

WOMEN'S FORUM

Sharing Wisdom

Dear Ladies,

This November we visit with a fantasy icon whom we hope will inspire little girls to look far beyond the glitter ~ and ~ we celebrate an iconic practice of service, which brings out the best in us.

First of all, there is the currently ever-present BARBIE. While she had not yet been "born" while most of us were girls, she was a BIG presence in the lives of many of our daughters. And she continues with a mighty fury in the lives of our little grands. This blonde bombshell - a vision of perfection - hit the ground running as a fantasy dream queen and her wardrobe, car, house, kitchen, spa, and on and on and on, made for Holiday Wish List terror for many of us. And Mattel, knowing a good thing when they had it, came up with a boyfriend and places to go with him (the beach being a big one). However,

Mattel's greatest stroke of genius within the Barbie realm was the inclusion in their repertoire, Barbies of all races and ethnicities and impairments and eccentricities. BRAVO to Mattel for that!!

You'll see all of this come to life in a spectacular production directed by Greta Gerwig. She pulls out all the stops. (GG was the director of the latest cinematic version of *Little Women*, which we screened at WF a while ago. The updated vibe and the visual beauty of that film were memorable.) This time she has taken on another classic of sorts and reels us right into that pink and sparkly world.

Brilliantly, the story reveals itself on two levels. One for our little granddaughters to ooh and ahh over and another for their mommies and grannies to say "yes! finally! thank you!". Its message of female empowerment comes through loud and clear for us big girls and is served subtly but definitively to our little ones. And that is what makes this movie very

worthwhile.

Barbie Luncheon, Thursday November 2, at noon.
Dillon Library.

Admission 20.

By our Luncheon on November 16, we'll be getting close to Thanksgiving and the start of yet another Holiday Season in the United States. As in times past, the holidays tend to make us look within, to assess our lives and hopefully to recognize with gratitude all the goodness that surrounds us. To that aim, WF dedicates our program of November 16 to VOLUNTEERISM, to those generous people who give freely of their time for the benefit of others.

From within our own WF community and beyond, we have assembled a panel of volunteers who will share the story of their commitment to better our

world by their sense of duty, to relate what volunteering means to them and what it has contributed to their own lives. It is sure to be an enriching and inspiring afternoon.

Celebrating Volunteerism Luncheon, Thursday
November 16, at noon. Dillon Library.

Admission 20.

To register for our programs please contact us at:
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Happy November,

Evelyn