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**Districts Reporting for the SPRING 2014 issue:**  
Eastern Shore and Baltimore

**ALL Articles and Information for the WINTER 2013 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by October 5, 2013.**

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 2014 may be submitted for inclusion.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Beverly Death*  
*GFWC Maryland President*

Dear Federated Friends,

At our April Convention, I celebrated one year in office. Where has the time gone? It has been spent with YOU, my dear clubwomen. I have attended your club meetings, Prayer Breakfast, Mardi Gras, and played many games of Bingo. I attended the Southeastern Region Meeting in Virginia with many of you.

GFWC Maryland's first shortened April Convention proved to be an exciting day-and-a-half of reports, awards, speakers and entertainment. I believe it went very well, and I received many encouraging remarks from those in attendance.

On June 28th I was bound for Hollywood, Florida and the 122nd Annual GFWC International Convention. It was an

exciting Convention with an abundance of fun, fellowship, and Florida sun. I returned home just in time for fireworks on the 4th of July.

I hope you all have enjoyed your summer. Our beautiful Chesapeake Bay, along with all the other wonderful scenic areas in Maryland, makes me happy to be a native—I hope you feel the same.

Your GFWC-MD Executive Committee has been working hard on meeting plans for the new club year. The September Board of Directors Meeting will be hosted by the Eastern Shore District, at the Chesapeake Inn, on September 17, 2013. I hope to see you there!

***The 2014 GFWC-MD Annual Convention has been changed to April 5-7, 2014!***

Please mark your calendars! This year's convention will be the traditional two-and-a-half day event and will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott. It will be an election year, so please plan to attend! More information will be forthcoming in "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine, and we will be discussing this event at the upcoming Board of Directors Meetings.

In Federation Friendship,

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

Beverly Death  
GFWC Maryland President

# FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Mary Walton  
GFWC Maryland  
Director of Junior Clubs

Happy Days to my Federation Friends!

Can you believe summer is on its way out and we're getting ready for the chilly days of fall? Before I jump ahead, let's take a few moments to look back over the past few months—a lot has happened!

Let's see... We held the Mid-Winter Rally Junior membership meeting on February 2nd. This was a wonderful day wrapped around Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention. Janice Kispert and Bryna Clark-Braverman from Carroll County's Rape Crisis Intervention Service spoke to the attendees about safe dating and the "line" that is so easily crossed by young adults new to dating and relationships in general. Lots and lots of sports bras and underwear were donated to RCIS. It was fabulous to have a room full of GFWC Maryland clubwomen sharing their knowledge and experience with one another.

April brought our GFWC Maryland Annual Convention in the "off-year, shortened format" for the first time. Junior Business was conducted in record time, reports were given (some in hilarious skit format!) and Junior Day concluded with the "Unity" Luncheon, combined with the General membership. You can read more about Junior Day on page 6 of this issue.

At the end of June, I was fortunate to accompany 17 other GFWC Maryland clubwomen to the 122nd Annual GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, Florida. It was an honor to represent our state by carrying the Maryland flag in the opening ceremony. The convention was filled with activities and fun events, workshops and speakers. Each convention I attend helps me become a stronger, more confident woman and I am forever grateful to GFWC for the opportunity to serve you as your Director of Junior Clubs. I would be thrilled if you, too, would join me at the next convention—you would be amazed at the things you learn and the friendships you make!

Now, as we head into fall, we once again turn to serving our communities. Please remember, October 20-26, 2013 is GFWC Advocates for Children Week. How will your club celebrate this week by serving children in your community? Enquiring minds want to know!

In Federation Friendship,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mary".

Mary Walton  
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



# GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

## ***The 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention April 20-21, 2013 at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD***

***“She Loves Me Through Volunteerism”*** was the theme at the 114th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc., held April 20-21, 2013 at the BWI Marriott. Clubwomen from across the state were in attendance.

On Friday night, members gathered for ***“Sweet Dreams” Federation Fun Night***, hosted by the Maryland Juniors. Clubwomen relaxed, snacked and enjoyed those “Maryland Mudslides.”

The Junior Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th, by Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, as they celebrated their accomplishments at ***“Sowing the Seeds of Love” Junior Day***. Clubwomen who attended brought items to support the Juniors’ Day of Service Project for ***Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County***.

The ***“Unity” Luncheon*** on Saturday, April 20, 2013 was the ***Official Opening of the 114th Annual Convention*** by GFWC Maryland President Beverly Death. Following the Presentation of Colors by the ***Navy League Cadets***, President-elect Brenda Bennett led the singing of “America the Beautiful.”

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the presentation of the

***Youth Art Awards***. Each of the young artists shared some information about their work. The featured speaker was ***Sharon Love, from the One Love Foundation***, named for her daughter Yeardeley Love. The organization was founded in May 2010 after Yeardeley was killed by her ex-boyfriend. Yeardeley grew up in Baltimore, and attended and played lacrosse at the University of Virginia. Through education and technology, the One Love Foundation is designed to raise awareness and change attitudes about Relationship Violence.

Awards were presented for the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, and the Juniors’ Special Project: Advocates for Children. Membership awards were presented and recognition was given to clubs celebrating special anniversaries. The afternoon session concluded with the presentation of the ***2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award to Ruth Loomis, GFWC Woman’s Club of Cecil County, Inc.***

Immediately following the luncheon, members gathered for ***BINGO*** with Christy Swiger. Those who weren’t playing Bingo shopped at the Exhibitors’ booths and the Maryland Fundraising tables.

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*GFWC-MD President Beverly Death (right) and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton*



*The Navy League Cadets*



*Speaker Sharon Love, from the One Love Foundation (right), with GFWC-MD Honorary President Jo Miller*



*Congratulations to the 2013 GFWC Maryland Youth Art Contest Award Winners!*



## GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

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On Saturday evening, the “**Celebrating Membership**” Banquet began at 6:00 p.m., with Bonnie Andrews providing processional music for the Parade of the Presidents. District Presidents introduced the clubs and club presidents of their districts. Members were entertained during dinner by the **Bill Edwards Trio**. These musicians are all members of the Crabtowne Big Band, based in Annapolis, and we were happy to have them join us again this year (of course, HOBY Chairman Anne Yakaitis loves this group, since one of them is her husband!). Our entertainment continued during the evening as the five District Presidents gave their reports. The staff of “The Maryland Clubwoman” magazine gave their report in the form of a game—“Are You as Smart as a Staff Member?” Then winners of the Club Newsletter Contest were announced by Jo Miller, Editor of “The Maryland Clubwoman.”

Special Committee reports and awards were presented for Leadership, Communications and Public Relations, and Fundraising. It was announced that Sandra Blankenship, member of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Linthicum Heights,



Members of the STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster gather for Saturday’s “Celebrating Membership” Banquet.

Inc. would represent Maryland at the LEADS seminar at the 2013 GFWC International Convention. Barbara Tilley, chairman of the Community Improvement Program (CIP), reminded everyone of the March 1, 2014 deadline.

During announcements, Carol Horne, Conventions/Meetings Chairman, requested members to submit photos of places in Maryland which may be included in a slide show at the installation reception of Babs Condon as GFWC International President, 2014-2016.

Following the banquet, members gathered in the President’s Suite, and the five District Presidents hosted a Reception honoring the club presidents, honorary presidents, and all the nominees for

the 2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award.

Sunday began early at 7:30 a.m. for those who attended the **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast**. The meeting was led by Convention Club President Mary Thompson, and a good time was had by all. You know what they say... “*What’s said at convention club, stays at convention club!*” So if you have attended a GFWC International Convention, join us for breakfast next year.

When convention reconvened, Federation business was discussed, including the approval of the budget for 2013-2014. The Corresponding Secretary read regrets from Honorary Presidents who were unable to attend including: Carolyn Morrison, who was still in Florida; Barbara Peck, who was recovering from a stay in the hospital; and Babs Condon, who was at another state’s convention on behalf of GFWC. The GFWC-MD Officers gave a performance of the skit presented at the GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting in November entitled “A Flowerbed of Volunteering.”

**Community Service Program and Partnership Awards** were next on the agenda, with the chairmen announcing the clubs winning in each category for Arts, Conservation,



Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Ruth Loomis (left), with Woman’s Club of Cecil County President Dottie Gregg



Nominees for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award—They’re ALL Winners!

Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues.

During the break, members viewed the two **“Spirit of the American Woman” Quilts** on display, which were made by Maryland clubs during Barbara Peck’s administration in 1996-1998. Carol Horne brought a printed booklet that showed the location of each club’s quilt square. Everyone enjoyed seeing the quilts and finding their square. The quilts are stored at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, but clubs may borrow them for display at club meetings or functions by contacting Barbara Pillote.

GFWC-MD Honorary Presidents, and the 2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Ruth Loomis, were honored guests at the **“Women of Distinction” Luncheon**. The guest speaker was **Dr. Pamela Ouyang, Director of Johns Hopkins Women’s Cardiovascular Health Center**.

Dr. Ouyang specializes in cardiology, internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, and has more than 35 years of experience as an M.D. She reminded us that even though some changes may be difficult, everyone should follow a lifestyle that is heart healthy, including exercising, eating better and quitting smoking.

Reports were given for the President’s Special Project—Women’s



*Speaker Dr. Pamela Ouyang, Director of Johns Hopkins Women’s Cardiovascular Health Center*

Health, Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, WHRC/1734 Society, Legislation & Public Policy, and the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee. Barbara Pillote, Resolutions Chairman, read resolutions in memory of: Jean Reisenweber, Honorary President 1984-1986; and Edith (Edie) Klein, Honorary President 1978-1980. Jean Reisenweber began Maryland’s Save the Bay project, which is still in effect today. Edith Klein began the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award during her administration. These ladies will be missed by many of our members, but will be remembered through these two programs.

Our talented members were then recognized with the Needle Art, Art & Photography Awards.

A special presentation was made to the GFWC Maryland Federation by Rachel Fink and Rebecca McNamara, members of the **Woman’s Club of Catonsville, Inc.** Most of you are aware that, after 80 years, the Woman’s Club of Catonsville dissolved at the end of December 2012. In accordance with their bylaws, all assets must go to charities. The club donated their clubhouse to the Catonsville Community Foundation, a non-profit organization. They presented a very generous monetary gift to GFWC Maryland, with the request that it be distributed over the next three years to: Save the Bay, “The Maryland Clubwoman” Magazine, the GFWC-MD Domestic Violence Awareness Program, and the GFWC-MD Operating Budget.

The Woman’s Club of Catonsville will be missed by our Federation. Thank you to the clubwomen of Catonsville for all your contributions to your community, Baltimore District, and The Federation.

Final reports were given by the Credentials, Registration, and Reservations Chairmen. The Convention Committee was presented and, after The Collect for Clubwomen, the 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention was adjourned.



*Members enjoyed viewing the “Spirit of the American Woman” Quilts.*



*GFWC-MD President Beverly Death (center) accepts a generous donation from Rachel Fink and Rebecca McNamara, members of the Woman’s Club of Catonsville, Inc.*

## “Sowing the Seeds of Love” at the GFWC Maryland Convention

**Junior Day was held on Saturday, April 20th at the 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention.**

The “Sowing the Seeds of Love” Junior Day was a fantastic celebration of the accomplishments of the GFWC Maryland Juniors. Tricia Wagman, Juniors’ Special Project: Advocates for Children chairman, started us off with an inspiring Thought for the Day, reminding us that even though we’re not always aware, children are watching us and learning from us.

We learned about the various club projects and achievements through reports and skits—Maryland Juniors, you have lots to celebrate—with 144 Junior members (including the 11 Juniorette members), Maryland Juniors volunteered a total of 17,780 hours, completed 278 projects and committed a whopping \$55,333 with an additional \$17,993 of in-kind

donations. Your work is phenomenal and deserves a round of applause!

The following Maryland Juniors received awards for their club work during the 2012 year: Michele Thompson (Westminster STARS), 2012 Juniorette of the Year; Meghan Jothen (Westminster Juniors), 2012 Rookie of the Year; Jess Condon (Westminster Juniors), 2012 Outstanding Maryland Junior; and Regina Whitaker (Cumberland Juniors), 2012 Babs Condon Achievement Award.

This year a “Unity” Luncheon was held with the General membership. The guest speaker was Sharon Love from the One Love Foundation. Sharon is the mother of Yeardeley Love, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend on May 3, 2010 at the University of Virginia. Ms. Love spoke about her daughter and the mission of the One Love Founda-



*GFWC-MD Junior Director Mary Walton* tion, which is to “End Relationship Violence through education and technology.” The “Be 1 For Change” public service announcement, which won the 2013 Addy Award, was shown and the “One Love Dating Assessment App” was announced. You can read all about the One Love Foundation at [www.joinonelove.org](http://www.joinonelove.org).

It is my hope that more people will attend the 2014 Annual Convention, to be held April 4-7, 2014 at the BWI Airport Marriott. Our attendance this year was 11% of the Junior membership and 7% of the General membership. Let’s try to double that next year and see if we can make it 35% of the state membership. Mark your calendars now—I would love to see you there!



*The Westminster STARS Juniorettes presenting their Junior Day report*



*Juniorette of the Year Michele Thompson*



*Rookie of the Year Meghan Jothen*



*Outstanding Maryland Junior Jess Condon*

# OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

## ***Ruth Loomis Named 2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman***



*Left to Right: GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County President Dottie Gregg, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award Winner Ruth Loomis, GFWC Maryland President Beverly Death, OMC Committee Member Jo Rousseau*

***Ruth Loomis, nominated by the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc., was named the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2012 at the GFWC-MD Annual Convention in April. Following is the nomination submitted by her club:***

This nominee joined the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs in 1991. Her service to her local club includes positions on many committees, as well as the offices of Public Affairs Chairman, Recording Secretary, Vice-President and President from 1998 through 2002. She has also served as Vice-President and President of her District from 2006-2010. She has held the office of Recording and Corresponding Secretary for her District. She rarely misses any of the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meetings.

Currently she is continuing to serve, as she has for the last eight years, as Recording Secretary for

her local club. For the past thirteen years she has helped with the Arts Exhibits for the local schools in her club area.

She supports club projects with our local library, such as Volunteer Book Buddy, a program which allows volunteers to take books to several nursing homes in the community. She is an advocate of Domestic Violence Awareness activities, and has attended the Domestic Violence Awareness Weekends at the Beach in Ocean City, where she participated in one of her favorite activities—helping others in need. Along with other members of her club, she volunteers at the

local hospital and has done so for the past twelve years.

This nominee has attended the past thirteen GFWC Maryland Conventions and helped on several committees, including the Hospitality Committee for the convention. She attended the Southeastern Regional Conference held in Maryland and was on the Table Decoration Committee, and served as an escort for the Maryland Mascot.

This member has volunteered to help with the Special Olympics Field Day and helped with the Cancer Walk and Bowling Tournaments to raise money for the Cancer Program. She has received the Unsung Hero Award for volunteer hours in her church.

In the political field, she has served on campaigns for the town mayor election and helped to provide a luncheon for town officials. She regularly attends town meetings and represents The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. on the latest projects for the town.

This candidate is energetic, quiet, and dedicated, and never waits until the last minute to start working on issues. She is noted for rarely saying "No" when asked to help on projects for The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

It is with pride that we nominate Ruth Loomis for the 2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award.

# GFWC MARYLAND BOARD MEETING

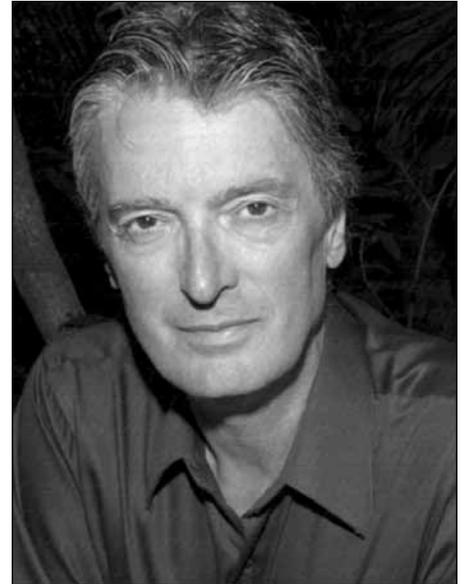
**Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

**The September Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Eastern Shore District, will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at The Chesapeake Inn in Chesapeake City, MD** (directions included in the Call).

**Dean Martin Impersonator Eric Richardson will entertain.**

Eric is an actor, vocalist, and overall master of “character,” having played diverse roles ranging from Fagin in “Oliver” to Sky Masterson in “Guys & Dolls.” He has even recreated Gregory Peck’s Atticus Finch in “To Kill a Mockingbird.” Having appeared in numerous roles on stage, in film and on TV, Eric’s approach to any character lies in the detail, which makes every one of his characters unique and whole. As a great fan of Dean Martin, Eric’s pursuit of Dino’s essential being is on-going and most rewarding. (Please note, that while Dino carries

a glass and/or an unlit cigarette in his act, Eric never permits real alcohol on his stage!) While Eric has long been able to sing Dean’s signature, “Everybody Loves Somebody,” his immersion into “The King of Cool” himself, is a rather recent occurrence. In September 2008, he attended the Sunburst Convention of Tribute Artists to “test the waters,” at the strong suggestion of his wonderful wife Patty. That success in Florida on only two weeks of prep led to his first gig in Kansas City, at the KC Power & Light District’s version of Rockin’ New Year’s Eve. Eric then teamed up with a “Jerry Lewis” and booked great gigs with a Martin and Lewis Tribute, “The Crooner & The Comic.” Their success led them to an invitation to perform at the 2009 Dean Martin Festival, which is held annually in Dino’s hometown of Steubenville, OH. Eric was honored



*Eric Richardson, Actor/Vocalist*

as the 2012 “Classic Crooner” for his performance of “Dean Martin” at the Celebrity Impersonators Convention/Reel Awards at the Golden Nugget Resort & Casino in Las Vegas! Now on his own, Eric is performing his solo act, “Dino! A Tribute to Dean Martin.”



**Mark  
Your Calendars!**

**JUNIOR  
FALL CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013**

**AT**

**ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CUMBERLAND, MD**

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
GFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT  
BABS CONDON**

**HOSTED BY  
GFWC JUNIOR WOMAN’S CIVIC  
CLUB OF CUMBERLAND, INC.**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE  
INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL**

## POETRY CONTEST WINNER

### **A Mother’s Love**

*by Celeste Riddle*

*GFWC Woman’s Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.*

With surety of tender touch  
And silken thread so fine  
She sets to task to thus create  
A tapestry sublime:  
A coverlet to warm her child  
To keep him safe from fear,  
She’ll bind him closely to her heart  
Where he’ll be ever near.  
Such fabric must be flawlessly  
Complete, and hold no seams—

Just tensile strength of hope and trust,  
And wisps of childhood’s dreams.  
The shuttle passes to and fro  
Entwining, through the years,  
The sweetness of the mother’s smile,  
Her faithfulness of tears.  
And when the weaver’s task is done,  
This cloth—held firm and fast—  
Keeps love and memories so pure  
Forever in her grasp.

# ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK

## Promote GFWC Advocates for Children Week, October 20-26, 2013

To raise awareness for child advocacy efforts, GFWC has declared the fourth week in October as GFWC Advocates for Children Week. GFWC members and clubs are encouraged to participate by planning events related to the Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children. Included here are suggested ideas for how you and your club can participate all week long. Choose a project from those listed, or revisit a successful project from a previous year. Also consider researching events and activities already happening in your community to see if there is a tie-in with child advocacy, then participate as a club!



### **Sunday, October 20**

Support INMED Partnerships for Children by participating in their Face the Challenge Campaign. Choose a campaign area, mobilize your club, and raise money and awareness to bring urgently needed solutions to vulnerable children. Visit [www.INMED.org/Face-the-Challenge](http://www.INMED.org/Face-the-Challenge) to identify your club's challenge and download resources, or contact Mary-Lynne Lasco at [MLasco@INMED.org](mailto:MLasco@INMED.org) or 936-524-9270 for additional information.

### **Monday, October 21**

Help bring awareness of issues facing young adults in your community by partnering with local schools to sponsor assemblies on health and fitness, positive image building, and anti-bullying programs.

### **Tuesday, October 22**

More than 30 million children a year experience a traumatic or medical emergency. Many of these children require transport by ambulance to an acute care facility, yet not all ambulances have the essential pediatric emergency equipment and supplies that they need. Help make a difference in the lives of children nation-

wide by contacting your state Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) coordinator to identify EMS equipment or training gaps within your state. For a listing of state EMSC coordinators, visit [www.ChildrensNational.org/EMSC](http://www.ChildrensNational.org/EMSC).

### **Wednesday, October 23**

Check with your local library to find out its needs in the children's and young adult sections, then host a drive for books, music, DVDs, videos, audio books, and games to help fill their requests. Your club may also offer to host a children's program or volunteer your time in assisting in the preparation of library projects.

### **Thursday, October 24**

Celebrate World Polio Day by supporting the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life Campaign to help provide life-saving vaccines to children in developing countries. For only \$20, a child can be protected from deadly and disabling illnesses, including measles, pneumonia, diarrhea, and polio. Forego a manicure, lunch out, or movie night and donate \$20 instead, to give a child a Shot@Life. Send contributions to: Shot At Life, PO Box 96399,

Washington, DC 20090-6820. Be sure to include "GFWC" in the memo line of the check.

### **Friday, October 25**

Supply the items for a group to host a birthday party or holiday party for children by donating a "Party in a Box" to a homeless shelter, domestic violence shelter, or hospital pediatric ward. Boxes may include decorations, treats, gifts, games, arts and crafts supplies, and a disposable camera to take pictures of the event that can then be returned to the sponsoring club. Food items can include prepared cakes or donated cake mixes and drinks, or a gift card for the purchase of perishable items.

### **Saturday, October 26**

Raise awareness about child safety and well-being by participating in Prevent Child Abuse America's Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign. Work with your state Prevent Child Abuse America chapter to plant a pinwheel garden or use pinwheels as centerpieces for your next club event. For more information, visit [www.PreventChildAbuse.org](http://www.PreventChildAbuse.org).

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## IN MEMORY...

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Gray Greenleaf  
1922 - 2013

GFWC MARYLAND  
PRESIDENT  
1976-1978

• • • IN MEMORY OF • • •



Henrietta Hunter  
1916 - 2013

MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
1974-1976

### Oops!

On Page 6 of the Spring 2013 Issue, we neglected to credit the image of convention speaker Dr. Pamela Ouyang to Dorothy Cristy, photographer.

## MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### Membership—The “Sole” of The Federation

**LACE UP YOUR SHOES** and invite friends, neighbors, community leaders and the cashier from the grocery store to join your GFWC club. Here’s a list of potential membership activities compiled by GFWC Membership Chair 2012-2014, Beverly Lassiter, to help spark your creative juices and welcome new members into your club. **Help your members to STEP UP and STEP OUT to make Membership the Sole of this Federation!**

- **Clubwomen signed up to provide one pair of women’s or children’s shoes for each new member recruited into the club.** Afterwards, the donated shoes were given to a local non-profit thrift store to help cover the cost of counseling services provided for families impacted by domestic abuse, rape or sexual assault.
- **A Halloween Shoe Costume Contest** was held where contestants decorated their shoes as a costumed character.



- **A “Get the Scoop” Membership Ice Cream Social** was held with ice cream cone shaped nametags, make your own ice cream sundaes and decorations. Powerpoint presentations gave guests a glimpse into the club’s projects, and scrapbooks were on display during the social. Members wore emblematic GFWC club t-shirts and shared the “scoop” about their club to potential members.
- **A “Getting to Know You” Box** is filled with questions and placed at the front during business meetings. Several members are called up, one at a time, to pull questions and answer about themselves, so others get to know them better. This continues throughout the year so everyone has a chance to talk about herself.

- **Homecoming Parties** were held where past members were invited back to meetings.
- **Mystery Member!** Different clubwomen were secretly interviewed by one of the club officers. Information about her life from birth to present was gathered and presented to the membership during a meeting. Club members were asked to guess the clubwoman they were discussing!
- **Monthly Radio Shows** at local stations allowed the club members or president to discuss upcoming projects, meetings and functions to push for recruitment.

Mary Beth Strickler, Membership Chairman



# FUTURE LEADERS AND THE "GIFT OF GAB"

**GFWC Leaders need to speak in public—whether it is to a small group or hundreds. Members who have leadership potential are often hesitant to accept a committee position or office, solely because they do not want to speak in front of a group. Current leaders should consider the following steps to mentor the prospective leader and help them grow:**

**1. Be understanding.** Studies show that fear of public speaking is the number one fear people have, even worse than death. Reassure the potential leader that she is not experiencing anything unusual. Explain that nerves are very common and that you're there to help.

**2. Provide opportunities for her to speak that build up to more expanded roles.** Start by asking her to make an announcement or share a brief report. As she gains experience, encourage her to take on a more involved speaking role such as giving a presentation on a project she may have organized or participated in, or ask her to promote a trip or thank everyone for supporting an event. These small steps will begin to provide a level of confidence.

**3. Help her know the audience.** Make sure she understands to whom she will be speaking. Inform her that members may not know anything about the subject, so

details are important. Perhaps the situation is just the opposite and the audience is very familiar with the topic. In that case, just outline the major points.

**4. If a visual presentation will be included, ask to review it with her ahead of time.** By doing this, the focus of the presentation can be checked to ensure desired results will be gained and that information is clearly presented. You have already determined that she has great leadership potential, so she will take positive feedback well.

**5. At the meeting or event, help her make sure everything is in order for a smooth presentation.**

Be sure the microphone is working and the podium is in place. Check the microphone volume. Remember, she will be nervous about speaking, so try to eliminate obstacles that may increase nervousness.

**6. Reassure her that she should be herself and let her personality come through.** She does not have to speak like you or as other leaders in your organization.

**7. Be ready to help, but don't take over.**

**8. Thank her! She just did something she was afraid to do!**

Express appreciation regardless of how well it went. When the time is right, give her some positive feedback. If you made sure she knew the topic, who her audience was, what was expected of her, and the materials needed, then she probably did a great job. You recognized her talent and potential, and by encouraging and nurturing the next step in her development, you are ensuring her future leadership is well equipped with skills for success.

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## What Can You Do to Build Leadership?

- Encourage new members to join in activities. Let their fresh ideas help with planning.
- Incorporate reports on Federation activities at club meetings to connect with other GFWC clubs.
- Take advantage of our diversity. Each individual member brings unique skills to the club.
- Mentor new leaders. Support them with suggestions. Encourage participation in all GFWC activities. Travel with them and help with expenses. Give them GFWC resource materials. This is investment that will pay off!
- Share the work. It is easier if members join in planning meetings, participating in projects, or writing reports.
- Be generous in showing your appreciation.

## ENDORSEMENTS...

### FOR 2014-2016 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, 2013. Please also send a duplicate copy to the candidate's district representative on The Federation nominating committee.**

**GFWC-MD Nominating Committee Chairman:**

Rosemary Slacum

PO Box 216

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## DONATIONS

### ATTENTION Club Treasurers!

**ALL Donations are requested by December 1, 2013, but are accepted any time before March 1, 2014. For recognition at the 2014 Annual State Convention, donations MUST be received by March 1st.**

#### Submit to GFWC-MD TREASURER:

- ★ "The Maryland Clubwoman" Magazine
  - ★ Youth Art Fund of MFWC
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Annapolis, MD 21401  
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## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

### The GFWC Legislative Action Center



**Research current legislation, read about GFWC's stance on national issues, and take action on the issues that matter to you—right from GFWC's website!**

GFWC's Legislative Action Center is an exciting policy tool that allows members to stay informed on legislation, spread the word on important issues, and take action by contacting your elected officials. In addition, GFWC is able to track and promote national legislation that is relevant to our mission and scope of GFWC Resolutions and member interests. This is a vital piece in promoting GFWC as a national leader on the major issues that face our nation.

**To access the Legislative Action Center, visit [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) and select "Take Action" under the Public Policy tab.**

## TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND

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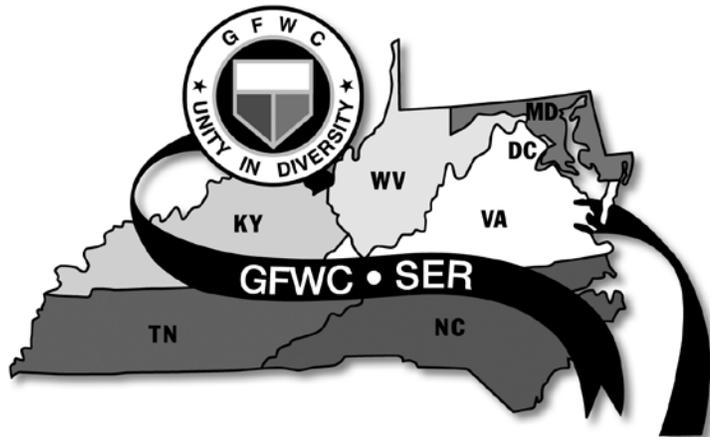
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# GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



## GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION

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### ALL MARYLAND CLUBWOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

—WHEN—

Friday, November 1, 2013 to Saturday, November 2, 2013

—WHERE—

Marriott Winston-Salem  
425 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

—ROOM RATE—

\$129.00 per night (plus tax)

Double Occupancy Room includes Breakfast for Two and One Parking Pass per Room.

—RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2013—

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To receive the Group Rate of \$129.00 per night, you must call by the September 21st Deadline!

#### The meeting will be hosted by GFWC North Carolina and they have an exciting conference planned!

**SPEAKERS—**

- GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister
- GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon
- Surprise Keynote Speaker (from our region)

**OTHER ACTIVITIES—**

- Presentation of State Jennie Nominees
- North Carolina State Night Banquet
- Time to Share
- State Reports

**TIPS AND TOOLS—**

- Updates on GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention, and Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children
- "Bridging and Bonding" via a Kettering Forum
- Leadership/Membership/Communications & PR, presented by GFWC Chairmen and Committee Members
- Heart Truth: Shot@Life Video Presentation
- GFWC Partners

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MORE DETAILS IN THE CALL • SAVE THE DATE • MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

# GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## **The 122nd Annual GFWC International Convention** *June 30-July 2, 2013 in Hollywood, Florida*



GFWC Florida welcomed members to the “Enhancing Federation, Fostering Friendship” Convention—to celebrate the past year’s successes, as well as enjoy the Federation friendships formed through working together. Members of the Sunshine State made everyone feel at home and relaxed on their beautiful shores. Every activity was touched by gracious southern hospitality.

An airboat tour through the Everglades—with the excitement of an alligator sighting—was a real thrill. The sawgrass, airboats, alligators, and tour were all great! Brunch at the Peacock Garden Cafe and a visit to the Villa Vizcaya Museum and Gardens was another opportunity to experience the natural beauty of the South. GFWC members then returned to the luxurious Weston Hotel and Spa to relax in their rooms, go to the pool, or spend time on the beautiful stretch of beach outside the hotel.

The 2013 GFWC Leadership Education and Development (LEADS) Seminar was held on Saturday. Our GFWC-MD representative, Sandra Blankenship, joined those from other states for a full day of interactive presentations

on GFWC’s organizational structure, communications resources, conflict management tools, leadership development, membership recruitment and retention. She described the experience as a life changing event, and that her club work will benefit from what she learned, and from the support system that has been put in place for those who attended. This program has provided a framework of skills that initiate our members into leadership capacities. Those who attended left with a renewed volunteer spirit.

The “Changes in Latitudes” GFWC Florida State Night Dinner was held on Saturday evening. GFWC Florida Federation members excelled with their presentation. What a night this turned out to be! Federated friends shared great music, good food, and renewed friendships, while dancing the night away. Everyone who attended left with the gift of a beautiful wine glass.

GFWC Convention opened in grand style on Sunday morning with the parade of states. The Maryland Delegation stood with pride as GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton carried our Maryland flag. GFWC-MD President Beverly



*GFWC-MD President Beverly Death (right) with GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton*

Death escorted our own Babs Condon, GFWC President-Elect, in the procession. What an impressive sight to see flags of all the states and countries that make up our grand organization. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister called the Convention to order. After the Presentation of the Colors by the Plantation Florida Police and Fire Department, the singing of the National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister asked the Convention attendees to stand for 19 seconds of respect for the Firefighters who were lost in the



*The Exhibitor Showcase Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening*



*GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon (left) processes with GFWC-MD President Beverly Death*



*GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon (right) and Carol Horne*

Arizona forest fire disaster.

GFWC Florida President Pat Zazzarino and Director of Junior Clubs Dara Bergdoll welcomed members. All were promised a wonderful time at this convention in the sun and sand. Many volunteers from Florida were there to make enjoying the hospitality of the state a reality.

Convention attendees heard remarkable speakers give dramatic presentations of their work. The 2013 GFWC Croly Award winner Jessica Ravitz told of her story, entitled "Saving Aeshia," which described the perils of a young woman's escape from torture by the Taliban



*Joyce Race (left) with U.S. Navy Lt. Col. (ret.) Kim Mitchell, GFWC speaker*

and the attempts to start a new life in America. Everyone was touched by this heart-wrenching story, so well-told by the author.

Emmy Award-winner Hank Phillippi Ryan shared her story of changing from a CNN reporter to an award-winning fiction author. She challenged us to take a chance with new endeavors, trust ourselves, get a mentor, and pay it forward when attempts with new adventures prove successful. She left everyone with the message "Leap and the Net will Appear," and "never, never give up," as encouragement to try new

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

**GFWC Maryland**  
Category III Winner  
Education - Partnership

**Frederick Woman's  
Civic Club, Inc.**  
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U.S. Fund for UNICEF

**GFWC Maryland**  
Category III Winner  
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic  
Violence Awareness & Prevention

**GFWC Maryland**  
Category III Winner  
Women's History & Resource Center

— CONTESTS —  
**"The Maryland Clubwoman"**  
**Magazine**

Category III Winner  
(State) Newsletter Contest

**Dorothy Cristy, GFWC Woman's  
Club of Dundalk, Inc.**  
Third Place Winner  
Photography Contest  
World In Pictures - Living Things, BW

**Celeste Riddle, GFWC Woman's  
Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.**  
Third Place Winner  
Writing Contest, Poetry



*GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton had the honor of carrying the Maryland Flag.*



**Receiving Maryland's Award for the State Newsletter Contest—**  
*Left to Right: GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary Dottie Gregg, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Becky Weber*

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things. Members left with her newest book, “The Other Woman,” in their bags just waiting to be read.

U.S. Navy Lt. Col. (ret.) Kim Mitchell spoke on behalf of the Dixon Center, which has partnered with Easter Seals to match donors to the needs of our veterans to enable them to thrive where they live. Her personal story demonstrates how “One Act of Kindness” can change a life. An American serviceman had adopted her from an orphanage in Vietnam. Her only connection to her personal identification was the name “Precious Pearl” on her papers. She was educated at the Naval Academy and served this country, but she always thought that there was something missing. Her story about her search for her roots was printed in a publication written for Vietnamese in this country. The article was read by the man who had rescued her after the death of her mother and named her “Precious Pearl” before leaving her in the safety of the orphanage. They were reunited and she found the missing part of her story. Because of “One Act of Kindness,” she went from being abandoned and forgotten, to being rescued with a chance for a future.

Rory Kennedy, youngest child of Robert and Ethel Kennedy, spoke of her work making social issue documentaries which emphasize the sense of hope that is fostered



Dottie Gregg with Mary Kate Mahoney, GFWC speaker



Left to Right: Joyce Race with STARS Juniorette Club members Sarah Walton and Rachael Horton

in the lives of her films’ subjects, when organizations like GFWC step up to make a difference with their programs. Her latest documentary, entitled “Ethel,” focuses on the life of her mother.

Eleven-year-old Mary Kate Mahoney, from Massachusetts, delivered a powerful and inspiring speech at the “Makin’ A Splash” Advocates for Children Luncheon. Her campaign to have a local park named in honor of volunteers was successful. She is president of the newly-created Girls for a Greater Good Juniorette Club.

What a way to close out the 2013 GFWC Convention—with the “Heart of GFWC” Banquet and Red Dress Fashion Show! After giving an informative presentation on prevention and treatment of cardiovascular issues in women,



“Where the Girls Are” Junior Fun Night



Left to Right: Kaye Shoemaker, Nancy Wynne, Dottie Gregg, and Dot Hanson enjoying the SER Luncheon

Dr. Juan Jose Rivera served as emcee for the Red Dress Fashion Show. The GFWC models rocked the catwalk with their red dresses, as their personal stories of heart-related issues were told. At the conclusion of the show, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister issued an invitation for all to join in the Fun, Friendship and Federation in 2014 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Resort and Spa in Chandler, AZ.

If you wish to gain insight into community issues, attend workshops that provide information and challenges for the future, hear inspirational speakers, network with fellow clubwomen, and make lifelong friends, book your flight to be part of this wonderful experience.

Dottie Gregg  
GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary

## Service with a Smile

*With the honor of being District President comes responsibilities. During this past year, this District President has attended a total of 25 meetings, including the Southeastern Region Meeting and the GFWC Maryland Convention.*

*Unfortunately, Kensington Club withdrew from The Federation and now only 13 clubs are left in Montgomery County District, but we are still the largest District in Maryland. A few clubs have lost active members, but some others have gained in membership, so it has balanced out quite well. The clubs' activities are outstanding, as is evident from the awards received at Convention.*

*All clubs have their own fundraisers and projects, but five clubs volunteer on Thursdays and Sundays at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop, and the dividend received—\$26,000.00—is used by the District for the Montgomery College Scholarship Endowment Fund and the two centers for victims of domestic violence. The centers were provided with necessary items like blankets, pillows, etc. In addition, members read, play games, and do creative projects with the children. Mothers were also taken on shopping sprees to the Thrift Shop.*

*Montgomery County District had three meetings during the year. In September, an award-winning author's presentation was hosted by the Laytonsville Club. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister was guest speaker at the March meeting, hosted by the Chevy Chase Club, and the District Awards meeting was hosted by the Silver Spring Club in May. All meetings were well-attended (about 60). Our 99-year-old member Mabel Sawhill continues to cater for us. All are welcome to join us.*

*Tin Tin Nu Raschid, President*

## *GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.*

The Woman's Club of Bethesda held a very successful yard sale in May, thus adding substantial money to the philanthropic fund. These funds were distributed to such diverse groups such as Fidos for Freedom, Tree-Mendous Maryland, Heifer International, the Kranke Center for victims of domestic violence, the Montgomery College Scholarship Foundation, Montgomery Hospice, and Empowerment of Women International. In addition, members bought gifts for each child at the shelter, and reconditioned a game room at a shelter for children who are separated from their parents.

Our members volunteer regularly at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop, read to the children at Kranke Center once a week, and held a Christmas party for the children at the shelter, complete with cookie decorating, stories and games.

Programs were varied throughout the year including a women's barbershop quartet, a civil war nurse reenactor, a talk by our scholarship recipient, and a visit from two therapy dogs who work at the Walter Reed Hospital.



*Montgomery County District Meeting—99-year-old Chevy Chase Club member Mabel Sawhill (center), with members of the Chinese Women's League*

Our "Out and About" group visited the Air Force Memorial, Hampton House Museum, and the Swedish Embassy, as well as took a luncheon and shopping trip to Gaylesville, and an outing to Frederick to visit Schifferstadt and the Barbara Fritchie House.

We were delighted to receive awards for Public Affairs, work with Domestic Violence Awareness, and Home Life at the State convention, and also at the District convention.

After a brief summer hiatus, we will be planning for the new club year. We are looking forward to an active and productive year.

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

The anticipation and excitement is building as the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase prepares to celebrate its centennial year. In October 1913, three ladies from Chevy Chase decided to form a club to work for the community in the congenial company of other women. It is said that when the three sought to incorporate the club, it required the consenting signatures of their respective husbands; the ensuing years have covered a lot of ground! We are marking ten decades of service to the community, in our long-standing support of, and activities for, non-profit programs primarily devoted to women, children and families.

There are many events scheduled to note this important anniversary, including a gala dinner and 100th anniversary luncheon in October 2013. We also plan a cocktail party where we will be joined by non-members who have been involved

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in some way with club activities over the years. In keeping with the years of our origin, a tea will be held as well, to which “ladies” will wear white gloves (if they can find them) and large, blockbuster hats. To round out the year-long festivities, we will have an informal barbecue on the grounds of our lovely clubhouse.

A large committee of members, led by past-president Sally Koenig, has been working for many months writing a history of these 100 years, with segments for each decade, as well as for major section activities. We know already from the archives that there will be fabulous pictures to accompany the text.

The initial event in fall 2013 will be our traditional Open House and Welcome Coffee, to be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at 10 a.m. We invite prospective members, friends and visitors—please mark your calendars! Come see and hear what we are all about and meet our members.

In March, we held an Art & Craft Show and Sale, featuring more than 33 local artists—an event that is becoming a regular part of our calendar. We also hosted our 38th Art Show & Sale in April, an annual event that is



*Woman's Club of Chevy Chase members gather around one of their luncheon speakers to purchase signed copies of the author's books.*

garnering increased recognition.

The next Art & Craft Show and Sale at the club will be held November 9-10, 2013, hosting vendors with exquisite, or perhaps delicious, offerings. Our “Treasure Trove” of gently used items of all sorts is now an ongoing feature of our fundraising efforts; the next will be November 9-10, 2013, at the club. Both are open to the public for buyers and sellers alike.

Some 15-20 community organizations (not always the same ones) are beneficiaries each year of the monies raised through club activities and events. Additionally, the club has given scholarship grants for many years. Those awarded this past April include: a senior from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School entering college, a student at Montgomery College who is returning as an adult,

an art student, and a music student from Montgomery College.

An important part of each club year is devoted to monthly luncheons with interesting, entertaining, and informative speakers. Last year's speakers include: Carol W. Garvey, MD, Chair of the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County; Anthony Pitch, author of “The Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1812;” Gail Russell Chaddock, Political Correspondent covering Congress for “The Christian Science Monitor,” both in print and online; and Jane Sullivan Roberts, attorney and wife of the U.S. Supreme Court's Chief Justice.

## *GFWC Chinese Women's League Metropolitan Washington, DC Chapter*

The 12th Annual Washington, DC Dragon Boat Festival was held on the Georgetown/Kennedy Center Waterfront on May 18-19th this year. It was a fun-filled weekend of water sport activities along the Potomac River. Sixty-one teams and 1500 paddlers from all over the east coast competed for medals and trophies in this year's thrilling races. Since 2002, this event has become one of the largest annual Chinese cultural events in the Washington, DC area.

The festival started out with a Lion Dance accompanied by cheerful



*Dragon Boat races on Day Two of the 12th Annual Washington, DC Dragon Boat Festival, organized by the Chinese Women's League*



*Members of the Chinese Women's League at the Dragon Boat Festival*

drum beats, then with the Eye-Dotting Ceremony to awaken the sleeping dragon boats. In addition, there was the Carnation Ceremony to pay the ultimate respect to the breast cancer survivor teams.

The event organizer, the Chinese Women's League, was proud to have local artists demonstrating the making of scented sachets, which are customary to wear during the Dragon Boat Festival period in order to keep people away from evil spirits, disease, and incur blessings for the rest of the year. Another interesting demonstration was the creating of Wire Art, which encompasses the sculpting of wire into a piece of aesthetic artwork. Last but not least, since this is the year of the Snake, was the assembling of the pre-cut paper lantern in a unique snake template, to present the beauty of the long-lasting Chinese culture.

This event not only fosters teamwork, but also promotes cultural exchange and awareness, which has helped transform the festival into one of the most popular annual events in the Washington, DC area.

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.*

The Woman's Club of Laurel had an active spring and is preparing for a busy fall. We recently donated 215 children's hardback books to Prince George's County Family Crisis Center and will be donating 50 books in English and Spanish to the Prince George's County Infants' and Toddlers' Program. We also donated funds for new cribs to St. Anne's Infant & Maternity Home. Two local high school students were offered scholarships to the HOBY weekend leadership camp.

Starting this fall, members are going



*Woman's Club of Laurel member Charlene Passmore celebrates her 50th anniversary as a GFWC clubwoman.*

onto Laurel Cable TV Network to promote our club, and we have volunteered our clubhouse to be a stop on Laurel's Holiday House Tour. Our club will be advertised as a sponsor on the track signs at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in June.

We had booths this spring at both the City of Laurel's Mayor's Open House and Laurel's Main Street Festival, where we shared information to the public about our club.

Our members continue to clean our adopted road, serve dinners at the local soup kitchen, donate monthly to Treats for Troops, and volunteer at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop.

We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of clubwoman Charlene Passmore with a party and presented her with GFWC's 50-year pin. In early June, we have planned a weekend social gathering on the waterfront in St. Clements, Maryland.

Our club had guest speakers at most of our meetings this year, including Side by Side, House of Ruth, and the Alzheimer's Association. Our spring guest speakers were all in the health area—an acupuncturist, herbal tea maker, and a local health food store owner.

### *GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County*

Metropolitan Community Club's (MCC) membership is made up of a group of concerned women who want to contribute to their community. We are involved in charitable, civic, educational and social activities.

MCC sponsors a number of fundraising activities throughout the year. Last fall, the club held its 7th Annual Craft Show on October 26th and 27th. We invited our friends and the public to attend this important fundraising event with over 20 vendors selling quality items, such as jewelry, clothing, children's toys, and delicious specialty food items. Each year, as our visibility and popularity increases, we have increased our profits.

For the past 30 years, our major fundraiser has been the sale of Christmas wreaths. The club has many loyal customers who only buy their Christmas wreaths from MCC.

An important goal of the club is the development of friendships, including supporting our members during difficult times, as well as celebrating with them on special occasions. Social events include: golf outings, monthly book discussions, a cookie exchange, an annual tea at a local restaurant or hotel, day trips, an overnight "getaway," and enrichment activities such as visits to museums. As a result of these activities, many strong and lasting friendships have developed.

The missions of some of the charities our club supports range from providing basic needs for Montgomery County's poor, to supporting women's health and economic development in third-world countries. Throughout the year, club members regularly

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support these charities by collecting and donating food to Manna Food Center, volunteering at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop in Bethesda, or working directly with needy individuals or families, especially during the holidays. Another annual club activity is the making of “after surgery” care kits for Operation Smile.

### *GFWC Silver Spring Woman’s Club, Inc.*

In the past year, we have lost five members, most recently Nancy Cox, our First Vice-President. Nancy secured speakers for our general meetings which were immensely interesting. The Glen Echoes provided entertainment for the club’s Birthday Luncheon in 2012. Linda Romano spoke on flower arranging and made a lovely sample for us. Steve Flynn, a Frank Sinatra impersonator, provided a wonderful program. Beth Gordon and Shirley Dearfield spoke about producing a unique calendar to benefit Riderwood’s Benevolent Care. Anthony Pitch discussed another book he had written entitled “The Burning of Washington.” We finished 2012 listening to the Leisure World Chorale, thanks to Anne Hahn. Karen McNally from Crossway shared information about her organization. Howard Neuberger from NIH’s “The Children’s Inn” spoke about the ongoing treatment of children. The Harbor Lights sang during our 2013 Birthday Luncheon. Albert Frumkin shared stories as a WWII survivor in Europe. At our June Luncheon, we were entertained by the Leisure World Chorale.

As chairman of International Outreach, Nancy collected \$1,305

and made the tripling deadline for the final donation \$3,915!

On May 21st, we hosted the Montgomery County District Meeting at the Masonic Temple in Silver Spring. By all accounts, it was an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

All of our members are important in our efforts to help our global community. Anne Hahn, our Second Vice-President helped us raise well over \$1,000 from card parties, book sales and duplicate bridge programs. Thanks to Virginia Caruso, we gave \$8,000 to the Montgomery College Scholarship Fund. LaVerne Kershner helped us volunteer 600 hours at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop. Betty Hogan arranged an outing to Toby’s Dinner Theatre to see “In the Heights.” I wish to thank all 49 of our members for all the work they do.

### *GFWC Suburban Woman’s Club of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.*

Congratulations to Past-President Margaret Wydro who has earned her 50-year pin for active membership in the Suburban Woman’s Club!

We are saddened to have lost three members during the year. Charter Member Regina England died in March, and Montgomery County District Past-President Henrietta Hunter passed away on April 5, 2013. Marjorie Gray Deck Greenleaf died on July 12, 2013. Gray was an active member of Suburban Woman’s Club for more than 50 years. She served as State President (1976-1978), District President (1972-1974) and Club President (1963-1965). She was Home Life Chairman for many years and sponsored many activities for the benefit of the community and The Federation. Our deepest sympathies go to the families.

The programs for the year have included slide shows of the Canadian Northwest and a member’s visit to her family in Chile. We were visited by Jeremy, a dog in training in the Canine Companions for Independence program. In March, Louisa May Alcott, portrayed by Candice Ridington from the Montgomery County Historical Society, came to our meeting. We made “Piglet” pillows for breast cancer patients and favors for nursing home residents. At Christmas we purchased gifts for the T.A.P. program.

Interest received on our Marjorie Greenleaf Commemorative Fund and profit from fundraising efforts enabled us to make contributions to Montgomery College Foundation, Team River Runner for Wounded Warriors, Canine Companions for Independence, and the GFWC-MD Youth Art Contest. Members have volunteered hours and made donations to the Montgomery County Thrift Shop. Five of our members serve in State and District positions. We have a Club Newsletter and enjoy our luncheons together.

### *University Park Woman’s Club, Inc.*

The University Park Woman’s Club (UPWC) received a \$150 literacy grant from GFWC to purchase books for 40 pre-kindergarten children. Each child received a book to take home and keep. The program’s goal is to foster early literacy skills and promote a love of learning.

The UPWC made a commitment to women with young children by providing childcare for club meetings. The response was very positive. Since March, the club has welcomed four new members. UPWC will continue the childcare service next club year. A membership recruitment coffee is planned for September 7th.

**The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up/Renew for 2013-2014!**

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

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

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your club meetings and special events for September 2013-August 2014. Your page can also include photos of club events at no extra cost, and each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website.

To join us for the new club year, please mail the form below to:

*Dawn Donovan  
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Include your check for:  
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*MFWC Treasurer.*

Thanks for joining us and feel free to e-mail Dawn with any comments or questions about our state website at *dawnedonovan@verizon.net*.

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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 2013 through August 2014. 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 _____	_____



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- September 14, 2013**     ***Junior Fall Conference***, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD.
- September 17, 2013**     ***GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting***, The Chesapeake Inn, Chesapeake City, MD.
- October 5, 2013**     ***Maryland Clubwoman Magazine DEADLINE***  
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- November 1-2, 2013**     ***GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Meeting***, Marriott Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem, NC.
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