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All Articles and Information for the WINTER 2017 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* must be in the hands of the State

Editor by

November 5, 2017.

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION:

Any club project or activity which is scheduled through the end of June 2018 may be submitted for inclusion.

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TAKE NOTE!

The Maryland Clubwoman will now be emailed to any member with an address on file. Email Mary Snyder (mnyder55@comcast.net) an updated address to ensure receipt of each publication.

THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

"Women Creating Positive Change ... Living the Volunteer Spirit"

Reservation Deadline: September 12, 2017

Club Presidents, please invite a club member who has never attended a Board Meeting.

- DATE:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017
- TIME:** 10:00 AM: Call to Order
- PLACE:** Suicide Bridge Restaurant (Hosted by the Eastern Shore District)
6304 Suicide Bridge Road
Hurlock, MD 21643
410-943-4689
- REGISTRATION:** 9:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- REGISTRATION FEE:** \$3.00 per person (to be collected at the door)
All club members are encouraged to attend .
Everyone attending must register.
- RESERVATIONS:** **Reservation Deadline: September 12, 2017**
Luncheon Reservations are \$26.00 (includes gratuity)
Make check(s) payable to: **MFWC Reservations Account**
Mail to: Diane Hill, Reservations Chairman
16201 Bond Mill Road,
Laurel, MD 20707-2844
Email: nuggetpal@aol.com
Phone: 301-498-8596
- If you plan to attend but not eat lunch, you must still reserve your seat by contacting Diane Hill.*
- MENU:** Choice of Crab Cake or Chicken
Chef's Choice of Vegetables
Assorted petite desserts provided by The Eastern Shore District
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea
If you have a food allergy or need a special meal, please let us know.
- LUNCH:** 12:30 PM
- ADJOURNMENT:** Approximately 3:00 PM
- FUNDRAISING:** Putting "FUN" into fundraising. Visit Christy Swiger, GFWC-MD Fundraising Chairman, at the fundraising table to see what goodies she has to offer. Christy will also be selling 50/50 chances throughout the day.

Anyone wishing to make an announcement at an MFWC Board of Directors Meeting should contact the state president in advance of that meeting.

THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.



2017 SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DIRECTIONS TO SUICIDE BRIDGE RESTAURANT

6304 Suicide Bridge Road
Hurlock, Maryland 21643

FROM FREDERICK: (Approximately 2 hr. 15 mins.)

Take I-70E. Take exit 87A to merge onto US-29S.

Take exit 22 on the left to merge onto MD-100E toward Glen Burnie. Take the exit toward Severna Park, turn left onto MD-2S. Continue Straight to stay on MD-2S. Keep left at the fork, follow signs to US 50E/Bay Bridge. Take US 50E toward Ocean City/ slight right onto US 50E/Ocean Gateway. Then follow the "FROM RT 50" directions below.

FROM BALTIMORE: (Approximately 1 hr. 45 mins.)

Take I-97 South towards Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Keep left at the fork, follow signs to US 50E/Bay Bridge. Take US 50E toward Ocean City – Slight right onto US-50E/Ocean Gateway. Then follow the "FROM RT 50" directions below.

FROM ANNAPOLIS: (Approximately 1 hr. 15 mins.)

Take Route 50 East exit towards Ocean City – Slight right onto US-50E/Ocean Gateway. Then follow the "FROM RT 50" directions below.

FROM RT 50:

When you get to Easton, turn left onto MD-331S/Dover Road, continue for 11.5 miles. Slight right onto MD-16W/MD-331S. Continue to follow MD-16W. Turn right toward Cabin Creek Road (watch for this sign as it is a small street sign). Turn left onto Cabin Creek Road. Take the first right onto Suicide Bridge Road. Slight left to stay on Suicide Bridge Road, about 1 mile. The restaurant will be on your right.

**DIRECTIONS TO
HOTELS:**

Follow the directions from your location until you have crossed the Bay Bridge and are on RT 50E. Stay on RT 50 thru Easton and continue towards Cambridge. When you come to Cambridge, stay on RT 50. The Holiday Inn Express will be on the right. For the Comfort Inn, pass the Walmart on your right, continue a few miles until you see the Comfort Inn on your left. Take the next left turn cut-off and make a u-turn onto RT 50W. Turn right into the Comfort Inn parking lot.

HOTELS IN CAMBRIDGE, MD

For those who wish to stay the night in Cambridge, MD, the following hotels are recommended:

Comfort Suites 2936 Ocean Gateway, Cambridge, MD 21643

Phone: 410-901-0926

Free breakfast; free internet; fitness center; heated pool; pet friendly; 24 hour coffee provided.

Senior citizen rates include AAA and AARP

Standard	\$ 98.00 + tax
1 King or Handicapped to include roll-in shower	\$127.00 + tax
2 Queens	\$118.00 + tax

Holiday Inn Express 2715 Ocean Gateway, Cambridge, MD 21643

Phone: 410-221-9900

Recently renovated; restaurant on site. Free breakfast; free internet; wheelchair accessible; indoor pool and gym; coffee pots in rooms; refrigerators in rooms

Senior citizen rates include AAA and AARP

Standard	\$111.00 + tax
1 King or Handicapped to include roll-in shower	\$115.00 + tax
2 Queens	\$111.00 + tax

**DIRECTIONS
FROM THE
HOTELS TO THE
SUICIDE BRIDGE
RESTAURANT:**

Take RT 50E through Cambridge. Turn left on RT 16 (Mount Holly Road). Follow RT 16 approx. 3 miles until you come to RT 14. Turn left on RT 14 toward Secretary. Follow RT 14 until in Secretary you see the Post Office on the left. Just after it, turn left onto Poplar Street. Follow this about 2-3 miles. Cross Suicide Bridge. The Suicide Bridge Restaurant is immediately on

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Reno Eitel,
GFWC Maryland President

Dear Federation Friends,

I am very pleased to announce the return of *The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine!* Thank you for your understanding and patience while the magazine was on hiatus.

The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine will now be available on the GFWC-MD website and emailed to any member with an email address on file. Mary Snyder, GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary, is requesting that club presidents provide email addresses for each club member. If you have not already done so, please send Mary this information as soon as possible to ensure club members receive their copy of the Magazine. Mary's email address is msnyder55@comcast.net.

Please join me in welcoming the new Magazine staff: Michele Thompson, Editor, and Assistant Editors Margaret (Meg) McMahan and Nancy Porter. Meg will assist with coordinating materials for the Baltimore, Eastern Shore and Southern Districts and Nancy will be responsible for the Western and Montgomery County Districts. Michele, Meg and Nancy are excited about their positions and look forward to working with you. I am very thankful for their willingness to take on these important positions of leadership.

In this issue of the Magazine you will find information about the September 19, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting where you will enjoy an interesting speaker, participate in informative workshops, and an enthusiastic Christy Swiger who will offer many "fun"draising opportunities. The Eastern Shore District will host this meeting at the lovely Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock, MD. I hope to see you there.

It's hard for me to comprehend that I have been in office over one year. The year has flown by as I attended district and club meetings, enjoyed many events, planned and presided over Board of Directors Meetings and the 2016 Annual Convention, attended the SER Conference in West Virginia and GFWC International Convention in California, and worked closely with the Executive Committee on several important issues. I'm having a terrific time representing you as GFWC-MD President.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your continued love, support and dedication to Federation. I am especially grateful for your support and acceptance of the many changes which have taken place the past year. You are all truly wonderful.

Yours in Federation Service and Friendship,

Reno Manning Eitel

Reno Manning Eitel
GFWC Maryland President

Save The Date!

April 21, 2018

2018 Annual GFWC Maryland
Board of Directors Meeting and Con-
vention at the Suicide Bridge Restau-
rant in Hurlock, Maryland.

FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

The sun is shining, the air is warm, and this is the time of year that reminds me of the comfort of GFWC friendships. As our clubwomen come together we make new friends that can truly last for we share a heart of volunteerism. As summer begins to fade and we look forward to the start of a new school year, I hope you join me in the excitement of a new beginning. We are beginning a new club year full of opportunities to work “outside the box” and to find new and creative ways to help those in need. I feel blessed to serve such an amazing state full of vibrant clubwomen in every level of membership.

At this year’s GFWC MD State convention, our juniors came together to celebrate a great year of service. Our convention was full of laughter, new friendships, networking opportunities, and inspiring words from our speaker who is someone who has overcome the dark times and has become a successful writer. During Junior Day, we recognized clubs for their outstanding service, junior clubwomen for giving of their time and efforts to truly make a difference in their communities, and attendees created 100 personalized story books for the children at St. Jude’s Research Hospital. Now these children can write their own stories.

At GFWC International Convention in Palm Desert, CA, it was my honor to represent GFWC MD and carry the Maryland state flag during the Opening Flag Processional. At the GFWC Junior Celebration Banquet, along with one of my federation sisters, Karyn Charvat, we created a memorable moment for our clubwoman honoring the beauty of GFWC sisters. We performed the duet For Good, from the Broadway Production of Wicked. While we sang this song describing the power of friendship, guests enjoyed a presentation of pictures of our federation sisters. Lastly, at the convention I was awarded the Millie Crom Gold Award for Excellence. My application was based on all of the wonderful projects each of you have helped make possible in our state! I am so proud of all of you and I was honored to accept this award.

The Juniors will be having our Junior Fall Conference on Saturday September 23rd, 2017, hosted by the Cumberland Juniors. Please come join us for a fun-filled day including the St. Jude Walk, a walk to end childhood cancer. As they say, many hands make light the work, so let’s bring everyone together to make a big difference in the lives of these children. Please consider bringing a friend or two to this meeting at the Ali Ghan Country Club in Cumberland, MD.

As you can see, our clubwomen will be busy this fall. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months. I encourage you to get busy raising money with your clubs for St. Jude’s. In addition, I would love to attend your events and meetings. So as you fill up your calendars remember to extend an invitation to your Director of Junior Clubs! Enjoy your fall!

In Federation Love,

Becca

Becca Wagman



Becca Wagman,
GFWC Maryland Junior Director

2016 OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN



Christy Swiger receives the 2016 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award from Reno Eitel, President, Rosemary Slacum, GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club President, outstanding Maryland Clubwoman recipient, Babs Condon, chairman OMC Award Committee

CHRISTY SWIGER NAMED 2016 OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

Judging was done anonymously and was based on the nominee's work in The Federation with emphasis placed on club-sponsored activities accomplished in the 2016 club year.

This administration's committee consists of 3 past state presidents, Barbara Pillotte, Jo Rouseau and Babs Condon, our 2012 OMC honoree Ruth Loomis, our current State Recording Secretary Dawn Donovan and our Montgomery County District President, Kitty Cash. Our decision was a tough one this year with so many worthy candidates.

This year the award goes to a clubwoman who has been a member of the Federation for almost 4 decades. She belongs to two clubs and is dedicated to both, attending both sets of meetings, as well as meetings on the district, state, region and national levels whenever possible. She is currently an officer in one of her clubs and serves as a state chairman.

She puts her all into whatever job she is asked to do, giving freely of her time, talents and treasures – especially when it comes to fundraising.

Congratulations to Christy Swiger for being selected as 2016 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman.



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ON EARNING 2016
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THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

“Stepping Towards the Future”

Reservation Deadline: September 15, 2017

- DATE:** Saturday, September 23, 2017
- TIME:** 10:00 AM: Call to Order
- PLACE:** Ali Ghan Country Club
13100 Ali Ghan Road, NE
Cumberland, Md., 21502
- ATTIRE:** Come in GFWC casual or workout wear to comfortably take bold steps to end childhood cancer.
- WHAT TO BRING:** Club presidents: bring a basket for the silent auction. Everyone: bring your donations for St. Jude's and a motivated attitude to walk for the children!
- REGISTRATION:** 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- REGISTRATION FEE:** \$3.00 per person (to be collected at the door)
All club members are encouraged to attend.
Everyone attending must register.
- RESERVATIONS:** **Reservation Deadline: September 15, 2017**
Luncheon Reservations are \$20.00 (includes gratuity)
Make check(s) payable to: **MD Junior Treasury**
Mail to: Dana Bodley
902 Cedar Street
Pocomoke City, Md. 21851
- MENU:** (Please pick one option. No mix and match)
1. Cream of crab soup and grilled chicken salad
2. Chicken salad on a bed of lettuce with tomato
3. BLT quesadilla with homemade chicken soup
If you have a food allergy or need a special meal, please let us know.
- SERVICE PROJECT:** “A Walk to End Childhood Cancer” The Challenge is on! I challenge our Maryland Juniors in a healthy competition to raise money for St. Jude's! Work together with your clubs to raise as much money as possible. The club that raises the most money will be awarded a St. Jude swag basket at our Junior Fall Conference St. Jude walk!
- ADJOURNMENT:** Approximately 2:00 PM
- FUNDRAISING:** Scrip Gift Cards, Vacation Raffle at Bab's South Carolina Beach House, “GFWC Sisters” Cuff Bracelet, Furnace Hills coffee, GFWC Attire.



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THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

DIRECTIONS TO ALI GHAN COUNTRY CLUB

13100 Ali Ghan road
Cumberland, MD 21502

COMING FROM THE WEST/GARRETT COUNTY: Use I-68. Take Exit 46 and get in the left lane. Make a left on to Ali Ghan Shrine Road at the stop sign. Take the first right, come up the long driveway to the Club House.

COMING FROM THE EAST/BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON: Take I-70 West towards Frederick. Left exit IA toward US-40 West Cumberland onto I-68 West (National Freeway). Exit 47 toward US-220 North. Left onto Baltimore Pike NE (MD 144).

You can park behind the Club House or in the parking spaces around the circle. You can also park in the huge lot on the left as you come up the hill.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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DUES AND DONATIONS



ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS!

2017-2018 Club Membership Dues are requested by December 1, 2017. Dues remain the same as last year:

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

DONATIONS

All Donations are also requested by December 1, 2017.

For recognition at the 2018 Annual Maryland State Convention, donations must be received at least 3 weeks prior to convention.

SUBMIT TO GFWC MD TREASURER:

The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine
Youth Art Fund of MFWC
Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman
Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund
*Submit your check along with your completed **GFWC MD Club Treasurer Payment Form** (download at www.gfwcmd.org in the "Downloads" section) to Anita Becker.*

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

SUBMIT TO GFWC MD CHAIRMEN:

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

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)
Make checks payable to: HOBY
Mail to: Ann Yakaitis
7802 Cypress Landing Road,
Severn, MD 21144-2948

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION:

Tree-Mendous Maryland
Make checks payable to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Mail to: Tree-Mendous Maryland
Tawes State Office Building E-1
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mail copy to: Julie Gibbs
PO Box 419,
Ocean City, MD 21843

THE OFFICIAL GFWC MARYLAND WEBSITE



SIGN-UP/RENEW FOR 2017-2018!

Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!

www.gfwcmd.org is the official website of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Anyone with an Internet connection—at home, at work, or at their local library—can access information about The Maryland Federation just by going to www.gfwcmd.org. Our website includes information on districts, clubs, and upcoming meetings as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it will be kept up-to-date by our State Webmaster Leah Clague. Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2017 through August 2018. Your page can also include photos. Each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website. **NEW this year**—GFWC Maryland also has its own **Facebook Page!** Find us on Facebook by searching “GFWC Maryland Federation” or visit us directly: <https://www.facebook.com/gfwcmd/>. Clubs are welcome to post their events and photos to this page, and we will highlight content from our GFWC Maryland Website.

****Please note:** Leah will be on maternity leave starting at the end of October, so her response time may be slower than normal!

Is your club using the GFWC Maryland website to its full potential?

Sign up for a club listing today to start using all of the amazing features, like a calendar of events and meetings, a contact form, and photos. There's no better way to show off your club!

Content Submissions:

When submitting content for the website, please name your files and photos as "Club Name_Event (Newsletter)_Date (mm-dd-yy)" so we can keep all of our files organized!

Feel free to e-mail Leah with any comments or questions about our state website at gfwcmdweb@gmail.com.

CHECK OUT THE NEW GFWC MARYLAND FACEBOOK PAGE!
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GFWCMD/](https://www.facebook.com/gfwcmd/)

Make your check payable to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and mail to: Anita Becker
GFWC-MD Treasurer
601 Delvale Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

Mail or email (preferred) the form below to:

Leah Clague
GFWC-MD Webmaster
314 Joppa Crossing Way
Joppa, MD 21085

WWW.GFWCMD.ORG

I would like to RENEW my Club Listing- \$10.00

WEB PAGE SET-UP

I would like a NEW Club Listing- \$15.00

Name of Club: _____

District: _____ Email Address for club contact: _____

Please include the Date, Time, and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from September 2017 to August 2018. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.

September _____

April _____

October _____

May _____

November _____

June _____

December _____

July _____

January _____

August _____

February _____

Special Events (Date, Time, Location, Brief Description)

March _____



ENDORSEMENTS

FOR 2018-2020 GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS

Please remember to submit all endorsements for candidates for office in the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. to the chairman of The Federation nominating committee, postmarked on or before November 1, 2017. Please also send a duplicate copy to the candidate's district representative on The Federation nominating committee.

GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee Chair:

Brenda Bennett
P.O. Box 354
Pocomoke, MD 21851

GFWC-MD Nominating Committee District Representatives:

Western District	Norma Jean Swam 22 Fitzhugh Avenue Westminster, MD 21157
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Eastern Shore District	Jo Rousseau 309A Union Avenue Salisbury, MD 21801
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Baltimore District	Shirley Wales 9805 Gunforge Road Perry Hall, MD 21128
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Southern District	Beverly Death 105 Circle Road Pasadena, MD 21122
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Montgomery County District	Tin Tin Raschid 7401 Westlake Terrace #1601 Bethesda, MD 20817
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ENDORSEMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE MUST
BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

2017 GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION

District of Columbia | Kentucky | Maryland

North Carolina | Tennessee | Virginia | West Virginia

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to the GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Conference 2017

-WHEN-

November 2-5, 2017

-WHERE-

Cincinnati Airport Marriot, Hebron, Kentucky

-RESERVATION DEADLINE-

October 11, 2017

Cost of rooms: \$109.00/Night (Plus Tax/Fees)

Reservations can be made at www.marriott.com/cvgam

Please use the corporate code **SER**

-MEETING HIGHLIGHTS-

The meeting will be hosted by GFWC Kentucky and they have an exciting conference planned! Highlights include the Kentucky State Night Banquet, a group tour, motivational speakers, entertainment, workshops, vendors with lots of good merchandise, wonderful fellowship, the State Reports, and the business of the region.

*The Official Call With The Meal Reservation Form, Registration Form,
& Agenda Will Follow*



GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Special Thank You to the GFWC Maryland members for their hard work hosting the 2015 SER conference and the 2016 GFWC Convention!



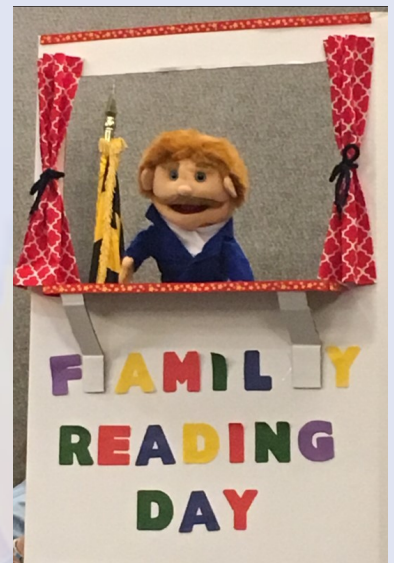
Director of Junior Clubs, Becca Wagman, presents at the 2017 Maryland Convention



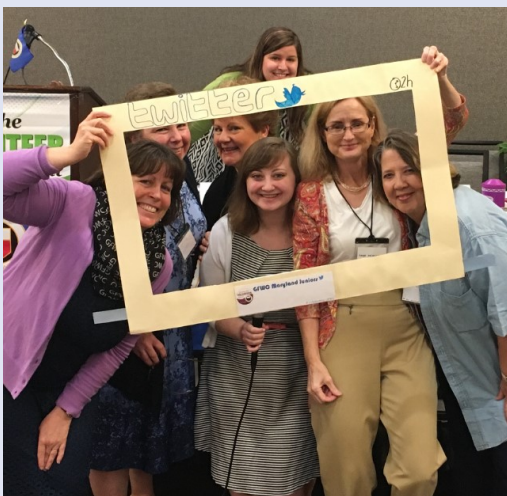
Melanie Williams accepts her LEADS candidacy for the GFWC



Reno thanking the retiring *Maryland Clubwoman* Staff for their years of dedication and service



The Pokomoke Juniors made reporting fun



The Junior Executive Committee has fun on Junior Day



Opening Flag Ceremonies

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON



Read any good books lately? I would love to hear about them. When you read a book you always feel the need to talk about it. Whether you liked that book or not, you want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. Well, GFWC has a program that can fulfill that need.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (also known as ESO), is a planned reading program for your self-enrichment and personal growth. ESO has many goals, including encouraging the formation of reading/study/discussion groups, to stimulate home reading, and to encourage the pursuit of higher education. Simply choose a book from the ESO reading list, read it, and report it to me, your MD state ESO chairperson.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita paying GFWC federated club members. Over 60 years ago, the ESO program became a permanent part of the GFWC Education Department.

My home club, Woman's Club of Cecil County, started a reading group a few years ago. We meet once a month to discuss a book we have read from the ESO book list. By choosing a variety of books, we have broadened our horizons. Not everyone enjoys every book and the best discussions happen when the majority of the group doesn't care for the book. It is interesting to hear all of the different points of view and the personal stories that relate to the subject matter. It has given us a chance to socialize with fellow club members and build many new friendships. Some of the books we have read are 'A Walk in the Woods' by Bill Bryson, 'The Omnivore's Dilemma' by Michael Pollan, 'The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks' by Rebecca Skloot, 'The Greatest Generation' by Tom Brokaw.

You can find more information about ESO on the GFWC website. Look under "What We Do" at the top of the screen, choose "Community Service Programs", and then choose "Epsilon Sigma Omicron". The handbook shares the history and explains the program, and there is an updated book list. You can participate as a group or as an individual.

Please contact me for more information, help in starting a reading group, or to share your thoughts about a good book you have read.

Happy reading!

Jennifer Adkins

jjadkins@zoominternet.net

For the handbook, reading list, or to learn more about ESO, go to

[http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/
community-service-programs/epsilon-
sigma-omicron/](http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron/)

FUNDRAISING



The summer months have just flown by and our GFWC-MFWC State Meeting will be here before you know it. I know that fundraising is not the most important topic for you to be thinking about. However, I am looking forward to seeing all of you- my *best* customers- at the September Board of Directors Meeting.

Most of you know the items I sell, so I invite you to get some of your holiday shopping accomplished at this meeting! I have many items that make terrific gifts for your friends and family members! I can't tell you how many people enjoy our crab plate bowl, our crab jewelry, our stemless wine glasses, our trivets, hot pads, lavender sachets, ornaments, Vera Bradley pill holders, and our terrific snap jewelry (just to mention a few items). You'll definitely find something for that "hard to buy for" person on your list when you visit our fundraising table.

Bring your dollars for our 50/50 opportunities and raffles! Enjoy these gorgeous days and begin thinking about getting some shopping done.

Warmly,

Christy Swiger

GFWC-MFWC Fundraising Chairman

Did You Know?

The GFWC Fundraising Advancement Guide from the GFWC Club Manual is designed to provide your club with details on how to create a successful fundraising program that can help generate revenue to support your club projects and initiatives.

<http://www.gfwc.org/membership/fundraising/>

Ever been to the GFWC Pinterest page?

A huge collection of information, ideas, and pictures are just a click away:

<https://www.pinterest.com/generalfederati/>



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

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, age or sexual orientation.

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.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE IN OUR AREA?

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, Lanham, MD.

Website: www.mnadv.org

Elder Care Locator,

Website: www.eldercare.gov ,

National Center on Elder Abuse.

Website: www.centeronelderabuse.org

Thank you all,

Nancy M. Wynne

MFWC Domestic Violence Chairman

Mark Your Calendars!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so wear purple-socks, shorts, a ribbon, whatever!- to show your support and to raise awareness.

MEMBERSHIP



The two great challenges we face as clubwomen are recruiting new members and retaining our current clubwomen. Service organizations are not as popular as they once were. Our lives are so much busier with children and work.

Many of our current members are getting older and unable to attend meetings for one reason or another. It is our job as clubwomen to try and do something to address these issues.

What can we do?

“TWO by TWO will do!

Challenge your club to find and introduce two new members a month. We all know these ladies –at work, church, the gym or in your neighborhood.

Hold a tea or just invite them to the next meeting with an interesting speaker.

Tell them about your club and what GFWC has done. Explain your club’s part in the organization. Show them that the club is fun and let them see the sisterhood of your club.

Keep in touch with the senior clubwomen in your membership. These ladies are the backbone of the group. They may need a ride to meetings. Assign members to pick them up, be sure they know in advance the dates of meetings, include them in all club projects, and on active committees. Their knowledge is gold, and experience silver.

If your club can tackle these two issues by extending a welcome to new members and remembering our present membership then “Two by Two” will do.

Jo Harp

GFWC Maryland Membership Co-Chairman



In the digital age, social media is everything. Use the social media opportunities afforded you-like the website built by Leah Clague, or the wealth of information, photos, tips, and tricks shared by GFWC International on their Pinterest Page– to enhance your reach and brand your organization.


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Julie Gibbs
Tree-Mendous MD Chairman
P.O. Box 419
Ocean City, MD 21843

4. Mail your check and form to: Tree-Mendous Maryland Director
Tawes State Office Building E-1
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401



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CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION

- September 19, 2017 GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting,
Suicide Bridge Restaurant, Hurlock, MD
- September 23, 2017 Junior Fall Conference, Cumberland, MD
- November 2-5, 2017 Southeastern Region Conference 2017
Cincinnati Airport Marriott
Hebron, KY
- November 5, 2017 Maryland Clubwoman Magazine Deadline
Editors must receive all information for the Winter Issue by this date
- December 6, 2017 GFWC Holiday Open House
Washington, D.C.
- February 20, 2018 GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting,
Holly Hills Country Club, Ijamsville, MD
- April 21, 2018 GFWC-MD Annual Convention
Please note new date!
- June 22-26, 2018 GFWC International Convention
St. Louis, MO