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Districts Reporting for the FALL 2012 issue:
Eastern Shore & Baltimore

Districts Reporting for the WINTER 2012 issue:
Montgomery County

ALL Articles and Information for the FALL 2012 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by July 1, 2012.

District Editors should contact the clubs in their districts about District deadlines for submitting articles. Please follow the instructions of your District editor for submitting copy and be prepared to meet her deadlines.

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION: Any Club Project or Activity which is scheduled through the end of June 2013 may be submitted for inclusion.

✉ E-mail Articles & Photos to: MdClubwoman@verizon.net

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Josephine "Jo" Miller
GFWC Maryland President*

My Federation Friends,

It is hard to realize this will be my last President's letter. The past two years have gone by so extremely fast. This experience has given me the opportunity to see the often unknown commitment and devotion of the GFWC Maryland Federated ladies. Without any fanfare, "thank you" or "job well done"—our Maryland clubs continue to provide our communities and state with outstanding volunteerism.

I would like to thank each of you for your tireless energy, time, monies and vision—to see the needs of your communities and to take action to show that "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference," every day. You are each true "Angels!"

As club women from all across the state gather for our 113th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention, April 14-16, 2012, we will join together for our final "flight" and to begin a new journey. Make your reservations now to be part of the gala celebration of awards... experience the conclusion of the GFWC Maryland President's Special Project for Veterans: Ditty Bags under the direction of Bobby Andersen... enjoy good food and great fellowship... and welcome our new officers for the 2012-2014 administration.

I look forward to seeing each of you April 14-16, 2012, at the BWI Airport Marriott for congratulations and farewells, all wrapped up in an convention you would not want to miss!

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President and for proving that "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference." You are the BEST Federation—you are GFWC Maryland! Your love and support will be a memory I will cherish forever.

In Federation Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo".

*Josephine Miller
GFWC Maryland President*



FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Mary Beth Strickler
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs

Greetings Maryland Clubwomen & Happy Spring!

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” —Aesop

It’s hard to believe that this is my last letter for “The Maryland Clubwoman” as GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs. These past two years have provided so many gratifying experiences, and given me the opportunity to spend time with my favorite volunteers. My heart swells to reflect on what we have accomplished by reaching out to those in need in our communities. The service projects we have completed on a state level—Backpacks of Love, Party Bags, Salute Our Troops, Lugs of Love, and the Blessing Building—have been incredible and I know will continue on. For this I am truly grateful.

We are a unique brand of volunteers, as we do so without seeking attention. GFWC-MD is one of the best kept secrets, and we need to find ways to help those in our communities recognize this

and want to join in our fellowship and fun. Membership is crucial to our survival and I hope it will continue to be a priority with your club. There is no magic formula to help us grow in numbers, yet I know enthusiasm sparks and ignites more enthusiasm, and will help us share our passion to reach out and touch lives far into the future.

Kathy Ferrara, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, 2010-2012, has challenged our membership to take a stand against child abuse through the planting of pinwheel gardens in April. Prevent Child Abuse America is one of our GFWC partners and our Maryland Chapter is The Family Tree. Join them in taking a Stand for Maryland’s Children—Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. The goal of this effort is to demonstrate the role each of us can play in building strong families and communities. There are a number of ways you can show your support. Visit www.standforchildrenmd.org for more information, or contact the chapter at 2108 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218, phone: 410-889-2300.

Thank you for your leadership, your attendance, your kind words, and your support in all my Maryland and General Federation endeavors. Aesop’s words ring so true for me, as I reflect on all the opportunities I have had to spend time with all of you. While it’s such a simple phrase, it’s one filled with warmth and gratitude... thank you!

In Federation Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mary Beth".

Mary Beth Strickler
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



**Volunteers Reach Out
and Touch Lives**

CONVENTION 2012... Convention Highlights

Maryland Volunteers Make a Difference

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend the **113th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.** at the BWI Airport Marriott, April 14-16, 2012. Plan to arrive on Friday, April 13th so you won't miss any of the festivities. Don't let your club president be the only one to attend and have all the fun!

On Friday, April 13th— Junioresettes will gather for **Junioresette Fun Night**, featuring a Pizza & Pool Party, followed by a Pajama Party and Games.

On Saturday, April 14th— Join the Maryland Juniors at 10:00 a.m. as they celebrate their accomplishments at **"Celebrating Leadership" Junior Day**. All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend this energized meeting and the **Junior/General Luncheon**. The Day of Service Project will be **"Food Link Emergency Baby Pantry,"** with speaker **Irene McElwee, Emergency Services Director for Food Link** (details on page 20). The program will feature the presentation of **Youth Art Awards**. The **2012-2014 Junior Officers** will be elected and installed.

On Saturday Evening— All Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather for the **District Presidents' Reception** at 5:00 p.m. The official opening of the Convention will be the **"Welcome Home" Banquet** at 6:30 p.m.—highlighted by the parade of Club Presidents and the District Presidents' reports. **Harpist Janet Holland** will provide dinner music, and speakers will be **Anne Church and Jane Helweick, Operation Welcome Home Maryland**.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to enjoy food, fun, and friendship at **Federation Fun Night**, hosted by the Maryland Juniors in the President's Suite (details on page 4).

On Sunday, April 15th— The **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** meeting will be held at 7:15 a.m. A brief Board of Directors Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., then Convention will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. You really need to be there to find out what other clubs have been doing this past year when the Community Service Program awards are announced. The **2011 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award** will also be presented.

Following the morning session, a **Reception for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all Nominees** will be held in the President's Suite.

The **"Honoring Our Leaders" Luncheon** will honor the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland. Guest speaker will be **Dave Elliott, columnist for The Frederick New-Post**. After lunch, the polls will open for the **Election of GFWC Maryland Officers, 2012-2014**. And everyone's invited to join in the FUN at **BINGO MANIA!**

On Sunday Evening— The **"She Loves Me!" Banquet** will begin at 7:00 p.m., with **"Music by Bill Edwards"** as entertainment. The speaker will be our special GFWC guest—one of our own—**GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon**, followed by the installation of the **2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers**.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to the President's Suite for a **Reception Honoring the 2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers**.

On Monday, April 16th— Convention will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. with more reports and awards, including member Art, Crafts, and Photography Awards. The **"Angels Final Flight" Brunch** will feature **ESO Speaker Mervin A. Savoy**, co-author of "A Piscataway Story: The Legend of Kittimuquinn." After three busy days of Federation fellowship, the 113th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will adjourn.



CONVENTION 2012... *Speakers & Entertainment*



Babs Condon, GFWC First Vice-President, 2010-2012, will be our special guest at the 113th Annual GFWC-MD Convention. She will speak at Sunday evening's "She Loves Me!" Banquet.

Babs Condon is a third-generation clubwoman, who has been an active member of the Federation for more than 29 years. Babs' Federation work started in 1983 when she joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster. In 2000, she joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster and served as the club's president shortly thereafter. Babs has continually served both clubs, her district, her state and GFWC with distinction since 1983.

Babs is currently serving as GFWC First Vice-President where her leadership skills help to mentor the 50 state presidents. She has also served GFWC as: Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, International Affairs chairman, Director-elect of Junior Clubs

and Conservation chairman. As GFWC Outreach for Children Program chairman, she was honored to be chosen to participate in an Operation Smile mission to the Philippines, and has traveled to Guatemala and Peru with CARE.

While serving as the 2002-2004 GFWC Maryland President, her emphasis was on membership, and she continually promotes volunteering in her 18th year as advisor for the GFWC Stars Juniette Club of Westminster, which she started in 1994.

A graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, with graduate work at the University of Kentucky, Babs married Jerry in 1978, taught for several years, then retired to raise two wonderful sons and dedicate her energy and skills to GFWC.

"Sweet Dreams" Federation Fun Night

Hosted by the Maryland Juniors

Saturday, April 14, 2012
after the Banquet

\$5.00 per person

ALL Maryland Clubwomen are invited to a **PAJAMA PARTY** in the President's Suite!

Wear your PJ's and bring a Baby Sleeper (lightweight, newborn to 12 months) to donate to Food Link, Inc.

Come relax and share some quality time with your wonderful Federation friends. Enjoy a Mudslide (Maryland's signature drink) and other delightful refreshments.

Be sure to add Federation Fun Night to your Meal Reservation Form!



Irene McElwee, Emergency Service Director for Food Link

will speak at Junior Day on Saturday. Food Link, Inc. is a hunger relief and food rescue organization in Anne Arundel County, and four counties on the Eastern Shore. Irene has been a volunteer for Food Link for many years through her work in her GFWC club. She is responsible for keeping the five baby pantries stocked throughout Anne Arundel County and works to procure donations for the pantry, so they can meet the demand for the needy children in her community.



Harpist Janet Holland will perform at Saturday's "Welcome Home" Banquet. Long considered one of Washington-Baltimore-Annapolis' finest musicians, Jan performed as principal harpist for 20 years with the U.S. Army Field Band, America's musical ambassadors to the world. As a professional musician, she has performed in musical settings such as the Maryland State Capitol, the Russian Embassy in Washington, DC and the American Embassy in New Delhi, India.

CONVENTION 2012... Speakers & Entertainment



Anne Church (at left) and Jane Helweick, Team Leaders for Operation Welcome Home Maryland will speak at the "Welcome Home" Banquet on Saturday. Operation Welcome Home Maryland (OWHMD) is an all-volunteer organization founded in March 2007 by Navy Captain Kathy Thorp. The organization's goal is to make sure troops returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait have the welcome home they deserve when they arrive at BWI Marshall Airport. BWI is one of three hub airports for returning military troops. Operation Welcome Home Maryland greets an average of six flights per week, with over 7000 returning military heroes per month.

Anne Church and Jane Helweick are two of 26 team leaders for OWHMD, coordinating some of the welcome home events. They also conduct presentations about OWHMD for schools, civic groups and businesses. Both Jane and Anne were concerned about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and wanted to make sure the military received the support they deserved. They have found Operation Welcome Home Maryland not only a great way to support our troops, but also a very rewarding experience.

Visit www.owhmd.org to learn more about OWHMD and dates of upcoming events. Show your support for the troops by attending a welcome home event in the near future. It will change your life forever!

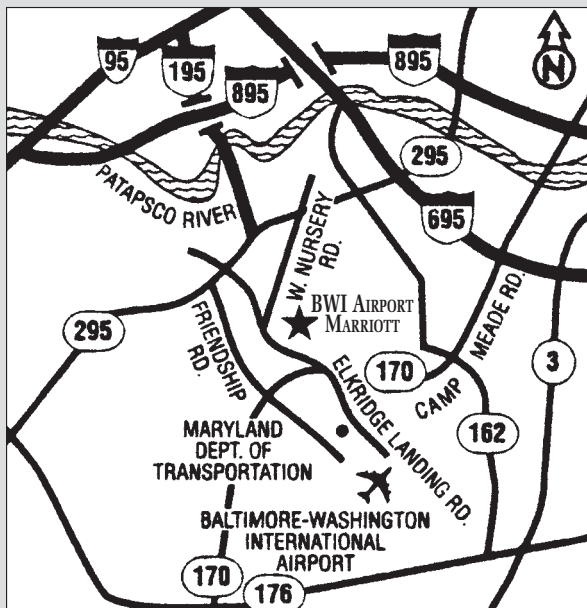


Mervin A. Savoy, author, will be the featured ESO Speaker at the "Angel's Final Flight" Brunch on Monday. Mrs. Savoy co-authored "A Piscataway Story: The Legend of Kittimuquinn," which is the first in a series of "Piscataway Stories." The modern day Piscataway Indians live in Southern Maryland near the present town of La Platta. They have a rich tradition and culture. The book tells the story of Kittimuquinn, the progenitor of the Piscataways. The book is intended for school children, ages 10 to 12 years. The text is written in poetry and accompanied by a generous amount of original black and white pictures of Piscataway life and history. The book is currently being used in Maryland public schools to teach children about the Native American heritage of their area of the state.

Since 1980, Mrs. Savoy has held the position of Tribal Chair of the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy & Subtribes, the largest indigenous tribe residing in the state of Maryland. She has won many honors, including the Baltimore Times Distinguished Woman Award, Outstanding Citizen Award, Woman of Achievement Award, Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year, Torchbearers Award, and Certificate of Recognition for Improving Minority Achievement, to name a few.

THE 113TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

APRIL 14-16, 2012
AT THE BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT
BALTIMORE, MD



From Baltimore:

Take Rt. 295 S.
(Baltimore-Washington Pkwy). Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn left*

From I-95:

Exit onto I-195 E. to Rt. 295 N. (Baltimore-Washington Pkwy). Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn right at top of ramp*

From Washington, DC:

Take Rt. 295 N.
(Baltimore-Washington Pkwy). Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn right at top of ramp*

* Hotel is 1-1/2 miles on the left.

MD JUNIORS



Mid-Winter Rally

Thirty enthusiastic clubwomen gathered for Junior Mid-Winter Rally on Saturday, January 28, 2012, which was hosted by the GFWC STARS Junioresettes of Westminster at the Westminster Riding Club. The morning session brought greetings from GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon; reports of our officers; financials; and the nomination of Rebecca Wagman (GFWC STARS) for Junior Treasurer, 2012-2014.

No nominations were received for Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, 2012-2014. Ten Linus blankets were made and given to the STARS to donate to a charity of their choice. Attendees brought toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste as a service project for the Blessings Building, a religious organization that provides for families in the Westminster area. Vanessa Newman from the Blessings Building was our speaker. They began their work in the form of a Blessings Wagon which was a trailer of goods that served fifteen families on the first Saturday. The Blessings Building, as it is now known, serves up to 150 families on two Saturdays each month. They operate completely on donations. Monetary donations may be sent to New Hope Fellowship (memo line: Blessings Building), 475 Golden Rod Terrace, Westminster, MD 21157.

The Maryland Juniors are grateful for the support not only of the Junior membership, but of the GFWC-MD officers and the women of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club.

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS

REGISTRATION:

Pre-Registration Fee is \$8.00

On-Site Registration Fee is \$10.00

A Registration Fee will be charged for all attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Everyone attending **MUST** register and pay the Registration Fee. **The Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED to the Credential Chairman, Judith Tippett, by March 10, 2012, along with the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13 of the Special Convention Pull-Out Section).** An On-Site Registration Fee of \$10.00 will be collected for anyone not Pre-Registered. You will receive your badge upon arrival at the annual convention. No one will be admitted to the meetings without a badge. Members who belong to more than one club must decide which club they will be registered under.

Registration Desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 14, 2012: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

12:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2012: 8:15-9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 16, 2012: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:

You will NOT receive CREDENTIAL CARDS in the MAIL as in previous years. ALL ATTENDEES MUST use the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13 of the Special Convention Pull-Out Section). Even if there is some doubt whether you can attend, you need to complete the form and **mail it to the Credential Chairman, Judith Tippett, by March 10, 2012.**

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Members, including Club Presidents and Honorary State Presidents:

Fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Judith Tippett.

Club Delegates:

Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Judith Tippett. If your club has alternate delegates, please send their name(s) separately. The number of Club Delegates to which your club is entitled is based on the number of club members who have paid their dues by February 1, 2012. You are allowed to appoint one (1) Club Delegate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Junior & Junioresette Clubs:

Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Judith Tippett.

Voting Members:

“The Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs delegates will be based only upon those members whose dues shall have been paid by February 1.” Standing Rule 2a (pg. 85). “The voting members of The Federation shall be the members of the board of directors and the accredited delegates. A voting member shall have but one vote, although entitled to vote in either of several capacities. No delegate shall represent more than one club.” Article VI, Section 2 of The Federation Bylaws (pg. 79).

Non-Voting Members:

All non-voting members must still register.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC-MD BYLAWS

According to ARTICLE XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws, of The Federation Bylaws (page 83), “These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before January 1.”

PART I

ARTICLE VII: Dues

Section 3. The fiscal year shall begin on June 1 and end on May 31.

Amend by striking out “June” and inserting “July” and by striking out “May 31” and inserting “June 30”

Section 3. will then read: The fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

Rationale: To provide an additional four weeks to close the financial records and to allow officers attending the June GFWC convention to submit all actual expenses for reimbursement. Submitted by the finance committee to the executive committee which considered it and forwarded it to the bylaws committee for presentation to the 2012 MFWC convention.

PART II

ARTICLE IX: Board of Directors

Section 3. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at a place to be determined by the executive committee on the third Tuesday in September, November, and February unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee. A meeting may be held also at the call of the president, immediately before or after the annual meeting of The Federation. At least seven days notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given.

Amend by striking out “November”

Section 3. will then read: Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at a place to be determined by the executive committee on the third Tuesday in September and February unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee. A meeting may be held also at the call of the president, immediately before or after the annual meeting of The Federation. At least seven days notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given.

Rationale: To reduce the cost and time for members to attend meetings of The Federation. Submitted by the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee to the MFWC executive committee which considered it and forwarded it to the bylaws

committee for presentation to the 2012 MFWC convention.

PART III

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. A convention, hereinafter referred to as the annual meeting, shall be held by The Federation in April or May of each year on a date and at a place to be determined by the executive committee. It shall be for the purpose of electing officers, of receiving reports of such officers and committees as may be required by The Federation, of adopting the proposed budget, and of transacting any other business that may arise. Notice of this meeting shall be sent to all clubs that are members of The Federation at least six weeks before the meeting. The annual meeting shall be open to all members of the federated clubs.

Amend by striking out the entire Section 1 and inserting “A convention shall be held in the even-numbered calendar year and an annual meeting shall be held in the odd-numbered calendar year by The Federation in April or May of each year on a date and at a place to be determined by the executive committee. The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of such officers and committees as may be required by The Federation and of transacting any other business that may arise. The convention shall be for the purpose of electing officers in addition to any business transacted at an annual meeting. Notice of the convention and the annual meeting shall be sent to all clubs that are members of The Federation at least six weeks before the meetings. The convention and the annual meeting both are open to all members of the federated clubs.”

If amendment is adopted Section 1. will read as adopted.

Rationale: The annual meeting will have shortened meeting proceedings and be shorter in length. The convention will continue to follow the current multi-day “convention” format, including the election of officers.

NOTE

If the above amendments are adopted, amendments are necessary throughout the bylaws. The following is a listing of these necessary amendments.

PART IV (to be considered en bloc)

Only one vote will be necessary for all amendments proposed in this Part 4 unless there is a motion to remove any one amendment from en bloc.

(delete the underlined words and insert the words in parenthesis)

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section 2. Paragraph 2—It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. (insert “convention”)

Section 3. These officers, with the exception of the vice-presidents ex-officio whose terms shall be prescribed by the districts which they represent, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting (insert “convention”) of The Federation held in the even numbered calendar year. A majority vote shall elect.

Section 4. Officers, with the exception of the treasurer, shall serve from the close of the annual meeting (insert “convention”) at which they are elected until the close of the annual meeting (insert “convention”) at which their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V: Duties of Officers

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by The Federation. They shall prepare an annual report for presentation at the annual meeting (insert “and at the convention”)

Section 7. The treasurer shall receive all funds of The Federation and deposit the same in such bank or banks as may be designated by the board of directors. She shall disburse these funds according to the budget approved at the annual meeting (add “and the convention”), provided that no bill shall be paid until approved by the president and the chairman of the finance committee. She shall keep a separate record of the various funds of The Federation, including the general fund, memorial endowment fund, THE MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE, or others. The treasurer shall render reports to the regular meetings of the board of directors, to the annual meeting, (add “and to the convention”)

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Section 3. The federated clubs shall be entitled to be represented at the (insert “convention and the”) annual meeting of The Federation by delegates to be selected by the individual clubs in proportion to the number of members, as follows:

Section 4. At least ten days before the (insert “convention and the”) annual meeting, the president of each general club shall forward to the chairman of credentials in her respective district a certified list of the delegates and their alternates selected by her club.

At least ten days before the (insert “convention and the”) annual meeting the president of each junior club and of each juniorette club shall forward to the chairman of credentials of The Federation a certified list of the delegates and their alternates selected by her club.

Section 5. Fourth sentence—The delegates at a special meeting of The Federation shall be those who were seated in the preceding (insert “convention or”) annual meeting, provided they have not been disqualified by termination of membership in the club which they represented or on the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX: Board of Directors

Section 3. Second sentence—A meeting may be held also at the call of the president, immediately before or after the (insert “convention or the”) annual meeting of The Federation.

ARTICLE XIII: Junior Clubs

Section 3. There shall be a director of junior clubs, who shall be elected at the annual meeting (insert “convention”) of The Federation held in the even numbered year.

Section 4. Second sentence—They shall be elected at the junior meeting preceding the annual meeting (insert “convention”) of The Federation in the even numbered year.

Section 6. The junior membership shall hold two meetings annually: one meeting, known as the fall meeting, shall be held preceding the November meeting of the board of directors of The Federation; (insert “in October of each year,”) one meeting, known as the spring meeting, shall be held preceding the (insert “convention and the”) annual meeting of The Federation.

ARTICLE XIV: Committees

Section 7. Last sentence of first paragraph—Copies of the proposed resolutions shall be sent with the call to the annual meeting

(insert “or to the convention”) at which they are to be considered for adoption.

Second paragraph—Emergency resolutions required by conditions arising subsequent to January 15 may be brought before the annual meeting (insert “or to the convention”) upon written request of any constituent authorized to propose resolutions. All emergency resolutions shall be presented by the resolutions committee to the executive committee for consideration and emergency status before being presented to the annual meeting (add “or to the convention.”)

Fourth paragraph—Action taken by The Federation at its annual meeting (insert “or at its convention”) shall be binding on all officers and members when they are representing The Federation.

ARTICLE XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting (insert “convention”), provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendments has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting (insert “convention”). Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before January 1.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

“It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. At least eight weeks prior to the election, the chairman of the nominating committee shall send the list of nominees, designating the clubs which they represent, to the president of The Federation for inclusion in the call to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, except for the director of junior clubs, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained.” —ARTICLE IV, Section 2, paragraph 2 of The Federation Bylaws (page 77)

The GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee submits the following report:

President 2012-2014: Beverly Death

GFWC Chesapeake Woman’s Club, Southern District

President-Elect 2012-2014: Brenda Bennett

GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club, Inc., Eastern Shore District

Vice-President 2012-2014: Reno Eitel

The Joppatowne Woman’s Club, Inc., Baltimore District

Recording Secretary 2012-2014: Kaye Shoemaker

Frederick Woman’s Civic Club, Inc., Western District

Corresponding Secretary 2012-2014: Michelle Stawinski

University Park Woman’s Club, Montgomery County District

Treasurer 2012-2014: Janet Morgan

Severn Town Club, Inc., Southern District

Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014: Mary Walton

GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc., Western District

Proposed by the GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee
Mary Thompson, Chairman



**OFFICIAL CALL
TO
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
113TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Maryland Volunteers Make a Difference"**

APRIL 14-16, 2012 (SATURDAY-MONDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

The Executive Committee of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. extends a very special invitation to **ALL Maryland Clubwomen** to attend the 113th Annual Convention. The Call to Convention has been published in this issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman*, so EVERY club member will have the necessary information. **PLEASE NOTE: Credential Cards will NOT be mailed. Please use the Registration & Credentials Form on page 13 of this Call.**

In This Issue You Will Find:

- 1) ***All General Information pertinent to the Convention.***
- 2) ***Registration & Credentials Form***—mail to Judith Tippet, Credential Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED no later than March 10, 2012, along with the Registration & Credentials Form.
On-Site Registration Fee will be \$10.00.
- 3) ***Room Reservation Form***—mail directly to the BWI Airport Marriott.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 10, 2012.
Room Rates will more than double after that date!
- 4) ***Meal Reservation Form***—mail to Anne Forrester, Reservations Chairman.
NEW FORMAT—Submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member.
Please use this form for ALL MEALS, including the Junior Day Luncheon and Federation Fun Night. **The Deadline for Meal Reservations is March 10, 2012.**
- 5) ***GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form***—mail to Jo Rousseau, Convention Club Treasurer.

You will not want to miss Convention. Make your reservations early! Seating at all meal functions is done on a "first in" basis. Every club should plan on having several members in attendance to cheer your club on at award time! There are many wonderful programs, speakers, and activities planned for your entertainment and education.

Josephine Miller, President
Debbie Spinnenweber, Corresponding Secretary

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 113TH ANNUAL CONVENTION "Maryland Volunteers Make a Difference"

APRIL 14-16, 2012 • BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, BALTIMORE

The 113th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, from April 14-16, 2012. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend. See page 5 of this issue for a map and directions, or visit: www.marriott.com.

CREDENTIALS: Credentials cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call) and mail to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 10, 2012**. Mail to: Judith Tippett, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

REGISTRATION: Registration desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 14, 2012: 9:00-10:30 a.m. & 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2012: 8:15-9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 16, 2012: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. This fee helps pay for the speakers, programs and all printed materials distributed during the convention. Everyone attending **MUST** register. **NOTE: Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED** to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 10, 2012, along with the Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call). **On-Site Registration Fee will be \$10.00**. Make checks payable to: *MFWC Treasurer*. Mail to: Judith Tippett, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: NEW FORMAT—Submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member. For Each Member Attending, send a Meal Reservation Form (page 17 of this Call), **along with a check or money order no later than March 10, 2012**. Make check payable to: *MFWC Reservations Account*. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form. Mail to: Anne Forrester, 1203 Alexander Lane, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-1445.

ALL Club Presidents will be honored at the Saturday night banquet. They will be introduced by their District President and sit at reserved tables. We would like all clubs represented and sincerely hope all will attend. A President who finds it impossible to attend may be represented by a Vice-President or another representative. Be sure to notify your District President of your attendance or substitute. **When making Saturday night banquet reservations, please indicate if you are a Club President or representative.**

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Make room reservations directly with BWI Airport Marriott. Mail or Fax the BWI Airport Marriott Reservation Form (page 15 of this Call), or call BWI Airport Marriott at 410-859-8300 (direct) or 800-228-9290 (toll free). **To get the special room rate of \$119.00 Single/Double (+ 13% tax), you MUST identify yourself as being with GFWC Maryland. Make room reservations promptly as the hotel will only hold our rooms until March 10, 2012. ROOM RATES WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE AFTER THIS DATE.** GFWC Maryland must occupy a specific number of rooms each night to avoid high rental fees for meeting rooms. **Please help us SAVE Federation money and plan to stay for all 3 nights!**

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT: Rooms will be available for check-in after 3 p.m. on Friday. If you arrive earlier, you may leave your luggage locked in your car or ask the hotel to store it for you. There is ample parking. **Rooms must be vacated before 1 p.m. on Monday.** You may check-out on Sunday evening or anytime Monday morning.

REPORTS & AWARDS: Reports and awards will be presented throughout Convention. If you are presenting a report, please bring **TWO** copies for the Federation Recording Secretary, Barbara Weldon, for her minutes! Award packets for ALL Club Presidents will be given out on the last day of Convention.

ELECTION OF 2012-2014 GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS: Election Polls will be open from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. In order to vote, delegates must register before the start of the meeting Sunday morning.

ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY, AND YOUTH ART EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Exact locations will be designated after entry cards have been received. Open hours will be announced in the Convention program. Please observe the following procedures:

All entries MUST be received from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 14. No pictures will be accepted without wire and screw eyes, or if insecurely framed. **A Signature will be Required for All Entries When Checked-In on Saturday and Checked-Out on Monday.**

Entries may be picked up in the exhibit rooms **only after adjournment of the meeting on Monday, April 16. No Exceptions To This Rule!** Neither The GFWC Maryland Federation nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4 p.m. on Monday, April 16. Exhibits will be covered by insurance for fire and theft only. All due care will be used in handling articles, but insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for ten dollars (\$10). No single item will be insured in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

Please return ALL YOUTH ART ENTRIES to the students' schools ASAP after the close of Convention!

CONVENTION AGENDA
“Maryland Volunteers Make a Difference”

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

6:00-10:30 p.m. — Juniorette Fun Night. All Junioresettes are invited to a Pizza & Pool Party until 8:00 p.m. Then off to the suite for a Pajama Party and games.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 a.m. — “Celebrating Leadership” Junior Day. All GFWC Maryland members are invited to attend the energized Junior Membership Annual Meeting. **“Food Link Emergency Baby Pantry” Day of Service Project.** *(see details on page 20)*.
 Speaker: Irene McElwee, Emergency Services Director for Food Link.
(business-casual attire)

1:00-3:30 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon. Presentation of Youth Art Awards. Clubs will have an opportunity to take pictures with the winners at the close of the meeting. Installation of 2012-2014 Junior Officers. **Please use Meal Reservation Form.**

5:00-5:45 p.m. — District Presidents’ Reception. The five District Presidents cordially invite all GFWC Maryland members to join them for a Reception, in the President’s Suite, to honor all Club Presidents.

6:00 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

6:30 p.m. — “Welcome Home” Banquet. District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during processional. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Dinner Music: Janet Holland, Harpist. Speakers: Anne Church & Jane Helweick, Operation Welcome Home Maryland. District Presidents’ Reports.
(cocktail/formal attire)

Federation Fun Night immediately following the banquet, in the President’s Suite. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship, sponsored by the Maryland Juniors. *(see details on page 4)*
Please use Meal Reservation Form. *(casual attire)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:15 a.m. — GFWC Convention Club Breakfast for ALL who have attended a GFWC International Convention. **Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.**

8:30 a.m. — Board of Directors Meeting. *(business-casual attire)*

9:00 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes. Community Service Program awards and the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. *(business-casual attire)*

Reception immediately following the morning session, in the President’s Suite, for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and All Nominees.

1:00 p.m. — “Honoring Our Leaders” Luncheon. Honoring the 2011 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation.
 Speaker: Dave Elliott, columnist for The Frederick News-Post.

2:30-3:30 p.m. — Election Polls open.

3:00-5:00 p.m. — BINGO MANIA. See program for details.

6:50 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers and District Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

7:00 p.m. — “She Loves Me!” Banquet. Entertainment: Music by Bill Edwards.
 Speaker: GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon, followed by the installation of the 2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers. *(formal attire)*

Reception immediately following the banquet, in the President’s Suite, to honor the 2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers and their families and guests. All GFWC Maryland members are invited. Hosted by the members of Southern District and the GFWC Chesapeake Woman’s Club.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes. Arts, Crafts and Photography awards. Special and Standing Committee Reports. *(business-casual attire)*

10:00 a.m. — “Angels Final Flight” Brunch. ESO Speaker: Mervin A. Savoy, co-author of “A Piscataway Story: The Legend of Kittimuquinn.”

Adjournment



SPECIAL NOTICES

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB

Join fellow GFWC International Convention attendees at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, April 15 for breakfast. Share stories, laughs and plans for the 2012 GFWC Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Election of Convention Club officers.

Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.

FLOWERS

Arrangements have been made with "Petal Pusher Florist" to supply corsages, room and table bouquets. **Clubs wishing to order flowers should contact Debbie at 410-859-9292.** Deliveries will be made on Saturday or Sunday. District Presidents will be ordering flowers for Saturday night's procession.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Joel, from International Convention Photography will be on hand to take pictures.

2012-2014 GFWC MARYLAND DIRECTORY

Attention: CLUB PRESIDENTS, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors — A special form is included on page 29 of this issue for reporting 2012-2014 Club Officers for publication in the GFWC Maryland Directory. *Please fill out and return forms to the Registration Table at GFWC-MD Convention, or mail to the GFWC-MD Directory Chairman, Mary Thompson, 105 Jenkins Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640-1938, no later than May 15, 2012.*

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A Medical Emergency Information Form is included on page 18 of this Call. This form should be filled out by each member attending convention and returned to the Reservations Chairman, Anne Forrester, 1203 Alexander Lane, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-1445, along with your Meal Reservation Form.

GFWC MARYLAND FUND-RAISING

Below are two great new GFWC Maryland fundraisers for convention.

If you plan to bring items to support either project, please contact Christy Swiger at specht21@aol.com, or 301-461-8986 (cell) prior to convention.

I Want Your Old GFWC Collectibles! Would you like to find a new, loving home for some of your old GFWC Collectibles (i.e. bells, figurines, plates)? Bring them to convention and GFWC-MD will silent auction or raffle any items you want to donate. Everyone wins! You gain some space, the State Fundraising Budget gets a boost, and another clubmember gets to enjoy Federation History!

Gold to Green Recycling Fundraiser. Bring all your old gold, white gold, platinum or even sterling silver jewelry. You will be paid "GREEN" cash for whatever "GOLD" you would like to get rid of. Our gold buyer will work with one person at a time. She will separate your items by karat weight (i.e. 10k, 14k), and pay you in cash based on the total weight times the current payout rates, which will be posted. She can remove most stones and return them to you. Our State Fundraising Account will receive 10% of whatever she pays out. Simply bring your items in a bag or box with your name on it, and we will assist you from there.

Various additional items will be on sale throughout the convention.

Please remember to visit the Convention Exhibitors.

DITTY BAGS

To support our GFWC-MD President's Special Project—Ditty Bags for Veterans, each club is requested to bring to ONE (1) Ditty Bag to convention. It can be funny, ugly or pretty—any size or shape—with the theme of your choice. Bags and their contents will be judged on originality, etc. (cost is not a factor) and awards will be presented. Ditty Bags should not be identified with the club's name prior to judging. After judging, we will hold a **Ditty Bag Silent Auction**, with all proceeds going toward the Veteran's organization of President Miller's choice. *(Clubs are not required to donate their Ditty Bag for the Silent Auction, however we will welcome any additional donations of Ditty Bags!)*

Advertise your favorite club fund-raising project by including information in the Convention Packets. Send all information to The Federation Arrangements Chairman, Patti Jo Green, 42 Liberty Street, Westminster, MD 21157-4937 **no later than March 10, 2012.** Materials received after this date will NOT be included in the packets. Please send two hundred (200) copies if you want the material in all of the packets or sixty-five (65) if you want the information included ONLY in the Club Presidents' packets.

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2012

CLUB NAME: _____

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2012) _____ Circle One: General / Junior / Juniorette Club

District: _____

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: Pre-Registration \$8.00 / On-Site Registration \$10.00

Registration fee will be charged for ALL attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Make checks payable to: MFWC Treasurer/Registration

CLUB DELEGATES ATTENDING:

CLUB PRESIDENT + ONE (1) DELEGATE for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Club President Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Note: If Club President will not be attending, please send letter notifying who will take their place.

MEMBERS ATTENDING who hold positions on the GFWC MARYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

State Officers, District Presidents, Community Service Program/Special Project Chairmen, Special/ Standing Committee Members, and Honorary State Presidents.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2012 Total Registration \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail Form and Check to: Judith Tippett, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416

If there is a change of delegates after the deadline, please notify Judith Tippett by phone or e-mail.

Phone: 301-392-1706 E-mail: jbtippett106@netzero.com

BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2012

Name of group: **The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**

Function dates: **April 14-16, 2012**

Room rate: **\$119 single/double/triple/quad +13% tax**

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Sharing room with: _____

Special requests (please circle): Handicapped, 1 king bed or 2 doubles, smoking or non-smoking

Rollaway bed in room: \$20.00 (subject to availability)

Arrival Date: _____ Approximate Arrival Time: _____

Number of Nights Staying _____ **Check in time is 3 p.m.**

The BWI Airport Marriott will hold your reservation until 6:00 p.m. on the day of your arrival unless guaranteed with a check or credit card for the 1st night's stay.

American Express Carte Blanche Diners Club Visa/MasterCard Check

Credit Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail: BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Rd., Baltimore, MD 21240-9974
Fax: 410-691-4555 **Phone:** 410-859-8300 (direct line) or 800-228-9290 (toll free)

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2012

Janet Morgan, President
Mary Thompson, Vice-President

Jo Rousseau, Treasurer
Catherine "Kitty" Cash, Secretary

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, April 15, 2012 ★ 7:15 a.m. ★ Total Cost: \$26.00*

Have you ever attended a General Federation Convention? If the answer is YES, then you are eligible for membership in the GFWC Convention Club. One meeting annually, no projects, lots of FUN!! Join fellow GFWC Convention attendees to share stories, laughs and plans for GFWC 2012 in Charlotte. **Remember to bring something from a previous GFWC Convention.** Also on the Agenda (you know the one): Election of Convention Club officers.

Dress: Your choice, formal or casual.

* Total Cost of \$26.00 includes \$25.50 for Breakfast + \$.50 for GFWC Convention Club Dues.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Mail Form and Check to: Jo Rousseau, 309 A Union Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801-3659
(Make checks payable to Jo Rousseau)

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 10, 2012

— **NEW FORMAT** —

SUBMIT ONE (1) MEAL RESERVATION FORM PER MEMBER

Reservation must include Check and Name of Member for whom reservation is being made. Make Check Payable To: MFWC RESERVATIONS ACCOUNT. Please do not ask for refunds. ONLY Vegetarian, Diabetic, or Seafood Allergy food substitutions can be made. (Make advance arrangements with Reservations Chairman.)

Date – Function	\$ / Meal	Vegetarian or Diabetic
Saturday, April 14 – Junior/General Luncheon.....	\$ 32.00	
Saturday, April 14 – Banquet	\$ 56.00	
Saturday, April 14 – Federation Fun Night	\$ 5.00	
Sunday, April 15 – Luncheon	\$ 32.00	
Sunday, April 15 – Banquet	\$ 56.00	
Monday, April 16 – Brunch.....	\$ 32.00	
TOTAL		<i>NOTE: SEAFOOD will be served. Please specify if you have an ALLERGY to SEAFOOD.</i>

TO INSURE PROPER SEATING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

If reservation is for a Club President (or other club representative) who will be in the President's procession on Saturday night, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Club:	District:

If reservation is for a State Officer, District President or Honorary President, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Club:	District:

If reservation is for a Member, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Club:	District:

Mail Form and Check to: Anne Forrester, 1203 Alexander Lane, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-1445



MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Your Name:
Address:
Phone #:

Who should be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Are you staying in the hotel? _____

If yes, please include the name of your Roommate: _____

Do you have to take any medications on a regular basis for a life threatening reason? _____

If yes, please explain why, how often and where we can find this medication: _____

Do you have any allergies to food or medication? _____

If yes, please list: _____

Do you have any other medications to be taken only in case of emergency? _____

If yes, please explain and tell us where to find it: _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: _____

Medical insurance company & policy number: _____

Coverage verification phone number: _____

Return Form to: Anne Forrester, 1203 Alexander Lane, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-1445





OFFICIAL CALL TO JUNIOR DAY
AT
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
113TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Celebrating Leadership"

APRIL 14, 2012 (SATURDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

Junior Day at the 113th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, on Saturday, April 14, 2012. ALL members of The Maryland Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

CREDENTIALS: Credentials cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form** (*page 13 of this Call*) and mail to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 10, 2012**. Mail to: Judy Tippett, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

REGISTRATION: A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Everyone attending **MUST** register. No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge. **NOTE: Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED** to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 10, 2012, along with the Registration & Credentials Form** (*page 13 of this Call*). On-Site Registration Fee will be \$10.00. Make checks payable to: *MFWC Treasurer*. Mail to: Judy Tippett, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS: NEW FORMAT—Submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member. For Each Member Attending, send a Meal Reservation Form (*page 17 of this Call*), **along with a check or money order no later than March 10, 2012**. Make check payable to: *MFWC Reservations Account*. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form. Mail to: Anne Forrester, 1203 Alexander Lane, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-1445.

ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY, AND YOUTH ART EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Exact locations will be designated after entry cards have been received. Open hours will be announced in the Convention program. **All Arts, Crafts & Photography entries MUST be received from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 14.**

FUNDRAISING: Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables for "Bling for Leadership" (jewelry, purses, scarves).

THINGS TO BRING TO JUNIOR DAY:

- 1) Your club's banner
- 2) Two Quarters for Felicia the "Federated Pig"
- 3) Silent Auction item—
Theme: "Let's Celebrate!"
- 4) Donations for Junior Day Service Project to support the Emergency Baby Pantry at Food Link.



**Volunteers Reach Out
and Touch Lives**

JUNIOR DAY AGENDA
“Celebrating Leadership”

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS: Reports of the Director of Junior Clubs, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer. Voting for the 2012-2013 Junior Budget. Voting for the 2012-2014 Junior Officers.

REPORTS OF CLUB PRESIDENTS: District Directors of Junior Clubs will introduce Junior and Juniorette Club Presidents for their reports. Club reports are limited to seven minutes. Please make them fun and informative.

DAY OF SERVICE: Food Link, Inc. is a hunger relief and food rescue organization in Anne Arundel County, and four counties on the Eastern Shore. From children to the working poor, they support a wide range of people by providing immediate emergency food assistance and other essentials in times of need. The Emergency Baby Pantry was founded by Food Link in 1995 in response to requests from caseworkers, churches, individuals and support agencies to meet the urgent needs of babies suffering from poverty, domestic violence, and teen pregnancies. We will collect donations of items to support the Emergency Baby Pantry. **Please bring any of the following items: Size 4, 5, 6 and pull-up diapers, baby wash, wipes, and formula of all types.**

SPEAKER: Irene McElwee, Emergency Services Director for Food Link.

AWARDS: Membership, Fundraising, GFWC Juniors’ Special Project and Club awards.

RECESS: 12:30-1:00 p.m. — Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables.

LUNCHEON: 1:00 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS: All nominees will be introduced and the names of the winners will be announced for: Juniorette of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Outstanding Maryland Junior, and the Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year.

PROGRAM: Youth Art Awards. Winners will be honored and awards presented by Youth Art Chairman Jeannine Dufrene. Clubs will be given an opportunity to take pictures with the winners at the close of the meeting.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2012-2014 Junior Officers will be installed.

ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL NOTICES

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET: Saturday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. Formal Opening of the 113th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention. District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during the processional. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Dinner Music: Janet Holland, Harpist. Speakers: Anne Church & Jane Helweick, Operation Welcome Home Maryland. District Presidents’ Reports. *(cocktail/formal attire)*

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT: Federation Fun Night will be held immediately following the banquet on **Saturday, April 14th** in the President’s Suite. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship, sponsored by the Maryland Juniors *(see details on page 4)*. **Please use Meal Reservation Form.** *(casual attire)*

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET: Sunday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment: Music by Bill Edwards. Speaker: GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon, followed by the installation of the 2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers. *(formal attire)*

The Director of Junior Clubs’ room will be available for any Junior wishing to change clothes for the Saturday or Sunday evening banquets. Room number to be announced at Junior Day.

GFWC ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

121ST GFWC ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—JUNE 14-17, 2012 THE WESTIN CHARLOTTE • CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



Join your Federation friends for the 121st GFWC Annual Convention from Thursday, June 14 through Sunday, June 17, 2012, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Westin Charlotte, 601 South College Street Charlotte, NC 28202

Room Rates: \$133 per night plus tax for single or double occupancy. \$153 per night plus tax for triple or quad occupancy.

Reservations: Visit www.GFWC.org/Convention to make your reservation online, or call 1-866-837-4148, and reference the GFWC 2012 Annual Convention to receive the special group-discounted rate.

Book By: May 12, 2012, to receive the special group rate.

Check-in: 3:00 p.m. | **Check-out:** noon

CHARLOTTE... THE CITY OF EXTREMES

Charlotte is a dichotomous city—it was named for a British queen, but ironically was the site of a major citizen revolt during the Revolutionary War. Charlotte has been nicknamed everything from the **City of Churches** to the **Hornet's Nest**, and boasts a flourishing arts scene, as well as the second largest financial center in the nation. It houses both professional sports teams and libraries as old as our Federation itself. You'll be met with both ends of the spectrum and everything in between, guaranteeing a good time for all.

Contact GFWC Convention and Meetings Coordinator Mary Louks at MLouks@GFWC.org or 202-347-3168 ext. 117 with any questions.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

- Half & Full-Day Tours
- LEADS Reception

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

- Half Day Tours
- LEADS Seminar
- First-Time Convention Attendee Orientation
- Welcome Reception
- GFWC North Carolina State Night Banquet

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

- ESO Breakfast
- LEADS Graduates Breakfast
- Opening of the 121st GFWC Annual Convention
- International Luncheon
- Workshops
- International Delegates Tea
- State Photos
- Social Gathering
- Region Banquets

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012

- Past State Presidents' Breakfast
- Meet & Greet the Candidates
- Business Session
- Unity Luncheon
- Business Session
- Reception for 1734 Society & Friends of the WHRC Donors
- Social Gathering
- Gala Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

- Group Breakfasts
- Election Polling Stations Open
- Workshops
- Business Session
- Lunch & Learns
- Business Session
- Reception for GFWC Chairmen & Committee Members
- Social Gathering
- Gala Banquet

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012

- National Clubs' Breakfast
- Gifts to Headquarters Presentation
- Luncheon
- Installation Banquet
- Installation of 2012-2014 Officers
- Installation Reception

Taking Our Place in the Community

GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.

Wow! The year 2011 was a memorable and busy year for the members of the Woman's Club of Bethesda. In January we placed a 100th Anniversary banner on the Old Georgetown Road side of the clubhouse for all to see. It will be removed in January 2012. In large red letters on a white background our banner read: "100 Years Of Service 1911-2011."

The five-member Centennial Committee sent invitations to Federation officers, presidents of county clubs and prominent political leaders of state and county. The invitations were computer-generated with a red ribbon, our club color, attached to the invitation. Very impressive!

Tables were set up with flowers in small teapots as centerpieces. The tea table was presided over by the current president, past presidents and other club members. In addition to our varied and delicious tea sandwiches and cookies, were attractive petit fours amid lovely small flower arrangements on the main table.

In attendance were U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin and his wife Myrna, U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Montgomery County Chief Executive Isiah Leggett, and State Senator Brian Frosh. Also in attendance were the GFWC International President Carlene Garner, GFWC Maryland President Josephine Miller, GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler, as well as other Maryland club notables.

Senator Cardin presented the club with a copy of the club's historical information that he had put into the Congressional Record. Congressman Van Hollen, State Senator Frosh and GFWC International President Garner presented congratulatory certificates, and County Executive Leggett presented a proclamation for this very special occasion. These guests, in turn, received a copy of the club's "100 Year Commemorative Cookbook" which also contained historical information about the organization (and had won the GFWC award for Special Events publicity).

Our Out and About and Social and Fundraising Activities for the year were varied, educational, and interesting.

In April we hosted a repeat of our famous Italian Dinner, which was a great success—so much so that everyone wants a repeat again in 2012. Forty-four members and friends attended and enjoyed dinner and fellowship to a background of Italian music. Ten volunteers made it go smoothly and the club made a nice profit as well.

Several of our members enjoyed a wonderful tour of the National Cathedral in June; this was given by one of our own club members who is also a docent at the Cathedral. After the tour we all had lunch at the Café Deluxe in D.C. We all appreciated a pleasant day and a fascinating, personalized tour.

During the summer months, several members had fun when they met for lunch at local restaurants.

Another big activity of the year was our October Yard Sale. The forecasted weather encouraged us to have the sale inside the clubhouse. A big



Woman's Club of Bethesda President Martha Diamond (center), with U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen and Maryland State Senator Brian Frosh at the club's 100th Anniversary Tea.



GFWC International President Carlene Garner congratulates the Bethesda Club at their 100th Anniversary Tea.

Yard Sale banner had been placed along Old Georgetown Road for good publicity. Members of the club collected the sale articles, and as a result, many closets, garages, basements and attics were cleared out. We collected everything—shoes, kitchenware, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, linens, toys, books, and small electronics; in addition, fresh baked goods were sold. Again, the club made a nice profit and everyone enjoyed a lot of camaraderie.

In November several members visited the National Harbor in Prince George's County for a wonderful day of browsing, shopping and eating lunch at McCormick & Schmidt's. The highlight was seeing the sculpture "The Awakening" which had been moved from Haines Point in D.C. to this more appropriate location by the Potomac River. It was definitely worth seeing.

In December we finally received approval for the White House Tour; we traveled by minibus and saw the White House all decked out in its Christmas splendor. We had tried for two previous years to get accepted for this tour so we were pleased that we finally got it this time. The fact that it happened on the same day as our regular business meeting and luncheon did require some last-minute changes, but a nice-sized group did make it to the White House and enjoyed the decorations and the music.

Of course, among other things, we continue our work in volunteering at the County Thrift Shop, and working with the Shelter for Abused Women and their children by collecting needed items for them, as well as special Christmas presents for the children at the Shelter, and even reading to the children. That work is very rewarding for the women and children at the Shelter and for the volunteers who participate. The Federation gave the club

an award for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Also, we regularly collect food for the Manna Food Project, encourage Conservation, and donate funds for local college scholarships. The year 2011 was very successful for us, and we hope that the year 2012 will be the same.

GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, MD, Inc.

With our traditional Antiques Show on hiatus awaiting better economic times, a major emphasis in 2011 for the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase was establishing new fundraising events to support our community and charitable outreach efforts.

An important such venue was tested by holding a Community Yard Sale & Bazaar, in combination with our traditional Used Book Sale. This event featured "treasure trove" items from club members and club neighbors, a garden and plant booth, and food. While this does not replace the funds raised by past Antiques Shows, several such smaller events may replace some. As the year ended we were also planning to increase our "in kind" donations, emphasizing food for the hungry and homeless.

We hosted a number of well-received speakers at our monthly luncheons, including Carlene Garner, GFWC International President, and Retired Major General Melissa Rank, who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan as a Nursing Services Commander.

Our Heritage Preservation section hosted and sponsored a number of activities, including a special "coffee" at which Susan Soderberg spoke on "The Civil War in Montgomery County.

We had our second fun Bingo Party, also a modest fundraiser.

The Music section had another active year, including concerts by the Friday Morning Music Club. Fundraisers by this section help fund a scholarship for a local music student.

The Literature section had another full year, meeting to discuss such books as "Shanghai Girls," "That Old Cape Magic," "Pride and Prejudice," and "The Paris Wife." At their annual Literature/International Affairs combined benefit luncheon, they hosted author Elaine F. Weiss, who discussed her book "Fruits of Victory—The Woman's Land Army of America in the Great War," accompanying her presentation with slides.

Our annual Open House Coffee in September was attended by over 80 members and prospective members.

Combining our traditional "Wrapping Party & Gift Bags" with our December General Meeting greatly increased participation as we prepared bookmarks and ditty bags for the Wounded Warrior program. We also prepared 16 "First Night Bags" for the women cared for by the Betty Ann Krahnke Center. The active morning was followed by lunch and a speaker from the Red Cross stationed at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

The International Affairs section meets monthly and discusses issues from the Great Decisions book. Their fall speaker was Tom McNaugher, an expert on China and a local professor.

Bridge is an ongoing activity with TGIF Bridge, Summer Bridge, Marathons and Duplicate games.

WCCC has a wide variety of activities for all and we are experiencing a modest increase in membership. We hope to maintain this interest in GFWC-MD.

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GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, MD, Inc.

The JWCCC has had a busy fall of cooking with the Boys of the National Center for Children and Families. Our Bistro Boyz program culminated for our General Meeting in November in a Cooking Showcase at their facility. For the five weeks prior to our showcase, ten of our members shopped, chopped and prepared healthy and affordable weekly meals with the 20 boys, ages 14-20, who reside on the NCCF campus. We are continuing this partnership with NCCF through our extension programs—Baking Buddies, providing baked goodies every Friday; and Bistro Boxes, providing start-up kitchen boxes for the boys when they transition out of this housing arrangement. This is a great warm-up activity for our next great cooking adventure—our cookbook!

In addition to cooking, we have enjoyed our October baby shower for Sasha Bruce Youthwork, our book/bake sale for the Chevy Chase Firehouse, and our holiday gift drive for Montgomery County Families in need. While doing some good for the community, we are always having fun. Check us out at www.jwccc.org.

GFWC Chinese Women's League Metropolitan Washington, DC Chapter

The 10th Washington DC Dragon Boat Festival, sponsored by the Chinese Women's League, Metropolitan DC Chapter, originally scheduled for May 21-22, 2011 was rescheduled to June 18-19 due to the high water level and dangerous conditions on the Potomac River. Despite the new date, 52 teams were able to participate.

To celebrate the ten year anniversary of the festival, Chinese Women's League was able to solicit generous donations from private corporations in Taiwan to purchase twelve brand new fiberglass dragon boats. These new boats are lighter in weight and thus perform better in racing.

To awake the sleeping dragons, the festival began with two lions dancing to the traditional drumbeats, followed by a special performance called "The Three Techno Princes." The three princes wore royal outfits, but danced to a non-traditional piece of Chinese music. This is a way to pay tribute to the deities and also entertain the audience.

With the dignitaries and honored guests all lined up, they cut the ribbon and offered incense to the deities for the safety and protection of the paddlers. Next, they dotted the eyes of the dragon head on the boats signaling the readiness of the boats. Lastly, the opening ceremony always closes with the carnations being tossed into the water to honor the breast cancer survivors.

Besides watching heats after heats of intensive racing on the river, spectators also had a chance to enjoy the cultural displays and performances on the shore. The Chinese

Women's League invited local artists to demonstrate Chinese arts and crafts. Spectators were able to enjoy calligraphy writings, the making of Dragon Whisker Candy and the beaded Chinese ornaments, and they were also amazed by the intricate movement of the Chinese Yo-Yo.

The festival concluded with the award ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Teams received their medals and trophies and paddlers proudly displayed them. This festival brought together friends and families; it also celebrated the diverse culture in our community and highlighted the teamwork and sportsmanship of the event.



The GFWC Chinese Women's League Metropolitan DC Chapter celebrates the 10th Anniversary of their Dragon Boat Festival.



GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.

The year 2012 will mark our club's 100th year of federation. It is gratifying to look back on the one hundred plus years of impact a small group of women can have on a community. One hundred years ago, the women raised money to help feed and clothe the needy, contributed money toward the oiling of Main Street, and lobbied for better sanitary conditions and electricity. Fifty years ago, the women undertook one of its biggest fundraisers, the production of a play. With the help of the town of Laurel, \$2000 was raised. Half was given to the high school for band uniforms and the other half went toward a scholarship and club house repairs. Today, our fundraising successes still include Breakfast with Santa which began in 1983. With the exception of the first year or two, we have had the same Santa and many of our community's children have grown up with him. December 2011 marked his "retirement" and the club presented him with a card of appreciation for all his years of service and a gift certificate to the North Pole's golf store. We wish him many happy rounds!

With several years of successful fundraising revenues tucked away, the club was able to make its biggest donation to date. In May, the Woman's Club of Laurel gave \$10,000 to the WellMobile program which is run by the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore. The WellMobile is a bus staffed with nurse practitioners and social workers who provide free health care to the uninsured. As a result of budget cuts, the former statewide program now focuses on the high need areas of Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Our donation helped to hire a nurse care coordinator position to serve as a liaison between patients and nurse practitioners and help patients in the

transition from WellMobile service to a traditional health care provider. Once again, it is gratifying to see how GFWC membership can directly impact our communities.

GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club

We began 2011 on a very serious note with a personal look at heart disease—the number one killer of women. Club member Peggy Ols shared her personal story of noticing early symptoms, suffering a heart attack, and recovery. Many women, and our doctors, still don't realize that early heart attack symptoms in women can look very different from those of men. This lack of awareness means women can make mistakes in self-diagnosis and in explaining their symptoms to family members or emergency medical staff.

As a first step toward avoiding heart problems, Peggy explained the four numbers all women need to know to protect their heart health: total cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar level, and Body Mass Index/BMI. Peggy brought Red Dress Pins for the club members. Red Dress Pins are the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness, serving as a "red alert" for women.

This year our club has been involved in helping America's disabled veterans by preparing ditty bags. Ditty bags are an old tradition in the Laytonsville area. When the Methodist Home for the Aged, now the Asbury Methodist Village, was founded in the 1920s in nearby Gaithersburg, Laytonsville churchwomen made ditty bags for the residents. In those days, friends or neighbors might also make a ditty bag for someone who was recovering from illness at home. There would be a month's worth of wrapped items in the bag, and each day the recipient would draw out a surprise—perhaps a treat, a poem, some-

thing to brighten the day. These days, the ditty bags our members are making for veterans contain personal items and convey our thanks for their service to our country.

In addition to ditty bags, club members continue to sew baby quilts for premature babies at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring. Premature babies receive these quilts during their stay in the NICU. When the babies go home, they take the quilts with them.

Our club members enthusiastically support Laytonsville's annual spring parade and fall picnic. For the May parade, we were active as parade marshal volunteers, riding in our "float," carrying the banner for the Laytonsville Historical Center, serving lunch to the parade volunteers, and selling brooms as a fundraiser. For the September town picnic, we baked numerous cakes and desserts as prizes and ran the town's popular annual Cake Walk.

Local history is always important to us in Laytonsville. This year our members were involved with research and exhibits at the Laytonsville Historic Center, the Damascus Heritage Society, and the preparations for the St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church's 200th Anniversary celebration in 2012.

Our September meeting was held at the home of Cindi Olive. Cindi, a longtime resident of the UK before moving to Laytonsville, collects antiques from the Victorian era and the 1930s. She has been restoring an historic Laytonsville house, originally the residence and office of Dr. Vernon Dyson and his wife. Cindi welcomed the WC members with a tour of the rooms she has beautifully restored. Dottie Tessier recalled childhood visits to Dr. Dyson and explained to the club how his office was originally decorated and how doctors handled medications and potions back then.

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At various times this year, members have volunteered at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop in Bethesda. We also participated in a conservation effort by landscaping and maintaining the garden at Laytonsville's welcome sign on Rt. 108.

In November we were particularly proud of the recognition of longtime member Joan Eames, whose oil paintings were exhibited at Kentlands Manor. According to Joan, "Painting lets me tell a story on a single page, the canvas." When at her home, we have often admired Joan's beautiful oil landscapes. She has painted landscapes from Vermont, Maine, Maryland, Hilton Head Island, Florida, and Europe. She also paints scenes that incorporate local figures of today and yesterday. Joan's paintings have been displayed throughout Montgomery County, and she has won numerous awards for her artwork. A native of Massachusetts, Joan finds herself influenced by memories of New England settings. Joan has worked as a journalist in Boston and Washington, earning numerous awards. In the Laytonsville area, we know her as our local news columnist with a particular interest in Laytonsville history, buildings, and families.



Laytonsville Woman's Club members host the parade volunteers following the town parade in May. Front L to R: Sheree Wenger, Barbara Olsen, Nancy Willett, and Elsie DeWall. Rear L to R: Martha Oberle, and Anna Mae Pointer.

GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County

Our wreath sale has been our major fundraiser for almost 30 years and we were thrilled that our wreath numbers were up in 2011! Our 6th Holiday Shopping Event sales were strong too. We hope it is a sign that the economy is improving. But even so, there will continue to be a need for food and medical care in Montgomery County. Once again we are supporting the Manna Food Bank with a monetary donation, along with the food drive and the 148 pounds of food we donated in October in conjunction with the 25th Annual Community Service Day in MC. We continue to support Mobile Medical Care which serves more than 5,000 impoverished every year in Montgomery County.

At our April meeting, Dr. Mark Bergel, executive director of A Wider Circle, spoke to us on how and why he began the charity in 2001. His pledge is simple, "not to sleep in a bed until every child and adult in the country has a bed on which to sleep." To date, the charity has served over 80,000 adults and children.

We support other charities that have their roots in MC. Team River Runner was founded in 2004 by Montgomery County teacher—and son-in-law of Maxine in Suburban Women's Club—Joe Mornini, and kayakers in the Washington DC area, to teach recovering injured veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan white water boating. There are now chapters all across the country.

The Women's Microfinance Initiative was founded in 2007 by Robyn Nietert and Betsy Gordon from Bethesda. It began with twenty \$100 loans to women in a village in Uganda and "by the end of 2011 WMI will have issued nearly 4,000 loans, covering 250 villages through eight loan hubs in rural Uganda and Kenya, and will still have maintained its 100% repayment rate." The impact these individuals have made on others is inspiring.

In the spring we are looking forward to more hands-on service activities, and some membership activities as well. Plans are underway for a second yoga retreat on the Chester River, more golf outings and our annual salad luncheon/dinner. A perfect way to get to know our three new members that joined in the fall!



Laytonsville club members in our "float" at the town parade.

GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc.

In the past 18 months, the women in the Silver Spring Club have worked, laughed, cried, helped, encouraged, and learned. We have endeavored to embrace and support the community of which we are a part. We happily welcomed five new members and mourned those who passed away. These rapid changes made us all aware and deeply thankful for our health, family, friends, community and Federation Sisters.

Our first vice-president sought to educate and entertain us during our monthly meetings. In November 2010, members of the Silver Spring Stage presented a quirky one-act play "A Blooming Ivy." In December, Nae Pearson accompanied soprano Patricia O'Connor at our December luncheon at Argyle Country Club.

In January 2011, Julia Garcia spoke about the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Eight inches of snow in February, could not keep us from listening to Erin Harty, of Community Cats, MD in Baltimore, who shared the plight of feral cats. In March, Raquel Sampson, from Primary Care Coalition, presented information about women's issues, including health care. To help us celebrate our 72nd year, Pastor Dale Jarrett played the piano and serenaded us with a variety of songs. Last May, Dr. Paul McDermott, Professor Emeritus, Montgomery College, described life on the C&O Canal in the 19th and 20th Centuries. A trio of musicians, led by Phil Fox, rounded out our entertainment at our June Luncheon at Argyle Country Club.

At our October meeting, the son of one of our members, Chris Cox, spoke about his travels in Botswana. His slides were truly beautiful. Years ago, the women of SSWC "sponsored" a damsel fish at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. We invited Celia Laurens to fill us in on

the many programs and projects of the Aquarium. At our December luncheon at Argyle Country Club, Ms. Shaina Vatz, accompanied by James Harp, delighted us with her operatic voice. At our first business meeting of 2012, Mr. Terry Shima and Mary Murakami discussed their experiences as Japanese Americans during WWII including their time spent in internment camps.

Our Community Service Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of March, April, and May. Our coordinators came up with very special presentations last year. Carl Shramm, spoke about photography and how to get the best shot. His experience as a teacher really came through. Our March Community Service meeting featured Mrs. Adele Fein, an expert in the field of House Plants. In May, after enjoying a buffet lunch, we were enthralled by a production of "Happy Days" at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia. It was attended by many of our members, friends and spouses.

Our second vice-president has provided many ways to raise money for our projects. Our Card Party and Benefit, held several times a year, provides an enjoyable time for our members and visitors to play bridge, or any other game, while munching sandwiches, salads, desserts, etc. There are door prizes and a mini bazaar. The beauty of this time well-spent, results in money raised to be added to our scholarship fund for students in Montgomery College who need financial help. Sale of used hardback and paperback books adds even more to be given. This year we have donated \$8,000 to the Montgomery Scholarship Fund.

Our Duplicate Bridge parties, held monthly, and extremely well coordinated, also raise money for our scholarship fund. These events would not be possible without the hard work of several members.

The Montgomery County Thrift Shop is an interesting place to visit and find a bargain. Each month, five of our members, on a rotating basis, volunteer one morning a month (and sometimes on Sundays) as cashiers or clerks. The proceeds help those in need in Montgomery County and it's enjoyable. In 2011, we volunteered 250 hours! Our Thrift Shop chairwoman gently reminds us that it would be wonderful to volunteer. She even supplies transportation!

Lots and Lots of Ditty Bags. This GFWC-MD project was wholeheartedly received by our ladies who either sewed bags, or donated items such as puzzles, combs, calendars, Kleenex, hand cream, candy, gum, etc. Our Ditty Bag chairwoman delivered many of these bags to VA hospitals in the area.

So what WOULD you need if you were running for your life? What WOULD you need for that First Night? At one of our GFWC Montgomery County Board of Directors Meetings, this dilemma was discussed in small groups. Again, our ladies stepped up to the plate, donating pajamas, soap, shampoo, socks, slippers, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, etc. to ensure that those in need were taken care of.

And what about the victims of poverty, economic and political chaos? Our efforts to help those here and around the world paid off. In 2011 alone, we raised \$1,000 for Remote Area Foundation and almost \$2,000 for Smile Train. Encouraging us to keep up the good work, we were rewarded for our work for International Outreach at the GFWC-MD Convention last April. Two of our members also received awards for their artwork at Convention.

It is wonderful to help those in need. The ladies in the GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club do just that, while happily engaged in warm fellowship.

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GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.

It has been a year of changes for the Suburban Woman's Club. Two very active members, Pearl Malstrom and Jeanne Bulleit, passed away during 2011. And Charter Member Barbara Engelhardt moved to Minnesota. We gained one new member through transfer, Catherine Thibodeau.

We began the year with our traditional Exercise Program led by Marge Wydro. Guest speakers for meetings during the year included an arborist, a writer, and an audiologist. We had a workshop meeting in November making holiday favors for residents of a local nursing home.

Members contributed to Maryland and Montgomery County Federation programs including making Ditty Bags, First Night Bags for Domestic Violence victims, and pajamas and slippers for homeless women veterans. Our Home Life chairman contributed gift bags for the local T.A.P. program, which aids recent prisoners reentering the workforce. We are also participating in the SMILE project by making hospital gowns for children. At our meetings we collect "Pennies for Art."

Members volunteer at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop on our assigned Thursday. Three of our members serve on the Board of the Thrift Shop Association: Kitty Cash as President, Mary Jo Rodgers as Liaison, and Eugenia Evans. They have volunteered many extra hours at the shop due to renovations of the space and matters concerning running the shop.

We made contributions in the amount of \$3,500 to the following organizations: Montgomery College Scholarship, Greentree Shelter for Women and Children, River Rafting

for Wounded Veterans, Montgomery County Hospice, Canine Dogs for Blind, and Ivymount School for Challenged. Funds came from our dues, ways and means committee, Giant Gift Cards, Christmas Wreaths, Entertainment Books, and interest from the Marjorie Greenleaf Commemorative Fund, and our Marathon Bridge contribution.

We begin and end our club year with a luncheon. Social events include the Breakfast Bunch and Film Fan Club. We welcome new members and guests.

GFWC Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring

The Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring is now 108 years old and has been a member of Federation for 104 years. WOW—that's old! But we're still helping the community while we help ourselves. We are now publishing an update to our book that covered our club's first 75 years, to bring it up to 100 years.

At the same time, we're supporting our local women's abuse shelters in many different ways. This year, our district sponsored a project to help spousal abuse victims called First

Night Bags. These bags contain everything an abused spouse would need for her first night in a shelter, such as pajamas, robe and slippers, socks, underwear, and personal toiletry items, which were collected by club members and added to the bags. Seven bags were given to the Betty Ann Krahnke Center through our Montgomery County District.

Four additional bags were prepared for our special project, the Laytonsville Shelter. For the past several years we have given them gifts at Christmas such as gift cards, gloves, hats, and toiletries. Now we give them continual support throughout the year. One way that we accomplish that is to combine working at the Thrift Shop of the Women's Board of Montgomery General Hospital—which is a special project for most of our club members—with helping the shelter. For example, one of the abused spouses had to run from home without a winter coat. One of our members found a coat at the Thrift Shop that would fit her needs and made sure she got it.

We may be a grand old lady of a club, but we're keeping up with the needs of the times and our interest in the community.

HOBY UPDATE

This year's award winning Maryland Leadership Seminar, sponsored by the **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)** will be held May 24-27, 2012 at Mount St. Mary's University. Due to the University's support of this program, this year's seminar will be increased from 3 days to 4 days. Over 200 high school sophomores are expected to attend this outstanding leadership program. The Maryland HOBY organization is thankful for the many GFWC-MD clubs that have continued to contribute to this program for many years.

If your club would like to make a donation or sponsor a HOBY ambassador (\$175.00), please send your donation to:

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

Thanks to all who have so graciously and generously supported this project of the Maryland Federation.

Anne Yakaitis, HOBY Chairman

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