

YWCA WESTMORELAND COUNTY Spring 2021 Newsletter

Virtual Fashion Show Proved Successful



Thank you to everyone that made our first virtual fundraiser a success! Our 2020 Girls in Pearls Fashion Show Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement was enjoyed by everyone that viewed it.

Our thrift shop fashions were modeled by people whose lives have been touched by the YWCA. We thank our sponsors who are listed on page 7 of this newsletter. The YWCA Fashion Show Committee is grateful and inspired by the community support as

they created a new format for a beloved event here at the YWCA Westmoreland County.

The Committee would like to extend a special thank you to Jillian Kon of Westmoreland Media Group and to DJ Larry Hornyak, for their professional knowledge and skills making the video production possible. Sincere thanks to emcee Karen Struble-Myers, make-up artist Dawn Berkebile, hairstylist Jennifer Graham, and Rizzo's Malabar Inn.

SEE INSIDE: NEW YGirls Connect Group Looks to Create Community Among Young Women



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YWCA Westmoreland County
424 North Main Street • Greensburg, PA 15601
724-834-9390 • ywcawestmoreland.org
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

YWCA Girls Field Hockey Seeks New Head Coach

The YWCA Dragons Field Hockey program will not participate in a spring indoor league in 2021. The health and safety of our girls, coaches, and staff remain the highest priority for the YWCA.

The Dragons are currently looking for a head coach to lead the Dragons for Summer and Fall 2021. Anyone interested in this position should contact the YWCA at 724-834-9390 or info@ywcawestmoreland.org.



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STRONG ALONE, FEARLESS TOGETHER

2020-2021 YWCA Board Members

Diane Hightower (President)
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Diana Basick, Thrift Shop Director
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Alexis Hough, Marketing Coordinator
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Ramona Kocinski, PA WORKWEAR Coordinator
Matthew Kolbosky, Facilities Director
Janet Rossey, Thrift Shop Staff
Joe Rush, Facilities Assistant
Gabby Skillings, Office & Membership Coordinator
Amy Yemc, Thrift Shop Staff

Mission: We are dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Vision: We live and work in a community that embraces equity, acceptance, and diversity and in which women and girls have opportunities for enrichment and advancement.

Message from Interim Executive Director Reflecting on 2020 and Looking Forward to 2021

Soon we will be putting 2020 behind us and moving into a new year. This year has shown that we all must be open to change in many ways. Most of us have had to change how we live, how we keep in touch with our friends and family, and even how we perform our jobs. This hasn't always been easy to do but we realized it was necessary in order to survive.

Hopefully, knowing that we have the ability to change will encourage us to make other constructive changes in society and in our own lives. In the article below, you will learn how several young ladies had a bake sale and donated the proceeds to enable the YWCA to continue changing our services to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

The YWCA is moving forward with new initiatives that support our mission. We hope that you'll take a moment to read about several of them in this news-

letter. We encourage you to partner with us to make a positive impact, redefining how we relate to others in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Please consider becoming a member of the YWCA, joining one of our committees, or making a donation as we join together to make this possible.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gina McGrath".

Gina McGrath,
Interim Executive Director

Local Teens Make Donation in Support of Racial Justice. Will You Join Them?

On a Monday morning this past August, the door at the YWCA opened and in walked two high school teens, carrying a cardboard box containing \$757. These young women earned the money with a bake sale they organized with three of their friends in support of Black Lives Matter. They sought out the YWCA for our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women and our racial justice work.

We applaud these young women, knowing that their generation can and will do great things. So can we. As a friend of the YWCA we ask you to support our mission with a monetary donation as we move into the New Year.

Recently YWCA board of directors completed an internal campaign, achieving 100% board participation, to raise money to sustain the YWCA. We now reach out to you to join the board in providing much needed financial assistance as we work towards a world where equality and dignity exists for all.

Here's how you can donate:

From our website www.ywcawestmoreland.org/donate-to-the-ywca-westmoreland-county/ you can make your gift securely online.

Several options are available:

- Make a one-time gift.
- Make a pledge with convenient monthly payments.
- Make a gift in honor of or in memory of someone special.

Or mail your gift to:

YWCA Westmoreland County
424 N. Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane Krivoniak".

Diane Krivoniak, Secretary/Fundraising Chair
YWCA Board of Directors

English as a Second Language Classes Continue into the Spring

Classes will continue into the spring. Classes are \$50 a month plus a one time book fee upon registration. Please call 724-834-9390 to register. Students and instructors wear masks and practice social distancing. All classes are located at 424 N Main St, Greensburg, PA. The classes focus on English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills as well as grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. and friendly classroom.

Spring 2021 ESL Class Schedule

Beginners Class

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm | Tuesdays & Thursdays
January 5 - May 27

Intermediate Class

9:30 am - 11:30 am | Tuesdays & Thursdays
January 5 - May 27

Important Event Update

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, plans for the **2021 Sportswomen of the Year Awards Banquet** are undetermined.

More information will be posted on our website at a later date.



Rent the Historic Huff Mansion for Your Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Huff Mansion is available for special events and meetings. The Mansion is a perfect venue for showers, parties, family gatherings, meetings, and more. It features:

- Fully Equipped Kitchen for your Caterer
- Beautiful Portico and Porch
- Elegant Spiral Staircase
- Wireless Internet Access
- Podium and Microphone
- Projector, Screen, and/or Dry Erase Boards for your Presentations

The entire main floor of the mansion is available for your special events. Call 724-834-9390 for more information and rental rates.



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Featured Workshops

Craft & Sip with Serenity Bead Shop & Studio

\$45(M)/\$55(NM)



January 27, 2021 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with new jewelry! Join the YWCA for our next Craft & Sip workshop from Serenity Bead Shop & Studio. Attendees will create TWO beginner friendly, no-tools-required, **simple to make bracelets**, with the help and guidance of the instructor. Enjoy a Valentine's themed bracelet and a second bracelet with your favorite colors! Attendees can bring their own adult (or not adult) beverages and snacks. Attendees will leave with their completed projects that evening.

Presenter: Laura Knopf, Serenity Bead Shop & Studio

Craft & Sip with Redesigned Frame of Mind

\$35(M)/\$45(NM)

April 17, 2021 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Invite your friends and join us for a fun and exciting afternoon! This Spring themed Craft & Sip with Redesigned Frame of Mind will feature upcycled materials and a fresh take home craft. Attendees can bring their own adult (or not adult) beverages and snacks.

We will have more information and a picture on our website very soon.

Presenter: Tammy Schultz, Redesigned Frame of Mind

REGISTRATION & OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please call the YWCA at 724-834-9390 to register for all classes & workshops.

- When applicable, class fees are split into Member rates (M) and Non-Member rates (NM).
- All classes are held at YWCA Westmoreland Co., 424 N Main St, Greensburg unless otherwise noted.
- Parking is free in our lot.
- Enroll early! We determine whether to hold a class based on registrations a week prior to the start date.
- Financial aid is available for most of our computer classes. Call 724-834-9390 for details.
- Due to COVID-19, for all classes and workshops, we will be following the CDC guidelines to wear face masks and follow social distancing.

WELLNESS CLASSES

Garden Thyme!

\$10(M)/\$20(NM)

March 17, 2021 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

It would be great to enjoy gardening again! Learn how to avoid aches and pain while gardening.

Presenter: UPMC Center for Rehab Services

WELLNESS CLASSES

Yoga with Nancy Micheals

Fee per session: \$60(M)/\$70(NM)

Thursdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Session I: January 14 - February 18

Session II: February 25 - April 1

Session III: April 8 - May 13

A series designed to focus on specific areas of the body to strengthen and stretch muscles. Classes will help participants build strength, balance the body's system, increase body awareness, and increase energy while learning specific postures.

Instructor: Nancy Micheals

Easy Yoga with Robin Miller

Fee per session: \$65(M)/\$75(NM)

Mondays 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Session I: February 22 - March 29

Session II: April 5 - May 10

Lovely introduction to build strength, help with flexibility, and great for stress and relaxation.

Instructor: Robin Miller

All Level Yoga with Robin Miller

Fee per session: \$65(M)/\$75(NM)

Mondays 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Session I: February 22 - March 29

Session II: April 5 - May 10

Designed for all levels. Great for building your practice and foundations, and for experienced yogis. Also great for checking alignment and connections with your foundations.

Instructor: Robin Miller

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

The Power of Estate Planning: Protecting You and Your Loved Ones

\$10(M)/\$20(NM)

April 14, 2021 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Estate planning is a powerful tool and everyone, regardless of age or income, can benefit from it. Estate planning allows you, rather than the Court, to decide:

- who would make decisions about your healthcare and finances in the event of your incapacity
- who would raise your children if you cannot
- how your home, finances, and other assets are distributed following your death

Estate planning allows you to provide for your family even after you are gone and keep them out of conflict. It also allows you to pass along your most valuable asset – your intellectual wealth. So why do fewer than 50% of people have an estate plan?

Come meet with Attorney Jessica Rafferty to learn how you and your family can benefit from estate planning. She'll help you to start thinking about, what some people believe to be, very uncomfortable topics.

Presenter: Jessica Rafferty, Esq.

First Time Homebuyers Seminar for Women

\$10(M)/\$20(NM)

April 21, 2021 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Join us for an educational session about the home buying process. These are some of the topics that will be covered: how to get qualified, renting vs buying, credit fundamentals, the finance process, tax benefits, down payment assistance, and preparing for home ownership.

Presenter: Tomisha D. Stevens, LREA, Vice President & COO, Buypower Eminence, LLC

Do you have a topic that you would like to present to the community? If you would like to be a presenter of a workshop at the YWCA contact Gina McGrath, 724-834-9390.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

Identifying and Avoiding Scams

\$10(M)/\$20(NM)

May 12, 2021

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Scammers target older customers because of the size of their assets, their tendency to be more trusting, the likelihood of their being stressed by family, medical and financial problems and their concern about having enough money. This session will arm seniors with the knowledge to protect themselves against scams.

Presenter: Anna Frank, Financial Education Program Coordinator, First Commonwealth Bank

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Windows 10

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Tuesday Mornings

Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Monday Evenings

March 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday Mornings

May 6, 13, 20, 27

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Windows 10 is the latest operating system for your computer. This class will teach you how to use this new operating system and also how to transition from an older version of Windows to this new one!

Microsoft Word 2019 - Beginners

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Thursday Mornings

Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Thursday Evenings

Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Word processing for beginners. This is your tablet in the computer. Learn how to create letters, mailing labels, envelopes, and use the spelling/grammar check, bullets, and numbering.

Microsoft Word 2019 - Intermediate

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Friday Mornings

May 7, 14, 21, 28

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Take your word processing skills to the next level and learn how to insert pictures, logos, word art, tables, and headers and footers. Learn how to do a mail merge. This class uses the same book as the Beginners Word class.

Microsoft Excel 2019 - Beginners

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Thursday Mornings

Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Tuesday Evenings

March 2, 9, 16, 23

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday Mornings

March 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Excel is a spreadsheet program used to track and analyze information. You will learn how to create and format spreadsheets. Also covered will be sorting, filtering, charts, and simple formulas.

Microsoft Publisher 2019

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Tuesday Evenings

March 30, Apr. 6, 13, 20

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Publisher enables you to create professional looking publications and marketing materials. You will enjoy creating greeting cards, banners, newsletters, signs, gift certificates, and much more!

Microsoft PowerPoint 2019

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Tuesday Evenings

Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Learn how to create a professional slide presentation.

QuickBooks

\$150(M)/\$170(NM) + \$30 manual

Wednesday Evenings

Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Learn QuickBooks with confidence. In this class you will: setup a company and learn to navigate QuickBooks, add customers and vendors, work with bank accounts and credit cards, enter sales information, receive payments and make deposits, enter and pay bills. Also covered: analyzing financial data, inventory setup, tracking and paying sales tax, doing payroll, customizing forms, and estimating and processing invoicing.

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COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Computer Basics

\$80(M)/\$90(NM) + textbook

Wednesday Evenings

Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday Mornings

March 8, 15, 22, 29

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Thursday Evenings

May 13, 20, 27, June 3

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

This class is designed for the beginner and for all ages to make you comfortable with your computer. You will learn how to use Windows, how to do word processing (typing on the computer) so you can compose your emails or create a letter, how to use the Internet, and your email program. You will also be introduced to the programs that come with Windows that are on your computer.

Google Docs, Sheets, and Drive

\$60(M)/\$70(NM)

Tuesday Mornings

May 11, 18, 25

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

A free alternative to Word and Excel, Google Docs, Sheets, and Drive will allow you to easily create and save documents and spreadsheets. Learn how to use these apps, including how to use them on your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Smartphones/Tablets

\$80(M)/\$90(NM)

Friday Mornings

Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Tuesday Mornings

Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Thursday Mornings

March 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Wednesday Mornings

May 5, 12, 19, 26

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

If you are new to using a smartphone and/or tablet and not utilizing many of their features, join us in this class to learn what your phone and/or tablet can do for you. You will be surprised how smart they are and become more comfortable using your them.

Facebook for 50 Plus

\$60(M)/\$70(NM)

Friday Mornings

March 12, 19, 26

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Do you want to learn how to use all of Facebook's features? Are you concerned about your Facebook account and security settings? Do you want to control: who can see your posts, who can message you through Facebook, and what people can see when they find you on Facebook? You will be surprised at the numerous settings that you can control.

Cybersecurity Tips for Everyone!

\$25(M)/\$30(NM) includes manual

Monday Morning

April 12

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Are you worried about identify theft and the safety of your device? This is the class for you! You will learn what you need to do to protect yourself from scams, phishing, robotic calls, malware, viruses, hackers & ID Theft.

TECHNOLOGY HELP & TUTORING

Technology Question & Answer Session (Q & A)

\$10 per person per session

January 12 ~ February 9 ~ March 9 ~ April 13 ~ May 11

This is a great way to get answers to your questions about your computer, tablet or smartphone in a comfortable, relaxed environment. Start keeping a list of all of your questions and bring them to this session. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Registration is required. Call 724-834-9390.

Private Tutoring

\$55/hour(M)/\$65/hour(NM)

Get individualized instruction on exactly what you need for your personal use. You can bring your laptop, tablet or smartphone. Our computers are also available for tutoring. *This instruction is meant for private use; for customized trainings for companies and organizations, please see the Customized Technology Training for Groups below.*

CUSTOMIZED TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR GROUPS

The YWCA Technology Center provides customized business trainings for companies and organizations. Computer training for employees provides numerous benefits for your business or organization. We will help you design a training that will meet your needs and will schedule at your convenience. Trainings can be held at your site or in our computer lab which features a comfortable learning environment. Free parking is available on-site at the YWCA. Call Gina McGrath 724-834-9390 x107 for more information.

NEW YGirls Connect Group Looks to Create Community Among Young Women

YGIRLS
CONNECT



You decide the future. Let's build it together!

Our *NEW* program YGirls Connect is coming to the YWCA this month, launching Wednesday, December 16th! YGirls Connect is a community group for young women ages 14-25 meeting once a month at the YWCA.

The group is designed to build self-confidence, promote leadership development, and become socially engaged while meeting our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

Young women interested in more information, or in attending the December 16th meeting should call 724-834-9390.

Call for Entries: Annual Poster Contest “Everyone is Different. Everyone Belongs.”

The YWCA Westmoreland County is sponsoring our annual poster contest with the theme “Everyone is different. Everyone belongs.” We invite students who are residents of Westmoreland County in grades K-12 to participate.

Artwork is to display a message of unity and peace. Posters are to be a minimum size of 8.5” x 11” and maximum size of 20” x 24”, any type of paper and medium (crayons, watercolor, pencil, etc.) may be used.

For more details and instructions on how to submit students’ work visit www.ywcawestmoreland.org/annual-poster-contest/



International Women’s Group Continues to Build Community, Stays Connected via ZOOM

The YWCA's International Women's Group welcomes women of all nationalities to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

The International Women's Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month (September - June). Currently, the group is utilizing ZOOM and meets online from 12:00 pm - 12:40 pm.

The Group provides a meeting place for women to meet each other and develop friendships, to share and learn about the U.S.A. (particularly the new area in which they are living), improve their English and become a part of and adapt to their new community. Contact the YWCA at 724-834-9390 for more information and to get connected with the group.

A NEW Way to Shop, Same Great Deals at the YWCA Thrift Shop

The YWCA Thrift Shop is proud to be the oldest consignment and thrift shop in the city. We are excited to introduce a **NEW** way to shop our amazing deals!

The YWCA Thrift Shop will now offer online shopping via Facebook and Instagram. Items will be posted for purchase throughout the week on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Customers who would like to purchase items from the post can call the Thrift Shop. At the time of the call, the customer can pay via credit card, or cash at pick up.

There are two ways to receive your order: in store pick-up or your item(s) can be shipped directly to you. All online orders have a flat rate shipping of \$10 for one item, \$12 for two items, and \$15 for three or more items.



Located at 221 S Maple Ave in Greensburg, our Thrift Shop takes donations during regular business hours and consignment as per our schedule. For more information about consignment, donations, and our schedule visit www.ywcawestmoreland.org/ywcathriftshop/

YWCA Thrift Shop

221 S. Maple Ave | Greensburg, PA 15601 | 724-834-4339

M, T, W, F, Sat: 10 am - 4 pm | TH: 10 am - 7 pm

Like us on Facebook & follow us on Instagram to shop online **EXCLUSIVE** deals throughout the week!
In store pick up or we ship to you!



YWCA Thrift Shop



@ywcathrift

PA WORKWEAR Program Provides Essentials for Women in Need

PA WORKWEAR, a program of the YWCA Westmoreland County, provides women with free professional clothing for job search, training, and employment. Clients are referred by the County Assistance Office (CAO), Private Industry Council (PIC), as well as other county agencies.

Designate your items for PA WORKWEAR and drop them off at our Thrift Shop.

For more information or to set up a drop-off, contact **Ramona Kocinski** at 724-834-1383 or email ramonak@ywcawestmoreland.org.

We welcome and appreciate your tax deductible donations of:

- Clean business clothes including maternity wear
- Khakis, blue and black denim jeans, polo shirts, sweatshirts, and medical scrubs
- Flat, wedge or low heel, closed-toe professional shoes
- Unopened trial/hotel sizes of hygiene products
- Professional purses that are black or neutral
- Bras
- Clothing store gift cards
- Monetary donations

Thank You to Our 2020 Girls in Pearls Fashion Show Sponsors!



The YWCA Westmoreland County values our community partners and we thank them for their dedication to supporting the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

The support of these sponsors made it possible for us to have a successful fundraiser in spite of the pandemic.



Susan Kramer



Carolyn Falcon

Jessica Rafferty, Esq.



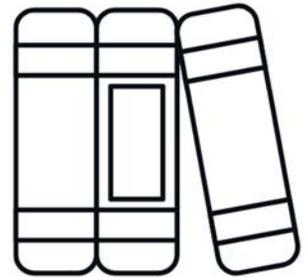
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Westmoreland County

YWCA
IS ON A
MISSION

YWCA SPRING USED BOOK SALE



NEW DATES

APRIL 29, 30, AND MAY 1, 2021
THURSDAY - SATURDAY

LOCATION

YWCA WESTMORELAND COUNTY
424 N MAIN ST, GREENSBURG, PA 15601

BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

You're encouraged to bring your own sturdy shopping bag!

If you are not on the mailing list to get the postcard with the coupon for the book sale, either email gabbys@ywcawestmoreland.org or call 724-834-9390.