



## *President's Message*

Hello, all!

Welcome to the middle of the summer! Whether you're working, vacationing, or some of both, I hope you and yours are well, happy and safe. Your Board of Directors is busily working to create what we hope you'll find to be another outstanding year of fun and friendship, with good food, enriching activities and the opportunity to work together to make the world a better place.

I don't know about you, but I'm still enjoying the afterglow from our June meeting where we made our annual monetary donation to Harmony House and awarded our scholarships, AND the July meeting where we made the cuddly bears so the Harmony House children can each have something of their very own to snuggle. Having never had to flee my home in fear, I can only imagine what it's like for the mothers who have to make that decision and take that step, or the children whose lives are so terribly disrupted in order to protect them. They are the core of our mission--the people we care for every single month through our item donations and our fundraisers, small or large.

Please think now about the kind and supportive women who are your friends and family members and start to talk to them about joining our group. We'd love to start September with a huge number of your guests at our meeting so we can show them how much fun we have while doing good, and perhaps persuade them to join us for the year.

I look forward to seeing you in September. In the meantime, stay cool and safe!

Warmly,

*Cheryl*







Our monthly donations are always a welcome sight for the YWCA Harmony House! Our first monthly donation for the new season beginning on September 6, 2018 will be school supplies for the children residing at Harmony House. This includes backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, pencil cases, and erasers, to name a few. Check out the sales on school supplies when you go to the store to maximize your donation. Thank you for your generous donations throughout this past season!



What a fantastic picture of our group with our “towel bears” for the children residing at Harmony House! We know that having a little bear to cuddle during those scary times of being in a new place, can make a big difference in the mind of a child. Thank you to all who attended our July meeting. You put your hearts into every bear that was made.



Thank you to Denise Fleischmann for her wonderful pictures!

## A NOTE FROM A SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Dear Women of the Western Communities,

I am honored to be a recipient of your scholarship. Being a recipient has only solidified the reality of me living my goal at Vanderbilt University. The \$1,000 award gives me an opportunity to lessen the economic burden of textbooks and school supplies on my family, while bettering myself. Without scholarships like this and caring women like the members of Women of the Western Communities willing to support the continuing education of youth, students like me would not easily be able to attend and excel in college and advanced fields of study.

This scholarship will help me earn credentials in Sociology and Political Science, which requires extensive knowledge and training. My passion to understand social relationships and interactions is only matched by my passion to advocate for change accordingly.

Once again, I truly appreciate the generosity and passion of the Women of the Western Communities that continue to invest in me and my peers. I am committed to my education and taking the necessary steps to becoming the best political analyst that I can be, because of you.

Sincerely,  
Janae Steen



## WWC MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

2018-2019

Thursday, September 6, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** School Supplies

Thursday, October 4, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** Cleaning Supplies

Thursday, November 1, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** Dental Products  
Ticket Auction Donations (for Dec)

\*Thursday, December 6, 2018  
**TICKET AUCTION FUNDRAISER**  
**Monthly Donation:** Holiday gifts for children  
& Moms

Thursday, January 3, 2019  
**Monthly Donation:** Non-perishable food

Thursday, February 7, 2019  
**Monthly Donation:** Pajamas and slippers for  
children & Moms

Thursday, March 7, 2019  
**Monthly Donation:** Health & Beauty Aids /  
Feminine products

\*\*Sunday, April 7, 2019  
**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BRUNCH**

Thursday, May 2, 2019  
**Monthly Donation:** Mother's Day Gifts

\*\*\*Thursday, June 6, 2019  
**Monthly Donation:** Summer Activities for children

- \* Indicates Winter Fundraiser meeting
- \*\* Indicates Spring Fundraiser Sunday Brunch
- \*\*\* Indicates Scholarship Awards / Officer Installation

**SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>!!**