

## Home Life and International Outreach Share Focus of GFWC Woman's Club October Meeting

Guest Speaker, Dr. Joseph W. Sharlow, MD, FACS, gave an enthusiastic introduction to the services offered by Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital's Genesis Med Spa to a fully packed Education Room at the hospital. Forty-two women listened intently as he explained the state-of-the-art methods for improving the appearance of one's body, skin and face. Dr. Sharlow says "people see things we can do that will erase the damage that gravity has done over time and they are smiling!" He also announced the merger of the Transformations Medical Weight Clinic with the Med Spa. Mary Crecelius, MSN, WHNP, APNG also spoke to the group about recommended skin products available through the Med Spa. The range of services offered to women locally by such highly trained staff is rejuvenating in itself.

President Jackie Korczak thanked the Med Spa staff, and changed the focus of the meeting from looking inward helping ourselves to looking outward to help others. This is the first year the Club has joined forces with local churches to support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Club women had packed 48 "shoeboxes" with toys, gifts, hygiene items and school supplies and donated \$7 per box to pay for their delivery to needy children around the world for Christmas. Each box was marked for a boy or girl in three age ranges. The boxes were provided and collected by President-Elect Naomi Glassey.

From packing shoeboxes for international outreach, things got bigger and closer to home as Jackie described the needed items for packing a van for the Presbyterian food pantry. The "Fight Hunger" at Thanksgiving campaign is being held Saturday, October 29, from 8 to Noon at Country Mart. Non-perishable food and personal care items are being collected by Club members and the FCCLA member students, hopefully enough to fill the van parked outside the entrance. In addition, raffle tickets are being sold for a turkey certificate, with proceeds used to buy turkeys for the pantry's needy.

The Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve will meet on November 21, 2016 at the Ste. Genevieve Golf Course, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Adam Overcast, Maximized Living. For more information on the Club, please contact President Jackie Korczak at 573-525-8525.