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In this issue, you will find important information on reporting. Enclosed, please find:

- Club categories for awards (program chairmen, this will be enclosed with the reporting packet you will received for your category at the February 19, 2018 BOD meeting)
- Guidelines for club reporting
- MD clubs Statistical Report Form (this will be available on the website)

- Sample headings for MD club narratives
- GFWC Contest deadlines and MD deadlines

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NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE

All articles and information for the Spring 2019 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* must be turned into the *Clubwoman* staff by **January 5, 2019**.

Submissions:

Please submit materials for inclusion to TheMarylandClubwoman@Gmail.com. Content may be submitted in form of Word or Google document, or in the body of an email. Files in the .pages (MAC OS) or PDF format will be returned to the sender for resubmission. Please include captions for picture submissions. Please name files to be submitted in the format below:

"Content_season_year_article title"

For Example: "Content_Winter_2018_President Letter"

Clubwoman Connection: Any club project or activity which is scheduled through the end of June 2019 may be submitted for inclusion.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello Maryland Clubwomen,

As I sit here writing this message about winter and all the flurry of activity of our clubs to add sparkle to the lives of others, it is a bit difficult to imagine the cold snowy days ahead of us. However, those days will be here before we know it. Our clubs are back for the new year with full agendas of how they plan to improve the lives of others in their community.

Our September Board of Directors meeting at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie, Maryland was well attended. Our members had an opportunity to meet new friends and greet others they have known and worked with many times. This president was delighted with the energy in the room and the cheerfulness of all the attendees and we proceeded with our meeting. Chairmen shared new ideas of projects for clubs to endorse to serve the needs of their communities. We were delighted to welcome as our speaker, Susan Cleveland, the GFWC contact for the USO, who shared some history of the work of the USO as well as new ideas how local clubs could



help meet the needs of our service men and women both during their time of service and after they return to civilian life. This president has chosen as her special project, Military Families, so these ideas will be of benefit to clubs for this administration.

GFWC Maryland was well represented at SER in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Reno Eitel represented our Maryland Federation as SER Treasurer. Maryland Clubwomen signed up for the first ever SER LEADS seminar. What a wonderful opportunity to learn more about GFWC.

This issue of The Maryland Clubwoman includes information you will need for the reporting of your club successes during the past year. Each and every club has awesome members who work so hard to improve the lives of so many. There are many Clubwomen who should be nominated for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. Check out the necessary forms in this issue as well as on the GFWC MD website <https://www.gfwcmd.org> to use for this honor. Also, all clubs are encouraged to submit the name of someone from your club as a LEADS candidate. Babs Condon, our Maryland LEADS chairman, is anxious to receive your nominations.

As we as enter this holiday time of year with Thanksgiving and Christmas activities we all need to take time to be with our families and count our many blessings as the Sparkle in our own lives. Remember the service men and women who are away from their families during this special time of year.

In Federation Friendship,

Dottie Gregg

Dottie Gregg

GFWC Maryland President, 2018-2020



FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Dear Federation Sisters,

I am writing this as we start the Fall Season. It is just starting to get cool and the leaves are changing. Soon the leaves will have fallen and we will start the winter season. I know everyone will be enjoying the excitement of the Holidays and have many activities to keep them busy. With winter's arrival and maybe a slowdown, often times we take in the stark beauty winter brings and remember how very blessed we are.

Our Maryland Juniors have been hard at work this fall and I'm sure they are looking forward to the calmness winter can bring. We just held our Junior Fall Conference. On the Nor-Easter Saturday of October 27th we were at our beautiful HQ House in Washington, D.C., the wind and rain did not stop us from having a wonderful event. This conference was hosted by the Westminster Juniors. We had a conservation activity to learn more about our National Parks, a membership ice breaker activity, and decorated our Maryland Christmas Tree for display at HQ. We made goodie bags for breast cancer awareness and wore our pink. We had information and goodies from the National Wildlife Foundation to give to schools and a Boys & Girls Club. We also supported two of the Seven Grand Initiatives, Dr. Seuss Books and the Capital Campaign. Everyone received handouts from the Advocates for Children Chairman who brought us ideas to share with our club members. I am so proud and excited that we were able to work hard to accomplish something, not merely to exist.



In January every year we travel to Florida for a much-needed break to warm my family up and rejuvenate us for the rest of winter. As nice as it is to get away, I look forward to returning home and seeing what my fellow clubwomen have been up to. There is the Super Bowl to get ready for, along with award shows, celebrating birthdays and just resting in the warmth of a cozy home with a good book and a bowl of soup or chili. It is the time for working together to make a difference and reporting on all that we have accomplished. I look forward to seeing how each Maryland Clubwoman strives to conserve, work on the Seven Grand Initiatives and come together to show off their hard work in keeping Maryland safe and beautiful.

I hope you will join us February 2, 2019 at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse in Chevy Chase, Maryland, for our Mid-Winter Rally. This day will be sure to warm you up as Chevy Chase will be hosting and we are planning some fun activities. Hope to see you there!

Warm Wishes and Hugs,

Andrea Lilly

Andrea Lilly
Maryland Director of Junior Clubs 2018-2020

JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE



The members of GFWC Maryland gathered for a wonderful day of friendship and projects. The theme for the day was “Think Pink and Go Green” and as you can see we wore our pink well and went Green for our projects. We held our meeting at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. What a wonderful place to hold our conference, the history and feel you get from this home is amazing. Members learned about the national parks and then about Maryland state parks. We received a large box of goodies from the National Wildlife Foundation and distributed to various school classrooms and a Boys & Girls Club. We participated in making birdfeeders out of pumpkins and toilet paper roll tubes. We had a membership ice breaker activity on “which way are you bent”, learning associated personalities with animal types. Turns out, we were very diverse! Attendees also learned about Advocates for Children Special Project ideas from our Junior Chairman, and handouts were provided for each member to take back to their clubs. We had so much fun decorating the state Christmas tree that is to be displayed at Headquarters in the Festival of Trees. We also stuffed pink ribbon bags with Breast Cancer Awareness items to distribute to family, friends, and a cancer care center for women.

In keeping with Madame President’s Seven Grand Initiatives, we were able to donate 44 Dr. Seuss books and, with all the Junior Clubs giving a donation, we were able to donate \$125 toward the Capital Campaign Fund – Wow! What an amazing day for all involved.





GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

Maryland Federation members were inspired, educated and entertained at the SER 2018 Conference held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The theme of the conference was “Reaching Across the Region”. They had an opportunity to attend a LEADS educational program which shared many ideas and methods for them to become better leaders in our Federation. The conference began with the thought of the day, “Make Each Day Ridiculously Amazing”. Each speaker shared ideas, approaches, and information to make each conference day



attain this goal for attendees. Attendees were informed of the work the GFWC officers were doing as well as the history of Winston-Salem. Ideas for supporting the Domestic Violence initiatives and GFWC President’s Seven Grand Initiatives were shared. Ideas for Fundraising, Legislative Action proposals by GFWC, communication tools, increasing membership methods were shared. To support the reaching across our region, each state president was given a bear to take to as many of our 7 states as possible. GFWC President, Mary Ellen Brock, remarked on the decline in membership in all philanthropic organizations noting that today there was a notable lack of interaction between people. She noted that until this attitude changes our Federation members must become more innovated in their approaches in fund raising, club meetings, and seek both senior and youth, working women and retired women for membership. She stressed that clubs must increase their visibility within their communities. Her final thought was “a bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you do not go around it”. Humor pervaded the entire conference. Come to our state convention in April and next year’s SER, where you too can learn while being entertained.



MID-WINTER RALLY

Mid-Winter Rally is to be held on February 2nd, 2019, with a snow date of February 9th. Full of fun activities, Mid-Winter Rally will be hosted and held at GFWC Women’s Club of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

GFWC Women’s Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse
7931 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

SAVE THE DATE!

The Maryland Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 19th, 2019, at Fisherman’s Inn in Grasonville, Maryland.

CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS



Category 1 (Members 18 & Under)	Category 3 (Members 31-60)	Category 4 (Members 61 & Over)
GFWC Centennial Club of Western District	11 Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.	33
GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc	8 The Woman's Club of Perry Hall, Inc.	32
Emeritus Club of Montgomery County	10 GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.	49
GFWC The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston	13 GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Inc.	48
Myrtle Club	5 GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.	49
GFWC Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke City	16 University Park Woman's Club	31
Southern Lights	4 GFWC Metropolitan Community Club	31
GFWC Western Maryland Community Club	6 of Montgomery County	
GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club	15	
GFWC The Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring	18	
Category 2 (Members 19-30)		
GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.	25 The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc.	69
The Town & Country Club of Greensboro	19 GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.	127
The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.	28 GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, Maryland, Inc.	75
GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club	25 Severn Town Club, Inc.	64
GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc.	29 The Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.	85
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.	28	

Membership statistics based on 2018 directory information.

Category 1 Members 18 and Under		Category 2 Members 19 - 30		Category 3 Members 31 - 60		Category 4 Members 61 and Over	
Centennial*	11	Dundalk	25	Bethesda	49	Chevy Chase	206
Cumberland Juniors	8	Greensboro	19	Cecil County	33	Frederick	72
Emeritus*	10	Joppatowne	28	Chevy Chase Juniors	48	Glyndon	69
Greater Fallston	13	Laytonsville	25	Laurel	49	Linthicum Heights	127
Myrtle*	5	Silver Spring	29	Metropolitan	31	Oakland	75
Pocomoke Juniors	16	Westminster Juniors	28	Perry Hall	32	Severn Town	64
Southern Lights*	4			University Park	31	Westminster	85
Western MD Comm	6	Total Clubs	6	Total Clubs	7	Total Clubs	7
Wicomico	15						
Sandy Spring	18						
Total Clubs	9						

**Past Presidents' Club*



GUIDELINES FOR CLUB REPORTING

Guidelines for Club Reporting

Appoint a Reporting Chairman -- Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2018-2020 GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Programs, to help make your club reporting easier and your Reporting Workshop run smoother.

Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:

1. Reporting Guidelines

- GFWC Club Manual for 2018-2020
- GFWC-MD Reporting Guidelines for 2018-2020
- Reporting packet(s) received for 2018-2020
- Reporting packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
- The “12 Steps for Perfect Reporting” Guide

2. Reference Materials

- Club minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
- List of club donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
- Club newsletters
- Copy of previous year’s club reports

3. Supplies

- Large tablet of paper and markers OR pads of paper and pens/pencils
- Refreshments to reward your hardworking members - make it fun!

Preparation -- Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service/Special Program and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you begin to brainstorm.

Brainstorm -- As a group, go through your reference materials, call out your various club projects, and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program/Project.

Review GFWC Reporting Guidelines --received from GFWC-MD (*available for download at <https://www.gfwc.org>*).

Write Your Narrative Reports -- Typed narratives may not exceed two (2) pages. Be sure that all of your narratives for each Community Service Program/Special Project has the proper heading. *See sample reports received from GFWC-MD.* **Large Clubs** -- You may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service/Special Program which can take their list of projects and write a report. **Small Clubs** -- You may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Community Service/Special Programs and write the reports.

Proofread and Revise -- Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions as needed.

Complete the Maryland Statistical Report

Form -- Fill out one (1) Maryland Statistical Report Form (*downloadable from <https://www.gfwcmd.org>*). One (1) person should complete this form, most likely your Reporting Chairman or President. If your club wrote narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each narrative onto the report form. Be sure to include a check mark to indicate an attached narrative. The report form becomes the cover sheet for all of your narratives.

Complete the Maryland Special Report Forms

-- for state recognition of work done in areas of Tremendous Maryland, Save the Bay, and MD President’s Special Project.

Copy and Mail Your Reports - (one Maryland Statistical Form, narratives, and special forms)
Generals - Five (5) complete report packets
Juniors - Seven (7) complete report packets

Mail one (1) complete report packet to state president:

Dottie Gregg, MD President
3123 Telegraph Road
Elkton, MD 21921

Mail two (2) complete Report Packets to State Dean of Chairmen:

Cynthia Dykes, Dean of Chairmen
1407 W Sandy Acres Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804

Mail one (1) complete Report Packet to your District Dean

Western: Nancy Wynne
8504 Rosebud Court, Middletown, MD 21769

Chesapeake: Julie Gibbs
P.O. Box 419, Ocean City, MD 21843

Montgomery: Melanie Williams
11418 Rockville Pike #409, North Bethesda, MD 20852

Junior Clubs - Also mail two (2) complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:

Andrea Lilly, MD Director of Junior Clubs
2933 Nassawango Road, Pocomoke, MD 21851

All Clubs: File one complete Report Packet in your club archives -- this is your club’s history!

GFWC-MD 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"/> 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> 2019
Club President's name	Phone #	Email
Address / City / Zip Code		

GFWC & GFWC-MD SPECIFIC PROJECT REPORTS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION						
Community Service Projects						
<i>GFWC Partnerships:</i>						
Prevent Child Abuse America						
GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN						
Community Service Projects						
<i>GFWC Partnerships:</i>						
March of Dimes						
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital						
ARTS						
Community Service Projects						
CONSERVATION						
Community Service Projects						
EDUCATION						
Community Service Projects						
<i>GFWC Partnerships:</i>						
Hugh O'Brian Youth Programs						
HOME LIFE						
Community Service Projects						
<i>GFWC Partnerships:</i>						
Canine Companions						
Easter Seals						
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH						
Community Service Projects						
<i>GFWC Partnerships:</i>						
Heifer International						
Operation Smile International						
Shot @ Life, United Nations Foundation						
U.S. Fund for UNICEF						
PUBLIC ISSUES						
Community Service Projects						
<i>GFWC Partnerships:</i>						
Sew Much Comfort						
USO						

GFWC-MD STATISTICAL REPORT FORM

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	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	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed
Club Fundraisers					
<i>GFWC Endorsed Fundraising Projects:</i>					
Terri Lynn Nuts					
Flower Power					
MARYLAND SPECIAL PROJECTS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	Narrative Enclosed
MD President's Special Project					
Tree Mendous Maryland					
Save the Bay					

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 necessary to be considered for GFWC MD Convention award and 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 two (2) pages and must be typewritten and single-spaced.

All General, Junior and Juniorette Clubs:

Mail the Statistical Form and narratives to:

(1) copy to: Dottie Gregg, President
3123 Telegraph Rd, Elkton, MD 21921-2334

(2) copies to: Cynthia Dykes, Dean of Chairmen
1407 W. Sandy Acres Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804-9313

(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: Andrea Lilly, MD Director of Junior Clubs
2933 Nassawango Rd, Pocomoke, MD 21851-3619

Districts Dean of Chairmen:

Western:
Nancy Wynne
8504 Rosebud Court
Middletown, MD 21769-8515

Chesapeake:
Julie Gibbs
P O Box 419
Ocean City, MD 21843

Montgomery:
Melanie Williams
11418 Rockville Pike, #409
North Bethesda, MD 20852



SAMPLE HEADER FOR NARRATIVES

Club Name	# Members in Club			
Program Name				
Program Chairmen or Club President	Phone Number			
Address	Email (if applicable)			
Statistical Data	Reporting Club Year (2018)			
Total Projects/Programs	Members	Total Dollars	In-Kind Donations	Hours

GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES FOR STATE

Special Programs Awards	Amount	Deadline (to state)
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Community Service Program (CSP) Awards	Amount	Deadline (to state)
Arts CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Conservation CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Education CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Home Life CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
International Outreach CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Public Issues CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Advancement Area Awards	Amount	Deadline (to state)
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Communication & Identity	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2019
Community Improvements Program	1st-5th place cash awards	March 1, 2020
Contests	Amount	Deadline
Media Campaign Contest	\$50.00 in each four categories	March 15, 2019 (to GFWC)
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2019 (to State Chairman)
"A Year in Pictures" Calendar	Non-monetary	May 15, 2019 (to GFWC)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2019 (to GFWC)

Please Note

All other club Community Service Program and Special Project reports must be postmarked by **January 31, 2019.**

Club reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 19, 2019, at the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting. Chairmen Instructions and deadlines will be included in these reports.



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.

GFWC LEADS APPLICATION



This issue includes the GFWC Maryland Informational Sheet and Application for the GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS). Each year, our state selects one candidate for this enriching program held the day before the GFWC International Convention begins. GFWC contributes to the attendee a stipend of \$250 and one-half (1/2) of the room charge for two (2) nights at the official convention hotel. Additionally, the Maryland Federation contributes \$300 towards the attendee's expenses. Please consider applying yourself or encouraging someone from your club in whom you see leadership potential to apply. I can assure the attendee will find the program a rewarding experience.

The deadline for applications is February 1, 2019, and though only one is selected, we hope to receive many applications from which to choose. My contact information is on the form. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Babs Condon
Maryland LEADS Chairman

GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

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 each LEADS candidate 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 district or GFWC-MD.
- 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 GFWC LEADS Seminar only once.

Anyone who is interested in LEADS is encouraged to apply using the GFWC Maryland LEADS Application which follows. The application is also available on the state website <https://www.gfwcmdweb@gmail.com>. My contact information is at the bottom of the application. Please contact me if you have any questions.

GFWC-MD LEADS APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Above information should be concealed during judging process.

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

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:

Please state why you would like to take part in the LEADS Seminar as a state representative:

Are you willing to:

- ◆ Attend the GFWC LEADS program on the day at the GFWC convention? Yes _____ No _____
- ◆ Defray 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 _____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 1, 2019

Note: If more space is needed for answers, attach additional sheets.

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

Babs Condon, MD LEADS Chairman 2018-2020

1224 Martin Drive

Westminster, MD 21157-3812

babscondon@comcast.net



OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN AWARD

This award's purpose is to honor one member each year who exemplifies an outstanding GFWC Maryland clubwoman. This award was originally sponsored by Edith Klein, Honorary State President 1978-1980 and the first award was presented to Barbara Pillote, May 1979. Please think about your members and honor one of them by sending a letter of endorsement to our state president telling why your club values your member's dedication, time and talents. Every club has more than one person who might fit the criteria of this award. Please take the time to honor one of your members this year and send your entry by March 1, 2019. Please have your club choose a nominee now and follow the guidelines to complete the coversheet and narrative entry form.

Please take the time to honor one of your members this year and send your entry by March 1, 2019.

All entries must be postmarked to
Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland President
by March 1, 2019

Outstanding GFWC Maryland Clubwoman Award Rules

1. Nominees must be members in good standing of a general club of the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
2. Ineligible members are: the current members of the GFWC Maryland Executive Committee, honorary GFWC Maryland State Presidents, former recipients of the award, and junior club members as the GFWC Maryland Juniors present their own Outstanding Junior Clubwoman Award each year.
3. Only one nominee per club may be submitted. We recommend polling of all members to help choose your honoree.
4. The COVER SHEET must be fully filled out and signed to be eligible.
5. A separate page of narrative must be included containing 500 words or less, (typed, double spaced) explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of this award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in GFWC Maryland with the main emphasis placed on club sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. Additional background including club involvement over the years, along with any district and state activities may be included that indicate a strong, continuing interest in the Federation. In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee and the name of her club, and dates of service must be omitted from the main body of the narrative.
6. The State President will number each entry and send copies of the numbered and anonymous narrative pages to the chairman of the OMC committee who will distribute copies of the numbered pages to her committee and ask for their top choice. The chairman will advise the State President of the number of award recipient and be given the names so she can make arrangements to honor each of the club nominees during the annual state convention and present of the award to this year's Outstanding GFWC Maryland Clubwoman.
7. To be eligible, all entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2019. Please mail to:

Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland State President
3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921-2334

COVER SHEET
Outstanding GFWC Maryland Clubwoman Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Club Name: _____

Club President's Name: _____

Signature of Club President

Date

NOTE: This cover sheet must accompany a separate sheet of narrative of 500 words or less entry (typed, double spaced). The supporting page of narrative must NOT contain the nominee's name, club name, or dates to ensure anonymity in judging.

If you have any questions regarding this narrative, please contact the State Chairman:

Rosemary Slacum
410-742-9122
rosemarysla@comcast.net

All entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2019 and mailed to:

Dottie Gregg
GFWC Maryland State President
3123 Telegraph Road
Elkton, MD 21921-2334



MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

Eligibility - All students between the sixth and 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, and 8

Class 2 - Grades 9, 10,11, and 12

Photography/Computer Art:

Class 1 - Grades 6, 7, and 8

Class 2 - Grades 9, 10,11, and 12

Awards - Local level - Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion. State level - GFWC Maryland offers two first place, two second place, and two third place awards in the Class 2 division and one first place, one second place, and one third place award in the Class 1 division.

Deadlines for Submission - All District-winning entries must be received by **March 26, 2019** 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 in April 2019 at the convention location where the original works will be displayed. *Contact TinTin Raschid at 301-633-3381 or tintinraschid@gmail.com or Debbie Winkles at 301-694-6960 or dwinkles56@gmail.com with any questions regarding the state contest.*

Guidelines -

- All entries should be original, done by the student between 3/1/18-3/1/19.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create a new composition are accepted but judged considering age-appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer-enhanced photography and graphics.
- Work may be of the following media: Oil, lead pencil, ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed-media, photography, or computer art. If necessary, the work may be sprayed with fixative.
- Entries must have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core. **Maximum size not to exceed 24” x 36” in it’s entirety**, including computer graphics. Canvas

may be stretched or mounted. **No frames or glass.**

- Each entry must have an entry card** (see next page) securely attached to the back with info. Each card must have the student’s name, email, complete home address, phone number, grade, school, and media type. **Entries without cards will not be judged. Entries with school information rather than personal will not be judged.** You must use the included entry card (see next page).
- 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 winning works each for Class 1 and 2 in art, and three winning works each for Class 1 and 2 for Photography/Computer Art.

GFWC Maryland Youth Art Program Entry Card

Print clearly | Include *personal* information | No school emails/addresses | Affix to back of art entry

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Type of Media: _____ Title: _____

Sponsoring Club: _____ District: _____



MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM FORMS

Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs Youth Art Program Entry Form

Please print clearly

Artist's Name: _____

Title of Art: _____

Personal Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Sponsoring Club: _____

District: _____ Contact: _____

Creative Arts Waiver

With my signature, I declare that I have created the submitted work, entitled _____

_____, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been

published before. With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe upon the

copyright of other persons or entities.

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under the age of 18)

Date

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 clearly be marked Attn: GFWC Newsletter Contest.

Cover Letter -

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 unique approach to utilizing its newsletter.
- Clubs with electronic newsletters must submit printed copies.

Awards -

A \$50.00 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 contests - Clubs must submit entries to State Newsletter Contest Chairman, Jo Miller.

Jo Miller

14003 Cedarwood Drive SW
Cumberland, MD 21502
jjmil68@verizon.net

Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2019 for inclusion.

GFWC Contests - Clubs may submit entries directly to Patti Poe, Chairman, GFWC Newsletter Contest.

Patti Poe

7187 Rock Springs School Road
Nocona, TX 76255

Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2019 for inclusion.

GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST

Contest Rules -

- Only one website per club may be submitted.
- Website homepage must contain a link to <https://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 -

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

approach to maintenance.

Awards -

A \$50.00 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 emails must be received by 11:59 P.M. EDT on March 15, 2019.**

GFWC-MD WEBPAGE REGISTRATION FORM

The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up/Renew for 2018-2019!

<https://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 <https://www.gfwcmd.org>. Our website includes information on upcoming meetings, districts, clubs, as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it will be kept up-to-date by our **State Webmaster Trey Lee**. Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!

Now is the time to RENEW and update your club listing for \$10.00. Now is also the time to SIGN-UP for a NEW club listing for \$15.00 and join us online!

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2018 thru August 2019. Your page can also include photos. Each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website. Feel free to e-mail Trey with any comments or questions about our state website at <https://gfwcmdweb@gmail.com>.

To join us for the new club year...

Mail or email the form below to:

Dottie Gregg
GFWC-MD President
3123 Telegraph Road
Elkton, MD 21921

Make your check payable to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and mail to:

Anita Becker
GFWC-MD Treasurer
1601 Delvale Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

**\$10.00 to RENEW a club listing
\$15.00 for a NEW club listing**

Please use the following address when emailing submissions: <https://gfwcmdweb@gmail.com>

**<https://www.gfwcmd.org> 2018-2019
Web Page Sign-up**

- I would like to RENEW my Club Listing—\$10.00
 I would like a NEW Club Listing—\$15.00

Name of Club: _____

District: _____ E-mail Address for Club Contact: _____

Please include the Date, Time and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from September 2018 through August 2019. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.

September _____

May _____

October _____

June _____

November _____

July _____

December _____

August _____

January _____

Special Events (date, time, location, brief description)

February _____

March _____

April _____

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS



Bylaw Amendments

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before **February 1, 2019** pursuant to the Bylaws of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Article XVII. Amendments may be proposed by the Bylaws Committee, the Executive Committee, or by a Club of the Federation. Additionally, pursuant to our bylaws Article XIV, Section 3, each club of the Maryland Federation is to provide the Bylaws Committee a copy of its bylaws and any amendments it may make to assure that they are not in conflict with the GFWC-MD Bylaws. If your club or district has amended your bylaws since you last submitted a copy of them to me, please submit a copy with the amendments. Three (3) clubs have never submitted a copy of their bylaws and I still need them. I will be in touch shortly to see if they are obtainable.

If you need to reach me, have any questions or have any proposed amendments to bring to the attention of the MD Bylaws Committee, the contact information for me is below.

Cynthia Ann Dykes, GFWC-MD Bylaws Chairman
1407 W Sandy Acres Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804

(H) 410-742-4658 | (C) 301-351-7752 | cynad1@yahoo.com

Resolution Submission

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 7 of the Maryland Federation Bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee "to receive, consider, investigate the accuracy of the contents, consult sponsors on editorial changes, put into parliamentary form, and present to The Federation all resolutions as are pertinent to the work and objectives of The Federation". Proposed Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee on or before **January 15, 2019**. Proposed Resolutions may be presented by any one of the following: Executive Committee, Resolutions Committee, a district, a federated club, or the chairman or a program or committee for The Federation. If you have any questions regarding resolutions, please contact me.

Bernadette Simon, Maryland Resolutions Chairman
612 Fairmount Road, Linthicum, MD 21090
410-859-4433 | bsimon1234@yahoo.com

GFWC Community Improvement Program Award

The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award offers clubs incentive to implement projects designed to meet community need. Club projects that help make your community a better place are "community improvement" projects and are eligible for national recognition and reward. GFWC awards a total of \$18,860 to state and national winners. Club projects must be accomplished during the period on **January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019**. Club entries are submitted via mail directly to your State Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, postmarked no later than **March 1, 2020** and must include the official, completed Community Improvement Contest **Entry Form/Cover Sheet**. The entry form/cover sheet can be downloaded from the GFWC Club Manual at the conclusion of the Community Improvement Program Award section. Club entries are to be judged at the state level. Judging criteria includes project selection, project development and project evaluation. A list of the state's first, second, and third place winners will be sent to GFWC for judging. National awards are presented in June at the GFWC Annual Convention. **Complete details on entering the 2018-2020 Community Improvement Program Award Contest can be found in the GFWC Club Manual.**

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? The fund, born in 1957, is named for Bettie M. Sippel, the first Marylander to be GFWC President. A donation to the fund is an investment in the next 100 years of the Maryland Federation. Please send and make payable all donations to MFWC Treasurer. Please specify the fund name on the check.

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT REPORT



Clubs of the newly formed GFWC Chesapeake District, Inc. have been busy adjusting to new titles and assignments:

Cecil County club's focus is on providing educational and community volunteer opportunities for its membership; increasing fund raising activities and educational scholarship grants and increasing membership with a drive and event scheduled for the Spring. We will continue to support the CCPS Winter Art Exhibit and sponsorship of the Student Artists' Reception and Awards.

Dundalk hosted the successful inaugural Board of Directors meeting of our new district. They welcomed five new members bringing new energy and spirit to the club. Members look forward to supporting the HOBY, Angels Supporting our Troops, Save the Bay and various community outreach projects.

Glyndon is looking forward to the Annual Charity Tea at the clubhouse to benefit a wide variety of charities in their community. Spring tea features award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar Mary Ann Jung, portraying one of the many female characters in her repertoire. The year started successfully by supplying school supplies for students in need.

Greater Fallston reports the club supporting projects benefiting veterans such as shoe boxes with essentials and goodies; clothing and a donation to the VA hospital for use at Christmas. They also support Anna's House, a shelter for abused clients with special gifts on Mother's Day and are looking forward to the monthly dinner meetings held at various restaurants in the area.

Joppatowne has a goal of recruiting new members by leveraging club accomplishments. They will continue with road cleanup, provide breakfast twice yearly for the Sheriff's department, host a Mother's Day dinner at Anna's House, a shelter for abused women, fundraise for scholarships for high school students, and continue projects supporting veterans. The club looks forward to their Annual Tea and Bingo fundraisers.

Linthicum Heights' major fundraisers will be Holly Mart, Gala, Prayer Breakfast, Bingo and Quarter Auction. Spring Tea will feature members' adopted tables with a theme. HOBY student sponsorship and a new

teacher appreciation project for elementary schools will be supported.

Myrtle continues supporting a local food pantry and TurnAround, a shelter for women, with cleaning and paper supplies as well as personal items. Seasonal arrangements are placed at the Believe in Tomorrow House at Johns Hopkins Hospital and tray favors are made for Meals on Wheels clients once a year.

Perry Hall - Tanya Kenny, daughter of a 50+ year club member, is the new president. The club supports Community Baskets and the Eastern Family Resource Center with volunteering. Scholarships and Youth Art program at the middle school level are sponsored. They collect box tops for education and pull tab for Ronald McDonald House.

Pocomoke Juniors continue to juggle work, family and community service. They will transition to a new club president in the Fall and later forge ahead with its annual and ever-popular Miss and Little Miss Pocomoke Pageant.

Severn Town is looking forward to the 55th Holly Ball benefiting the Summit School and other community organizations. It also supports Arden House, a domestic abuse shelter; HOBY students, Youth Art and researching a conservation project to sponsor.

Southern Lights members look forward to traveling to Southern Maryland for a meeting this year to assure attendance of all four members.

Town & Country Club of Greensboro started the year with angels and doggies. Clip angels from the 2018 Convention memorial service for two members were forwarded to each of their families. Additional angels were distributed at various community functions such as "Greensboro Goes Purple", an event to increase awareness of opioid abuse. Members collect cloth bedding for Caroline County Humane Society.

Wicomico presented a check to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, earmarked for Women's Programs and Scholarships, in honor of Jo Rousseau, 32 year member and past Honorary MD President. In April 2019, the club will celebrate its 98th anniversary of federation.

LEADERSHIP

Cynthia Dykes, Leadership Chair



Leaders are vital for the continued success of our clubs. Always remember, leaders are not just born -- they can be created with care, support and mentoring from current leadership. GFWC has one of the best “incubators” for rising and future leaders with the LEADS program. It provides knowledge and instills confidence in a person, both essential leadership qualities.

Each state in GFWC is eligible to send an attendee to this seminar which is held each year usually, the day before the GFWC International Convention begins. GFWC demonstrates its commitment to training future leader by funding a portion of the candidates’ expenses. In addition, the Maryland Federation provides a stipend to help defray expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to their leadership development and training.

I encourage anyone interested in the program to apply. Additionally, I urge each of you to encourage those members of your clubs who you see as your leaders of tomorrow to apply. Information along with the application for the LEADS program is included in this issue and is also available on the state website. Please give it due consideration.

Deadline for applying is February 1, 2019.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON

Jennifer Adkins, ESO Chair

Many times we hear that Maryland is like a miniature United States. We have the beaches and oceans, the flat lands, the rolling hills, and the mountains. We also have many accomplished authors and books with Maryland settings. What books have you read with a Maryland connection? As the ESO MD Chairwoman, I am compiling a list of such books. My club’s book group recently chose to read Sea Swept by Nora Roberts. It was set on the Eastern Shore and had many references to the waterways and towns in the area. Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler is also on our book list. It is set in Baltimore and follows the trials of a local family. Later this year, we are going to read The Letter Writer by Dan Fesperman, who is a Maryland author. Our list does include other titles, such as Susquehanna by Harriet Segal, Code Girls by Liza Mundy, and Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton. These titles were chosen because of member suggestions, magazine articles, family book collections, and community recommendations. How do you, or your book group, choose what to read?

As with everything in life, not everyone is going to like every book on the list. But, many topics are touched upon in every book. Discussing a book, whether you enjoyed it or not, is a great way to see other peoples’ points of view, learn about history, science, technology, arts, or bring an emotional topic to the forefront. What someone may think is a simple “beach read” may bring up family or social issues that need to be thought about and discussed, or may lead to a potential change in your life or community.

FUNDRAISING

Christy Swiger, Fundraising Chair

Congratulations to all our GFWC-MFWC Clubs and Clubwomen! All your outstanding fundraising ideas, events, and especially your awesome reporting skills have paid off tremendously. Our State won the GFWC Fundraising Award for Category III for the 2017 club year. This great news was announced at the recent GFWC Convention in St. Louis this past June. All MFWC Presidents should have gotten their fundraising packets at our state meeting that provides many ideas from other clubs. Creative new ideas for fundraising as well as the traditional ‘tried-and-true’ events are alive and well in Maryland.

I am extremely proud to be your State Fundraising Chairman. As always, if there is any desire for items that I can sell to assist you in your personal gift giving or needs for your clubs, please contact me at specht21@aol.com or 301-461-8986.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Norma Jean Swam, Domestic Violence Chair

Children and families are affected by sexual assault, crime and violence every day. The outcome of violent acts on an individual have lasting effects which can lead to very risky behavior like human trafficking, mental illness, disease and even death. Therefore, our Maryland clubwomen need to become warriors for these victims. We need to be diligent about educating ourselves and the local community about the rise of violence in homes, workplaces and schools. According to the article from MD Domestic Violence entitled *Get the Facts*, the statistics are disheartening:

- **46 domestic violence related deaths in Maryland**
- In 2017 one day, 956 domestic violence victims were served in Maryland
- in 2016 1,784 temporary protective orders were administered and 1,308 final protective orders served

Here are some ways the Maryland clubwomen can make a difference:

- **Invite your local Family and Children Services Director to your meeting and find out how your club can support their cause.**
- Some victims are willing to share about their ordeal dealing with abuse, be very sensitive to their needs if they speak to the club or at a community forum.
- Keep your club informed using media, newsletters and emails about the needs of victims in your community, the local safe houses do run out of items.
- Rape Crisis Intervention Service personnel provide sexual assault survivors with undergarments at the hospital after theirs are taken for testing. **Your members could have a shower at one of your meetings to collect these needs.**
- invite someone from the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force. Their contact information is <https://www.mdhumantrafficking.org>

JUNIOR'S SIGNATURE PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Trisha Wagman, Advocates for Children Chair

There are some great projects your clubs can do with one of our GFWC Partners March of Dimes during these fall and winter months.

Military Mommy Bags are a perfect way to support women in the military who are starting or growing a family. Care packages provide them with beneficial materials, as well as a sense of being appreciated. Encourage club members to bring items to a club meeting and assemble the bags together there. Personal notes make great additions to the bags as well. You can also support March of Dimes through **Healthy Baby**, which helps military moms-to-be. High stress levels are dangerous for both moms and babies. To give back to those who have given so much, they created the program to provide free information and support services for military families. They also kicked off a new initiative, **Blanket Change**, in October. It is a powerful campaign seeking to highlight issues related to maternal and child health, and particularly to maternal mortality. Here's how to support the #BlanketChange campaign:

- Take photos/video with a blanket and post to your social media accounts with your story with the hashtag #BlanketChange. Encourage your friends to do the same!
- Share stories and the #BlanketChange video
- Go to the March of Dimes website for information on this project <https://www.marchofdimes.org/blanketchange>
- Contact your legislators through Phone2Action at [marchofdimes.org/blanketchange](https://www.marchofdimes.org/blanketchange) and urge your friends to do the same

The campaign will continue into November with March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Month Activities.

Together we can create #BlanketChange!

MEMBERSHIP

Beverly Death, Membership Chair



The whole Advancement Guide, a guide about recruitment and membership can be downloaded by going to <https://www.GFWC.org/membership> club manual. Some examples from the guide are listed below.

- The first part is Marketing GFWC. This section includes various speeches which promote GFWC Marketing.
- Membership Retention and how to engage your Membership to keep them interested.
- There are electronic newsletters from GFWC Committee Chairmen with expert suggestions for getting the most out of all aspects of club work.

GFWC and The Maryland Federation want to recognize and award membership. There are 5-, 10-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 40-, 50-year pins, with the 50-year as gold and the 25-year as silver. If you are interested in getting a pin, speak with me. We also want to celebrate Club Anniversaries. Club Presidents, please let me know of any Club Anniversaries so we can celebrate at our Convention this year. We need to send a quarterly report to GFWC for their 2018-2020 recruitment campaign. I need the Club Presidents or their Membership Chairmen to send the contact information of all their new members in to me at beverlydeath@gmail.com. I am happy to say GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights has 8 new members and GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc. has 5 new members.

TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND

Julie Gibbs, Tree-Mendous Maryland Chair

Celebrate National Arbor Day on April 26, 2018 by making a donation of \$40.00 to the Tree-Mendous Maryland Program. Order trees on-line or by mail. Remember to indicate on the order form that you are a member of GFWC MFWC. It is as easy as that and your project is done. This program kicks off the planting season on the first Wednesday in April. Maryland has a new planting area in the Elk Neck State Forest in Cecil County. This is the first Arboretum in Cecil County that is designed for use as an outdoor classroom. There are 52 different species of native shrubs and trees identified along the ½ mile easy walking trail. Check out the dnr.maryland.gov/forest website for information on your county forest. Give your members the opportunity to hear a speaker from DNR or just enjoy an outdoor picnic area and walk along a guided trail. Just like that another Conservation program done. GFWC International President, Mary Ellen Brock has challenged all members to participate in one of the "7 Grand Initiatives" projects for 2018-2020. One of these projects is to "plant 1,000 trees on Arbor Day. With the participation of our members in the Tree-Mendous Maryland Program, we can make a contribution towards her goal of 1,000 trees planted. Yes, Maryland can do this!

Happy 50th Anniversary to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation!

Did you know that The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year?! The truly fantastic part? The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs has been supporting the foundation and Saving our Greatest Natural Resource for 34 years. I hope that all of you are aware of the impact our involvement has made!

Helping to Save the Bay is an easy project for our clubs to participate in. I am challenging all our clubs to assist in celebrating this 50th Anniversary of the foundation. I ask that you consider donating to the foundation during the 2018 and 2019 club years. Any donation is terrific, but to those of you that donate \$50 dollars or more will receive a special gift from me at convention. I appreciate all the clubs that have made donations. **At this time, only five clubs have contributed to the Bay in 2018.** Please help me get 100% participation. We can do this!

Please make donations out to "Chesapeake Bay Foundation" and mail them to me.

Christy Swiger
117 Comanche Circle
Millsboro, DE 19966.

Please report any contributions under your conservation narrative, your Club Statistical Reporting Form and the special "Save the Bay" form.



THE MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION

January 31, 2019

Club Reporting Deadline

Reports should be postmarked no later than January 31, 2019

February 2, 2019

Mid-Winter Rally

GFWC Women's Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse
7931 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

February 19, 2019

February Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Chesapeake District
Fisherman's Inn
3116 Main Street
Grasonville, MD 21638

April 27-28, 2019

GFWC Maryland Annual Convention

Location TBD

September 17, 2019

September Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Western District, Location TBD

February 18, 2020

February Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Chesapeake District, Location TBD

April, 2020

GFWC Maryland Annual Convention

Dates, Location TBD