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Eastern Shore & Baltimore

ALL Articles and Information for the SPRING 2015 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by January 5, 2015.

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 2015 may be submitted for inclusion.

☛ Please Email Submissions to: MdClubwoman@verizon.net

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Brenda Bennett
GFWC Maryland President*

My Federation Friends,

It was great to see so many of you in attendance at the first GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting of this administration on September 16th in Hurlock, MD. The Program Chairmen did a wonderful job of presenting a number of possibilities for each of the GFWC Programs.

Several GFWC Maryland members, along with Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks and myself, attended the Southeastern Region Conference in Kingsport, TN from November 6-9, 2014. Members participated in meetings, workshops, tours, and the state "skit" report. It was a great opportunity to visit with old friends, as well as make new ones. We also presented a memorial resolution for Mary Thompson, Southeastern Region President and GFWC-MD Honorary President, 2004-2006.

On December 10th, many of our members traveled to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC for the GFWC Holiday Reception. We were proud to be greeted by our own Babs Condon, GFWC International President. Several Maryland ladies assisted with homemade cookies, odd jobs, and decorating Headquarters for the holidays.

All of the information you need for Reporting is in this issue of "The Maryland Clubwoman." The postmark deadline is January 31st. I can't wait to read all of your reports and statistical forms to see how Maryland members took opportunities and turned them into possibilities.

Thank you for another year of your dedication to living the volunteer spirit. May your holidays be filled with the same joy and happiness you bring to your clubs, your communities, and the Federation. YOU are what makes this organization successful!

As snowflakes around us fall, may every happiness of the season spiral around you during this holiday season and throughout the coming year. Wishing you and yours a beautiful holiday season filled with the warmth of friends and loved ones, and with the promise of the new year. Happy Holidays!

In Federation Friendship and Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Bennett".

Brenda Bennett
GFWC Maryland President

FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Sandra Mattocks
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

Maryland Juniors have been busy kicking off their new club year, planning their projects and “Wrapping Our Wings of Love.” I have enjoyed representing the Maryland Juniors at the GFWC Board of Directors meeting in Baltimore, the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting in Hurlock, MD, and the GFWC Maryland Executive Committee meetings.

I was honored to have my home club—GFWC Junior Woman’s Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc.—host Junior Fall Conference on September 27th. It was a wonderful day, with a terrific speaker from Pressley Ridge, Mary Beth DeMartino, and a great project... “Suitcases for the Future.” Attendees stuffed backpacks with school supplies, health products and clothing. The local community college, Allegany College of Maryland, also donated 48 backpacks, which brought our total to about 60 bags for the children at Pressley Ridge.

We also held a remembrance for Joyce Race, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, 2008-2010. A moment of silence was followed by the reading of her winning poem from the GFWC-MD Poetry Contest a few years ago, a balloon drop and a toast at lunch. We miss her as a clubwoman, a special Junior and a wonderful friend!

I hope all of you were able to complete a special project to support GFWC Child Advocacy Week that was held October 19th-25th. Don’t forget to report your efforts to Chairman Tricia Wagman!

As we reflect on the year that has passed too quickly—for all of us, I am sure—we are reminded of fun times with our families and friends. Maybe you had a terrific vacation or beach time, maybe a mountain getaway or a wonderful stay-cation. I have enjoyed spending time with my family—related and not. I have met and begun so many new friendships this year. Just when you think your life is full, we are reminded there is always room in your heart for new friends. With the holidays coming up, enjoy your special time with your families. Enjoy and relax! We seem to forget we need time for ourselves too.

Remember that this is also the time of year to look into our communities. Winter is a hard time for many people. How can your club improve at least one person’s outlook on life? Wrap Your Wings of Love!

In Federation Love,

Sandra
Sandra Mattocks
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs



JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

September 27, 2014 in Cumberland, MD

It was a beautiful fall day as Maryland Juniors gathered for **Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, September 27th.** The meeting was hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. at Cresaptown United Methodist Church in Cumberland.

The day's speaker was Mary Beth DeMartino from Pressley Ridge, a wonderful organization that supports a special need in many communities, in the U.S. and abroad, by focusing on a special group of children. They also help children realize they are given a second chance to shed off their past and begin anew. Our special project to benefit Pressley Ridge was called "Suitcases for the Future." Allegany College of Maryland had been contacted for a possible donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste for the project, but to our surprise, a group of wonderful employees gathered 47 bags and filled them with items for the children—including the toothbrushes and toothpaste! Our clubwomen brought more items and bags. We filled a total of 58 bags, plus a box of extra items, which were all donated to Pressley Ridge. I do not have the words to express the love that everyone shared with this project. Thank you everyone!

Junior Membership Chairman Patti Jo Green led us in a team building activity. We all had fun remembering, relearning, and teaching the Electric Slide! We raised our heart rate, had a lot of laughs and enjoyed spending time with our club sisters!



Balloon Launch in memory of Joyce Race.



Service Project: Suitcases for the Future

To share awareness of Ovarian Cancer, all attendees were given a bottle of teal nail polish. "Teal Toes" is a great way to show awareness about the whispering killer. I hope to see lots of pictures of our teal toes. If you were not there and want to be part of this little project... just paint your toes with teal polish and send a picture to Director-Elect of Junior Clubs Becca Wagman. And wiggle your toes to see if anyone will ask... Why Teal? Then tell them all about Ovarian Cancer.

As part of our day, we honored Joyce Race, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, 2008-2010. Not only was Joyce a devoted GFWC and Maryland clubwoman, she was a wife, a mother, and a friend. Attendees participated in a balloon launch after a moment of silence, words of remembrance, and a reading of a poem she wrote. Everyone also participated in a toast to our friend. We miss you "Sunshine"!

Fundraising has begun and we have some new items... Nail Files, GFWC Maryland T-shirts, Yoga Pants... lots of new ideas. We are still taking orders for Gift Cards, so contact Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks if you would like to order.

"Volunteering... Wrapping Our Wings of Love." We started this administration with a great big hug for some wonderful children! Thank you for supporting such a wonderful project and attending Junior Fall Conference.

Sandra Mattocks
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs

 **Mark
Your Calendars!**

Mid-Winter Rally
Saturday, January 31, 2015
(Snow Date: February 7, 2015)

Grosvenor Park I Condominium
(in the Rooftop Lounge)
10201 Grosvenor Place
North Bethesda, MD 20852

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

— Service Project —

We will hold a Blanket Collection Drive and a hands-on project to make Linus Blankets. All attendees are asked to bring a gently-used or new blanket and 1-2 yards of fleece. These projects will benefit a local non-profit—A Wider Circle—whose efforts focus on providing basic needs (household items, food, clothing, furniture), education and long-term support to needy families or individuals.

**More Information will be
included in the Official Call**



Doing the "Electric Slide"!



What does 20 Years of VAWA mean to you?

DEADLINES...

For Submitting Proposed Resolutions & Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws

Proposed GFWC-MD Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee Chairman on or before **January 15, 2015**. Resolutions may be presented by the executive committee, the resolutions committee, a district, a federated club, or a chairman of a program, division, or committee of The Federation.

Mail to: Angeline Haines
Resolutions Committee Chairman
5 Trelawney Court
Lutherville, MD 21093-4728

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before **January 1, 2015**.

Amendments may be proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club.

Mail to: Bette Brust
Bylaws Committee Chairman
104 Mina Drive
Middletown, MD 21769-7847

#VAWA

What Does VAWA Mean to You?



Members at the September GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting were joined by GFWC International President Babs Condon—reflecting on 20 years of VAWA!

GFWC-MD BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

The February Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Baltimore District, will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at North Baltimore Plaza Hotel in Lutherville-Timonium, MD (directions will be included in the Call).

Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen at this meeting.

Any State Chairman who is unable to attend should contact State Dean of Chairmen Dottie Gregg at 410-398-2889, to arrange to receive your reports.

The program will be presented by the Education Committee of the Parliamentary Education Association of Baltimore. The Parliamentary Education Association of Baltimore (PEA) was organized in 1956 to promote interest in, and provide opportunity for, the study of parliamentary procedure in organizations, and to interest deliberative assemblies in the application of parliamentary procedure. Regular meetings of PEA are held on the second Monday of October, November, January, March, and May in members' homes, on a rotating basis. Program lessons are based on *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 11th edition. The program chairman utilizes materials and lessons ordered from the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), and from invited professional speakers. Are you or your club members interested in learning how to make your club meetings operate more effectively? *Contact PEA by calling Shirley Wales at 410-256-5442 or email sswales9805@hotmail.com.*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Winter Campaign: "A Flurry of New Friends"

Winter is a time for good food, friends and dreams of warmer weather. This is the time to be planning recruitment events and welcoming new members. Each club is challenged to recruit and sign-up three(3) new members during the Winter Campaign, December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. This is the perfect time to showcase your club's accomplishments. Use displays with pictures and information about club projects. Impress your prospective members with your many accomplishments and your work in the community and the world. Here are a few ideas for "A Flurry of New Friends":

December... Host a Cookie Exchange. Ask guests to bake some cookies and bring a non-perishable food item to your meeting. Send each person home with a few cookies, or donate the cookies to a local pantry or shelter. Busy women go home with a feeling that their time was well-spent helping others.

January... A wonderful way to warm a cold January day is with a day of "Coffee and Chocolate." Serve varieties of chocolates and coffees, and invite a pastry chef or a barista to provide a presentation to current and potential members on chocolate and coffees. Give new members an invitation to the next meeting along with a taste of chocolate.

February... Celebrate National Cherry Month by serving cherry snacks and desserts. Host a Volunteering Moves the Heart event with a speaker to discuss the number one killer of women: heart disease.

Don't hibernate this winter—create a flurry of activity and watch your club grow! For more information, membership reporting and event ideas, contact Membership Chairman Jo Harp at 410-848-2691 or chinookersmom@yahoo.com.

Jo Harp, GFWC-MD Membership Chairman

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

November 6-9, 2014 at MeadowView Marriott in Kingsport, TN



The GFWC Maryland Delegation

Twenty-six members of GFWC Maryland traveled to Kingsport, TN for the GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Conference, on November 6-9, 2014. The trip held mixed emotions for all of us, as this would have been Mary Thompson's first meeting as SER President.

"Let Us Take Time For All Things" was the theme for this year's Conference, which was presided over by SER President Kathryn Sowers. President Sowers accepted the position due to the passing of Mary Thompson and was installed as the 2014-2016 SER President during the morning Board of Directors Meeting.

On Friday, several of the ladies enjoyed the tours offered—riding around **Bristol Speedway**, or touring the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**, or visiting the **Storytelling Center Theater**. The ladies who chose the Raceway Tour had some extra fun when their bus had trouble with the door and they had to be rescued. (I am sure Mary would have laughed and said it was just a bump in the road!)

The official opening of the Conference was at 4:00 p.m. President Sowers gave a heartfelt tribute to Mary Thompson, then GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett and

GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks presented a resolution in memory of our beloved Mary Thompson. After the presentation, a white candle with a red rose was lit in memory of Mary and remained lit until the end of the Conference.

Friday evening was the **Tennessee State Night Banquet**. Each table was greeted by a host from Tennessee. Entertainment was by Eastern Tennessee State University's **Bluegrass and Old Time Music Band**, a delightful young group that had everyone tapping their toes. Following the banquet the GFWC SER Juniors hosted **S'more Fun** and S'mores were enjoyed by all. It is always refreshing and uplifting to be with the Juniors. What spirit and love they have for all.

We were up early for Saturday's morning session. By the way—did I tell you about the "White Buffalo?" The "Buffalo" was a landmark for the location of all meetings, so "Meet at the Buffalo" became the saying for the Conference.

The morning session was full of reports including Officers, Election of SER Nominating Committee, Leadership, LEADS, Membership, PR & Communications, Budget & Finance, Standing Rules, Evalua-



GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett (left) and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks light a candle in memory of Mary Thompson.

tions, and Historian. Reports were given by chairmen and committees.

The afternoon session included a report by Marlene Wine, Chairman of the 125th Celebration Report and Fashion Show Challenge. GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea was our speaker for the session. Always informative and upbeat, Shelia was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session reports included Public Issues, Capital Campaign, Domestic Violence, and the Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children was presented by GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks.

Recess was called and the **Wine Tasting Tour** began at 4:15 p.m. (Great idea Mary!) Tour participants enjoyed tasting ten different wines from the region, along with a history of the wine.

Time to meet back at the "Buffalo" for State Group Photos and the final SER Banquet. After dinner it was an honor to have **GFWC International President Babs Condon** as our speaker. As always, Babs had us up on our feet, singing and dancing, while informing us about our GFWC Federation. Maryland is so proud to say that GFWC International

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President Babs Condon is from Maryland! Following the banquet, a reception was hosted by GFWC of Tennessee.

We were up early again on Sunday morning to pack and gather for the last time at the “Buffalo.” After breakfast, each State President and Director of Junior Clubs presented their **State Reports**. President Bennett and Director Mattocks had us “Shaking Our Tail Feathers” and “Tweet-Tweeting” for our report. Maryland ladies do know how to shake their feathers—Great Job Brenda and Sandra!

Commercials were provided by CIP, Jennie Awards, GFWC Photography Contest, GFWC Resolutions, and GFWC Strategic Planning. The SER Fundraising Report was given and an invitation to the 2015 GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, TN was extended. Closing remarks were presented by GFWC COO Rosemary Thomas, Director of Junior Clubs Cathy Jo Canterbury, President-elect



*Enjoying Federation Fellowship—
(L to R) Christy Swiger, Bette Brust, Julie Gibbs, Kaytee Mizell, Jo Miller, and Ellen Sloan from Virginia.*

Shelia Shea, and International President Babs Condon.

GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett and Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks extended an invitation to all attendees for next year’s GFWC SER Conference on November 6-8, 2015 at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, with the theme “Anchors Aweigh to Annapolis, Maryland.”

Following the Junior Pledge and “A Collect for Club Women” the Conference was adjourned—with wishes for safe travels for all.

It was a very informative and enjoyable Conference—a time to greet old friends and meet new



Anne Forrester (left) and Jo Miller with the “White Buffalo.”

ones, gather information from our Region and GFWC, and be proud of our state officers and members. SER President Kathryn Sowers should be commended for the great job she did at such a difficult time. Memories will be kept of the tours, meetings, meals, the “White Buffalo,” and of course Mary Thompson. I am sure everyone knows that Mary planned the Conference and arranged the tours, entertainment and meals. She was with us in every way. Hats off to a dear friend—hope you had the pleasure of knowing and loving her.

I hope everyone can join us for next year’s GFWC SER Conference in Annapolis, where you too can make memories of being part of the GFWC Southeastern Region.

Jo Miller & Kaye Shoemaker

• • • IN MEMORY OF • • •



Mary Thompson
1946 - 2014
GFWC SOUTHEASTERN
REGION PRESIDENT, 2014

INVEST IN THE FUTURE...

Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

Does your club have a line item in its budget for a contribution to this fund? When your club wants to honor a member of your club does it ever consider a contribution to this fund? Looking for a perfect birthday or Christmas gift for a friend or loved one who has everything or as a memorial? A card noting your contribution will be sent to the person of your choice.

The fund is named for **Bettie M. Sippel**, the first woman from Maryland to be GFWC president. It is actually a combination of two funds, “The Endowment Fund” and “The Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Fund.” The two funds were combined in 1957 to simplify record keeping, and so the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund was born.

A contribution to the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund is an investment in the next 100 years of The Maryland Federation. Please send all contributions to the GFWC-MD Treasurer. *Make your check payable to MFWC Treasurer and write the fund name in the memo line.*

Ozella Ruppertsberger, Chairman

GFWC PROGRAMS & PROJECTS FOR 2014-2016

A Mini-View of the GFWC Community Service Programs & Projects

Arts Program

Program Chairman—

Clara Dinterman • 301-471-7554 (c)

Art encompasses a diverse range of human activities, creations, and modes of expression through music, literature, theater, film, sculpture, sketches, paintings and more, allowing for meaningful action/expression on the part of the artist or creator.

The GFWC Arts Program is designed to enable us to create and contribute to Art Education and Art Events and in our respective communities. Our mission is to help raise public awareness/consciousness and connect with their communities. Focus on education and the promotion of centers who celebrate artistic achievements of women and children. Recognize community artists by exhibiting, preserving, and researching their artworks and by educating the public concerning their achievements. Encourage local schools to participate in our Youth Art Contests and recognize their achievements on the local, district, and state levels. Promote programs and organizations in your communities that create avenues/opportunities in music, dance, drama, and the visual arts. For more on arts ideas/projects, search www.gfwc.org. Click on GFWC Manual, then click on Arts Community Service Program. For more info on art and photography contests, click on Awards and Contests.

PARTNERSHIPS

American Mural Project (AMP)

www.AmericanMuralProject.org

Do an online search for the American Mural Project and you just might get a glimpse of the partially completed project. What about doing your own similar project!

Conservation Program

Program Chairman—

Mikki Stratmeyer • 301-831-9456

Save the Bay Chairman—

Christy Swiger • 301-977-0696

Tree-Mendous Maryland Chairman—

Helen Sangermano • 410-289-7376

The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program is designed for members to gain an appreciation for our environment. Through preservation, maintenance, and restoration of our natural resources, it strives to educate members about the importance of beautifying our communities; preserving, maintaining, and restoring natural resources; and stimulating citizen action to address these concerns. Our natural resources include, but are not limited to, water, trees, plants, air, land, and wildlife.

Incorporate any and all of these topics into your conservation plans:

- Recycling
- Soil Conservation
- Noxious Weeds
- Air and Water Quality
- Waste Handling
- Natural Resource Restoration
- Land Maintenance
- Tree Planting
- Beautification
- Wildlife Protection
- Proper Care for Domesticated Animals
- Food Sources
- Community Gardens
- Preserving Existing Waterways

Program ideas are endless. Below is a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the Conservation Community Service Program.

- Investigate and support local conservation ordinances and policies. Share this information with others in your community.
- Learn about local programs available for member and club participation.
- Educate young people about the importance of natural resources.
- Invite local experts to speak at club meetings.
- Write op-ed pieces, letters to the editor, and press releases about important conservation issues in your community and submit them to your local media.
- Advocate for improved recycling and conservation programs.
- Plant native species for beautification and restoration of land and waterways.

- Clean up along roadways, waterways, and trails.
- Implement beautification projects at parks, cemeteries, hospitals, shelters, and other community gathering places.
- Donate funds for reforestation plans and get involved with tree planting programs.
- Work to eradicate non-native invasive species.
- Organize curbside recycling programs if none exist.
- Create hazardous product disposal and/or recycling programs for household items such as paint, batteries, electronics, and fluorescent light bulbs.
- Work with local officials and organizations to create proper depositories for unused medicine and needles.
- Preserve natural habitats to protect wildlife.
- Implement energy conservation practices in your clubhouse, home, office, and public buildings.
- Provide needed items for local shelters and sanctuaries for animal rehabilitation and well being.
- Create community gardens to promote self sufficiency.
- Advocate and investigate local food and where it comes from.
- Advocate for Adopt-A-Garden in your community.

PARTNERSHIPS

Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees)

www.ACTrees.org

Education Program

Program Chairman—

Jacqueline Hering • 410-848-9036

ESO Chairman—

Audrey Batchelor • 410-571-6771

HOBY Chairman—

Anne Yakaitis • 410-969-7506

Ideas for programs and projects in this program area which will support President Brenda Bennett's project "LET'S READ" are endless—those that help people overcome learning disabilities, support libraries (public

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and school), promote literacy, mentor young people and encourage lifelong learning. A few popular projects include: hosting or assisting with special activities at the library; offering scholarships to high school students and those returning to school; providing tutors for young people and adults; donating books to domestic violence and homeless shelters; starting a book club; donating school supplies to those in need as well as fostering the love of reading by promoting literacy activities in local schools and daycare centers. (NEA's READ ACROSS AMERICA projects in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday are highlighted on the website: www.readacrossamerica.org). I will be so excited if I can brag in my report that each of the Maryland clubs engaged in a literacy activity in celebration of Dr. Seuss' 111th birthday. I know that every club has at least one member who will arrange to read in a school classroom, a daycare center or a library. To assist in financing these projects you can apply for a Focus on Literacy Grant sponsored by GFWC and Proctor & Gamble (application and evaluation forms are in the GFWC Manual and online). Additional ideas for promoting literacy can be obtained by logging onto www.readingrockets.org.

Home Life Program

Program Chairman—

Julie Gibbs • 410-289-9165

The GFWC Home Life Community Service Program has endless project possibilities for your club members' participation and your community.

The GFWC Partners are:
Canine Companions for Independence, Easter Seals, The Heart Truth Program sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer Campaign.

Club Presidents, get involved with these partners in your community. Use the resources provided on their website to create programs and "hand-on" projects

that your members will embrace. These projects will create a long lasting relationship with the GFWC Partners because of the understanding that together GFWC Maryland club members can make a difference in their community.

The winter months are hard times for so many people in our communities. The "hands-on" projects of GFWC Maryland club members will give our community hope through these hard times.

GFWC Maryland club members will fill the shelves of local food banks and pantries, provide hats and coats to those in need, will provide blankets for the homeless, prepare food for the elderly and adopt families for holiday gift giving.

Thank you for your generosity and gifts from the heart because the little things do make a difference.

This winter when you see a red cardinal let this be a reminder to make changes in your life that promote a healthy lifestyle; eat lots of fruits and vegetables and walk the mall looking for that special little red dress!

International Outreach Program

Program Chairman—

Sally Marks • 410-848-4064

In a world where half of the population—over three billion people—lives on less than \$2.50 a day, and 21,000 children die each day due to poverty, GFWC encourages clubs to reach beyond their own communities and consider how they can make a global impact.

The GFWC International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to enable members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action, which will, in turn, affect change in and for our global friends and their communities.

In most cases, GFWC members cannot physically be present to assist and make changes in countries around the world; however, members can be assured that the donations made through our partnership agencies are reaching those in the greatest need.

There are countless ways to support global development. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency. Below is a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the International Outreach Community Service Program.

- Help children all over the world by funding life-saving vaccines.
- Participate in international cultural exchanges.
- Educate your club and community about major issues and challenges facing people in developing countries.
- Support the development of healthy and sustainable communities around the world.
- Ensure children have access to health, education, equality, and protection.
- Provide support and encourage growth and sustainability by donating gifts like livestock to families in need.
- Educate members about United Nations programs concerning women and children.
- Promote legislation in support of human rights around the world.
- Provide members with direct service opportunities for persons in developing countries through our partners.
- Helping to ensure that children and families have access to clean water by providing wells.

PARTNERSHIPS

Heifer International

www.Heifer.org

Operation Smile

www.OperationSmile.org

United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life

www.ShotatLife.org

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

www.UNICEFUSA.org

Public Issues Program

Program Chairman—

Rosemary Slacum • 410-742-9122

The GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program is designed to actively connect members with effective projects and activities relating to civic and social responsibilities. This program focuses on the following areas:

Citizenship—

- Educate club members and local communities on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- Use resources, including GFWC Resolutions, to increase patriotism, pride in heritage, and active community involvement.
- Encourage active involvement in the legislation and regulation of issues that affect the world around you.

Military Personnel—

- Educate club members and local communities on the needs of military families.
- Advocate for legislation that supports active and veteran military personnel and their families.
- Support military personnel and veterans returning to community living.

Emergency and Disaster Preparedness—

- Educate club members and local communities on disaster readiness, recovery, and relief.
- Work with law enforcement agencies and first responders to increase public awareness.
- Develop community programs and coalitions to address disaster recovery and relief.

Safety and Crime Prevention—

- Educate club members and local communities on home, transportation (including bicycles, rail, and air) and internet safety.
- Provide programs, tools, and training.
- Create safer homes and communities through crime prevention awareness.

Consider projects that address issues such as running for office; voter registration; elections; democracy; disaster preparedness; road safety; and supporting our military personnel.

See your GFWC Club Manual for a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the Public Issues Community Service Program.

PARTNERSHIPS

Kettering Foundation

www.Kettering.org

Sew Much Comfort

www.SewMuchComfort.org

United Service Organizations (USO)

www.USO.org

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Special Project Chairman—

Nancy Wynne • 301-371-4699

What is Domestic Violence and how can we help to stop it?

Domestic Violence or “intimate partner abuse” as it is now termed can be such activities as:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Economic abuse, or
- Psychological abuse

This abuse is blind to gender, race or age. How can you help stop it? You can inform the public about this issue by:

- Writing an article about domestic violence for your local newspaper.
- Presenting a proclamation to your local government recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.
- Providing materials about Domestic Violence to your local library or other organizations, or
- Writing a “letter to the editor” about this issue.

You can also assist the servicing organization in your community by:

- Providing services they may need such as becoming the drop-off point for product donations, thereby freeing their workers up for other activities.
- Hosting a pajama party for your members to collect pajamas and other items that residents of your local shelter need.
- Giving a paper products “shower” for the shelter, asking attendees to bring toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, diapers, sanitary products, etc.

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, Lanham, MD

www.mnadv.org

Elder Care Locator

www.eldercare.gov

National Center on Elder Abuse

www.centeronelderabuse.org

Thank you so much for working on this very important project. Feel free to contact me at nmw64@aol.com and 301-371-4699.

GFWC Juniors’ Special Project: Advocates for Children

Special Project Chairman—

Tricia Wagman • 410-876-7421

Participate in projects that address issues such as: feeding hungry children, foster care, child passenger safety, bullying, teen violence and increased self-image.

Project ideas are endless so be creative with your projects!

Are you looking for something new... something “out of the box” to do this year? How about teaching children to be everyday heroes!

Heifer International’s Read to Feed is a reading incentive service-learning program that offers global education opportunities and will foster in children a love for reading, a passion to help others and a motivation to help create a better world.

The Read to Feed program encourages reading, while heightening students’ awareness that their actions make a difference in the lives of others. As students read more books, they improve their reading abilities and more families receive gifts of livestock and training.

Children (individually or as a group) get sponsors for each book, chapter, or page they read during a time frame set by their Read to Feed leader. At the end of the program, the group pools its funds and donates them to Heifer International to help Heifer assist millions of families around the world feed their families and reach self-reliance.

Heifer provides the resources to educate students about their world neighbors, hunger, poverty and sustainable development while inspiring students to help Heifer build a better world. Go to www.heifer.org to download your free Read to Feed materials or order the kit for mail delivery.

More ideas include:

- Volunteer with backpack feeding programs in local schools—studies show that one in five children in America is “food insecure.”
- Support food pantries and food banks.
- Raise awareness about the effects of bullying and cyber bullying.

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- Provide equipment and funding for local emergency service personnel.
- Support drug prevention programs.
- Volunteer at schools or day care centers by reading to children.
- Learn about Internet safety and how social media tools affect our youth.
- Encourage positive physical activity by volunteering with schools and parks.
- Learn about childhood diseases, prevention and treatments.
- Educate members and others about the importance of foster care and the need for quality, professional foster parents.
- Help teens who are in transition due to aging out of foster care.
- Promote projects that teach teens about responsible driving habits.
- Start or support an existing Juniorette club.
- Support your local Boys and Girls Clubs.
- Support a bereavement camp for kids.
- Provide a party for children in an at risk school.
- Support a local safe house during the holidays.
- Become a mentor with your local YMCA or school system.
- Collect hats and mittens at the holidays for children.

Leadership Education & Development Seminar

GFWC initiated the Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) for the purpose of finding, training and encouraging clubwomen from the grassroots level to step up, pursue, and accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve a higher office and serve with distinction. It is held on the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual International Convention.

Criteria for LEADS Participation

It is highly recommended that LEADS candidates meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as a club project committee member or chairman, club officer, an incoming or active club president.
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation.
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in the District or GFWC Maryland.
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the State/District.
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level. (This criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply.)
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend the GFWC LEADS Seminar only once.

Anyone who is interested in LEADS is encouraged to apply, using the GFWC LEADS Application Form at right. I hope to receive applications from many of our clubs. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sandra Blankenship, GFWC-MD LEADS Chairman

GFWC MARYLAND CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS 2014 (MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BASED ON 2014 DIRECTORY INFORMATION)

CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS 15 & UNDER		CATEGORY 2 MEMBERS 16-27		CATEGORY 3 MEMBERS 28-50		CATEGORY 4 MEMBERS 51 & OVER	
Centennial*	11	Cumberland Jrs	17	Bethesda	50	Annapolis at HH	95
Charles Co	14	Greensboro	18	Cecil County	47	Chevy Chase	174
Emeritus*	14	Joppatowne	27	Dundalk	38	Chevy Chase Jrs	57
Greater Fallston	12	Laytonsville	21	Laurel	38	Frederick	82
Myrtle*	7	Metropolitan	27	Perry Hall	28	Glyndon	78
Pocomoke Jrs	15	Sandy Spring	18	Silver Spring	48	Linthicum Hgts	140
Southern Lights*	10	Suburban	20	St. Mary's Co	28	Oakland	71
STARS Jrettes	8	Wicomico	19	University Park	43	Severn Town	65
Western MD Comm	9	Total Clubs	8	Westminster Jrs	35	Westminster	88
Total Clubs	9			Total Clubs	9	Total Clubs	9

**Past Presidents' Club*



GFWC LEADS APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please conceal applicants identity during selection deliberation

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:

(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held:

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved:

List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested:

Are you willing to:

- Cover costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes ___ No ___
- Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? Yes ___ No ___

Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members, to:

*Sandy Blankenship, MD LEADS Chairman
626 Cleveland Road
Linthicum, MD 21090-2835
Sandra60Blankenship@gmail.com*

"12 STEPS FOR PERFECT REPORTING" 2014-2016

Guidelines for Club Reporting

Covering Club Activities from January 1 to December 31, 2014

POSTMARK DEADLINE
JANUARY 31, 2015

1 Appoint a Reporting Chairman — Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2014-2016 GFWC Community Service Programs, Special Projects, and Advancement Areas to make reporting easier and your Reporting Workshop run smoother.

2 Schedule a Reporting Workshop, or a series of Reporting Workshops.

3 Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:

A. Reporting Guidelines

- GFWC Club Manual for 2014-2016
- GFWC-MD Reporting Guidelines for 2014-2016
- Reporting Packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
- The "12 Steps for Perfect Reporting" Guidelines

B. Reference Materials

- Club Minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
- List of Club Donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
- Club Newsletters
- Copy of Previous Year's Club Reports

C. Supplies

- Large Tablet of Paper & Markers
- OR– Pads of Paper & Pens/Pencils
- Refreshments to Reward your Hardworking Members! Make it fun!

4 Preparation — Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement Area and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you "brainstorm."

5 BRAINSTORM — As a group, go through your Reference Materials (*see above*), call out your various club projects and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program, etc.

6 Review Reporting Guidelines received from GFWC Maryland.

7 Write Your Narrative Reports — Typed Narratives must not exceed THREE (3) pages. Be sure that all of your Narratives for each Community Service Program, Special Project, or Advancement Area have the proper heading.

- **Large Clubs** — You may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service Program, Special Project, or Advancement Area, which could take their list of projects and write the report.
- **Small Clubs** — You may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Programs, Projects, or Areas and write the reports.

8 Proofread & Revise — Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions.

9 Complete the Maryland Statistical Report Form — Fill out ONE (1) Maryland Statistical Report Form (*at right, or download from GFWC-MD website at www.gfwcmd.org*). ONE (1) person should complete this form, most likely your Reporting Chairman or Club President. If your club wrote Narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each Narrative onto the Report Form. Be sure to include an "x" to indicate an attached Narrative. The Report Form becomes the cover sheet for ALL your Narratives.

10 Complete the Maryland SPECIAL Report Forms For recognition of work done for Save the Bay, Tree-Mendous Maryland, and President's Special Project.

11 Copy Your Reports

- **Generals** — FIVE (5) Complete Report Packets
- **Jrs/Juniorettes** — SEVEN (7) Complete Report Packets (*ONE Maryland Report Form + Narratives + Special Forms*)

12 Mail Your Report Packets by the Postmark Deadline of January 31st as follows:

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to State President:
Brenda Bennett, PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843-5399

Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Dean of Chairmen:
Dottie Gregg, 3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to YOUR District Dean of Chairmen:

Western: Jo Harp, 326 Stoner Avenue,
Westminster, MD 21157-6025

Eastern Shore: Jackie McCarty, 11453 Riverton Road,
Mardela Springs, MD 21837

Baltimore: Dottie Bishoff, 514 Anchor Drive,
Joppa, MD 21085-4502

Southern: Beverly Death, 105 Circle Road,
Pasadena, MD 21122-6003

Montgomery: Merle Oberle, 8013 Exodus Drive,
Laytonsville, MD 20882-1111

Jrs/Juniorettes — ALSO Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:

Sandra Mattocks, 14310 Old Lake Drive, SW,
Cumberland, MD 21502-5706

PLUS... ALL Clubs — File ONE (1) Complete Report Packet in Your Club Archives — This is your club's history!

GFWC Maryland Statistical Report Form

Club Name	Number of Members	District
(Please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> General Club <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Club <input type="checkbox"/> Juniorette Club		Reporting Year: <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> 2015
Club President's Name	Phone #	Email
Address / City / Zip Code		

Annual Reporting Period: January 1 - December 31, 2014

GFWC & GFWC-MD SPECIFIC PROJECT REPORTS	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Prevent Child Abuse America					
GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
INMED Partnerships for Children Through June					
March of Dimes					
ARTS					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
American Mural Project Through June 30, 2014					
CONSERVATION					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
ACTrees					
EDUCATION					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Hugh O'Brian Youth Programs					
HOME LIFE					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Canine Companions					
Easter Seals					
The Heart Truth Campaign					
Inside Knowledge					
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Heifer International					
Operation Smile International					
United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life					
U.S. Fund for UNICEF					
PUBLIC ISSUES					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Kettering Foundation					
Sew Much Comfort					
USO					

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Enclosed
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
LEADERSHIP				
LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY				
MEMBERSHIP				
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER				

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed
Club Fundraisers				
GFWC Endorsed Fundraising Projects:				
Flower Power				
It Takes Two				
Uncle Al's Pecans Through June 30, 2014				

POSTMARKED BY: JANUARY 31st

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete this form to include total statistics for each Special Project, Community Service and Partnership Projects, and Advancement Area.
- Narratives are optional, but they will enhance chances of recognition and are required to be considered for GFWC club awards.
- If you submit a narrative description of your project or activity, please mark an "x" in the "narrative enclosed" box for the program area and attach the narrative to this Statistical Form.
- Narratives may not exceed three (3) pages and must be typewritten and single-spaced.

All General, Junior and Juniorette Clubs:

Mail the Statistical Form and narratives to:

- (1) copy to: Brenda Bennett, MD State President
PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843
- (2) copies to: Dottie Gregg, Dean of Chairmen
3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921
- (1) copy to: Your District Dean of Chairmen (see names/addresses below)
- (1) copy for your club files.

Junior and Juniorette clubs will also need to mail:

- (2) copies to: Sandra Mattocks, MD Director of Junior Clubs
14310 Old Lake Drive, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502-5706

District Deans of Chairmen:

Western:

Jo Harp
326 Stoner Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157-6025

Eastern Shore:

Jackie McCarty
11453 Riverton Road
Mardela Springs, MD 21837

Baltimore:

Dottie Bishoff
514 Anchor Drive
Joppa, MD 21035-4502

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105 Circle Road
Pasadena, MD 21122-6003

Montgomery County:

Merle Oberle
8013 Exodus Drive
Laytonsville, MD 20882-1111

*All Pinwheels for Prevention activities must be recorded under the partner, Prevent Child Abuse America.

GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES

GFWC Contests offer Recognition and Cash Prizes for You, Your Club & Your State

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP) AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Arts	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Conservation	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Education	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Home Life	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
International Outreach	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Public Issues	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
ADVANCEMENT AREA AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Endorsed Fundraisers	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2015
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Communications & Public Relations	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2015
Community Improvement Program	1st-5th Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2016
CONTESTS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Media Campaign Contest	\$50.00 in each of 4 Categories	March 15, 2015 (to GFWC)
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2015
"A Year in Pictures" (Calendar) Photography Contest	Non-Monetary	May 15, 2015 (to GFWC)
"GFWC Volunteers in Action" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2015
"The World in Pictures" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2015
Poetry Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2015 (to District)
Short Story Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2015 (to District)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2015 (to GFWC)

GFWC Partners will also recognize State Federations and Clubs for their efforts.



FOR GFWC CONTESTS ONLY

Unless otherwise indicated, Members or Clubs Must Submit Entries for State judging prior to entering GFWC Contests.

After the State judging, GFWC Maryland Chairmen will submit winning entries to GFWC for National judging.

Your Club May Be A Winner!! Please see your GFWC Club Manual for complete details on all Contests and Awards. Entry Guidelines vary greatly!

GFWC also awards a certificate to one State Federation, in each membership category, for each of the GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects.



Be sure to check out the ***GFWC Club Manual*** for complete details on additional ***Awards and Opportunities:***

The JENNIE Award

One clubwoman from each of GFWC's eight regions will be honored with The JENNIE during the 2014-2016 administration.

GRANTS

Club Recruitment Grants
(funded by GFWC)

District Club Building Grants
(funded by GFWC)

Literacy Grants
(funded by Procter & Gamble)

For more information see the appropriate section of the GFWC Club Manual, or go online to www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers



MARYLAND CONTEST DEADLINES

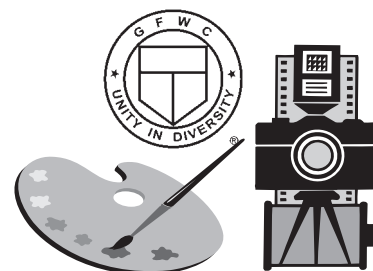
Competition Can Be Rewarding

CONTEST	DEADLINE	SEND ENTRY TO
Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award	3/1/15	Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD President PO Box 5399 Ocean City, MD 21843
Youth Short Story & Poetry Contest	3/1/15	Catherine Cash 10017 Quinby Street Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173
>> No Member Short Story & Poetry Contests This Year <<		
Art & Photography Contests	3/1/15	Debbie Spinnenweber 14602 Viewcrest Road, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
>> No Needle Art Contest This Year <<		
Youth Art Contest	Prior to 3/23/15	Your District President. For info contact: Celeste Riddle, 312 E. Maple Road Linthicum, MD 21090-2505
Newsletter Contest	3/1/15	Josephine Miller, Editor, MD Clubwoman 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

PLEASE NOTE

ALL OTHER CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM & SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2015.

Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 17, 2015 at The GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting.



CELEBRATE A WOMAN... ONE OF YOUR OWN!

Rules For "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" Award 2014

- Nominees must be members in good standing of a club of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
- Ineligible members are: the current executive committee of The Federation, honorary GFWC-MD presidents, former recipients of the award, and members of Junior clubs. (Juniors have an Outstanding MD Junior Award for which they compete.)
- Only one nominee per club may be submitted.
- The Cover Sheet must include: the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee; the name of her club; the signature of the club president; and the date. In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee and the name of her club must be omitted from the narrative.
- Narrative must be 500 words or less, explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of the award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in The Federation with emphasis placed on club sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. As background, mention may be made of club involvement over the years, and any district and state activities which might indicate a continuing interest in The Federation. Only club related accomplishments will be considered. (Please no dates.)
- A committee of five, to judge the entries, shall consist of two honorary presidents of The Federation, two members of the current executive committee of The Federation, and a former recipient of the award. The Federation president shall appoint the committee and name the chairman. The committee shall select the recipient at a meeting called by the chairman by April 1. A suitable plaque shall be purchased and presented to the "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" at the annual meeting of The Federation. The winner will also be submitted to the GFWC Jennie Award Committee for consideration on the national level.
- The committee chairman will notify nominees of the date and time of the award presentation.
- To be eligible, entries must be received by March 1, 2015. Send to the current president of GFWC Maryland:
Brenda Bennett
PO Box 5399
Ocean City, MD 21843
Barbara Pillote, Chairman

CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements:
- Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact (30%)
 - Presentation (30%)
 - Design (30%)
 - Adherence to rules (10%)

CONTEST RULES:

- Only one newsletter issue per club may be submitted.
- Newsletter must have been printed and dated during the reporting year.
- Front page of newsletter must prominently display official GFWC emblem and mention of membership in GFWC.
- Newsletter entries must include the contact information for at least one

member, defined as an email address, phone number, and/or mailing address.

- All entries must be printed and sent via postal mail.
- Envelope must be clearly marked **GFWC Newsletter Contest**.

COVER LETTER MUST INCLUDE:

- Club president's name and contact information
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
- Number of members in the club
- Approximate circulation
- An essay of no more than 250 words describing the club's approach to utilizing its newsletter.
- Clubs with electronic newsletters must submit printed copies.

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize creativity and outstanding achievement in producing a club newsletter.

DEADLINES:

STATE CONTEST—

CLUBS must submit entries to **STATE Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 1, 2015**.

GFWC CONTEST—

CLUBS may submit entries directly to:
GFWC Newsletter Contest
1734 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2990
Must be postmarked by **March 15, 2015**.

GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- Only one website per club may be submitted.
- Website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org.
- Website must include contact information for at least one member, defined as email address, phone number, and/or mailing address.
- Website may continue to be updated after contest deadline date.

- Subject line of submission email must read **Website Contest Entry**.

SUBMISSION EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- Club name
- Website address
- President's name & contact info
- Name and contact information of person submitting the entry
- Number of club members
- 250-word essay describing purpose of website & club's approach to maintenance

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in website implementation and maintenance.

DEADLINE:

CLUBS must submit entries via email to PR@GFWC.org. Submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on **March 15, 2015**.

GFWC MEDIA CAMPAIGN CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Interaction and engagement from campaign audience
- Use of multiple forms of media
- Professionalism and quality
- Creativity
- Relevance to topic
- Reference to GFWC
- Resources invested—time, money, etc.
- Quantitative results (new members, new Facebook likes, dollars raised, new Twitter followers, legislation passed, number of event attendees, etc.)
- Qualitative results (positive feedback from attendees, quality of messages posted in relation to campaign, etc.)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

• **Clubs may submit ONE media campaign PER CATEGORY:**

Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment, and Special Events.

- Submit each campaign separately.
- The media campaign must take place during the reporting year.
- All campaign materials must reference GFWC and the sponsoring club.
- Campaign materials must include a medium (website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, YouTube video, etc.) and contact info for additional information.
- Entries may be sent via postal mail or email.
- Envelopes must be clearly marked, or subject line of submission email must read: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**.

COVER LETTER OR BODY OF EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- Club president's name and contact information
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
- Number of club members
- **CATEGORY NAME**

- 500-word essay including: Goal; Budget; Target audience; Strategies and tactics; Key messages; and Post-campaign measurement and analysis (Did you meet your goal, stay within budget, reach your audience, and feel campaign was successful?)

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in implementing a successful and effective media campaign in each of Five Categories.

DEADLINE:

CLUB Entries must be postmarked or emailed no later than **March 15, 2015**.
Mail to: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**
1734 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2990
Email to: PR@GFWC.org

MARYLAND ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

At the GFWC Maryland Convention, April 24-27, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All Artwork must be identified as **Original or Interpretation of Other Works**. All Photography entries must be identified as **Film or Digital**.
2. All Art entries must have been completed within the past two (2) years. **All Photography entries must have been taken during the contest year.**
3. **No item previously exhibited and judged at GFWC Maryland State Convention may be entered.**
4. Any club member is eligible. Entry cards must be submitted by mail. Please include the name, address and phone number of the individual submitting the entries, and total number of entries included, along with the entry cards.
5. **All Artwork** must be framed. **No Art Entry will be Accepted Without a Secure Frame.**
6. **All Photography** entries must be 8"x10" and mounted on rigid board. **NO MATTES OR FRAMES.**
7. Five or more pieces constitute a competitive class. **No Awards Will Be Given unless Three or**

More Individuals Enter a Class.

If insufficient entries are received the class may be eliminated and the entries will be placed under "Miscellaneous" for judging.

8. **All Photography** entries will be judged at convention and awards will be presented. The first place winners in each category will be entered in the **GFWC Photography Contests** (see rules at right).
9. Judging will be by qualified judges and their decisions will be final. **Ribbons will be awarded.**

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The maximum number of entries accepted per person are as follows:
Art: THREE (3) items/class
Photography: ONE (1) item/class
No joint entries will be accepted.
2. **All Entry Cards must be postmarked by March 1, 2015.**
3. **Make TWO Entry Cards for EACH Entry.** (Copy the Sample Entry Card below and attach to 3 x 5 cards.)
Mail ONE Card to the **Art & Photography Chairman** and attach the **Second Card** to the back of the entry.

4. **Entry Cards** should be mailed to:
Art & Photography Chairman:
Debbie Spinnenweber (301-729-2258)
14602 Viewcrest Drive, SW
Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
5. **Exhibits Will Be Covered By Insurance For Fire And Theft Only.** All due care will be used in handling articles, but the insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for \$10.00 (ten dollars). **No Single Item Will Be Insured In Excess Of \$500.00.**
6. All entries will be received at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel (location to be announced) on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
7. **Exhibit Hours will be announced in the convention program.**
8. Entries should be picked up at the close of the business meeting on Monday, April 27th (location to be announced). Neither GFWC-MD nor the hotel will be responsible for any article not picked up. **No Exceptions.**

Entry Deadline — March 1, 2015

SAMPLE ENTRY CARD

Make **TWO COPIES** for **EACH ENTRY** and attach to 3 x 5 cards.

2015 Maryland Art & Photography Exhibit

Club Name _____ District _____

Exhibitor's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Category # _____ Value Of Entry _____

Description (Title if any) _____

For Art ONLY (Check ONE) **Totally Original** **Interpretation**

For Photography ONLY (Check ONE) **Film** **Digital**

>>> **No Needle Art Contest This Year** <<<

ART CATEGORIES:

Abstract A-1 (all media)

Oil and Acrylic

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-2

Still Life, Birds and Animals A-3

Pastel A-4 (all entries)

Portraits A-5 (all media)

Sculpture and Mixed Media A-6

Watercolor

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-7

Still Life, Birds and Animals A-8

Miscellaneous Art A-9

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES:

GFWC CONTESTS (see rules at right)

"The World in Pictures"

Living Things – Color A-11

Living Things – B&W A-12

Scenes – Color A-13

Scenes – B&W A-14

Still Life – Color A-15

Still Life – B&W A-16

"GFWC Volunteers in Action" A-17

GFWC YOUTH SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

- Youth authors may enter one manuscript for club contests on the local level.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 - December 31).
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be the original works by the authors.
- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
- By submitting your manuscript to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- **Please remember to include a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver with all entries submitted** (download at www.GFWC.org).

CATEGORIES: Category 1: Grades K, 1 & 2 Category 3: Grades 6, 7 & 8
Category 2: Grades 3, 4 & 5 Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Youth SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
Author's name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

Youth POETRY CONTEST RULES:

- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
Author's name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

DEADLINES:

CLUBS— February 1, 2015. Send youth entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2015. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash
10017 Quinby Street
Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173

REMINDER:

Please follow all rules carefully. Check your manuscript for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.



**>>> No Member <<<
Short Story & Poetry Contests
This Year**

RULES FOR GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info:
Contest name; photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo; arrow indicating top.
- **8 x 10 inch prints are required.**
No electronic submissions.
- **All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 inch rigid board with overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch.**
- **NO Mattes, Frames, or Hangers.**
- Photos may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photos may be black & white or color.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- **Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** (download at www.GFWC.org).
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Photos will not be returned.

DEADLINES:

CLUBS must send Entry Cards to their **STATE Art & Photography Contests Chairman** for state judging, postmarked by **March 1, 2015.**

"The World in Pictures"

Photos should capture the beauty of the world and people around us in THREE (3) CATEGORIES:

- **Living Things:** adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife.
- **Scenes:** city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather.
- **Still Life:** abstract (any assemblage of objects, either an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments.

TWO (2) CLASSES per CATEGORY:

- **Black & White**
- **Color**

"GFWC Volunteers in Action"

Provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography. Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.

"A YEAR IN PICTURES" CALENDAR CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: Contest name; photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; title and brief caption giving location, date, and

- other notes about the photo; arrow indicating top of photo.
- **8 x 10 inch prints are required.** No electronic submissions.
- **All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 inch rigid board with overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch.**
- **NO Mattes, Frames, or Hangers.**
- Photos must be horizontal/landscape.
- Photos must be in color.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
- All entries will be considered.
- Judges will look for photos particularly suitable for calendars, such as photos relevant to months or seasons.
- The same image may be submitted to

- multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- **Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** (download at www.GFWC.org).
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Photos will not be returned.

DEADLINE: Each GFWC CLUB may submit ONE (1) photo directly to GFWC Headquarters by May 15, 2015.

MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:

All students from the sixth grade through the twelfth grade are eligible. Entries must be submitted through a local GFWC-MD Woman's Club and judged at a District level before going on to GFWC-MD State judging.

Work will be judged in two classes:

- Art:** Class 1 - Grades 6, 7 & 8
- Class 2 - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Photography/Computer Art:
Class 1 and Class 2

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:

- All entries should be **Original**, done by the student between 3/1/14 & 3/1/15.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create new compositions are accepted but judged considering age appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer enhanced photography and graphics. Copyright rules must be applied.

- Work may be of the following media: oil, lead pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed media, photography/computer art. If necessary, the work should be sprayed with a fixative.
- Entries must have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core. Maximum size not to exceed 24"x36" in its entirety, including computer graphics. Canvas may be stretched or mounted. No Frames or Glass.
- Each entry must have an Entry Card securely attached to the back with the information as given on the sample below. Each card **must** have the student's name, personal email and home address, zip code, phone #s, grade, school, and type of media. **Entries without cards will not be judged. Entries with school information rather than personal information will not be judged!**

- Each **Local Club or District** shall establish rules to determine how many entries each student may submit.
- For the **State Program:** **Each District** may submit three (3) winning works from Class 1 in Art, and three (3) from Class 2 in Art, and three (3) from Class 1 or 2 in Photography/Computer Art.

AWARDS:

- **Local Level:** Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion.
- **State Level:** GFWC Maryland offers two (2) First Place, two (2) Second Place, and two (2) Third Place Awards in the High School Class 2 Division; and one (1) First Place, one (1) Second Place, and one (1) Third Place Award in the Middle School Class 1 Division.

DEADLINE:

All **District** winning entries must be received by **March 23, 2015 for the State Contest.** Judging of artwork will then take place. Winning artists will receive their awards at the GFWC-MD State Convention to be held April 24-27, 2015 at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, where the original works will be displayed.

Contact Celeste Riddle at 410-859-0606, or celeste@cablespeed.com with any questions concerning the state contest.

SAMPLE ENTRY FORM CARD:

- Please copy the sample at left and attach to back of each entry.

GFWC MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM ENTRY CARD

Print Clearly • Include **PERSONAL** Information • NO School Emails/Addresses

Name _____ Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

School _____ Grade _____

Type of Media _____ Title _____

Sponsoring Club _____

District _____

Volunteering For Change



Cynthia Ann Dykes, President

Cynthia was born and raised in Salisbury, MD. She received a BA in History from Salisbury State College, then graduated with a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. She was subsequently admitted to the 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 to help take care of her mother until she passed in 2006. In 2007, Cynthia joined the Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., where she has served as Recording Secretary, Vice-President, Public Issues Chairman and President. She was the club's 2014 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman nominee and currently serves as Corresponding Secretary, as well as holding other chairmanships. Cynthia served Eastern Shore District as Vice-President prior to her installation as President. For GFWC-MD, she has served as Leadership Chairman since 2012. She was the 2012 LEADS graduate. Cynthia is active in her church and enjoys cooking, baking, reading, knitting and old movies.

GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.

This past year has been a monumental one for the members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. Members enjoyed a delicious luncheon at The Granary in Georgetown to celebrate the club's 101 years of service with their sponsorship of local, national and international projects. Past Presidents in attendance were honored for their service. Three new members joined our group.

Harry Mayer, Regional Emergency Coordinator for FEMA, presented a program on the work of emergency management personnel when answering calls after national disasters. Members learned much through his presentation of personal experiences with the FEMA group on location, and the photos included in his slide presentation. Groups like our club contribute much to aid in this work. Joyce Bowsbey, County Council Representative, spoke to the club members about the Impervious Tax, known as the rain tax. Our members were well informed after the meeting with Rebecca Marshal, a local pharmacist, who spoke about the benefits of vaccination for shingles. She gave all attendees a goodie bag of items to help manage our daily medicines. Unfortunately, our March meeting was cancelled due to snow and ice.

We have been learning much about the use of art therapy for children and adults with disabilities through the presentations by Shelia Murphy from the Upper Bay Counseling Program available in Cecil County. Club members have donated many art frames to be used for the display of work completed by patients. It has been rewarding to be connected to many in our county through this program.



Membership Chairman Grace Pursley installs new members Bunny Renshaw, Jennifer Adkins, and Joyce Bowsbey at the Cecil County Club's Birthday Meeting in January.

A local resident, Betty Luzetsky, shared her expertise in designing and crafting Ukrainian eggs. Members were not only impressed with her artistic skill and creation of these delicate works of art, but awed by the beauty of the eggs.

Members are involved in a broad spectrum of activities, including state and local projects. Members have been making the Pig Pillows for cancer patients. These pillows have been given to the GFWC-MD chairman, as well as to local hospitals. At Christmas time, toys and assorted gifts were purchased for six children from two families. Food was supplied to the food kitchen for holiday dinners for the needy. We have been fortunate that our own members are remembered with cards, phone calls or visits by our Sunshine Lady. This is an important aspect of keeping members aware of the concern we have for all of them.

The club decided to add to the Domestic Violence Awareness fund provided by the Catonsville Legacy and made a contribution of \$150 to the local Domestic Violence Shelter.

The Arts have always had strong support from our club. We cooperate with the Cecil County Arts Council to support the Cecil County Public

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Members prepare refreshments for students and parents at the Cecil County Club's Annual Youth Art Show.



Cecil County Club Members serve as models for their Spring Fashion Show.



Cecil County Club President Dottie Gregg (left) presents scholarships to county high school seniors.



New Cecil County Club President Betty Juergens (left) receives the gavel from Past President Dottie Gregg.

Schools Winter Art Show. Club members provide refreshments for about 225 students and parents, as well as award ribbons and monetary awards for the winners in each category. Six of our entries won at the District level, and one of our students was a State winner.

We are proud of the educational support we provide through scholarships to Cecil County residents. One scholarship goes to Cecil College and two are awarded to graduating seniors from county high schools. Both students and their parents attended our annual meeting. We were delighted to present their awards and hear of their plans for the future.

Our club is especially proud of its involvement with the Welcome Home project where American Servicemen and women who return to the USA through BWI Airport are welcomed home with a Goodie Bag of treats. We distribute cards at each function throughout the year and write Welcome Home messages on them. These cards are included in the bags. We have received numerous thank you messages from those involved. Recently, a county resident was on the receiving end of this project. The newspaper article about his return mentioned his surprise and thankfulness for this service.

Club members not only serve the local club, but also the District and State as well, by attending Board of Directors meetings, accepting committee chairmanships, and holding District and State offices.

We work hard for our fundraising activities and we know how to put FUN into fundraising. Our Annual Fashion Show is anticipated by all to see just what kind of outfits our members will be wearing this year. Fashions are supplied by Boscov's. Our card parties provide community members a chance to socialize, enjoy a good lunch, and participate in card

or other board games. Of course, everyone is anxious to see what kind of door prizes are there for choosing. Probably our easiest fundraising activity is our Cake-less Bake—no cooking, no mess... just send a check, please!

We were proud to nominate Kaye Merrey for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman. Unfortunately, Kaye was ill at convention time and unable to join us for the luncheon.

The Woman's Club of Cecil County recently held its annual meeting at The Granary in Georgetown, MD. Mrs. Stephanie MacAdam, Instructional Coordinator of Fine Arts for Cecil County Public Schools was a guest. The club presented her with its annual contribution for ART-Reach. Colin Mears, a senior at Elkton High School, was presented with his award for placing third in the GFWC-MD Youth Art Contest with his charcoal sketch.

Brooke Short and Alexandra Pyle, both seniors at Bohemia Manor High School, were presented \$500 scholarships to be used for their studies next year. Both students plan to attend Cecil College.

Club awards received from GFWC Maryland for projects this past year included Arts, Leadership, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Dottie Gregg also won first place in the GFWC-MD Photography Contest for her photo of club members serving students and parents at the Cecil County Winter Arts Show.

Dottie Gregg was thanked for her 10 year service as club President. Past President Ruth Loomis installed the new club officers, including Betty Juergens is the new President.

Five club members attended the Downton Abbey exhibit at Winterthur Museum in Delaware on May 21, 2014. The exhibit of 40 costumes from the hit British television drama "Downton Abbey" and a tour of

the beautiful Winterthur gardens were enjoyed by all.

Our club is looking forward to another active year of service to our community.

GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc.

This past year has been a busy one for the Wicomico Woman's Club, as usual. We continued to "Reach Out and Touch Someone's Hand" by collecting school supplies for local schools at every meeting and collecting healthy snacks to support the local after school program, Stop the Violence in Wicomico County. Also, at each meeting, we collect labels/box tops for education programs, pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House and coupons for military/veteran families. We make donations throughout the year to various organizations and make a monetary donation each month to the organization our guest speaker represents.

On a bitterly cold day in January, as we do every year, several members met to compile our reports, the results of which always makes us proud at the GFWC Maryland Annual Convention each April when we receive recognition. We are small, but we work hard, and are always amazed at what we have been able to accomplish by helping those in need.

In February, our program was on conservation and our speaker, who several members already knew, spoke on energy deregulation and how selecting your own electric provider could save you money. Our club also selected our Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman (OMCW) nominee for the year. Later this same month, five members attended the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting in Linthicum, MD, hosted by the Southern District where the program was on woman's health.

Plans for our March meeting became quite complicated when first the restaurant where we have been meeting for the past few months had a fire and then closed, and second when our date got moved from Tuesday to Friday due to snow and the loss of our alternative venue due to the weather. One of our members graciously opened her home, hosted and fed us on rather short notice. We held our Youth Art Contest, from which the winners went on the Eastern Shore District (ESD) Youth Art Contest. We also worked on plans for the reception our club and the ESD were hosting at convention for the incoming GFWC Maryland President, our own Brenda Bennett. We are so proud of her! The nominating committee announced our club's slate of officers for 2014-2016. We also presented flowers and congratulations to our OMCW nominee, our club president, Cynthia Dykes. Later in March, in Ocean City, MD, our club hosted the ESD Youth Art Contest, the winners of which went on to the GFWC Maryland Youth Art Contest at convention. At this meeting, we finalized plans with the rest of the ESD for the reception we were to be hosting at convention.

April found us exceptionally busy. On the first, we had our general meeting and our 93rd birthday party. We turned it into a combined celebration for Brenda's incoming State Presidency, as several of our members would not be able to attend the upcoming convention to take part in the celebrating. At this same meeting, we had a representative from the local Life Crisis Center as our guest speaker and presented her with a check for \$100, some of which came from the ESD by way of GFWC Maryland, funded by money designated for such use by the disbanded Catonsville Club. The Life Crisis Center is very important

to our club, as we were instrumental in its creation many years ago. We also collected baby items to support a local church's efforts to assist the Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center. As we do each year on our birthday, if we have not already done so, we remember those members who have passed on with resolutions and the donation of a tree in their memory to Tree-Mendous Maryland. This year we remembered three such ladies that we will miss greatly.

The very next weekend, April 5-7, 2014, found several of us at the annual GFWC Maryland Convention. Again this year, our accomplishments made us proud come awards time. Everyone seemed to enjoy the reception for Brenda following her installation and we are very happy for and proud of her as the new GFWC Maryland President.

We went to a local historical complex for our May meeting and lunch among the antiques. We elected our incoming officers for 2014-2016 and the following were installed by the new GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett: Jackie McCarty, President; Rosemary Slacum, Vice-President; Eftalia Cummins, Recording Secretary; Cynthia Dykes, Corresponding Secretary; and Julie Gibbs, Treasurer. Our new president's theme is "Helping Others Through Volunteering." We also thanked our outgoing president, Cynthia Dykes, and presented her with gift cards and a yellow rose bush. Plans were also discussed for the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting which the ESD is hosting on September 16, 2014. Later that month our club hosted the ESD meeting at Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock, MD. At that meeting, each club received a certificate commemorating their awards at convention. Also at this meeting, new officers were installed for the ESD by a member of our club

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and outgoing ESD President Rosemary Slacum. Four of the five incoming officers of the ESD are members of our club: President, Cynthia Dykes; Vice-President, Jackie McCarty; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Sangermano; and Treasurer, Julie Gibbs.

In June, several members met to go through materials passed on to our club by the families of several of our late members. These materials were organized into photo albums and binders, which will ultimately be sent to the Nabb Center at Salisbury University to be included with the remainder of our club's archived materials.

In early July, several members met in Ocean City to see and say goodbye to one of our members, Dorothy (Dossie) Close, who is relocating to the Baltimore area to be near family for health reasons. Julie Gibbs and

her husband Bill treated us all to lunch at the Dough Roller and we had a private party afterward with cake and good wishes for our Dossie. We all miss her very much and are very grateful to Brenda and Julie for making this gathering possible.

On August 2, 2014, five members attended the GFWC Maryland Summer Workshop meeting in Chevy Chase. One of our members, the new ESD President and State Leadership Chairman, Cynthia Dykes, took part in presenting a mini LEADS workshop. We all learned a lot about new reporting rules and procedures. Later that same week, Wicomico Woman's Club President Jackie McCarty held her first Board of Directors meeting to begin planning for her upcoming year's administration. On August 14th, five members attended the ESD Executive Committee meeting where plans were finalized for the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting the ESD is hosting in September in Hurlock, MD.

On September 16, 2014, six members attended the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting which our district hosted. At this Marketplace of Ideas meeting, we received materials and information from the state chairmen to take back to our clubs.

The Wicomico Woman's Club continues to participate in all GFWC programs. We collect in-kind and monetary donations for local shelters. We strive to support local organizations in need as they work to assist the less fortunate. We give yearly to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and sponsor a student for HOBY. We give our change and small bills at each meeting to support Heifer International. We also support CARE and UNICEF. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to a fruitful future. The Wicomico Woman's Club is small in number, but big in heart and energy, and truly dedicated to "Helping Others Through Volunteering."

TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND

Give an Environmental Gift... the Gift of Trees for only \$40.00 per Tree

Encourage club participation in GFWC Maryland's Tree-Mendous Maryland Program. Give the gift of life, celebration and memory that will continue to give for generations to come. Just follow these simple instructions...

1. **Write a check for \$40.00 for each tree you want planted.** Make your check payable to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
2. **Mark MFWC on your check!**
3. **Complete the "Give the Gift of Trees" form at right.** (A beautiful certificate will be mailed to the recipient in your name.)

4. **Make a COPY of all information and mail to:** Helen Sangermano, Tree-Mendous MD Chairman, 413 Bayshore Drive, #102 Ocean City, MD 21842

5. **Mail your check and form to:** TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND, Tawes State Office Building E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401

Give the Gift of Trees GFWC Maryland

Certificate in Memory of: _____
OR
 Certificate in Honor/Celebration of: _____

Send Certificate to: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Gift From: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Use your Visa or MasterCard to order Online at www.dnr.maryland.gov/forests/tremendous

The Greatest Service to Yourself, is Service to Others



Dawn Donovan, President

Dawn is from an Air Force family and has lived in NE, CA, SD, CA and WY before she married her Air Force husband of 32 years, Dereck. They have three children, all born in WY. Dawn and her family moved to CA where she was a stay-at-home Mom and daycare provider. Dawn worked with the PTA and PTSA throughout her children's school years. Her family then moved to Baltimore, where they have lived for the past 20 years—the longest Dawn has ever lived in one place! She currently works for SafetyTat as the customer service manager, etc. She is the proud grandma of five great kids. Dawn loves boating on the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding rivers, and is an avid Baltimore Orioles fan—Go O's! After her youngest child left for college Dawn joined the Woman's Club of Perry Hall. She currently serves as club president and has held every office except treasurer. Dawn also serves GFWC-MD as the state webmaster. While holding offices for the club, she has held the same offices for Baltimore District, including president. Dawn hopes to continue the outstanding leadership that Baltimore District past presidents have provided. Her theme is "The Greatest Service to Yourself, is Service to Others."

GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Dundalk has had an unusual year. Last December we sadly lost our treasurer, Charlotte Hayes, and had to scramble to take care of business. Then our wonderful president, Leslie Bertram, moved to Florida with her husband. Losing two very significant members can lead to a difficult transition.

Thankfully, one of our long-time members decided to take on the presidency. We have lost a few members to death, moving and other personal reasons and it is a labor of love to recruit and retain new members for our club. The club will celebrate 75 years in 2015 and is planning some significant celebrations and acknowledgements.

This year has brought two memorial services at our Heritage Park Memorial Plaque that has been maintained in the Dundalk Heritage Park for many years, where members celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us. In addition, we celebrate engraving loved ones' names on our memorial plaque.

We have two main raffles, a Mother's Day Basket and a Scholarship Raffle, that help fund our causes. We hold raffles at each meeting, collect change in our change jar, and donate items for Ditty Bags for Veterans—70 bags were donated last year.

Additionally, we have an annual boutique to raise funds, where three large items are raffled and "almost new" items are donated for members and guests to purchase.

Each year our club sponsors a Youth Art Contest at the local library. The work of close to 100 young artists from local high schools, middle schools and elementary schools is judged in a variety of categories. Winners are awarded ribbons, cash prizes and the opportunity to move forward to state judging. We have

had a successful history of Youth Art involvement and celebration.

We donate to Save the Bay and HOBY. Twice a year, our members donate, clean, and press business clothing to be given to "Suited to Succeed." This agency provides for women entering the work force who do not have the funds to buy new clothing. Everything from underwear, hose, purses, shoes and lovely suits, to skirts, blouses, sweaters, slacks and dresses are collected.

It is indeed a pleasure for our members to donate cash, gift cards and additional items to a needy family each year. Clothes, shoes, haircuts, school supplies, Christmas gifts, food and toys are collected and distributed by our Adopt-a-Family Committee. Pull tabs are collected for the Ronald McDonald House, box tops are collected for local schools, and items are donated to a local crisis center. Pill bottles are collected and sent to aid international agencies who reuse the bottles in third world countries.

We have speakers at most meetings, including local historians, court officers, weather experts, musical entertainers and more. Our club is happy to host informative and interesting speakers that are relevant to our membership and community.

The Woman's Club of Dundalk is constantly changing in order to keep abreast of legislation pertinent to our interests, the arts and the general improvement and well-being of our neighborhoods. Being a part of our community for 75 years is quite a milestone and we look forward to celebrating this achievement. Our club will continue to explore new and innovative ways to raise funds and help our community; and volunteer our services, knowledge and expertise to make the world a little better. We are extremely proud of the legacy we leave behind with each new year.

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The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc.

In typical fashion, Glyndon hit the ground running to start off our club year. The June Board Meeting introduced us to our new administration and set the stage for programs, fundraising and outreach.

To honor and celebrate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812-1814, and the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner," one of our members donated a fifteen star replica flag, which had been flown at Fort McHenry, that we raffled and collected a tidy sum. A member's husband was the winner. Our speaker for the September meeting, Amanda Davis, Director of the Flag House Museum, gave us an illuminating talk on the history of Old Glory and the museum, originally the home of Mary Pickersgill.

Future programs will include presentations from our local library, the shelter we actively support, a musical program from the high school honors choir, a lecture on wellness, Black Market medicine, and recycling—all topics that relate to activities supported by GFWC and our club. For the next two meetings, our members are being asked to bring a box of cereal that we will present to our November speaker who is the director of volunteers at Sarah's Hope. This shelter is also the recipient of our blankets which are crafted by members who are referred to as the "Blanket Brigade."

Fundraising is crucial to our club in order to maintain our 1887 school house building, but we also manage to donate a large portion to a variety of charities. To achieve these goals, we are hosting a Book and Author Tea featuring journalist Michael Olesker who will discuss his book "Front Stoops in the Fifties," and our annual Yard Sale affords an

opportunity for members to jettison unused items from their homes. Another very popular event will be our Big Band Sound by "Never Too Late" that attracts dance clubs from around the Baltimore area. Our annual Fashion Show will be held on May 2nd and we will be selling discounted tickets at Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends." Rounding out our slate of events is Flower Power and the 98th Charity Tea. Two new activities are dinner at the Glyndon Grille, a local restaurant who will donate a portion of their receipts on that date, and a wine tasting and dinner at the clubhouse.

A local elementary school that is the intake school for children living at the nearby shelter also carries a high percentage of students receiving free lunches. We decided to offer this school a monthly stipend to assist students with needs that are not covered by other services—we will be a "gap" resource. These requests are submitted by the classroom teachers to the guidance counselor who then contacts us to fulfill the request. Within days of the school opening we had a request to supply food vouchers and bus tokens for a family that had been displaced from their home. There is no contact with students and the work is carried out anonymously.

One of our members is waging a courageous battle to regain her health. Currently she is undergoing a rigorous and lengthy treatment regime. We are trying to encourage and support her through this ordeal by sending daily cards to her home. A card chain was organized and members are assigned one calendar day per month to send a card or note. We have 25 days covered by this committed and caring group.

The circle of sisterhood that Glyndon maintains continues to inspire, motivate, and bring to each of us a sense of community where giving back is something that just comes naturally.

GFWC The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston

For the 2014-2015 administration, Greater Fallston has only 12 paid members. We are small in numbers, but try to accomplish big things in Fallston and surrounding areas of Harford County. We continue to support our Disabled Veterans at the Perry Point VA Medical Center. We make-up and donate several plastic shoe boxes, in addition to two van-loads and two carloads of clean clothing. The "Thank You" note from the Perry Point facility is included in our newsletter. After we take the items to the veterans' facility, we end our day's good deed by having lunch on the way home. The veterans are visited for Valentine's Day (Gift of Love), Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Christmas.

At the Baltimore District Meeting on October 2, 2014, a friend from the Perry Hall Woman's Club, Anne Knoerlein, offered us 50-60 knitted Lap Robes for either Veterans Day or Christmas. She is an active volunteer at Perry Hall Senior Center and they have a weekly group of ladies who meet and make the Lap Robes. What a blessing this will be for those disabled veterans for their holiday.

We continue to support HOBY by paying for a 10th grade Fallston High School student to attend this four-day seminar. Our club has monetarily supported this project since its inception about 30 years ago. We do our best to have the student as a guest speaker at one of our meetings. Last year's recipient, a young man, and his mother attended our October meeting for dinner. We also gave him a \$25.00 gift card for being the speaker for the evening. This year our HOBY recipient is a young lady. We plan to have her speak to us in November 2014. We always pay for the student and one of their parents to join us for dinner. Parents of our HOBY students have occasionally sent donations to our club as a contribution towards the projects we do to help those in need.



Joppatowne Club Members attending the October Baltimore District Meeting—Seated (L to R): Diane Raycob, Barbara Ledford, Karen Conte, Dottie Bishoff, Barbara Albers, and Sue Tyber. Standing (L to R): Rosemary Sebula, Reno Eitel, Ruth Cameron, Betty Meidinger, Betty Manthei, Rose Marie Vaccaro, and Dee Martin.

We have an extensive recycling program of items such as pull tabs, greeting card fronts, eyeglasses for third world countries, used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels, and Box Tops for Education. Our items go to various groups, including Maryland Salem Children's Trust in Garrett County, that consists of four log cabins which house up to 28 children aged 6 to 18. They also have their own school on the approximately 200-acre facility. Some children are there because they were abused or their parents couldn't handle them. Others are there because of delinquent behavior and have been placed into this facility for rehab and a chance to turn their lives around.

We support the feeding of Feral Cats, which is the project of one of our member's stepdaughters, Mikee, who works at the grounds of the old Fort Holibird that has a colony of feral cats. The cats have been taken and neutered, given shots and then returned to their colony. We donate cat food to Mikee to help feed the twenty cats every day of the week. We also collect the styrofoam boxes used by Omaha Steaks—to make sleeping places for the cats.

We meet every second Tuesday for dinner at different restaurants. This year we celebrated our 36th year.

Everyone got a "Birthday Present" bag of goodies which included a Song Book made by the president so we could have an old fashioned "Sing-Along" in the restaurant—led by one of our members, Mary Asaki. President Bobbi Tilley organized a "Getting To Know You" exercise. Each person received a note tablet and pen and we interviewed each other, then reported what we learned. In September we had a roundtable discussion: "What you felt like and where you were during the 9-11 hit of the Twin Towers, etc." Each member received a flag and battery-operated candle. In June, we had a Hoedown at a local restaurant with prizes given for the Most Unique, Funniest, and Craziest outfits. Lots of fun to end the club year! We also have a "Bottle Raffle" at one of the meetings as a fun fundraiser. We get some crazy wrapped bottles for this event. In July we had our "Annual Swim Party and Luncheon" at the home of the president's daughter. In August, we shared in the annual Joppatowne Woman's Club Crab Feast.

We also help each other out when someone has a need. All it takes is a phone call and "Help" is on the way! Greater Fallston continues to spread Sunshine in their little corner of this world.

The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.

The ladies of The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc. have been doing community service, volunteering and fundraising for 48 years. "A body in motion stays in motion."

We do not have an Arts Chairman, or an International Outreach Chairman, but we continue to contribute to both of these programs.

Art—We have designed a polo shirt and a sweatshirt with our logo and club flower, a white rosebud, on them. A few of the ladies will be attending a "ladies night out" where they will be painting on wine glasses and slate; and making some wood door hangings.

International Outreach—We passed around UNICEF boxes at Halloween and encouraged Shot@Life.

Education—Several members will be tutoring at Joppatowne Elementary School. A \$2,000 scholarship will be given to a graduating senior at Joppatowne High School. We sponsor a student for the HOBY Program. We have donated books, school supplies, backpacks and money to both schools. We collect Campbell's soup labels, and Box Tops for Education.

Conservation—Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House are collected. Tips are given on saving water and electricity to lessen our utility bills. We clean our section of Shore Drive on Rumsey Island twice a year. Items are donated to the Humane Society. Energy is conserved by carpooling to meetings. Unwanted eyeglasses are collected for the Lions Club, who in turn gives them to the House for the Blind. A couple of our members deliver Meals on Wheels.

Home Life—One of our pet projects is Anna's House, a transitional home for women and children. We have decorated four bathrooms there, prepared a Mother's Day Dinner for both houses, and every year have

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furnished paper supplies and toiletries. When a family is ready to move on, we have furnished new bed linens for the next occupant who moves in. Home Life also works with Habitat for Humanity, supplying bathroom items that are color-coordinated with the bathroom. Gently used purses are collected for Project Hope which benefits Harford Family House. Eight of our club members will be participating in the Walk for Alzheimer's. The club partners with the Joppatowne Library by having a "Brunch With Santa" every year.

Public Issues—We have provided and served breakfast to the local sheriff's department. Valentines were made and donated to the Veterans at Perry Point VA Medical Center, along with clothing, toiletries, magazines and other items. Money was donated to the local fire department. The September club meeting featured a speaker from the Child Advocacy Center. Unwanted cell phones will be collected and sent to a recycling and refurbishing point. Monies raised will provide cost-free communications services to active duty military and veterans. We will be providing books, stuffed animals and blankets for neglected and troubled children, and giving books to the Child Advocacy Center.

Fundraising—The club has held teas, cash raffles and 50/50's at club meetings. After redeeming Redners Save-a-Tape, members get discounts on gas, and a percentage goes to the club. We are putting plans together for a bingo in March 2015. The club's next Tea is May 9, 2015 and it is currently selling tickets for "\$500.00 Cash for Christmas."

Membership—We have gained two new members this year, and three prospective members have attended their first meeting and are looking forward to their second meeting.

We are all hardworking volunteers and devoted members of the Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc. As stated earlier... "A body in motion stays in motion."

Myrtle Club

As we begin a new administration—Maryland, Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism—seven former Baltimore District presidents continue to participate in the oldest woman's club in GFWC-MD. Though our numbers are few, we enjoy attending our two business meetings and one workshop followed by luncheons, as well as District and State Board of Directors meetings, GFWC Conventions and our Southeastern Region Conferences.

Our members also serve in various capacities in the Baltimore District and in GFWC-MD. Two of our members serve as officers in the present GFWC-MD Administration. We look forward to continued support in federation and are so very proud of Babs Condon as she leads the GFWC for the next two years. We are so pleased to say... "We Knew Her When!"

Our club once again collected canned goods as part of the JRS PROJECT FOR KIDS and took items to the newly launched pantry at Parkville Middle School & Center

of Technology. One hundred tray favors will be made for Meals on Wheels, and contributions were made to SAVE THE BAY and YOUTH ART. Our club's CIP entry was the very first received by Bobbi Tilley, our District and State CIP Contest Chairman. We received the CIP Award at the 2014 State Convention, which was forwarded to GFWC for consideration and received a \$50.00 prize from GFWC in June.

We continue to provide seasonal door decorations for the residents' rooms at the BELIEVE IN TOMORROW HOUSE that serves families of children being treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital Children's Center—scarecrows, Christmas door hangers, Valentine heart pillows, glittering shamrocks, whirligigs, and sand buckets. This project was begun by the former Woman's Club of Glen Hills. When they left the Federation, one of our members to whom we are all indebted, Hilda Micari, asked the Myrtle Club to take over.

Our Domestic Violence Project continues to be TURNAROUND—the only agency in the Baltimore metropolitan area serving victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and sex trafficking. Their services include individual and group counseling, a 24-hour hotline, emergency room advocates, shelter



New Members of the Woman's Club of Perry Hall (L to R): Nikki Panuska, Kathy Fortney, Sharon Marquette, Carolyn King, Debbie Schillinger, and Meg McMahan.

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and transitional housing programs, and community outreach and awareness activities. Their clients range from toddlers to senior citizens. Personal products, as well as paper goods and cleaning products, are brought to our meetings and delivered to TURNAROUND.

“Back to Basics—Let’s Read,” the GFWC-MD President’s Special Project, sounds good to us!

The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall, Inc.

The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall meets every fourth Tuesday, between September and May, at Rosedale Federal Bank in Perry Hall.

We serve a Chicken and Rice dinner, every second Tuesday of the month, to the temporary residents who live at the Eastern Regional Resource Center. We provide the chicken, rice and, when available, paper products, cookies, and fruit. This volunteer job helps the center meet its goal of feeding so many homeless individuals. Some members will participate in Hygiene for Humanity

this year, by donating items to fill ditty bags, then gathering with other volunteers to sort and pack the bags.

Four times a year, members clean litter from one mile of Belair Road. This is part of the State Highway Administration’s “Adopt-a-Highway” Program to promote cleanliness and pride in the community.

Our club continues the tradition of awarding a scholarship to a deserving Perry Hall High School Senior. This year a young woman received a \$1000 scholarship, and plans to attend the Community College of Baltimore County.

Out in the community, our club has sent goodie baskets to the Perry Hall Library, White Marsh Library, Perry Hall Fire Station, and White Marsh Police Precinct.

Fundraising projects this year have been Flower Power, Premier Jewelry, and Italian Sensations. Upcoming fundraisers include a Dinner Theater, Bingo, and Boscov’s tickets.

Since October 2001, we have been “caring” for Adelmo Jimenez Junoz through ChildReach. Adelmo was

just three years old when we “adopted” him. It can take up to five months to receive correspondence.

Our own Kathy Fortney spoke on her experience as a secret shopper. Upcoming speakers include our newest member, Carolyn King, who will talk about using the Fitness Pal app to monitor eating habits, exercise, and weight. Speakers also include Katy Moose, Chesapeake Cooking; Jeff Smith, Star Spangled Banner; and Judge Julie Ensor.

Our club hosted a Youth Art Contest using student submissions from the Perry Hall Middle School. Cash awards were given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Our first place winner went on to the Baltimore District Youth Art Contest, held at Baltimore County North Point Library.

This past year we welcomed five new members to our club, and they actively jumped right into club work. The club has a monthly Lunch Bunch where we meet at a different restaurant and gather socially.

We are an active club and hope our endeavors continue to help and support our community and beyond.

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