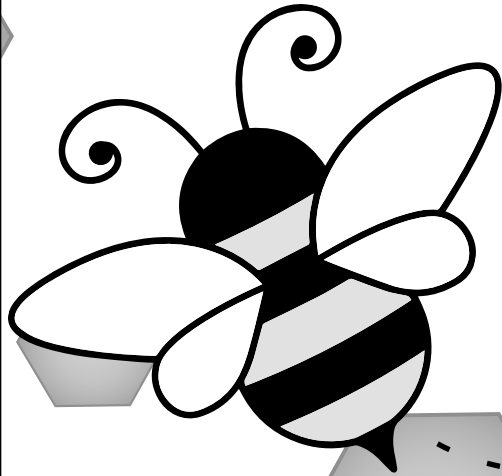


The Maryland Clubwoman



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Sweet to the soul

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GFWC International President

Dear Fellow Members,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2020-2022 GFWC Administration and am so honored to serve as your 53rd GFWC International President. I hope you are as eager as I am to embrace the many opportunities of leadership, service, and fellowship that will be ours over the next two years. I plan to serve both GFWC and our communities, here and around the world, to the full extent of my energy and abilities, and I know that I can count on you to be there with me!

Just weeks ago, GFWC marked 130 years since 63 woman's clubs met in New York City to ratify our constitution and, thus, to launch the first volunteer organization for women. The world has faced many challenges since that time, and now, with illness and unrest spreading throughout our country, we also will be tested. Like the women who have gone before us, I am certain we will rise to the challenge. Our commitment is as strong as ever.

In preparing for this Administration, I have worked with the Strategic Planning Committee to generate new ideas and to set achievable goals. I am partic-

ularly proud of our efforts to streamline and modernize the Federation, and I hope you will help us continue that process. Your leaders have also carefully studied information garnered through member surveys and dialogs, and used it to revitalize our Special Programs, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Plans. Many thanks to the Executive Committee and the Chairmen and Committee Members who brought these plans to fruition. As clubwomen, we gain strength and confidence from every volunteer experience. When we work together, no dream is too big.

The 2020–2022 Club Manual is now available for us to start planning new beginnings, together. After logging in to the GFWC Member Portal, select “My Digital Library” after clicking on the profile icon in the upper right corner of your screen. Alternatively, each section is available individually on the GFWC website. However, the entire Manual as one document is only available through the Portal.

Yours in Living the Volunteer Spirit,

Marian St. Clair

GFWC International President, 2020-2022



GFWC International Junior Director

Dear Federation Sisters,

We start this Administration during unprecedented times, amid a pandemic and social discourse across the world. This is, however, nothing our clubwomen have not faced before. Clubwomen have stepped up to face adversity over the duration of our existence.

I think Past President Alice Ames Winters said it best when she wrote: “In a time of upheaval, hazy thinking, and social turmoil these groups of ours can do no greater service than to keep their minds serenely fixed upon the great ideals of America and their hands busy in doing the work that will keep these ideals stable. It has become plain that the mainstay of a democracy is a public both informed and active. I have wished that we might adopt as our self-description some such as this : “ A body of organized women in every community who can be depended upon to promote whatever leads to the betterment of life.” It’s important to continue with these values and service. Our focus should remain grounded in our history but with a heart open to our future.

As a fan of giraffes, one of the lessons giraffes teach us about life is that you have to stick your neck

out. That’s how they reach such high and difficult places. The guiding concept for the Juniors will be to “Stick Your Neck Out.” During the 2020–2022 Administration I ask our members to continue the theme of “sticking their necks out.” It is important that we continue to attract a younger audience and give them a voice. I challenge you all to not only add Junior members but to create Junior clubs and Juniette clubs in all of our states.

I challenge all of our membership, nearly 80,000 clubwomen, to plan and participate in service projects that directly benefit the welfare of children during Advocates for Children week in October. During the lockdown, many turned to the arts and the outdoors. Part of our focus in Advocates for Children will be to advocate for art curriculum and outdoor activities for all students, including those with disabilities and to highlight the value of art therapy and enrichment for children with emotional, mental, and physical challenges. Thank you to GFWC President Marian St.Clair, it is an honor to serve with you and all of our GFWC members. Stick your neck out and let your light shine!

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Kristina Higbee
Director of Junior Clubs



From The President's Desk



Hello Maryland Clubwomen,

Greetings as we begin the adventure of a new administration in a totally new way. On November 17th we will have our Board of Directors meeting either in person or by Zoom and I hope as many of you as possible will attend. You are also encouraged to attend the SER meeting November 6-7 via Zoom.

As we move forward through the next two years, you will receive emails and mailings to keep you up to date on Federation happenings. I will periodically send an email entitled "The Buzz" to all District Presidents containing information concerning the projects and activities of all Maryland clubs. Why? To create Unity in Adversity! Because during these times of pandemic safety it is more important than ever that we share our ideas and work, and be able to advertise our events and fundraisers to all Maryland clubs. Our Website and Facebook will continue to carry club news as well! The New Hampshire president shared that in her hometown a billboard reads "The dumbest thing I did in 2020 was to buy a schedule book!" Not so, we need the freedom to follow a Plan A if possible and if not, the flexibility to follow Plan B without the yoke of schedules. We are women, we can do this, and we can adapt as necessary, because united we are AWESOME!

The MFWC President's Project, support of our armed forces personnel's families and of those deployed, will need clubs' support. The Reading program of the USO is still on going and the support of families via showers will continue. Each BOD meeting will have a different theme aimed at continuing this support. I have chosen to support The Signature GFWC Project focusing on all forms of domestic violence by initially focusing on human trafficking as incidences of this have been reported in our state. At each BOD meeting, a different type of domestic violence will be covered and ways of fighting it discussed.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller. You all are treasured in my heart and I am honored to serve as your President and encourage you to...Keep our Federation Buzzing!

In Federation Friendship,

Karen-Marie Wasik

GFWC Maryland President, 2020-2022



From Your Junior Director

Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

Happy Fall, hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather and staying safe. As we anticipate the winter months, I certainly hope the Holidays and season brings wonderful things and new beginnings. Having said that, who would have thought this year would've brought COVID-19? This wasn't the way I had planned to start my new administration. In fact, none of the events since March 15, 2020 have gone the way we planned them. Even though many events are being canceled, postponed, or virtual, we are still all in this together. When we get back to a new norm, we will still be amazed at all the things we were able to accomplish and be thankful for.

Our convention was canceled, and our international convention was held virtually along with many other meetings. Having led and attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Women's Right to Vote in Pocomoke City was a highlight of the beginning to this administration. It was great celebrating that significant event in history. Having just held our Junior Fall Conference virtually on October 17, 2020, we had an informative, fun meeting while taking care of business with the official installation of officers.

There are so many needs in our communities now, that it's hard to just focus on conservation, which has been my platform. Schools are in need, teachers need supplies, businesses need support, communities need feeding, and churches are struggling. So how will GFWC Maryland move forward, how can we strengthen our membership over these next two years? We need to be leaders. As volunteers, we are the backbone of our communities. So don't be discouraged just because things aren't business as usual. Instead, look for new ways to help. As we continue through this pandemic, I believe that we will still grow but in new ways and, as your Junior Director, I will work hard to promote leadership, conservation, mental health issues, advocate for children, prevent abuse and be a voice for those who don't have one. So, get ready to roll because together we can accomplish something, not merely exist. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve the Maryland Juniors.

In Federation Friendship,

GFWC Maryland Junior Director, 2020-2022



You're Invited:

GFWC

Southeastern Region Meeting

Virtually, November 6 - 7, 2020

Registration for our meeting was due on November 4th.

\$35.00 registration Fee

Guest Speakers

Peggy Barnes, Region President

Bev Lassiter, Region Vice President

Reno Eitel, Region Secretary

Sharon Sheridan, Region Treasurer

Keynote Speaker

GFWC International President Marian St.Clair

Southeastern Region Theme: Better Together

The purpose of the region shall be to provide a better understanding of the structure, programs, and challenges of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Standing Rules VI. Meetings:

D. Representation

1. The voting body of the GFWC Southeastern Region for all meetings shall consist of:
2. Region Officers
3. Chairmen of: Standing Region Committees (Financial Review, Budget and Finance, and Standing Rules) appointed by the Region President,
4. Chairmen of Special Region Committees (Elections, Evaluation, Minutes Review, and SER Fundraising) appointed by the Region President,
5. Presidential Appointments made by the Region President (Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian, and Protocol Chairman); any other special committees deemed necessary.
6. GFWC International Past Presidents residing in the Region
7. GFWC Past Directors of Junior Clubs residing in the Region
8. Past Region Presidents
9. Elected officers of GFWC residing in the Region
10. Fifteen (15) delegates from each member State Federation and the District of
11. Columbia including the State Federation President and the State Director of Junior Clubs. The procedure for selecting the State Federation delegates shall be left to the discretion of the State Federation.

E. Attendance. Any member of a club in a State Federation holding membership in the Southeastern Region may attend meetings of the Region. Only delegates may make motions, debate and vote.

GFWC Capital Campaign Fundraiser



Our Region will be hosting a virtual Horse Race fundraiser on November 6, 2020 during the Southeastern Region Meeting. The state that raises the most money will be the winner, and all proceeds will go to the GFWC Capital Campaign. All bets (aka donations) of \$100 or more will be placed into a drawing for a beautiful Zara purse.

Place your bet using the form to the right for your winning horse!

Kentucky (Horse)

Teresa Schmidt and Preshus Howard

North Carolina (Horse)

Crystal O'Neal and Angela Moss

Maryland (Horse)

Karen Wasik and Andrea Lilly

West Virginia (Horse)

Helen Moren and Dusty Smith

Virginia (Horse)

Dale Fisher and Jenny Hinegardner

District of Columbia (Horse)

Jessica Rigouard

Tennessee (Horse)

Vicki Bechet and Socorro Cooper

Run for the Roses Bid Sheet

Which Horse (State) are you betting on: _____

Full Name: _____

Is your donation from an:

Individual: _____

Club: _____

District: _____

State: _____

(If other than individual, please list organization name)

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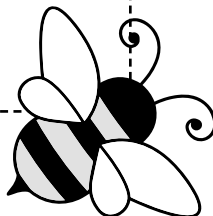
Email: _____

Mail Advance Payment to:

Sharon Sheridan

444 Virginia Court

Pataskala, OH 43062



GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting Agenda

Day One

**Friday Evening, November 6, 2020
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

- 5:50 - 6:00** - Log in with the zoom link you will receive after registering with GFWC.
- 6:05** - Greetings from SER President Peggy Barnes
- Greetings from GFWC President Marian St.Clair
- Greetings from GFWC President-elect Deb Strahanoski
- 6:15** - Paddock area will open for the viewing of our beautiful thoroughbred ladies! We are hoping for opportunities of online betting at the time of our event----stay turned for more info!
- 6:45** - Greetings from GFWC 2nd Vice President, Wendy Carriker
- Your other SER Officers:
 Bev Lassiter, Vice President
 Reno Eitel, Secretary
 Sharon Sheridan, Treasurer
- 7:00** - GFWC SER Fundraising Chairman Babs Condon
- 7:15** - Run for the Roses Race
- 7:30** - Adjournment

GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting Agenda

Day Two

Saturday, November 7, 2020

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

- 12:45 – 1:00** - Log onto the Big Marker Platform
- 1:00** - Meeting Called to Order
- Words of Inspiration, Irene Stamper, SER Chaplain
 - National Anthem / Pledge of Allegiance
- 1:15** - Business of Region
- Greetings from SER Officers
 - Nominations for Nominating Committee
 - Other items
 - Chairman Reporting
 - Communication and Public Relations, Becky Bolden and Amanda Guidry
 - Signature Program, Jan Allen/Darlene Adams
 - Legislation, Juliet Casper/Lori Chevalier
 - Fundraising, Sandy Ahern/Susan Martin
 - Speaker GFWC President-Elect Deb Strahanoski
 - State Presidents Report (Group 1)
 - Membership, Becky Wright/Susette Redwine
 - Leadership, Shannon Bailey/Kelly Lane
 - JSP, Carrie Zimmerman
 - Capital Campaign, Mary Jo Thomas / Caroline Mahaffey
 - Keynote Speaker: GFWC President Marian St.Clair
 - State President Report (Group 2)
 - Invitation to 2021 Southeastern Region Meeting
- 4:00** - Adjournment



The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

Official Call to the November Board of Directors' Meeting

- DATE:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - Call to Order
PLACE: Comfort Inn and Conference Center of Bowie
4500 Crain Highway
Bowie, Maryland 20716
Phone: 1-301-464-0089
- REGISTRATION:** 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ALL club members are invited and everyone attending must register.
- REGISTRATION COST:** \$3.00 per person. Registration fees will be collected at the door.
- RESERVATIONS:** The luncheon reservation deadline has passed.
- CREDENTIALS:** The Credentials deadline has passed. Contact Julie Gibbs, Credentials Chair, at onsunsetbay@aol.com
- MENU:** Corn Chowder, Quiche served with a Spinach Salad and Carrot Cake for dessert. Coffee, Hot tea or Iced tea to drink.
- RECESS:** 12:15 p.m.
LUNCH: 12:30 p.m.
PROGRAM: Combined 2018-2020 and 2020-2022 administration Board Meeting because of the pandemic. Please note that the hotel has arranged for our meeting to be held in the Grand Ballroom which can accommodate our social distancing requirements. Masks are required in all public areas of the hotel (halls, bathrooms, entrance and lobby). All safety precautions have been followed for this once-in-a-lifetime activity as Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs members practice Unity in Adversity.
- Club Presidents, this meeting is a good opportunity to invite a new clubmember to a board meeting.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Approximately 3:00 p.m.
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Anyone wishing to make an announcement at any MFWC Board of Directors' meeting needs to contact the meeting.
- FUNDRAISING:** Putting "FUN" back into fundraising. Be sure to bring money for 50/50!



Directions to the November Board of Directors' Meeting

FROM FREDERICK:

I-270 South then merge onto Capital Beltway/ I-495 East. Take exit 19A to merge onto Rt 50-E toward Annapolis. Take exit 13 merge onto 301 South toward Richmond. Turn right at Harbour Way. Turn right at Crain Highway.

FROM ANNAPOLIS:

Take Route 50 East towards Annapolis. Take exit 13 on Route 301 South toward Richmond. Turn right onto Harbor Way. Turn right at Crain Highway.

FROM BALTIMORE:

Take I-97 South towards Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Exit on MD 3 South towards Bowie/Odenton. Go approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Harbor Way. Turn right at Crain Highway.

Operation: Military Spouse

Baby Shower

Day of Service Project

The November Board of Directors Meeting will include a Day of Service dedicated to providing necessary baby shower items for military spouses. This event will afford an opportunity to have some fun with our fellow clubwomen and provide assistance to our service families. So, open up your "grandmotherly hearts of love" as you shop for items from this suggested list.

Suggested donations are:

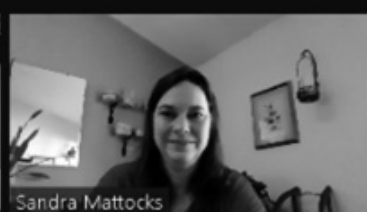
- Receiving blankets
- Crib/bassinet sheets
- Onesies
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Teething rings
- Rattles
- Wipes
- Bath lotion, baby shampoo
- Bibs
- Bath towels/wash cloths
- Swaddling blankets
- Hats, booties, socks
- Pacifiers
- Baby spoons
- Baby Health kits (thermometer, medicine dropper, nose bulb, etc.)
- Diaper rash ointment/ Infant Tylenol
- Sleepers

REMINDER: Please do not gift wrap your donations.





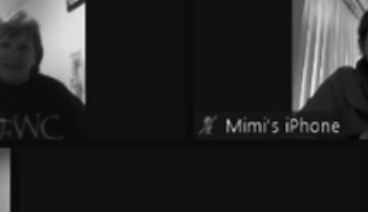
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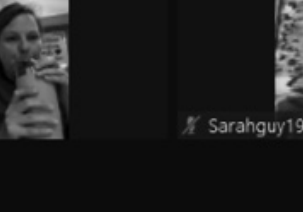
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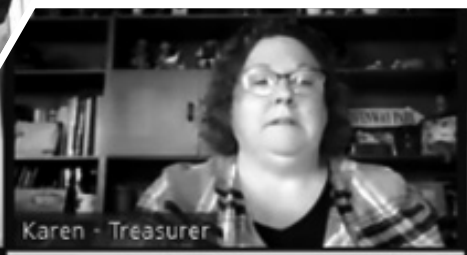
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Karen - Treasurer



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Grace Kelly



Regina



Junior Fall Conference 2020

The members of GFWC Maryland gathered for a virtual zoom meeting on October 17, 2020. The theme for the day was “A Fall to Lead”.

The Westminster Juniors acted as the hostess club and oversaw the zoom meeting functions. We were delighted that our State President Karen-Marie Wasik could be with us for the day. Officers were finally installed, reports were read, awards were given and we even had a Hatship Fun activity.

Silly hats were worn, homemade or otherwise and questions were asked about the hats. Prizes were given for the most original. We had a fantastic Leadership presentation and updates given on the Juniors Special Project and the GFWC Signature Program. We managed to vote on donations to a food pantry and a women’s shelter in Westminster. We also invited all clubwomen to SER and showed off our fundraising for the next two years. A member from every Junior Club in Maryland was present.

It was a wonderful and successful Junior Fall Conference for the books.



Bylaws

Think back to early last spring, we were all planning for our annual convention and at the February Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs (MFWC) Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, when last many of us physical saw each other, I announced proposed bylaws amendments. In just a few weeks we had to cancel the convention and much else that was pending in our lives. We have only recently gotten back to something close to normal.

The current world health situation brings up a very important bylaws issue for not only us but most organizations. Our state, following the lead of GFWC, approved our proposed bylaws amendments and elected our officers for 2020-2022 by email/snail mail by a representative group of our membership. Our bylaws were amended with those items outlined at the February BOD meeting, with a very important proposed addition, ARTICLE XVIII EMERGENCIES, which enables us to conduct needed business in situations when we cannot safely meet in person. This amendment was suggested by GFWC and they provided language on which our amendment is based.

I know some clubs and the districts have either made such amendments or are currently in the process of doing so. I would encourage all clubs and districts to include such a bylaws amendment. I have been asked to look over the drafts of such proposed amendments already and would be happy to do the same for any other clubs or districts engaged in this process.

The amended Maryland Federation Bylaws 2020 will be in the forthcoming Maryland Directory 2020-2022 and are available on the MD website at www.gfwcmd.org. They may be of some help to you in drafting such an article. Again, if I can be of any help please let me know.

Lastly, as a reminder to all, for all those clubs and districts who have revised or are revising their bylaws, per Article XIV, Section 3 of the Maryland Federation Bylaws, you need to send me a copy of the current bylaws your club or district passes and under which it operates.

In Federation Friendship,

Cynthia Ann Dykes, Cynad1@yahoo.com
Chairman, MFWC Bylaws Committee

Dues and Donations

Attention Club Treasurers: 2020-2021 Club Membership Dues are due by December 1, 2020. Dues remain the same as last year:

General Clubs	\$20.50/member
Junior Clubs	\$20.50/member
Juniorette Clubs	\$15.50/member

Please use the GFWC MD Club Treasurer Payment Form (download at www.gfwcmd.org) to submit your dues. The same GFWC MD Club Treasurer Payment Form should also be used to submit the following donations. These are the only donations made through the State Treasurer:

- The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine
- Youth Art Fund of MFWC
- Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman
- Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

Make checks payable to: GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
Mail to: Anita Becker, 1601 Delvale Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222

For recognition at the 2021 Annual Maryland State Convention, donations must be received at least 3 weeks prior to the convention.

The following donations should be sent directly to the GFWC MD Chairman:

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Make checks payable to:
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Mail to: Christy Swiger, 117 Comanche Circle,
Millsboro, DE 19966

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)

Make checks payable to: Maryland Leadership
Seminar Foundation
Mail to: Anne Yakaitis, 7802 Cypress Landing
Road, Severn, MD 21144

The following donations should be sent directly to the Organization:

CARE

Make checks payable to: CARE
Mail to: 151 Ellis Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303-
2440

Tree-Mendous Maryland

Make checks payable to: Maryland Department of
Natural Resources
Mail to: Tree-Mendous Maryland, Tawes State
Office Bldg., E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401
Mail COPY to: Peggy Burton
Ols, 8509 Goshen View Drive,
Laytonville, MD 20882





The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase recently completed a redesign of its back garden and entry way, greatly improving access as well as solving drainage concerns. Pictured here is Theresa Blank, immediate past president with some members of her committee celebrating the ground-breaking.

Montgomery County District Report

Addressing Needs, Advancing Dreams

The most recent Federation year started with a luncheon at which the featured speaker was Joyce Matthews, then-newly appointed Vice President of Development & Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the Montgomery College Foundation, the latter being the conduit of the scholarship monies the Federation contributes. The schedule for subsequent meetings in the year was being thought out and accommodations tentatively booked. Scholarship funds contributed by the Federation are directed principally to students taking courses for professional certificates, which are most reasonably priced vs. degree programs,

for whom employment is likely in great demand. We have specified our preference for support for students taking courses in medical and technical fields, though we have no actual say in this.

Then came Covid-19. While “back to normal” receded rapidly into an ever-distancing future, scheduling turned to putting Zoom meetings on the calendar and participation became remote rather than in-person. The pattern thus set continues. Early planning for a reprise of our Federation baby showers for military families – the first being a raging success – was suspended.

Montgomery County District Report

Addressing Needs, Advancing Dreams

One plan had earlier emerged, as a group led by Kitty Cash (Chevy Chase) and Marge Shiflett (Bethesda) worked to deepen our initial interest in helping the Residential Institute for Children & Adolescents (RICA) (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rica/about/), a special school for students with various difficulties (and often in traumatic home situations) who need to continue their education in a residential, supportive and protective setting. The plan was to help the school produce its first ever prom. This, too, had to be set aside. Instead, blankets were ordered for each student monogrammed with the school logo in RICA's colors of gold and royal blue. We hope to continue our support of this terrific and necessary institution, the only one of its kind in Maryland, perhaps with a prom for a future graduating class, perhaps something more adaptive. We continue to contribute stuffed animals, small personal items, books, playing cards and small toys which are presented in a bag to each arriving student. One of the most serious consequences that occurred in the last year for the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs was the demise of the Montgomery County Thrift Shop. Founded in 1944, it was an important community asset for Bethesda until it closed permanently in July 2020. For more than 75 years, the shop was a source of gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, books/CDs and household items, all at very reasonable prices; frequent sales for specific merchandise categories gave shoppers additional price reductions. With its

closing, the Federation has lost the benefit of the substantial and regular income enabling many past activities.

The Federation was one of five community non-profits which staffed the shop with volunteers from each. The same five organizations received a quarterly share of its profits. It represented many thousands of volunteer hours donated by Federation club members. For many years, the Thrift Shop was the major source of funds for the over sixty employment service run from a tiny building in Bethesda. When the virus hit all of our activities and plans, it was virtually inevitable that the shop would not survive. Having assessed the effect of COVID-19 on the shop, its Board of Directors, reluctantly and sadly, voted to close its long-standing location in downtown Bethesda, due to a variety of factors, including pandemic-related ones.

On behalf of all Federation presidents since 1944 I extend our deepest gratitude for the loyalty, hard work, and other contributions of our volunteers, as well as our thanks to our many customers over the years. Where else could one get a T-shirt for 50 cents? Thanks for the memories.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathalie H. Bramson
President 2018-2020, The Montgomery
County Federation of Women's Clubs





Western District Report

For the 2020-2022 MFWC Western District administration we have chosen The Sunflower and “Keep our face on the Sun” as our motto.

In addition to being cheerful and bright the sunflower has a unique trait. No matter where the sun is the sunflower turns its face towards it. We in the Western District are turning our faces towards the sun during this difficult era of COVID. While most cannot gather in person, we’ve kept in touch by Zoom for not only Board and General meetings but also social meetings to check in on each other and share news about activities, friends, and family. Some clubs are meeting in-person in a limited number of members and safe manner. We are very proud of our clubwomen and how they have worked for their communities and state during this world-wide adversity.

Here are a few highlights from our busy clubs:

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District The GFWC Maryland Western District is a very diverse group of ladies. There are six clubs in the district and as members progress through offices in their individual clubs they become confident and take district offices. Ultimately many become District Presidents and serve a two-year term. They are then given the honor of joining the Centennial Club. Our club stands ready to assist Club Presidents and members by helping them solve problems and give moral support and encouragement

GFWC Junior Woman’s Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. This club has resumed in-person meetings after engaging in Zoom meetings in the late Spring. We have been meeting at City Lights restaurant in downtown Cumberland. We are a small club now but stay fairly busy with our projects. Our annual calendar raffle to support our scholarship at Allegany College of Maryland is under way. We are selling tickets for our wine basket raffle that will help support our community projects. We are hosting our Christmas Auction at our November meeting; proceeds will fund community projects. When we meet in December we will enjoy an ornament exchange.

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Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. This club's CSPs are busy planning projects and fundraising activities. We've scheduled speakers for all General meetings, held our monthly book club, and participated as a team in the United Way's "Stuff the Bus" effort to collect school supplies for Frederick County's schoolchildren. We prepared Holiday Greeting Cards for deployed military, held our annual pansy sale and, despite COVID met our goal. We are supplying bottled water to our local VA Hospital at Ft. Detrick, filling holiday stockings for local children, and participating in Wreaths Across America at Mt. Olivet Cemetery and Antietam Battlefield.

GFWC Civic Club of Oakland, Maryland, Inc. This club conducted a bra drive for Free the Girls, collecting bras and panties and worked on Adopt a Road Program, both are new initiatives. We're currently working on holiday gifts for Nursing Home residents and a Warm the Children initiative to supply warm clothing for local children. A significant initiative is that we successfully obtained a state grant for operating costs.

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. This club has held two meetings with a restricted number of members present and following all the guidelines required by the State. During the summer, we provided 83 meals to homeless men with medical problems in a restricted area. Our seamstresses made 65 little dresses to be sent this fall to those in need. We sent many items of comfort to McDaniel college students who were quarantined to possible exposure to COVID. In November we are stuffing holiday stockings to be distributed to children who need to know others care. Our motto this year is: Opportunities of kindness will help us to persevere!

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. This club is focusing on what can still be done in a safe manner in our community and has supplied baskets with baked goods, snacks, and lotions for nurses at a local hospital. Members also donated food to a local food bank for those in our community needing assistance, participated in book club and enjoyed summer morning walks together.



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Note: Three of the eleven clubs of the district were unable to report in time for publication.

GFWC The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. The club board will be keeping track of any covid restrictions relaxed to plan resuming regular meetings. The Book Discussion Group has continued to meet in an outdoors settings. They are proud to announce the winners of the High School Senior Scholarship this year. They are: Courtney Rogers, Elkton High School who will study biomedical engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC and Alexis Page, Bohemia Manor High School will study physical therapy at Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA.

GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk The Woman's Club of Dundalk continues to be active in the community despite the virus. In September we collected school supplies for Dundalk Elementary School. In October we began our 'Blankets of Love' campaign to collect blankets, coats, socks and other cold weather accessories for the needy. In December we will be giving gift cards to homeless students for Christmas. The safety of our members and the community is a priority. Traditional fall fundraisers were cancelled this year and we are evaluating other fundraising events which may be held safely.

The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc. Although limited by the pandemic, our club is enthusiastic and creative in continuing fundraising efforts to sustain necessary support for the community and clubhouse. Until recently, the outdoors had been a perfect place for meetings with proper distancing and face masks to come together for planning and implementation of each fundraiser activity. Activities include: donations of school supplies; a nut/candy drive; Boscov's Charity Day; Charity Tea boxed kits; raffles/games; sponsoring needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas; a spring luncheon event and the ongoing SCRIP gift card program.

GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc. Our CSP Committees are busy this year. Ways & Means rescheduled the Annual Tea, a major fundraiser, to Saturday, April 24, 2021. The Civic Engagement Committee collects personal items for male and female veterans at Perry Point Medical Center and regularly collects items for Angels Supporting Our Troops which are mailed to troops overseas. Education & Libraries Committee donates books and are planning for a scholarship for a local high school senior. Cleaning roads in the Joppatowne area, donating pull tabs, and working with animal shelters is the responsibility of the Environment Committee. The Health & Wellness Committee collect household items

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for donation to a shelter. We continue to Live the Volunteer Spirit and find Strength in Transition.

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc. At our opening meeting officers and board members were installed and members initiated. At the Evening Group's first meeting, members made wreaths and basket decorations. The Evening Group's October meeting featured "Sunology Psychic Readings." The January meeting is a re-gift BINGO. Club members made nearly 500 masks and distributed them to a local hospital, a church, and members of the community. Because of the pandemic, many families depend upon food banks. The club is collecting food items at monthly daytime and evening meetings to distribute to various local organizations.

Myrtle Club Celebrating 122 years as Maryland's oldest Federated club, the former Baltimore District presidents enjoyed an outdoor luncheon meeting in mid-July with required spacing and masks. The next gathering might test our skills with a possible Zoom meeting. Older dogs can be taught new tricks. We look forward to when all of this will be past and some degree of normalcy attained in every-day living. Over the past two years we mourned the loss of member Betty Meidinger and former members, Bettie Mueller, Lou Nau, Sylvia Ekhardt and Aline Norris.

Severn Town Club Like all clubs, we are pivoting during the global pandemic. After pausing activities this past spring, we are meeting again, virtually, enjoying informative and entertaining presentations. Although we are not able to fundraise by hosting the 57th Holly Ball, we are exploring what might be done in a virtual format to raise money enabling us to support some of the organizations that have come to rely on us annually, especially the areas of domestic violence, education and the arts. We continue to donate books to B.I.G. for distribution to underserved populations.

GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc. We are holding our annual fundraiser, Terri Lynn Nuts. Please visit our store at wicomicowomans.terrilynn.com. In October we will donate items to the Pregnancy Center and a speaker from MAC Senior Center will give us information on their programs. November is the month we honor our veterans. We collect items for care packages that are sent to our service men and women. This hive is "buzzing" with excitement! We are planning a 'BIG" celebration in April, celebrating 100 years of "bee"ing volunteers in GFWC.



Meet Your Officers



President Karen-Marie Wasik Saunders

Karen joined Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc. in 1995 and Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Inc. in 1998. While serving as state Ronald McDonald House chairman and later as its Domestic Violence chairman, she visited the Woman's Club of Dundalk and was so impressed by their work and camaraderie, that she joined this club. Unfortunately, due to prior commitments and family demands she was not able to continue this membership. For the Montgomery County District she served as Recording Secretary, Domestic Violence Chairman, Finance Chairman, First Vice-President, and President. As past president she was invited to join the Emeritus Club and served this club as Treasurer and served as President. For the Bethesda Club she has served as chairman of a fund raiser, Publicity Chairman, First Vice-President, Chairman of the Philanthropic

Evaluation Committee, Out and About Chairman, Historian, and Chairman of the Budget Committee and President. She continues to serve and is now Legislative Committee Chairman and Club Hospitality Function Chairman. Karen had five children with her first husband, Stanley, and has thirteen grandchildren now. When she re-married Mark she was able to add three adult children and seven grandchildren to her family. Born in Washington, D.C. but raised in Chevy Chase, Maryland, she has lived many years in Potomac, Maryland. Karen's working career included the U.S. Treasury, Catholic University, Activities Director, Jr. school Ombudsman, Pre-school teacher and ended with being a Reading and Study Skills tutor For 30 years she has been a docent at Washington Cathedral. She believes that by working in and belonging to the Women's clubs of Maryland and by the philanthropic work they do, she has been able to give back to her state, her county, her country some of the blessings that she has been able to enjoy by living here. She believes, also, that these clubs have afforded her the opportunity of meeting, working with, and learning from women who truly are the embodiment of the of our GFWC motto, Unity in Diversity which enables them to be the highest gift of selfless volunteering.

Meet Your Officers



Junior Director Andrea Lilly

Andrea was born in Salisbury, Maryland and was raised in Pocomoke City on the Delmarvelous Eastern Shore. She attended Salisbury University and took classes at Wor-Wic Community College.

Andrea is retired after working almost 32 years at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

Andrea has four adult children (Jeffrey, Lindsay, Amanda & Gregory) and is currently enjoying her two grandchildren, Hugh & Evie. She is 32 years married to her best friend and love of her life, Don.

Andrea teaches pre-k/k Sunday school with her husband and serves her church and community each week whether it is teaching bible study at a senior center, vacation bible school or going to story time at the local library. Andrea joined the Pocomoke JWC nearly 30 years ago. She has served as President several times and holds the

record for longest term in office. She has served on the GFWC Maryland Juniors as Conservation Chairman, served as District Chairman for Junior Special Project-Advocates for Children and as the Eastern Shore District Junior Director. She has chaired a number of committees in her home club and served on the GFWC Maryland Juniors as Director-Elect of Junior Clubs and is repeating a second term as Junior Director.

Andrea has proudly received the Outstanding Junior Clubwoman award from the Maryland Juniors. Andrea has enjoyed her involvement with this amazing organization and cherishes the many friendships she has made along the way. She looks forward to these next two years as Director of Junior Clubs for Maryland. Her love of the outdoors serves as her inspiration for her theme: "Take me out to the Park" as we work together to keep America Beautiful. So, join Andrea in supporting Tremendous Maryland, building on conservation, planting our future and supporting "Save the Bay". During this next administration she will also focus on the GFWC Signature Program along with the Juniors Special Project. She is excited to work as a state to promote leadership, conservation, mental health issues, advocate for children, prevent abuse and be a voice for those who don't have one.



Meet Your Officers



President-Elect Cynthia Dykes

Cynthia was born and raised in Salisbury, MD. She received a B.A. in History from Salisbury State College (now Salisbury University), and then graduated with a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. She was subsequently admitted to Maryland Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. Cynthia spent 20 years in the Washington, D.C. area working in various positions with the U.S. Courts, the highest of which was Clerk of Court for a U.S. Court of Appeals. In 2001, she relocated to Salisbury and helped take care of her mother until she passed in 2006. In 2007, Cynthia joined the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., (WWC) where she has served as Public Issues Chairman, Recording Secretary, Vice-President and President. She currently serves as Corresponding Secretary, Bylaws Chairman, Resolutions Chairman and Financial Officer for WWC. Cynthia served the Eastern Shore District (ESD) as Vice-President 2012-2014 and served as ESD President for two terms, 2014-2016 and 2016-2018. She currently serves as the Bylaws Chairman and Resolutions Chairman for the new consolidated Chesapeake District. She was the 2012 LEADS Graduate for MD. She served as Maryland Federation Vice-President/Dean of Chairmen for the 2018-2020. She continues to serve and has served GFWC MD as Leadership Chairman since 2012 and as Bylaws Co-Chairman since late 2015. Cynthia is active in her church and enjoys cooking, baking, reading, knitting, sewing, watching old movies and looking after a rabbit, Ziggy and a new kitten, Alfie. She is looking forward to serving as GFWC Maryland Federation President-Elect for the 2020-2022 Administration.

Meet Your Officers



Vice-President and Dean of Chairmen

Mary Snyder

Mary has been a federation member since 1980. She joined the Frederick Junior Woman's Club in 1980 and served in various chairmanships, and as Vice President. She joined the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc., in 1986. Mary has served her club as chairman of the Mardi Gras Committee, Finance, Corresponding Secretary, President 2002-2004, Treasurer 2008-2012 and 2018-2020, Trustee from 2012-2018. Mary is proud of the fact that under her guidance as President, the club committed to a Community Improvement Project, the Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County. In 2004, at the International Convention in Orlando, the club received a 5th place award for their project after only working on it for 2 years. She also was a founding member of the Friends of the Child Advocacy Center and helped that organization become a 501(c)3 non-profit. She is past president of Western District's Centennial Club. Mary has served Western District as President 2012-2014, First Vice-President, and Treasurer. She has served GFWC-MD as Chairman of Membership 2011-2012, 2014-2016 Chairman of the Convention and Meetings, Corresponding Secretary 2016-2018, and Recording Secretary 2018-2020. Mary and her husband David live in Jefferson, MD.



Meet Your Officers



Treasurer Anita Becker

Anita is serving her third term as Treasurer of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

She joined The Woman's Club of Dundalk in 2014. In January 2015 she was appointed Treasurer of her local club and has served as President of The Woman's Club of Dundalk since April 2018. Anita was selected as the GFWC Maryland LEADS candidate in 2016. She retired from Verizon Communications in 2006 after serving in a number of accounting and budget management positions.

After Verizon, she worked at the University of Baltimore supporting the Budget Office and Capital Management. Anita lives with her husband in Baltimore County.

Meet Your Officers



Corresponding Secretary Diane Hill

Diane grew up in Burtonsville, Maryland, and graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in Radio-TV-Film. She has lived in Laurel since 1981, and joined the Woman's Club of Laurel in 1984. At the club level, she has held the offices of president (twice), first vice president, director, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer. She particularly enjoys her position as club historian. Her proudest achievement is her club's establishment of its Weekend Tummy Tamers program during her term as co-president in 2014-2016. It won 4th place in the GFWC Community Improvement Program contest in 2016, and is still going strong. She served as the corresponding secretary for the former Prince George's County District before it disbanded. Since Laurel joined the Montgomery County District Diane has held the offices of recording and corresponding secretaries, as well as chairmanships for Credentials and Conservation. At the State level, she was Reservations chairman for 1 year, and was Communications and Public Relations chairman for the 2018-20 administration. She is looking forward to serving as an officer of the Federation. Diane has two married daughters and two grandchildren. She lives in Laurel with her two cats.



Meet Your Officers



Montgomery County District President

TinTin Nu Raschid

Tin Tin Nu has been volunteering since the age of sixteen, when she went to study at the Rangoon University in Burma. She has served as a President or a Board member in ten different organizations in Burma, Pakistan and the US. When she migrated to the US fifty years ago she became very active in Rotary, and was elected to be the First Woman District Governor from Virginia in 1996-97.

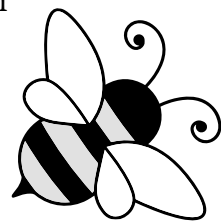
Five years later, in 2001, having moved to Bethesda, MD she joined the Woman's Club of Bethesda. Another five years later, she served as the President of the Club. She was elected to be the District President of the Montgomery County District in 2012-14 and again in 2014-2016. After a gap of four years, Tin Tin is again serving as the District President for Montgomery County District in 2020-2022.

Meet Your Officers



Western District Co-President Nancy Wynne

Nancy has been a federation member since 1974 when she joined the Hilton Junior Woman's Club in Newport News, VA. After moving to Frederick, MD she joined the Frederick Junior Woman's Club in 1978 and served in various chairmanships, and as President. During those busy stay-at-home days raising their two sons, Nancy also represented the Juniors on other 501c(c) Bords of Directors such as The Rose Hill Children's Museum and The Rock Creek School which provides services for students with special needs. She is especially proud to have supported the Task Force that spearheaded the founding of Frederick County's domestic violence shelter, Heartly House and represented the club in 1982 when, then Governor Hughes' wife visited to open the facility. Nancy joined the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. in 1985. She has served her club as chairman of the Mardi Gras Committee, the Club's largest fundraiser, Finance, Assistant Treasurer, President 2012-2014, and Trustee from 2018-2024. Nancy is proud of the fact that during her Presidency she led the club to establish a Scholarship Trust through the Frederick County Community Foundation. This trust enables the club to give annual scholarships in an unbiased and impartial manner to Frederick County students. She also led the Club's effort to make a donation of \$25,000.00 to the newly established James M. Stockman Cancer Institute in Frederick giving the club's name to an examination room for children. She is currently serving as Co- President of the Western District, where she previously served as First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Treasurer. She has served GFWC-MD in several capacities and was Chairman of the Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and is currently serving as Chairman of Civic Engagement and Outreach Project. Nancy and her husband of 54 years, Bill, live in Middletown, MD.



Meet Your Officers



Western District Co-President Carol Feser

Carol has been a Federation member 2012, joining the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.. immediately after retiring from a 40 year military career. Carol has served the club in various positions, to include International Outreach Chairman, Sunshine Committee Co-Chair, 2nd Vice-president, 1st Vice-president, and FWCC President from 2018-2020. She is a 2018 GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) graduate. Her service to Western District has included Western District Recording Secretary, Western District Treasurer, Western District 2nd Vice -President, and currently Co-chairs Western District as President. Carol additionally serves as Committee Chairman for the GFWC-MD President's Signature Project, Serving Active Military, Veterans, and Families. Carol has a Bachelor of Science from University of Maryland as well as a Master of Business Administration from Frostburg University. Carol resides in Frederick with her husband Richard of 40 years.

Meet Your Officers



Chesapeake District Co-President Janet Morgan

Janet joined Severn Town Club (STC) in 1988. She has served as STC president, treasurer, Holly Ball chairman, and member of the finance and conservation committees. She was Southern District president 2000-2002 and president of the new Chesapeake District for its 2018-2020 inaugural administration. GF-Maryland positions include recording secretary, treasurer, and committee chairman for membership, records, and finance. She received Maryland's 1997 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award. After retiring in 2018 as the Investment Manager for Anne Arundel County, international travel became a primary focus. This is a hobby, indulgence, and passion for Janet and husband, Jim. Together they've visited all the continents except Antarctica and Janet lived two years in Bangkok, Thailand in the mid-1970s. Janet is looking forward to a successful term serving as co-president with Joyce Houpe of the Chesapeake District and post-COVID travel.



Meet Your Officers



Chesapeake District Co-President Joyce Houpe

Joyce joined the Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights in 2005. During those years she had the positions of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Governor. She was the Linthicum Heights' President from 2016-2018 and is now in her second term as President from 2020-2022. She has chaired the club's Holly Mart for the last five years and has chaired the club's rentals for the last eleven years. In 2018 she formed and chaired a Teacher Project committee that provided a luncheon and much needed supplies for the teachers in two elementary schools in the Linthicum community. She was the Chesapeake District and State Legislative Affairs Officer from 2018-2020. Joyce's career was with the U.S. government and, after retirement, worked with a contractor for another five years. While with the government she had a tour in England for two years. She has one son, a daughter-in-law, and two beautiful granddaughters. Joyce is learning so much from her mentor and co-president, Janet Morgan, and is looking forward to her term with the Chesapeake District.

The Official GFWC Maryland Website Sign-up/Renew for 2020-2021!

www.gfwcmd.org is the official website of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Anyone with an Internet connection—at home, at work or at their local library—can access information about The Maryland Federation just by going to www.gfwcmd.org. Our website includes information on upcoming meetings, districts, clubs, as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it will be kept up-to-date by our State Webmaster Trey Lee. Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!

Now is the time to RENEW and update your club listing for \$10.00. Now is also the time to SIGN-UP for a NEW club listing for \$10.00 and join us online!

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2020 through August 2021. Your page can also include photos. Each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website. When submitting content for the website, please name your files and photos as “Club Name_Event(Newsletter)_Date(mm-dd-yy)” so we can keep all of our files

organized! Feel free to e-mail Trey with any comments or questions about our state website at gfwcmdweb@gmail.com. GFWC Maryland also has its own Facebook Page! Find us on Facebook by searching “GFWC Maryland Federation” or visit us directly: www.facebook.com/gfwcmd/. Clubs are welcome to post their events and photos to this page, and we will highlight content from our GFWC Maryland Website. Contact Susan Krichten at sdkrichten@gmail.com with questions.

To join us for the new club year, mail or email (preferred) the form on the next page to the GFWC-MD Webmaster and make your check payable to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and mail to:

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Sign-up/Renew for 2020-2021!

2020-2021 Web Page Sign-Up

Renew a club listing - \$10

New Club Listing - \$10

Name of Club: _____

District: _____ Email for Club Contact: _____

Please include the date, time, and location for each club meeting and/or special event you have scheduled for November 2020-August 2021. Also include any programs scheduled, if applicable.

November: _____

April: _____

October: _____

May: _____

December: _____

June: _____

January: _____

July: _____

February: _____

August: _____

March: _____

Save the Bay

Saving the Bay in Challenging Times

While all of us were hunkered down in our homes, preparing every meal (Thank Goodness my dear husband loves to cook), cleaning out closets, not venturing out (except to perhaps the grocery store), our sacred Chesapeake Bay was glistening in all her glory. Desperate and enthusiastic mortals launched their boats into her delicate waters. Those people lucky enough to possess their own vessels have been swamping the bay so they could savor the splashing salt water on their faces! The sailboats, motor boats, fishing boats, crabbing vessels and even the jet skiers were splendidly dotting the Bay waters in record crowds!! For those spectacular jaunts out on the Bay, the participants forgot all about the COVID Crisis and basked in pure ecstasy! Even those individuals that could not stand the household restrictions any more were storming the boat dealerships and joined the ranks of watermen by purchasing some type of floating craft! Boat sales have never been higher! Relishing the fresh air on our beautiful Bay was just what the doctor ordered and it is difficult to describe the pure gratification of

being out on the water.

Since 1984, (Yes- that is for 36 years!) we have been dedicated to assisting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in its efforts to Save the Chesapeake Bay. The laborious restoration of the Chesapeake Bay has been a long journey with many ups and downs. Fortunately, so much has been accomplished over the decades.

Please consider making a donation to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation this year, especially if it has been absent from your 'giving budget'. Make your check out to the "Chesapeake Bay Foundation" and please mail it to me at: Christy Swiger, 117 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966. I will forward your check to the Foundation!!

The Chesapeake Bay has been providing us with her innumerable assets and her majesty during these challenging months during 2020. Isn't it the perfect time to reward her with a heartfelt donation?



GFWC Maryland Signature Project Active Military, Veterans, and

Families

GFWC-MD President Karen Wasik's Signature Project for 2020-2022 is supporting Active Military, Veterans and their Families.

Ongoing continuous operational deployments and combat operations since 2001 has placed continued stress on all branches of military and their families. For the past twenty years, the U.S. military conducted continuous operations in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, all while responding and supporting domestic responses to national disasters and the pandemic. Its members rely on building cohesive teams through training and building strong bonds among its members. Military members and families live on standby, often preparing or waiting to move in support of the defense, and support of civil authorities, for the United States.

Military families routinely move due to assignment requirements, leaving support networks and starting anew. During military deployments, families are often left without support mechanisms, with the remaining family member becoming the head of the household here in the U.S. while simultaneously supporting the soldier forward. The abrupt change leaves many spouses struggling to maintain the

many moving parts, often limiting their ability to still provide a second income or maintain their own careers.

Over the past twenty years many superior professional organizations evolved in response to the unprecedented demands placed on the military and its members. One premier program that has taken a lead is the United Soldier Organization (USO), which works to connect service members with the people and places they love. The USO is a welcome sight in airports or while serving in a foreign location. They are just one of many available sources that provide assistance to our military, while many other organizations also provide opportunities to assist the men and women who serve from a local perspective. While there are programs that assist the families left behind, support ultimately is left to their families, neighbors, parents, or members of their community.

GFWC-MD is in a unique position to help these families. The following presents an outline and plan for the upcoming GFWC-MD Board Meetings and Convention. Specifically, it provides suggestions and methods to provide support to our military

GFWC Maryland Signature Project Active Military, Veterans, and

Families

families in our communities. The purpose is to provide service ideas that each club, district, and the GFWC-MD can support military members and their families. These ideas serve as points to initiate discussion, and rely on each club's creativity to determine other ways to assist military members in your community.

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting,

November 2020: The Service Project for this meeting is a Baby Shower for mothers located at Ft Meade, Maryland. This is coordinated with the Enlisted Women's Club at Ft Meade to support junior soldiers that have limited incomes. **GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting, February 2021:** This project is a combined one with the Signature Project and the Education and Libraries Project. We will combine a collection of Dr. Seuss books, school supplies, and contribute to supporting the USO Reading Program. This will provide purchased books to a USO overseas for troops to record videos reading to their children back home. This program is an opportunity for parents and children to stay connected and ease the stress and unfamiliarity children feel upon the return

of their parents. **GFWC MD Convention, April 2021:** During convention, we will host a Slumber Party while we play Bingo! Pajamas are preferred for attire, and a collection of sleepwear for young children will be collected for military children.

During these difficult times, there are other opportunities for clubs to support the military in their communities:

- Mail holiday cards to Active Military members and Veterans
- Contact any local VA Clinic, Counseling Center, USO and donate coffee, supplies or bottled water.
- Make small blankets for patients in wheelchairs
- Support Wreaths Across America, or check local cemeteries for wreath laying services
- Talk with a Soldier
- Order supplies through Amazon for troops and send to a USO Overseas. The USO sets up a Wish List for Troops, and we can directly purchase things Soldiers transitioning across combat zones need to ease their transition.



Fundraising Meeting – Money – Merriment or Catching Up with Friends & Spending the Greenbacks

The summer months have just flown by and our GFWC-MFWC State Meeting will be here before you know it! Fundraising is all about making capital to support our state budget and perhaps most important -- having fun. Obviously, this has become extremely difficult during these challenging months. Although I have missed attending all of my regular restaurants and freely going to many favorite spots, they don't compare to the sadness of not seeing my at-risk family members and sharing time with my Federation Sisters. I know that fundraising is not the most important topic for you to be thinking about at this time, however, I

am looking forward to seeing all of you -- my best customers-at the Bowie Conference Center. I have many items that make terrific gifts for your friends and family members! I think that you should be able to find something for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list when you visit our fundraising table. I even have some wonderful masks for sale! Bring your cash for our 50/50 opportunities! Not having our convention this past April has really put us at a disadvantage when it comes to making the cash for our treasury, but we can certainly make a huge dent in catching up with each other and having a great deal of merriment and fun at our meeting!

Leadership

The topic of leadership has perhaps never been more important than it has in times such as we have had in 2020.

Those of us who can need to say yes when asked to take on leadership positions at any level of the Maryland Federation. Of equal value, step up and volunteer to help others with their duties when we see someone in need. For example, you may be a whiz kid with computers or social media, and someone else may not be. Step up and offer to help them to become familiar with the area in which they are having trouble.

We all have more thrust upon us than we probably did at the beginning of 2020. Our collective abilities to adapt, assist and lead will be what brings our organization successfully through this challenging time. As I have said before, the biggest step in being a leader is saying yes when asked to help. Now I am going to add a caveat to that, offering to help when you see a need is also a big part of leadership. It inspires and helps others which helps all of us in the Maryland Federation and GFWC.

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580 Taylor Avenue
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Julie Gibbs
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HOBY

(Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership)

This year's Maryland HOBY Seminar was a totally new experience for everyone. Due to the Covid-19 virus, this year's seminar was virtual and was held June 19 – 21. Over 170 sophomores from across the state joined in from their homes. Before the seminar, each Ambassador received a packet of supplies and materials along with a HOBY T-Shirt that all wore on Saturday. Each day was focused on a particular type of leadership – Friday, Personal Leadership, Saturday, Group Leadership and Sunday, Social Responsibility. There were large group presentations with breakout groups for discussions. Ambassadors were allowed one hour for lunch and one hour for dinner. Featured motivational speakers (all virtual) were Rainn Wilson (from The Office) and Sandy Queen (HOBY local favorite). Everything was handled by a remote staff beautifully. Hopefully, next year they will be able to hold their Seminar at Towson University. Thanks to the 12 clubs who sponsored schools this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.



The Maryland Clubwoman



Clubwoman Connection

Southeastern Region Meeting

November 6 - 7, 2020

Fall Board of Directors Meeting

November 17, 2020