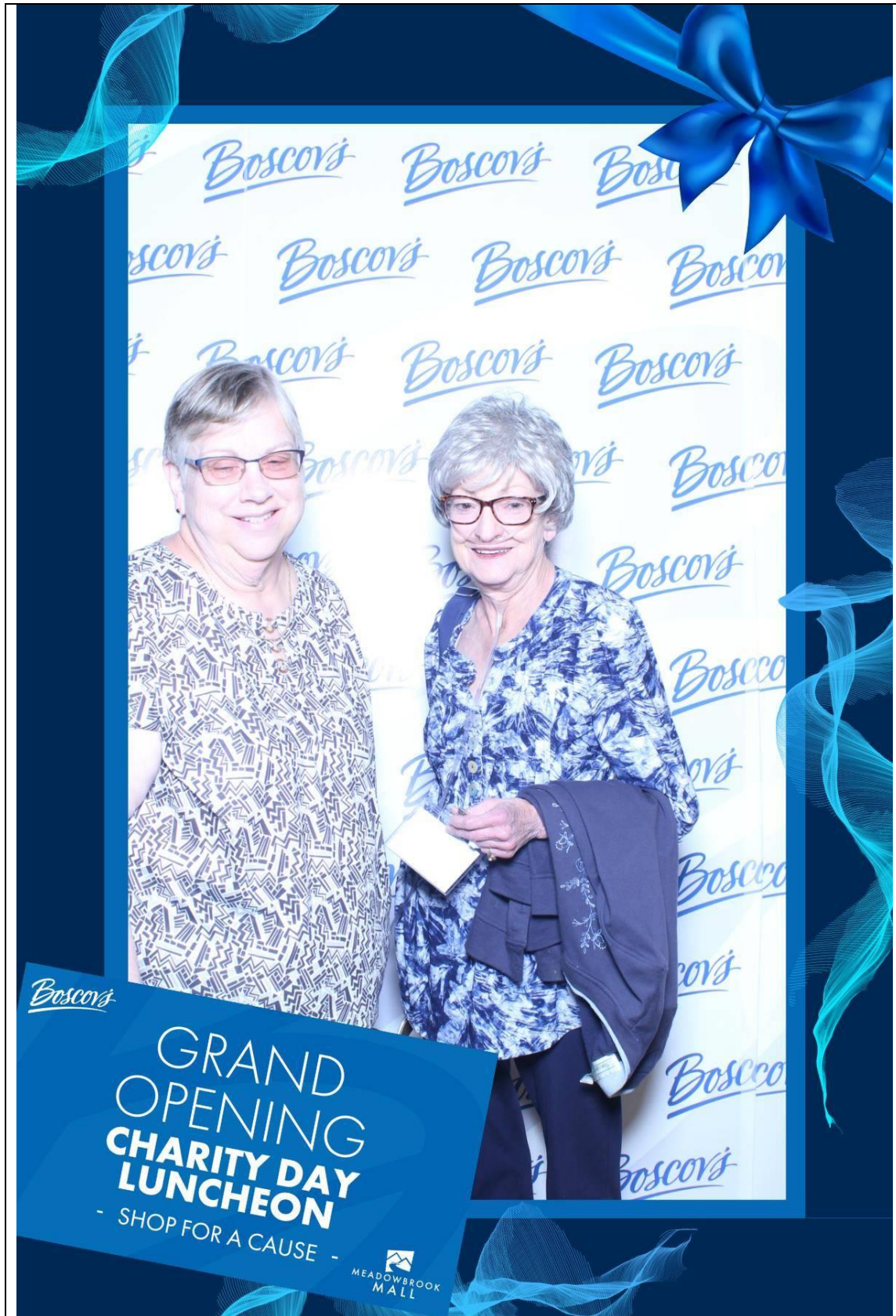
for the club. We have 250 passes to

sell = \$1,250 = easy fundraiser.

Celebrating a new baby at our beautiful clubhouse:



Nancy Porter & Mandy Steele attending the Grand Opening Dinner for BOSCOV representing our club:



GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont donated to Maple Grove Cemetery for Gold Star Mother's & Families Memorial:

