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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

Dear Federated Friends,

I was very happy to see so many of you in attendance at the first GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting on September 18th in Westminster. I know that you received lots of good information from our chairmen to take back to your clubs, to help in reporting your wonderful volunteer activities! And we all know these reports are due January 31, 2013.

Maryland was well-represented at the GFWC Southeastern Region Conference, held November 2-3, 2012 in Roanoke, VA. There were many informative workshops, and great skits, but best of all was the federation fellowship among all the dedicated clubwomen from other States in attendance.

This holiday season, our clubs and members will touch the lives of many people through their donations to needy families, to libraries, and to recovering cancer patients. There will be carols sung at nursing homes, and meals delivered to shut-ins and domestic violence shelters. There will be educational events in our communities, and we will be changing lives one smile at a time with Operation Smile donations.

Continue to have a bond of caring and friendship with your club members. When you have joy in your clubs, you will be happy to do the volunteer work in your communities that is so needed in the world today.

My family and I send our very best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. I hope your days will be filled with family and friends, and may you have a wonderful time with them. And remember... She Loves Me!

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

Dear Fantastically Dedicated Clubwomen,

What a whirlwind of leaves, color and activities Fall became! As 2012 draws to a close and I start thinking about all of the holiday preparations coming quickly down the pike, I find myself pausing to remember and reflect on the days that have passed.

In 2012, we as clubwomen accomplished a lot—within our families, our clubs, our communities and our Federation. Together we have made a difference on so many levels, and for that we should all be supremely thankful. Many children in our communities found themselves with brand-new backpacks, stocked with school supplies so that they could start the year prepared and ready to learn. Food banks received boxes and bags of food to distribute to their patrons—when their pantries were completely bare. Fleece blankets were created and distributed, comfort bags were filled and given out, gardens were planted with pinwheels and the list truly goes on and on.

We have continued to foster a love of the arts in middle and high school students across the state. In today's busy world, art can be the one thing that allows young adults the time to slow down and appreciate their surroundings—sometimes capturing them for our viewing.

As the cold begins to set in, children this winter will find themselves with new mittens, caps and scarves to protect them from the cold. Those fleece blankets will be used, and appreciated, more and more. As the food bank shelves empty, they will be stocked again. Sometimes it seems like it's an unending cycle, but we can't stop—making the difference in even one life makes it all so worthwhile.

The Maryland Juniors' Special Project over the next two years is to increase awareness about dating violence. On Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Mid-Winter Rally, we will kick-off Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with a speaker and activities centered around this truly insidious trend. Did you know that nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year? According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office of Adolescent Health, the national percentage of high school students who have been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend is 9%. In Maryland, that number jumps to 16%. Let's see what an impact we can have on those statistics here in Maryland over the next two years!

We are truly sowing the seeds of change by doing not only what work that needs to be done, but also living each day trying to accomplish something—and those collective "somethings" are powerful indeed. I am so grateful and proud to be a member of GFWC!

I can't wait to see the powerful changes we bring about in 2013 and I am happy you're there with me making it happen!

In Federation Friendship,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mary".

Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

October 6, 2012 in Pocomoke City, MD

The Maryland Juniors gathered for Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, October 6th at the Lynn Haven Baptist Church in Pocomoke City. The clubwomen of the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke City did a fantastic job hosting the meeting, providing a beautiful setting and an absolutely delicious lunch. The sky was blue, the sun was shining, and we were grateful for the time we got to spend together. *Thank you ladies!*

The theme of the meeting was **Think Pink! in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month**, and many informational brochures were available to the meeting attendees. We've come a long way in breast cancer awareness and research; however, we must continue to press on to find a cure for this terrible form of cancer.

During our Junior business meeting, we received greetings from GFWC Maryland President Beverly Death. We were grateful that she was able to attend the meeting and delighted to have her with us, as well as GFWC Maryland President-Elect Brenda Bennett, GFWC Maryland Recording Secretary Kaye Shoemaker, and GFWC Maryland Honorary President 2000-2002 Jo Rousseau. *Thank you, ladies, for your support of the Junior Membership!*



Junior Fall Conference attendees deliver donations to Samaritan Shelter.



Maryland Juniors collect "lots and lots" of items to donate to Samaritan Shelter.

We were honored to have **Ms. Shelley Daniels, director of the Samaritan Shelter**, as our guest speaker. The Samaritan Shelter is an incredible facility, helping many individuals and families in the community get back on their feet. They do this by coordinating the various services available, as well as holding the recipients accountable for their part in the process.

The day's Service Project was wonderful—lots and lots of items for their food pantry, and the shelter itself, were brought by the clubwomen in attendance.

We were fortunate to have a beautiful day to travel to the Samaritan Shelter and deliver the tableful of goodies in person. The shelter was such a warm place, and felt like home, with no "institutional" feeling about it at all. We were proud to see that the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke City has sponsored a room in the shelter, even though we were unable to see it. *Fantastic job ladies!*

The next gathering of the Junior Membership will be Mid-Winter Rally on February 2, 2013 (snow date February 9) at the Westminster Riding Club.

I hope to see you there!

Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs

 **Mark Your Calendars!**

Mid-Winter Rally

Saturday, February 2, 2013

(Snow Date: February 9, 2013)

**Westminster Riding Club
366 N. Colonial Avenue
Westminster, MD**

*Hosted by the
GFWC Junior Woman's Club
of Westminster, Inc.*

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

DEADLINES...

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

Proposed GFWC-MD Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee Chairman on or before **January 15, 2013**. Resolutions may be presented by the executive committee, the resolutions committee, a district, a federated club, or a chairman of a program, division, or committee of The Federation.
Mail to: Barbara Pillote
Resolutions Committee Chairman
3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., Apt. 517
Silver Spring, MD 20906-7616

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before **January 1, 2013**. Amendments may be proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club.
Mail to: Bette Brust
Bylaws Committee Chairman
104 Mina Drive
Middletown, MD 21769-7847

GFWC MARYLAND BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

The February Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Baltimore District, will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Columbus Gardens in Perry Hall, MD. (directions to be included in the Call). Snow date is February 28th.

Club reports will be distributed to State Chairmen at this meeting. Any State Chairman who is unable to attend should contact State Dean of Chairmen Brenda Bennett at 410-251-6798, to arrange to receive your reports.

Guest Speaker will be Patsy Astarita, MSW, LCSW-C, Oncology Supportive Care Services Coordinator/Community Liaison, Upper Chesapeake Health Cancer LifeNet Program. With over 26 years experience as a clinical social worker and eight years in program development and management, Astarita has been a driving force at Upper Chesapeake Health (UCH) in Bel Air, MD since August 2006. Having received her undergraduate degree from the

University of MD Baltimore County (UMBC) and her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of MD, School of Social Work, Astarita holds a current license from the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners as a Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW-C).

For the past 16 years, Astarita, also certified as an Oncology Social Worker (OSW-C), has worked almost exclusively with those affected by cancer. When she joined UCH just over six years ago, she and a small team of nurses and social workers implemented a new supportive care services program under the Oncology service line at UCH called Cancer LifeNet. The Cancer LifeNet Program offers free-of-charge services, including individual and family counseling, integrative therapies, and many support groups, to all residents of Harford and Cecil counties, regardless of where they receive their cancer treatment. The Program's team now includes



Patsy Astarita, MSW, LCSW-C

oncology nurse navigators, oncology volunteer navigators, and clinical oncology social workers.

A member of the Association of Oncology Social Workers, Astarita has also served as a member of the UCH Cancer Committee and the UCH Breast Advisory Board. She resides in Fallston, with her husband Rick and three daughters, and enjoys reading, going to the beach, and spending time with her family.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTES

Parliamentary procedure is a tool, not a weapon. The rules of Parliamentary Law are based on a regard for the rights of the majority, the minority, the individual, the absentee and all of these together.

Don't restrict your bylaws too much... every little thing doesn't have to be in there. Give yourself some breathing space. Bylaws are the rules by which a club functions. Make sure a parliamentarian looks over any changes before they are voted on. She can catch a trap you have unknowingly set for yourself and save you some heartaches.

It's just not proper to: Repeatedly banging the gavel...

To open a meeting, the presiding officer gives one rap (tap) of the gavel and says, "The meeting is

now in order," or "The meeting will come to order." A meeting should be business-like, but not "stuffy."

"Turning the meeting over to..."

The presiding officer is always in charge of the meeting. Someone, such as the program chairman, may be introduced (or presented, depending on their association with the group) who later "concludes the program," so the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting.

Accepting the treasurer's report...

It is neither accepted nor adopted... after an opportunity for questions about the report, it is "placed on file." If it is "placed on file for audit" there must be an audit.

The secretary reading the minutes of the "last" meeting... The "last" meeting is the final meeting of the

group as it dissolves. The proper term is "previous" meeting.

Long introductions... The person introducing the speaker is not "the speaker." The introduction should include the title and purpose of the talk, and the speaker's name is given at the end of the short introduction.

Have a quorum and make the number low... No business can be done without a quorum, except discussions and motions to fix the time and place to meet again or to adjourn. Why a small quorum? Say your bylaws state that you meet the first Wednesday of every month. On the first Wednesday in December you have the worst snow storm in years and only the bravest show up. That's why you need a low quorum.

Mary Thompson, Parliamentarian

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

November 2-3, 2012 at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA



The GFWC Maryland Delegation—Front row (L to R): GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs Cathy Jo Canterbury, GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon, GFWC Southeastern Region President Susan Martin, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister, and GFWC-MD President Beverly Death.

Want to have a great time... reward yourself for all your volunteer work... **visit with lots of other volunteers...** enjoy great speakers and entertainment... **get room service...** have a maid make your bed and a man carry your bag who isn't your husband... **and have great meals where you can discuss club activities with women who are working in their communities as hard as you are?** Well, you missed the chance to do all these things—**and more**—if you didn't attend the **Southeastern Region Annual Conference in Roanoke, VA on November 2-3, 2012.**

The hotel was magnificent and the staff was always smiling and willing to assist us. Did I mention the skits and daily continental breakfasts?

Registration on Friday, November 1st went smoothly, meetings were held in a tiered auditorium, and

business meetings were efficient—making this conference one of the best ever. Opening sessions contained all the formal opening activities, and a poignant remark was made by the North Carolina Director of Junior Clubs Crystal O'Neal... "Volunteers don't just work, they make it work."

Committee reports were brief and to the point. An announcement that GFWC Past-President Shelby Hamlin would be unable to join us due to health issues was a real disappointment. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister and President-Elect Babs Condon gave greetings.

Evening entertainment featured the **Westside Steppers**—"Keeping the Beat with Your Feet." They are a group of 5th grade honor students, from a local inner city school, who give up their recess twice a week

to practice their art. These kids really hit their beat flawlessly. We learned that we were their first public appearance. Their advisor was an inspiration to the students—and the attendees—and lots of their parents were there to give moral support.

Exhibitors offered an array of items for shopping on Friday and Saturday. "**Toss-Up Time**" (a.k.a. workshops) were a time to gather with clubwomen from all six states of Southeastern Region to share ideas and projects. This made the workshops more informal and interesting. Speakers explained the **Shot@Life United Nations Foundation Project** to immunize children; the **Appalachian Project** to help women in all six of our states; and "**Where in the World is Reporting Now?**" presented by **GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon** (aren't we proud of our Babs?).

All of this information will filter down to our clubs. We were honored to have **Miss Virginia** pay a visit and sing for us during Saturday's luncheon. We will be cheering for her in the Miss America Pageant.

GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister invited all members to attend the **GFWC Annual Convention in Hollywood, FL, June 30-July 2, 2013.** Members of GFWC North Carolina invited everyone to **next year's SER Conference on November 1-2, 2013 at the Twin City Marriott in Winston-Salem, NC.** Needless to say, all of this year's attendees are already looking forward to next year!

Over 200 women were in attendance, including 22 members of GFWC Maryland. As SER President Susan Martin remarked... "**TEAM stands for Together Everyone Achieves More.**" The 2012 SER Conference concluded with "A Collect for Clubwomen" and the joining of hands while singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

Kaye Shoemaker
GFWC-MD Recording Secretary

IN MEMORY...

IN MEMORY OF...



Edith Klein

1927 - 2012

**GFWC MARYLAND
HONORARY PRESIDENT
1978-1980**

IN MEMORY OF...



Martha Jachowski

1926 - 2012

**WESTERN DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
1996-1998**

Many Thanks!

Rosemary Slacum wishes to thank all the district presidents, officers, and individual clubwomen who sent cards, notes, and emails to wish her well after her triple bypass heart surgery.

"I was truly touched by your thoughtfulness. The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs is the best!"

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Dig Out Your Boots!

December, January and February • Recruitment Report due February 25, 2013

Encouraging Flexibility in Your Club

There is one thing we know there is just too little of, and that's time. One of the most common reasons why members leave a club is lack of time. Respect your members' time and they are more likely to make GFWC a permanent fixture in their lives.

- Streamline meetings to ensure they are as convenient and productive as possible to meet the needs and diversity of your club members.
- Consider member time commitments, and schedule meetings that accommodate as many members as possible.
- Email or mail the minutes and treasurer's report prior to the meeting, allowing members to review for corrections or additions at home.
- Make an agenda and stick to it. Keep reports brief and pertinent. Two hours should be sufficient time for a meeting.
- Allow time for discussion, but set a time limit on debate.
- Provide time either before or after the scheduled meeting for socializing and refreshments.
- Include programs that are interesting, stimulating, and short.
- Review the obligations required from your club members.
- Are members required to attend a certain number of meetings per year?
- Are they required to volunteer a certain number of hours, or participate in a certain number of programs or projects?

Participate & Track Seasonal Recruitment Campaigns:

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or just need a second opinion, your GFWC-MD Membership Chair is available by email or telephone. I can't wait to hear about your "Dig Out Your Boots" winter campaign.

Please send narratives, pictures, and information gathered from December-February to Mary Beth Strickler, at sylvan@lavalecenter.com by February 26, 2013.



INVEST IN THE FUTURE...

Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

When you or your club think of honoring a member, think ***Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund***. It also makes a perfect birthday or Christmas gift for a friend, or a memorial. A card noting your contribution will be sent to the person of your choice.

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

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

Barbara Nunnari, Chairman

GFWC PROGRAMS & PROJECTS FOR 2012-2014

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

Arts Program

Program & Partnership Chairman—
Clara Dinterman • 301-898-0866

Art is essential to the quality of life! The GFWC Arts Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support arts activities in all communities. It is designed to inspire clubwomen to engage the creative ambiance within their lives. Create programs and projects that include music, dance, drama, theatre, and other arts-related areas, both traditional and innovative. The artistic experience can be outward reaching or for inner satisfaction. In other words, create an artistic experience that involves all programs and projects. There are countless ways to incorporate art activities. Consider inviting local musicians to club meetings; donating tickets to local performances; planning a trip to local galleries, exhibits, or festivals; and volunteering as a group at local arts venues. See your GFWC Club Manual for a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the Arts Community Service Program.

PARTNERSHIPS

American Mural Project
www.AmericanMuralProject.org

Conservation Program

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Martha Hyson • 410-239-7530

Our natural resources are among our most precious treasures. The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program is designed for members to gain an appreciation for our environment. Through preservation, maintenance, and restoration of our natural resources, it strives to educate members about the importance of beautifying our communities; preserving, maintaining, and restoring natural resources; and stimulating citizen action to address

these concerns. Our natural resources include, but are not limited to, water, trees, plants, air, land, and wildlife. Incorporate any and all of these topics into your conservation plans:

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

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

PARTNERSHIPS

GFWC is currently working to negotiate partnerships. Look for updates in the GFWC “News & Notes” and the “GFWC Clubwoman” magazine.

Education Program

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ESO Chairman—
Audrey Batchelor • 410-571-6771

HOBY Chairman—
Anne Yakaitis • 410-969-7506

For more than a century, education has been a cornerstone of GFWC beliefs and practices. In fact, Jane Cunningham Croly formed the General Federation of Women’s Clubs “to support clubs throughout the nation and further their efforts at providing education, improved working conditions, health care, scholarships and other reforms.” The GFWC Education Community Service Program works to improve literacy and education awareness in communities at home and around the world.

Clubwomen are dedicated to promoting a commitment to literacy and lifelong learning by:

- Encouraging members and others

to foster and support educational opportunities for all ages in their communities.

- Promoting and supporting Epsilon Sigma Omicron, an honorary educational society open to all per capita paying GFWC members that provides clubwomen with a structured reading program for self-enrichment and personal growth.
- Educating members and others on ways to improve adult and youth literacy rates.
- Supporting libraries in their efforts to provide information, materials and educational opportunities.

Consider projects that help people overcome learning disabilities; support your library; promote literacy; mentor young people; and encourage lifelong learning. See your GFWC Club Manual for a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the Education Community Service Program.

PARTNERSHIPS

At this time the General Federation is negotiating with the American Library Association to form a partnership. Continue checking the GFWC “News & Notes” and the “GFWC Clubwoman” magazine for updates. At the present time there are no partners in the Education Program. There are \$150.00 Literacy Grants available from GFWC. If your club is interested in applying and did not pick-up the application forms at the September GFWC-MD Board of Directors meeting, please contact Jackie Hering.

Home Life Program

Program Chairman—
Julie Gibbs • 410-289-9165

Partnership Chairman—
Barbara Frantz • 301-387-5680

GFWC-MD President’s Special Women’s Health Project Chairman—
Julie Gibbs • 410-289-9165

Through the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program, clubs may develop and implement “hands on” projects that promote a healthy lifestyle; increase awareness, prevention,

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research, and treatment of disease; target personal development; address the issues of hunger, housing, and homelessness; and financial difficulties that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

The holidays are just around the corner and “Jack Frost” is nipping at our noses. As clubwomen, we know the winter months are hard times for so many people in our communities and their needs can be overwhelming. Fulfilling those needs may be a challenge to some, but not GFWC-MD clubwomen, because they are busy stocking the shelves of pantries, providing safe, warm housing for those in need, making donations of clothing to shelters, being secret Santa to many children and providing comfort and support to nursing home residents. We are clubwomen who know “it is the little things that make a difference.”

PARTNERSHIPS

Canine Companions for Independence is the oldest and largest assistance dog program providing trained dogs for children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities. It has a Wounded Veteran's Initiative. CCI has provided many assistance dogs to injured service men and women who are returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Easter Seals provides services to ensure that all persons with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Easter Seals assists more than one million children and adults with disabilities and their families annually through a nationwide network of more than 550 service centers. Easter Seals is a new Partner this year.

Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer Campaign is also a new Partner this year. The campaign educates women and health care providers about the five most common types of gynecologic cancer: cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. Gynecologic cancer is any cancer that starts in a woman's reproductive organ. Each year in the United States, about 71,500 women are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and approximately 26,500 women die from one.

National Osteoporosis Foundation is the leading consumer and community-focused health organization dedicated to the prevention of osteoporosis and broken bones, as well as the promotion of strong bones for life and reduction of human suffering through programs of public and clinician awareness, education, advocacy, and research.

International Outreach Program

Program Chairman—

Sally Marks • 410-848-4064

Partnership Chairman—

Jo Harp • 410-848-2691

Half of the world's population lives on less than \$2.50 a day. Each day 21,000 children die due to poverty. GFWC encourages us to reach beyond our own communities and look for a way to make a global impact.

In most cases, GFWC members cannot physically be present to assist and make changes in countries around the world. Donations made through our partnerships reach those in greatest need. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency.

Some ideas from GFWC are:

- Fund life-saving vaccines to help children all over the world.
- Participate in International cultural exchanges.
- Keep club members informed about major issues and challenges facing people in developing countries.
- Support the development of healthy and sustainable communities around the world.
- Ensure children have access to health, education, equality and protection.
- Provide support and encourage growth and sustainability by donating gifts such as livestock to families in need.
- Keep members updated on United Nations programs concerning women and children.
- Promote legislation in support of human rights around the world.

PARTNERSHIPS

Heifer International

www.Heifer.org

Operation Smile

www.OperationSmile.org

United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life

www.ShotatLife.org

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

www.UNICEFUSA.org

Public Issues Program

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Rosemary Slacum • 410-742-9122

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

Citizenship:

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

Veterans Affairs:

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

Emergency Preparedness:

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

Safety:

- Educate club members and local communities on home, road, and Internet safety.
- Provide programs, tools, and training.

- Create safer homes and communities through awareness.

Consider projects that address issues such as running for office; voter registration; elections; democracy; disaster preparedness; road safety; and supporting our military personnel. See your GFWC Club Manual for a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the Public Issues Community Service Program.

PARTNERSHIPS

Kettering Foundation is a nonpartisan research organization which seeks to identify and address the challenges of making a democracy work. GFWC and Kettering Foundation are developing an issues booklet about working with communities. More information to come. Donations are always accepted.

Sew Much Comfort provides adaptive clothing to support the needs of wounded service personnel. GFWC clubs can donate adaptable, new only, boxer shorts, heavy weight t-shirts in solid colors or college, professional team prints in M to XXL sizes. There are other limitations. Clubs can hold fundraisers to donate money, or volunteer to be a seamstress.

USO is a private organization, but government sponsored, which aids military families. The USO has several ways in which your GFWC club can participate including: the child reading program, Operation Phone Home, Sesame Street with live performances for military children, Warrior and Family Center where 100% of the donations are going to the construction of a second Walter Reed Medical Center to be located at Fort Belvoir, VA.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Special Project Chairman—
Marge Shiflett • 301-865-7080

GFWC is a national leader in the fight to end domestic violence by raising awareness about this social issue. By supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens, the goal of the GFWC Signature Project:

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness and prevention of the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation.

GFWC members speak with one voice:

- In the effort to develop and influence federal and state legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and their families.
- To protect the safety, security, and dignity of older citizens.
- To promote fundraisers which provide a positive and constructive solution to victims of abuse through the GFWC Scholarship program.
- To promote projects that support and cultivate work with national and local domestic violence and abuse organizations.
- With GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Program partners.

In addition to intimate partner abuse, the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention also works to combat child abuse, teen dating violence, and elder abuse. Elder abuse can take various forms such as physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, and financial abuse. It can also be the result of intentional or unintentional neglect and abandonment. Dating violence is a pattern of controlling and abusive behaviors of one person over another within a romantic relationship. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, sexual, and financial abuse. Dating violence can occur in any relationship. It has no boundaries and crosses all lines of race and socio-economic statuses.

PARTNERSHIPS

Prevent Child Abuse America
www.PreventChildAbuse.org

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children

Special Project Chairman—
Tricia Wagman • 410-876-7421

The GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children is designed to enable all GFWC clubs to educate, advocate, and engage in projects concerning the well-being of children via health, social, and safety programs.

To raise awareness for GFWC's child advocacy efforts, we have declared the fourth week in October as GFWC Advocates for Children Week. Please encourage your clubs to do an activity to support children. Some ideas are: collect mittens and hats for a local Title 1 school, collect canned goods for a food pantry at a local school, read to children in a classroom, pre-school or Sunday school, host an arts and crafts night, and make donations to vaccinate a child.

Consider your club's interests and community's needs. Here are 10 steps to get you started:

1. Proclaim Advocates for Children Week
2. Warm Up!
3. Face the Challenge
4. Share Your Passion for Reading
5. Immunize a Child
6. Plant a Pinwheel Garden
7. Get Creative
8. Trick-or Treat for UNICEF
9. Take a Stance
10. Clean Up

Have these peaked your interest? This chairman recently emailed a Sample Proclamation and the entire Guide referring to these 10 steps above. Please pick one that interests your club, and then let this chairman know about it.

PARTNERSHIPS

**Emergency Medical
Services for Children**

www.ChildrensNational.org/EMSC
INMED Partnerships for Children
www.INMED.org

GFWC Advancement Areas

Communications & Identity Co-Chairs—

Ellen Fritz • 301-387-2157

Betty Ellington • 301-387-9232

Fundraising & Development Co-Chairs—

Dorothy Bishoff • 443-402-1421

Nabi Akinshegun • 301-675-6264

Leadership Chairman—

Cynthia Ann Dykes • 410-742-4658

LEADS Chairman—

Bernadette Simon • 410-859-4433

Membership Chairman—

Mary Beth Strickler • 301-707-8582

Public Policy & Legislation Chairman—

Diane MacDougall • 410-282-7003

WHRC Chairman—

Shirley Wales • 410-256-5442

GFWC-MD PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Women's Health Issues

"Piglet" Pillow Project...

Do you believe that pigs can fly? If you were in attendance at the September GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting in Westminster, then you would be a believer. The "piglet" pillow project for post-surgical breast cancer patients got off to a flying start.

In the club presidents' packets, the directions for the "piglet" tail were unclear—each piglet will have its own "personality"—no two tails are alike.

- Cut strips of fabric at least 10" long and 2" wide.
- Fold the strip in half and tie a knot in its middle and pull tightly.
- Be sure you leave enough space in the loop of the tail so a person can fit their thumb through it.
- This "odd" shaped pillow will snuggle under the operative side and provide support, and the thumb holds the pillow in place.

Please attach a card to the piglet's tail with the name of your club. These pillows can be a challenge to sew, but will be well worth your efforts, and appreciated by the patients who receive them. Let's see how many pigs fly into convention!



February is American Heart Awareness Month and the Red Dress Campaign

The holidays will be a challenge for our 7 heart-healthy lifestyle changes, so get back on track after the new year, and I hope to see you wearing RED at the February GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting.

Julie Gibbs, Chairman

LEADERSHIP

Those club leaders who received my Leadership packet at the GFWC-MD Marketplace of Ideas on September 19, 2012 will recall that, in my written statement, I said that GFWC was in the process of revising its expanded version of the Leadership Advancement Guide. The expanded version is now available on the GFWC website, www.GFWC.org/

ClubManual, under Advancement Guides. It is twelve (12) pages long and expands on topics in the abridged version, which was in your Marketplace packet. I urge all club officers and leadership chairmen to download and print a copy of this expanded version. If anyone cannot obtain a copy, please let me know and I will get a copy to you.

Leaders are vital for the continued success of our clubs. Always remember, leaders are not just born, they can be created with support, care and mentoring from current leaders. Please contact me at anytime if I can be of assistance.

Cynthia Ann Dykes, Chairman
H: 410-742-4658, C: 301-351-7752
Email: Cynad1@yahoo.com

GFWC MARYLAND CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS 2012 (MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BASED ON 2012 DIRECTORY INFORMATION)

CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS 19 & UNDER		CATEGORY 2 MEMBERS 20-32		CATEGORY 3 MEMBERS 33-60		CATEGORY 4 MEMBERS 61 & OVER	
Centennial*	12	Charles Co	21	Bethesda	54	Annapolis at HH	118
Chesapeake	19	Cumberland Jrs	20	Cecil County	48	Chevy Chase	209
Chinese League	9	Laytonsville	21	Dundalk	41	Chevy Chase Jrs	63
Emeritus*	13	Metropolitan	25	Joppatowne	33	Frederick	81
Greater Fallston	14	Perry Hall	32	Kensington Comm	47	Glyndon	86
Greensboro	18	Sandy Spring	20	Laurel	44	Linthicum Hgts	127
Myrtle*	11	St. Mary's Co	29	Silver Spring	60	Severn Town	63
Pocomoke Jrs	19	STARS Jrettes	30	University Park	37	Oakland	80
Southern Lights*	10	Suburban	32	Westminster Jrs	37	Westminster	98
Western MD Comm	7	Wicomico	29	Total Clubs	9	Total Clubs	9
Total Clubs	10	Total Clubs	10				

**Past Presidents' Club*

GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

www.GFWC.org



GFWC LEADS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

SUBMIT TO YOUR STATE FEDERATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Above information should be concealed during judging process

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held*: _____

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held*: _____

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

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

Are you willing to:

- ✓ defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes ___ No ___
✓ return to the state and share what you have learned at LEADS? Yes ___ No ___

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 1, 2013

* If more space is needed, please complete answers on reverse side of this form.

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

*Bernadette Simon
612 Fairmount Road
Linthicum, MD 21090-2814
Email: bsimon1234@yahoo.com*

"12 STEPS FOR PERFECT REPORTING" 2012-2014

Guidelines for Club Reporting

Covering Club Activities from January 1 to December 31, 2012

POSTMARK DEADLINE
JANUARY 31, 2013

- 1 Appoint a Reporting Chairman** — Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2012-2014 GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects, to help make your reporting easier and your Reporting Workshop run smoother.
- 2 Schedule a Reporting Workshop**, or a series of Reporting Workshops.
- 3 Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:**
 - A. Reporting Guidelines**
 - GFWC Club Manual for 2012-2014
 - GFWC-MD Reporting Guidelines for 2012-2014
 - Reporting Packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
 - The "12 Steps for Perfect Reporting" Guidelines
 - B. Reference Materials**
 - Club Minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
 - List of Club Donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
 - Club Newsletters
 - Copy of Previous Year's Club Reports
 - C. Supplies**
 - Large Tablet of Paper & Markers
 - OR– Pads of Paper & Pens/Pencils
 - Refreshments to Reward your Hardworking Members! Make it fun!
- 4 Preparation** — Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service Program or Special Project and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you begin to "brainstorm."
- 5 BRAINSTORM** — As a group, go through your Reference Materials (*see above*), call out your various club projects and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program/Project.
- 6 Review GFWC Reporting Guidelines** received from GFWC-MD (*available for download at www.gfwc.org*)
- 7 Write Your Narrative Reports** — Typed Narratives must not exceed TWO (2) pages. Be sure that all of your Narratives for each Community Service Program/Special Project have the proper heading. (*See Sample Reports received from GFWC-MD.*)
 - **Large Clubs** — You may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service Program or Special Project, which could take their list of projects and write the report.
 - **Small Clubs** — You may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Community Service Programs or Special Projects and write the reports.
- 8 Proofread & Revise** — Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions.
- 9 Complete the Maryland Statistical Report Form** — Fill out ONE (1) Maryland Statistical Report Form (*at right, or download from GFWC-MD website at www.gfwcmd.org*). ONE (1) person should complete this form, most likely your Reporting Chairman or Club President. If your club wrote Narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each Narrative onto the Report Form. Be sure to include a check mark to indicate an attached Narrative. The Report Form becomes the cover sheet for ALL your Narratives.
- 10 Complete the Maryland SPECIAL Report Forms** For STATE recognition of work done for TREE-Mendous Maryland and/or Save the Bay.
- 11 Copy Your Reports**
 - **Generals** — FIVE (5) Complete Report Packets
 - **Jrs/Juniorettes** — SEVEN (7) Complete Report Packets (*ONE Maryland Report Form + Narratives + Special Forms*)
- 12 Mail Your Report Packets by the Postmark Deadline of January 31st as follows:**

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to State President:
Beverly Death, 105 Circle Road,
Pasadena, MD 21122-6603

Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Dean of Chairmen:
Brenda Bennett, PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843-5399

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

Western: Susan Krichten, 108 Elaine Avenue,
Westminster, MD 21157-6906

Eastern Shore: Cynthia Dykes, 1407 W. Sandy Acres Dr.,
Salisbury, MD 21804-9319

Baltimore: Dawn Donovan, 20 Hallview Court,
Baltimore, MD 21236-4731

Southern: Jeannine Dufrene, 556 Maynadier Lane,
Crownsville, MD 21032-2136

Montgomery: Jennifer McLaughlin, 16301 Gales Street,
Laurel, MD 20707-2719

Jrs/Juniorettes — ALSO Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:
Mary Walton, 2669 Glenwood Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048

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



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

Maryland Statistical Form

Annual Reporting Period: January 1 - December 31

2012 2013

Club Name: _____

Number of Members: _____ District: _____

(Please check one) General Club Junior Club Juniette Club

Prepared by: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

		Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC SPECIAL PROJECTS						
GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness & Protection	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	Prevent Child Abuse America					<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	Emergency Medical Services for Children					<input type="checkbox"/>
	INMED Partnerships for Children					<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS						
ARTS	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	American Mural Project					<input type="checkbox"/>
CONSERVATION	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	TBD					<input type="checkbox"/>
EDUCATION	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	TBD					<input type="checkbox"/>
HOME LIFE	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	Canine Companions					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Easter Seals					<input type="checkbox"/>
	National Osteoporosis Foundation					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inside Knowledge					
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	Heifer Project International					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Operation Smile International					<input type="checkbox"/>
	U.S. Fund for UNICEF					<input type="checkbox"/>
	United Nations					<input type="checkbox"/>

		Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (continued)						
PUBLIC ISSUES	Community Service Projects					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnership Projects:					
	Kettering Foundation					<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sew Much Comfort					<input type="checkbox"/>
	USO					<input type="checkbox"/>

		Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS					
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS					<input type="checkbox"/>
LEADERSHIP					<input type="checkbox"/>
LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY					<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMBERSHIP					<input type="checkbox"/>
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER					<input type="checkbox"/>

		Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed	
FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT	Club Fundraisers				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Endorsed GFWC Fundraiser Projects:					
	Uncle Al's Pecans				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Women's Bean Project				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	It Takes Two				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Flower Power				<input type="checkbox"/>	

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete this form to include total statistics for each Special Project, Community Service and Partnership Project, and Advancement Area.
- Narratives are optional, but they will enhance chances of recognition and are necessary to be considered for GFWC club awards.
- If you submit a narrative description of your project or activity, please mark an "x" in the "narrative enclosed" box for the program area and attach the narrative to this Statistical Form.
- Narratives may not exceed two (2) pages and must be typewritten and single-spaced.

Mail the Statistical Form and narratives to:

- (1) copy to: Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President,
105 Circle Road, Pasadena, MD 21122-6603
- (2) copies to: Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD Dean of Chairmen
PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843-5399
- (1) copy to: Your District Dean of Chairmen
- (1) copy for your club files.

Junior or Juniorette clubs will also need to mail:

- (2) copies to: Mary Walton, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs
2669 Glenwood Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048-1957

GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES

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

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Domestic Violence Fundraising	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2013
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP) AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Arts CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Arts Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Conservation CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Conservation Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Education CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Education Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Home Life CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Home Life Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Home Life - Canine Companions	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2013
International Outreach CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
International Outreach Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
International Outreach - PlanUSA Global Women's Fund	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2013
International Outreach - UNICEF	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2013
Public Issues CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Public Issues Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
ADVANCEMENT AREA AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Endorsed Fundraisers	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2013
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Communications & Identity	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2013
Community Improvement Program	1st-5th Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2014
CONTESTS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Media Campaign Contest	\$50.00 in each of 4 Categories	March 15, 2013 (to GFWC)
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2013
"A Year in Pictures" (Calendar) Photography Contest	Non-Monetary	May 15, 2013 (to GFWC)
"GFWC Volunteers in Action" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2013
"The World in Pictures" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2013
Poetry Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2013 (to District)
Short Story Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2013 (to District)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2013 (to GFWC)



FOR GFWC CONTESTS ONLY

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

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

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

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



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

The JENNIE Award

One clubwoman from each of GFWC's eight regions will be honored with The JENNIE during the 2012-2014 administration.

GRANTS

Club Recruitment Grants

(funded by GFWC)

District Club Building Grants

(funded by GFWC)

Literacy Grants

(funded by Procter & Gamble)

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

MARYLAND CONTEST DEADLINES

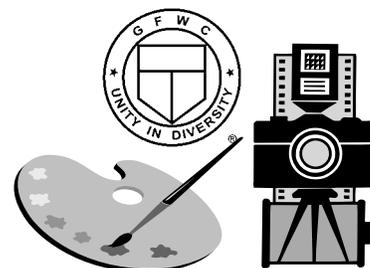
Competition Can Be Rewarding

CONTEST	DEADLINE	SEND ENTRY TO
Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award	3/1/13	Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President 105 Circle Road Pasadena, MD 21122-6603
Member & Youth Short Story & Poetry Contests	3/1/13	Catherine Cash 10017 Quinby Street Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173
Art & Photography Contests	3/1/13	Debbie Spinnenweber 14602 Viewcrest Road, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
Needle Art Contest	3/1/13	Mary Thompson 105 Jenkins Drive Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
Youth Art Contest	3/15/13	Brenda Bennett PO Box 5399 Ocean City, MD 21843-5399
Newsletter Contest	3/1/13	Josephine Miller, Editor, MD Clubwoman 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

PLEASE NOTE

ALL OTHER CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM & SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2013.

Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 19, 2013 at The GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting.



CELEBRATE A WOMAN... ONE OF YOUR OWN!

Rules For "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" Award 2012

- Nominees must be members in good standing of a club of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
- Members of the current executive committee of The Federation, honorary GFWC-MD presidents, former recipients of the award, and members of Junior clubs are ineligible for the award. (Juniors have an Outstanding MD Junior Award for which they compete.)
- Only one nominee per club may be submitted.
- The Cover Sheet must include: the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee; the name of her club; the signature of the club president; and the date.
- In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee and the name of her club must be omitted from the narrative.
- Narrative must be 500 words or less, explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of the award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in The Federation with emphasis placed on club sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. As background, mention may be made of club involvement over the years, and any district and state activities which might indicate a continuing interest in The Federation. Only club related accomplishments will be considered. (Please no dates.)
- A committee of five, to judge the entries, shall consist of two honorary presidents of The Federation, two members of the current executive committee of The Federation, and a former recipient of the award. The Federation president shall appoint the committee and name the chairman. The committee shall select the recipient at a meeting called by the chairman by April 1. A suitable plaque shall be purchased, using the fund established by Mrs. Robert E. Klein, and shall be presented to the "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" at the annual meeting of The Federation.
- Nominees will be notified of the time and date of the award presentation by the committee chairman.
- To be eligible, entries must be received by March 1, 2013. Send to the current president of GFWC Maryland:
Beverly Death
105 Circle Road
Pasadena, MD 21122-6603
Carolyn Morrison, Chairman

GFWC MEMBER SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

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

Member SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

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

Member POETRY CONTEST RULES:

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

DEADLINES:

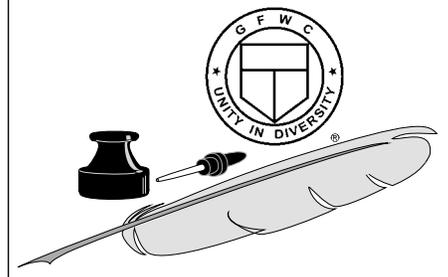
CLUBS— February 1, 2013. Send member entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2013. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

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

REMINDER:

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



GFWC YOUTH SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

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

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

Youth SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

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

Youth POETRY CONTEST RULES:

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

DEADLINES:

CLUBS— February 1, 2013. Send youth entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2013. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

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

REMINDER:

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



MARYLAND ART, NEEDLE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibit at the GFWC Maryland Convention, April 20-21, 2013

NEW CATEGORIES for NEEDLE ART

ORIGINAL – A unique design and composition, which is entirely the product of the stitcher's own mind and hands.

RENDITION/COLLECTIVE – A unique arrangement of known motifs or combination of designs with significant originality in color, spacing and placement. Computer generated charts that have been created with the stitcher's input are included.

COMMERCIAL – Works using a designer's pattern for needlework. Included: charted or painted canvas, printed graphs, kits and minor alterations thereto.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All Artwork must be identified as **Original or Interpretation of Other Works**. All Photography entries must be identified as **Film or Digital**. All Needle Art must be identified as **Original, Rendition/Collective or Commercial**.
2. All Art and Needle Art entries must have been completed within the past two (2) years. **All Photography entries must have been taken during the contest year.**
3. No item previously exhibited and judged at GFWC Maryland State Convention may be entered.
4. Any club member is eligible. Entry cards must be submitted by mail. Please include the name, address and phone number of the individual submitting the entries, and total number of entries included, along with the entry cards.

5. **All Artwork** must be framed. **No Art Entry will be Accepted Without a Secure Frame.**
6. **All Photography** entries must be 8" x 10" and mounted on rigid board. **NO MATTES OR FRAMES.**
7. Five or more pieces constitute a competitive class. **No Awards Will Be Given unless Three or More Individuals Enter a Class.** If insufficient entries are received the class may be eliminated and the entries will be placed under "Miscellaneous" for judging.
8. **All Photography** entries will be judged at convention and awards will be presented. The first place winners in each category will be entered in the **GFWC Photography Contests** (see rules at right).
9. Judging will be by qualified judges and their decisions will be final. **Ribbons will be awarded.**

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The maximum number of entries accepted per person are as follows:
Art: THREE (3) items/class
Needle Art: THREE (3) items/class
Photography: ONE (1) item/class
No joint entries will be accepted.
2. **All Entry Cards must be postmarked by March 1, 2013.**
3. **Make TWO Entry Cards for EACH Entry.** (Copy the Sample Entry Card below and attach to 3 x 5 cards.) **Mail ONE Card** to the appropriate chairman for **Art & Photography Entries** or **Needle Art Entries** as listed below. Attach the **Second Card** to the back of the entry.
4. **Entry Cards** should be mailed to the appropriate chairman as follows:
Art & Photography:
Debbie Spinnenweber (301-729-2258)
14602 Viewcrest Drive, SW
Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
Needle Art:
Mary Thompson (301-743-5493)
105 Jenkins Drive
Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
5. **Exhibits Will Be Covered By Insurance For Fire And Theft Only.** All due care will be used in handling articles, but the insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for \$10.00 (ten dollars). **No Single Item Will Be Insured In Excess Of \$500.00.**
6. All entries will be received on the lobby level of the BWI Airport Marriott on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration will close at 11:30 a.m.
7. **Exhibit Hours will be announced in the convention program.**
8. Entries should be picked up at the close of the Sunday, April 21, 2013 business meeting on the lobby level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Neither The GFWC Maryland Federation nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 21st. **No Exceptions To This Rule.**

Entry Deadline — March 1, 2013

SAMPLE ENTRY CARD

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

MARYLAND ART, NEEDLE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT		
Club Name _____	District _____	
Exhibitor's Name _____	Phone # _____	
Address _____	Zip _____	
Category # _____	Value Of Entry _____	
Description (Title if any) _____		
For Art ONLY (Check ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Totally Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
For Photography ONLY (Check ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Film	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital
For Needle Art ONLY (Check ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rendition/Collective	

ART CATEGORIES:

Abstract A-1 (*all media*)

Oil and Acrylic

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-2
Still Life, Birds and Animals A-3

Pastel A-4 (*all entries*)

Portraits A-5 (*all media*)

Sculpture and Mixed Media A-6

Watercolor

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-7
Still Life, Birds and Animals A-8

Miscellaneous Art A-9

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES:

GFWC CONTESTS (*see rules below*)

"The World in Pictures"

- Living Things – Color A-11
- Living Things – B&W A-12
- Scenes – Color A-13
- Scenes – B&W A-14
- Still Life – Color A-15
- Still Life – B&W A-16

"GFWC Volunteers in Action" A-17



NEEDLE ART CATEGORIES:

Beadwork N-101

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Canvaswork N-102

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Counted Thread N-103

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Sampler N-104

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Techniques: Canvaswork: *Traditional or Multi-stitch*
Counted Thread: *Blackwork, Cross stitch (even weave),
Drawn Thread, Hardanger*
Sampler: *Traditional or Multi-stitch*
Cross Stitch: *On block weave fabric*
Embroidery: *Crewel, Goldwork, Japanese, Silk Ribbon,
Stumpwork, Surface, White Work*
Heirloom Sewing: *Fine Hand Sewing, Needle Lace,
Quilting (limited to 120-inch perimeter), Smocking*
Miniature: *32-count or higher, over one thread*

Cross Stitch N-105

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Embroidery N-106

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Heirloom Sewing N-107

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial

Miniature N-108

- A-Original
- B-Rendition/Collective
- C-Commercial



Rules for GFWC Photography Contests

CONTEST RULES:

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

DEADLINES:

CLUBS must send Entry Cards to their **STATE Art & Photography Contests Chairman** for state judging, postmarked by **March 1, 2013.**

"The World in Pictures" has NEW Categories and TWO Classes for 2013!

"The World in Pictures"

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

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

TWO (2) CLASSES per CATEGORY:

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

"GFWC Volunteers in Action"

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

"A YEAR IN PICTURES" CALENDAR CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

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

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

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

DEADLINE: Each GFWC CLUB may submit ONE (1) photo directly to GFWC Headquarters by May 15, 2013.

MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:

All students from the sixth grade through the twelfth grade are eligible. Work will be judged in two classes:

Art:

Middle School Division - Grades 6, 7 & 8
High School Division - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Photography/Computer Art:

High School Division - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

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.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:

- All entries should be **Original**, done by the student between 3/1/12 & 3/1/13.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create new compositions are accepted but judged considering age appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer enhanced photography and graphics. Copyright rules must be applied.

- Work may be of the following media: oil, lead pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed media, photography/computer art. If necessary, the work should be sprayed with a fixative.
- All entries must be mounted to heavy cardboard or foam core. Maximum size for Art (including computer art) is 24"x36". Maximum size for Photography is 8"x10". No Mattes, Frames or Glass.
- Each entry **Must Have An Entry Card** securely attached to the back with the information as given on the sample below. Each card **must** have the student's name, e-mail and home address, zip code, phone #s, grade, school, type of media and source of subject. **Entries without cards will not be judged.**
- Each **Local Club or District** shall establish rules to determine how many entries each student may submit.

- For the **State Program:** **Each District** may submit three (3) winning works from Middle and High School in **Art**, and three (3) from High School in **Photography/Computer Art**.

AWARDS:

- **Local Level:** Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion.
- **State Level:** GFWC Maryland offers two (2) \$200.00 First Place Awards, two (2) \$150.00 Second Place Awards, and two (2) \$100.00 Third Place Awards in the High School Division; and one (1) \$100.00 First Place Award, one (1) \$75.00 Second Place Award, and one (1) \$50.00 Third Place Awards, in the Middle School Division.
- **National Level:** (High School Photography Only). State winners may be entered in the GFWC National Contest by the State Chairman, if criteria are met prior to May 1. For more information visit www.gfwc.org/gfwc/2012-2014_club_Manual.asp.

DEADLINE:

All **District** winning entries must be received by **District President(s) by March 15, 2013 for the State Contest.** Judging of artwork will take place on March 26, 2013. Winning artists will receive their awards at the GFWC-MD State Convention, April 20-21, 2013 at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel.

- **SAMPLE ENTRY FORM CARD:** Please copy the sample at left and attach to back of each entry.

GFWC MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

Please Print Clearly! All Personal Information MUST Be Included!

Name _____ Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

School _____ Grade _____

Type of Media _____ Details _____

Sponsoring Club _____

District _____

CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

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

CONTEST RULES:

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

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

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

COVER LETTER MUST INCLUDE:

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

AWARDS:

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

DEADLINES:

STATE CONTEST—

CLUBS must submit entries to **STATE Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 1, 2013.**

GFWC CONTEST—

CLUBS may submit entries directly to:

GFWC Newsletter Contest

1734 N Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036-2990

Must be postmarked by **March 15, 2013.**

GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

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

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

SUBMISSION EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

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

AWARDS:

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

DEADLINE:

CLUBS must submit entries via email to **PR@GFWC.org**. Submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on **March 15, 2013.**

GFWC MEDIA CAMPAIGN CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged on the following:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

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

Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment, and Special Events.

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

COVER LETTER OR BODY OF EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

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

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

AWARDS:

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

DEADLINE:

CLUB Entries must be postmarked or emailed no later than **March 15, 2013.**

Mail to: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**
1734 N Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036-2990

Email to: **PR@GFWC.org**

Service with a Smile



Tin Tin Nu Raschid, President
Tin Tin and her husband immigrated to the U.S. in 1980. Since then, she has been busy in the floral industry. She owned two florist shops in Arlington and McLean, VA, and now runs a floral design business called "Rent-a-Florist," offering services for weddings and parties. Tin Tin has been a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc. for eleven years. During this time she has attended many State Conventions, an International Convention, and a Southeastern Region Meeting, trying to educate herself and make new friends. Tin Tin is a "hands on" person—volunteering at the Thrift Shop, reading to kids at the Domestic Shelter, helping with "road clean-up" for Rotary, or serving spaghetti dinners at her club's fundraiser. Although this is her first position on the Montgomery County District Board, Tin Tin has served as president of nine other organizations. She was the first woman president of her Rotary club, and the first woman Rotary governor of Virginia in 1996-97. These past experiences will be of great help in her role as district president. Tin Tin is thankful to the members of Montgomery County District for bestowing her with this prestigious honor.

GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.

On a perfect fall day with a clear blue sky, much like the one on that infamous September 11th exactly eleven years before, the Woman's Club of Bethesda opened our new club year with a time of reflection for those lives lost or changed when our country was attacked at home. Our dear member/caterer shared her recollections of that day. She had just finished up the luncheon when she received a phone call from the commodore at the yacht club where she regularly serves dinner. She was asked to serve that dinner, instead, to the first responders at the Pentagon. She did indeed, serving groups of 25 men and women who would then go back to work sifting through the wreckage, looking for survivors. Mabel said she felt as if she were helping in that crisis, and indeed she was.

Our program that day were guests who brought new meaning to the word "speak". Two hospital dogs

who "work" every day at the naval hospital visited, along with their human who shared stories of the impact and the differences that these dogs made on the lives of the wounded warriors they visit. These dogs seem to know exactly what each individual needs emotionally and—with noses, paws, and soulful eyes—do their best to provide it.

The past year ended with a celebration of the club's 100th anniversary. A lovely tea was held, which was attended by local and state officials and by officers from GFWC and GFWC-MD. This year began with a 99th celebration in honor of Mabel Sawhill. Not only is Mabel an inspiration as a member, but each month she provides the club with a delicious luncheon. She is dearly beloved by us all.

Much of our time and energies will again be devoted to the Shelter for Domestic Abuse. In September, we purchased back-to-school outfits, shoes, and backpacks for each child in the shelter. This month we will



Bethesda Woman's Club inducted five new members (L to R): President Karen Brown, Barbara Alloway, Peggy Villela, Karla Miller, Gabriela Setzer, Thelma Okoye, and Tin Tin Nu Raschid, Membership Chairman and Montgomery County District President.

buy each child a warm winter coat. Many of these children leave their houses with only the clothes on their backs, as evidenced by the fact that some have only bedroom slippers to wear when they arrive. Some of our members read to the children on a weekly schedule and enjoy it as much as the children.

The Bethesda club provides funds for the mothers to go shopping at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop, both for themselves and for their children. Members also donate appropriate clothing for mothers and babies, even holding baby showers for the women who are pregnant. A number of our members work regularly at the thrift shop, in addition to donating gently used clothing there as well. Members also generously donate food items monthly to the Manna food program in our county.

The major fall fundraiser is the Big Bingo Bash. Members assemble prize baskets with intriguing titles, such as the Christmas Basket, Chocolate Basket, Wine Basket, Toy Basket, Spa Basket, etc. A silent auction will be held at the general meeting, and a Yard Sale and Spaghetti dinner are planned for the spring. These projects raise funds to support our philanthropies such as several scholarships to Montgomery College, Montgomery County Hospice, Heifer Project and so on.

A visit to the Air Force Monument followed by lunch in Alexandria and a visit to the Hampton House in Towson are several of the social outings our members enjoyed. The bridge group and the literary group meet monthly with lots of discussion and sharing of ideas.

As you all know, women's clubs give each member the rewarding chance to serve "hands on," a welcome way to make a difference in our respective communities.

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

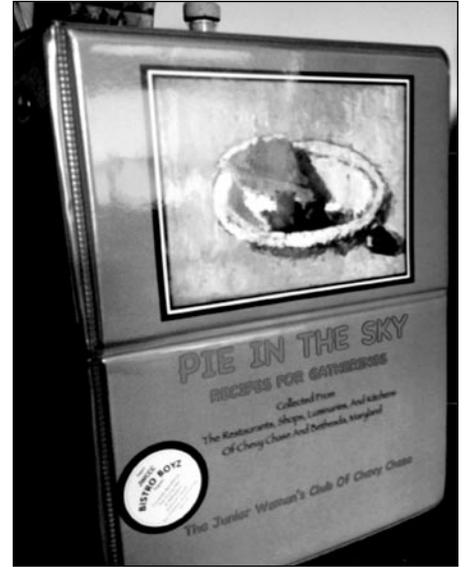
The current club season began with our traditional Open House Coffee in September, reuniting club members after the summer and welcoming prospective members. Outshining coffee and tea was the sumptuous food, much of which was from the kitchen of our 99-year-old member, Mabel Sawhill.

Our series of luncheon speakers began in October with Gail Russell Chaddock, political editor and congressional correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor" and CSMonitor.com. After a series of assignments here and abroad for the "Monitor," she assumed her current post in 2001. November's speaker was Jane Sullivan Roberts, an attorney and the wife of Chief Justice John Roberts.

In October we also sponsored a Community Yard Sale, Treasure Trove, Used Book Sale and Mum Sale, the latest in a series of fundraisers initiated after our annual Antiques Show & Sale was suspended two years ago. As a club we are also emphasizing more hands-on charitable projects, such as making special dinners for Bethesda Cares, where members gather in the club's kitchen to prepare homemade food.

Next year will be a momentous one as WCCC celebrates its 100th anniversary. A gala dinner is planned for October 2013 with Jack Kelly of "The Washington Post" as guest speaker.

The club was founded by three women and dues were originally 25 cents a meeting, which rotated among various members' homes. The women were identified only as Mrs. (Husband's Name). It is said that they had to have the written permission of their husbands in order to incorporate the club. We've come a long way, baby!



The "Pie In The Sky" cookbook was published by the Chevy Chase Juniors to benefit their Bistro BoyZ programs.

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

Our "Pie In The Sky" cookbook, published August 2012, is more than just a collection of yummy recipes; it's a legacy of our wonderful club and community AND it supports the life-altering good works our members are doing in partnership with the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF). Printing costs were 100% covered by local businesses—so 100% of cookbook sales benefit our Bistro BoyZ programs.

Twenty-five of our members (Bistro GalZ) have gone through training to participate in our Bistro BoyZ programs hands-on. Now in our second year, we do a weekly grocery shopping trip in small groups with the BoyZ (ages 13-20)—followed by a trip to McDonalds—in addition to another evening each week spent cooking, planning our next menu, budgeting, and sharing the meal we prepared together.

Every Friday for the past year our members have signed up for Baking Buddies, baking and delivering goodies for the BoyZ to enjoy each
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weekend. And when it comes time for one of the BoyZ to move on to independent living, we give him a Bistro Box full of kitchen supplies, including a myriad of gadgets, spices and utensils, pots and pans, and a George Foreman Grill.

While JWCC continues to be involved in many other charitable works, we have chosen to focus on our Bistro BoyZ programs. We are committed to uniting our community around these young men—displaced from their own families and neighborhoods—and reaching out to them as they pass through our own backyard. Local restaurants and businesses have stepped up with possible job opportunities for the BoyZ, and we are launching the community supported “BenefactorZ for Bistro BoyZ” Scholarship Fund for those young men interested in pursuing culinary arts as a career. Get your Z on! Visit our website: www.jwccc.org/pie-in-the-sky-cookbook. On Wednesday, October 17th, we held a cookbook-signing fundraising event at Chef Tony’s Restaurant in Bethesda.

Emeritus Club of Montgomery County

The fall meeting of the Emeritus Club of Montgomery County was held at the home of our new president, Phyllis Kokus, in late September, with nine members in attendance. Past-President Kitty Cash’s sister, Mary, was a visitor and enjoyed our pot-luck luncheon and camaraderie. Notes had been received from our two out-of-state members, Barbara Sobaski in Michigan, and Ruby Taylor Wyly in North Carolina, both of whom sent best wishes to all of their friends in Maryland. Our treasurer’s report showed the club’s annual support



The Chevy Chase Juniors at their Holiday and Caroling Party.

of Save the Bay, Maryland Youth Art, and the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, in addition to filling several ditty bags for a local woman’s shelter. It was voted at this meeting to support the “Coats for Children” Program, and monetary donations from club members amounting to \$70 were forwarded to the county chairman, Marge Shiflett. Members of this club are all past-presidents of the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County Federations of Women’s Clubs, and are available to mentor and serve as advisors to the officers and chairmen of our District clubs. Our spring meeting will be held next May following the District meeting.

GFWC Woman’s Club of Laurel, Inc.

In support of the GFWC Maryland President’s Special Project for Veterans, we made and filled “Lots and Lots” of ditty bags (48) and took them to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. The tote bags used were donated by a member—leftovers from a work project, which we were happy to “recycle” for this worthwhile state project. With a few modifications, they made perfect “ditty bags,” which we stuffed with toiletries, puzzle books, notepads, pens, pencils, small picture frames, t-shirts, socks, books, cards, small knickknacks, and other assorted items intended to make life in a retirement home a little more



pleasant. This is also our second year, thanks to member Polly Gould, of providing luminary kits to our members and the public to honor and acknowledge Gold Star mothers and families of fallen service men and women. We gave away 75 of them this year. We continue our monthly collection of “Treats for Troops” which will be sent to our armed forces abroad. Our clubwomen clip coupons to send to military families at a base in Germany.

In April, we won first place in GFWC-MD, and were featured in “The Washington Post,” for our Community Improvement Project for the Governor’s WellMobile program, run by the University of Maryland School of Nursing. This mobile health clinic serves the health care needs of the uninsured in Maryland.

We were honored to be featured with two other clubs nationwide in the 2012-2014 GFWC Club Manual for our Education Community Service Program of our Book Buddy Pillows project from 2010. Our club also donates to the Laurel Literacy Center, and this year purchased and distributed 120 books to local schools. Each year we offer scholarships for two local students to attend the Hugh O’Brien Maryland Youth Leadership Seminar. We subsequently invite these students to one of our meetings to share their experiences. We continue to collect “pennies for youth art” at our monthly meetings to donate to GFWC-MD for the state youth art

contest, and we support and encourage local students to participate.

One night each month, a rotation of 10 members volunteer to serve hot dinners at Elizabeth House, a local soup kitchen. We have been supporting this cause for over 20 years.

We continued to clean our adopted road three times this year and received certificates from Prince George's County Department of Public Works for this effort.

In honor of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we collected toiletries to go into gift bags, held by stuffed bears, and affixed with messages of support. These were donated to the Prince George's Family Crisis Center.

The Woman's Club of Laurel is represented at all Montgomery County District meetings and GFWC-MD meetings during the year. Our president and another member attended the 2012 Southeastern Region meeting in Roanoke, VA. Each spring we have a display table at the City of Laurel Mayor's Open House and Laurel's Main Street Festival, where several members spend the day sharing information about the club with members of the community. Our

members also volunteer when needed at the District's Montgomery County Thrift Shop.

We are continually adding fundraisers. They include our annual fall yard sale, wrapping paper & holiday gift sale, fall mums and holiday wreaths. This fall we had the Green to Gold fundraiser and our club received a check for \$415. Our largest fundraiser, Breakfast with Santa, is in its 34th year. In the spring, we plan to continue offering Stonefield soap, and adding the GFWC sponsored FlowerPower.

Our members enjoyed outside social events this year, including holiday parties, a trip to Longwood Gardens, an overnight shopping trip to Bethany Beach, and the Laurel and University Park House Tours.

At GFWC-MD Convention, we proudly accepted a Home Life award for our WellMobile support. Other awards received were: Fundraising, Women's History & Resource Center, and Tree-Mendous Maryland. Member Sandee Leibson received third place for a photo entry. At the Montgomery County District Meeting in May, member Jennifer McLaughlin was installed as first vice-president, and Diane Hill as recording secretary for 2012-2014.

GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club

Our October 1st meeting was held at Laytonsville Town Hall and open to the public. This was because our speaker from the League of Women voters explored important Maryland issues—gaming sites, non-citizen tuition rates, civil marriage protection laws, and other concerns.

Laytonsville Woman's Club has been a volunteer organization in the town for more than 40 years. We help host town functions such as the annual parade and town picnic.

We continually support scholarships, Hospice Caring, Gaithersburg and Damascus Help, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Montgomery College and our own Laytonsville Historic Center. We plan to add our support this year to the Montgomery County Thrift Shop.

GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County

September 19th marked the formal beginning of the 2012-2013 club year for the GFWC Metropolitan Community Club (MCC) of Montgomery County. Our club members selected 12 charities for this year, in addition to continuing to help special-needs families with clothing for their children or medical expenses throughout the year.

The selected charities' missions range from providing basic needs to the poor of Montgomery County, to supporting women's health and economic development in third-world countries. Throughout the year, members volunteer with 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

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Woman's Club of Laurel members filling Ditty Bags (L to R): Polly Gould, Kay Wilson (front), Louise Reynnells, and Linda Hammil.

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families, especially during the holidays. A list of this year's selected charities can be found at the MCC webpage: www.gfwcmd.org/clubs/montgomeryco/ccmoco.html.

MCC sponsors a number of fundraisers during the year. This fall, the club held its annual Craft Show on Saturday, October 27th at Potomac Presbyterian Church, with a pre-show on Friday October 26th. MCC invited members from other clubs and their families to attend this event, with over 20 vendors selling quality items, such as jewelry, clothing, children toys, and delicious specialty food items.

For the past 30 years, a major fundraiser has been the sale of Christmas wreaths. Great care is taken to assure that the wreaths are healthy and full, are delivered early in the season (shortly after Thanksgiving), and are competitively priced. Based on the quality of the wreaths and the charities that are supported by the proceeds, the club has many loyal customers who only buy their Christmas wreaths from MCC. Last year alone, over 390 wreaths were sold, bringing in over \$2305.00 in profit for our charities.

An important club goal is the development of friendship among the members. These friendships are developed through various group activities sponsored by the club such as: weekly bowling, regular golf outings, monthly book discussions, frequent enrichment activities such as visits to museums, an annual tea, and day trips to cultural or historic sites. As a result, many strong and lasting friendships have developed. Over the past few years, the club has seen a steady increase in membership. New members bring new ideas and enthusiasm to MCC, which has enriched the experience for all members.

GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc.

The expression "Life turns on a dime" is so true. In August we lost yet another dear member. We were also busy sending healing thoughts to other ladies who had various surgeries. Given these events, we are ever thankful for all in our wonderful circle of family, friends, and our sisters in GFWC.

Our first vice-president continues to provide us with outstanding programs. Last April, we celebrated our 73rd Anniversary with the Glen Echoes, a very talented Barbershop Quartet. In May, Linda Romano thrilled us with a presentation on flower arranging. Her masterpiece was on display at the Montgomery County District May meeting. Steve Flynn entertained us with Frank Sinatra songs at our June luncheon at Argyle Country Club. Michelle Stawinski installed our new officers for 2012-2014, using a global theme. Many thanks to Michelle for giving up her day to be with us. Two members of the Benevolent Care Fund from Riderwood introduced their calendar during our October meeting. If you read the articles in "The Washington Post" or "Gazette," you will know that a group of very brave ladies bared not QUITE (but almost) all to pose for this very wonderful project.

Our second vice-president gathered the troops to throw a very successful Card Party and Benefit last May, and another on Halloween. Silver Spring ladies provided lunch, door prizes and a day of playing bridge (or any other game you care to play). Members and non-members were invited. Proceeds benefitted the Montgomery College Scholarship Fund.

On the third Wednesday of March and April we hold our Community Service Meeting/Pot Luck that continues to provide entertainment



Greetings from Suburban Woman's Club's Breakfast Bunch.

and crucial information. In March, a representative from Maryland RELAY and Easter Seals spoke about a program to deliver phones to individuals with various handicaps. In April, Donald Call, from Elderease spoke about his organization to help our seniors. In May, we went to Olney Theatre and enjoyed "Thirty-Nine Steps," a Hitchcock inspired thriller.

Duplicate Bridge parties continue to provide fun and an opportunity for members and non-members to play bridge each month. Again, proceeds go to the Montgomery County Scholarship Fund.

If you ever visit the Montgomery County Thrift Shop you would be surrounded by articles of every kind: clothing, housewares, books, etc. The prices are great, especially on half-price days. Silver Spring ladies take turns as part of a team of five, serving as clerks or cashiers, each second Thursday.

Last May, Silver Spring Woman's Club co-hosted the Montgomery County District Meeting with Suburban Women's Club. It was an enjoyable opportunity to collaborate.

In the past, we have supported a local woman's shelter. We hope to continue to provide supplies and care to those in need.

While our club membership is not as large as it was a few years ago, our ladies work extremely hard to provide help to those in our community who need a step-up.

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

Suburban Woman's Club is in our 53rd year and we were pleased to have charter members attend our September meeting. We have had speakers at our meetings this year which included the director of Team River Runners for Wounded Warriors, a slide presentation on the Canadian Northwest, and our March speaker talked about her experience as a resident of a Japanese Internment Camp as a child during World War II. Other meetings featured a program on exercise, a potluck luncheon, a workshop making nursing home favors, enjoying luncheons in May and September, and Holiday parties in December. Our Breakfast Bunch has turned into a casual Brunch meeting, and we have a free movie fan club.

We made hospital gowns for Operation Smile, and contributed clothing and toiletries to abused persons shelters and a T.A.P. organization to help recently released prisoners get back in the workforce. We made Piglet Pillows for breast cancer patients. Our donations to organizations included a Montgomery College Scholarship, Abused Persons Program, Team River Runners for Wounded Warriors, Montgomery County Hospice, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, HOBY,



Suburban Woman's Club's Annual Installation Meeting at Columbia Country Club (L to R): President Hazel Sutherland, Vice-President Margie Wood, Recording Secretary Peggy Mason, and Treasurer Rene Griffith.

Youth Art, "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine, GFWC Maryland website and the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund.

Members are encouraged to register with Giant Foods and Safeway for A-Plus Bucks to go to local schools. For fundraising activities, we sell Giant Gift Cards, Entertainment Books, and Christmas wreaths. We also had a Marathon Bridge group. A portion of our dues is dedicated to charitable projects. We receive interest from the Marjorie Greenleaf Commemorative Fund to be used for special projects.

Suburban club members attended GFWC-MD and Montgomery County District meetings and serve on State and District committees. Kitty Cash, our nominee for 2011 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, was recognized at the 2012 April Convention.

The Montgomery County Thrift Shop is staffed by our volunteers during the year. Kitty Cash served as president of the association for two years and Mary Jo Rodgers and Eugenia Evans served as members. Montgomery County District receives a share of the profits from this activity.

We welcome guests and hope to increase our membership this year.

University Park Woman's Club, Inc.

The University Park (UP) Woman's Club launched the 2012-2013 year by announcing a number of partnerships that focus on community development and outreach. The October program recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the GFWC Signature Project. The speaker was Ajourae Brown from the House of Ruth of Beltsville. The club donated personal hygiene items to the House of Ruth to support domestic violence victims. Earlier this year,

the club donated first-night kits and children's clothing to the Prince George's County Domestic Violence Shelter. The UP Woman's Club has supported local domestic violence prevention facilities for many years.

The club will co-sponsor a community Flu-Shot Clinic. The clinic, provided by Adventist HealthCare, is a partnership with the Town of University Park, the UP Community Emergency Response Team, Riverdale Presbyterian Church, and the Woman's Club. The UP Woman's Club is partnering with the Town of University Park and the UP Historical Society to establish a permanent recognition for veterans of the community. This fall, the club will be working with the Town of University Park to refurbish a public space garden in the community, and the club will collaborate with a representative of the town council to explore the possibility of becoming involved in the Village movement, a movement to assist residents with successful aging-in-place.

The club is also preparing for a busy holiday season. Our 19th annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour will be held Friday, December 14th from 7 to 10 p.m. This is the major fundraiser for the club. A Holiday Boutique will be held in conjunction with the House Tour from 6:30 to 10 p.m. On December 16th the club will sponsor the Holiday House Decorating Contest, which recognizes neighborhood homes for their outstanding outdoor décor. Each year, the club adopts a family from the local domestic violence shelter by providing clothing, gifts, and food for the holidays. The club's December meeting will be a holiday luncheon for members and guests. A highlight of the holiday luncheon is music provided by the Silver Belles, a singing group composed of club members and directed by club member Amelia Roberts. The Silver Belles were formed in 2010.

Audrey in Wonderland

Well ladies, here we are again. This past winter I lost two very dear ladies, my cousin Rosemary (ALS) and our own Nancy Llewellyn, each was a voracious reader and an excellent resource for this column.

I'd like to take a minute to honor Nancy, one of MFWC's great ladies, by quoting from her last letter:

"I believe this year I'll be a 50 year member of GFWC and a 28 year member of ESO. I'd like to finish Century XXIII (23) by the April GFWC Maryland Convention, if I can." Without Rosemary and Nancy, my reporting will never be the same, or as easy. I wish I could tell them how much I relied on their guidance and recommendations.

I was very surprised to find myself re-reading Pearl Buck's "**Good Earth**" this winter. How hard life was in early China. Kwang Lo and his wife O-Lan pass from middle class to extremely poor and on to the land of milk and honey, struggling all the way.

Suzanne Collin's "**Hunger Games**" Trilogy starring Katniss and Gale. I can't believe how much I enjoyed these books. At first I backed off from reading them but found the books well written and the subject matter extremely well handled.

Met a new friend, Lisa Scotoline. One of her heroines (in 4 or 5 books) is attorney Mary DiNunzio from South Philly. Aside from exciting reads, I loved Mary's very Catholic, very Italian family who had the pictures of the "trinity" on their dining room wall—JFK, Frank Sinatra and the Pope!

"**You are the Love of My Life**" by Susan Richards Shreve. In 1973 Lucy leaves her married lover and returns to the Washington, DC home where she had discovered her father's body after he committed suicide. Her Mother told her, "Never tell anyone who your father was. He's dead. That's all a person needs to know."

And really good—"Double Cross" by Ben Macintyre—contains gripping stories from the perspective of a

remarkable group of spies who tricked the Nazis in an astounding D-Day deception. "People" magazine says, "Puts other spy tales to shame."

For fun—"The Years of Learning Dangerously" by Quinn Cummings. A former child star's hilarious, insightful chronicles of her family's head-first jump into home schooling.

Please read, "**The House I Loved**" by Tatiana de Rosnay. And I quote, "A mesmerizing look at how the homes and neighborhoods we occupy hold not only our memories but our secrets as well."

Charlotte Rogan's "**The Lifeboat**." The year 1914, 39 people in a lifeboat. Not everyone will make it. Overcrowded, provisions running out, the weakening desperate passengers begin to quarrel and turn on each other. The group divides into two factions, one led by headstrong sailor Mr. Hardie, the other by charismatic matron Mrs. Grant. Eventually everyone finds themselves in water up to his neck...

Now, who else was disgusted with the book, "**Once Upon a Secret—My Love Affair with JFK?**" Nineteen years old and having relations with a married man and servicing his friends and family! Come on, weren't we just

a bit more savvy at that age. I found just the premise of the book insulting. And no, I didn't read it!

And who read E.L. James' trilogy beginning with "**Fifty Shades of Gray**"? I bet you didn't discuss that one at Book Club!

I close with a must-read, "**Homefront**" by Kristin Hannah. Love is a battlefield—as is motherhood and, of course, combat. The casualties of war are shown through the eyes of Jolene, a mom and a Black Hawk pilot who returns from Iraq injured, angry and haunted. This book is a stirring, inspiring celebration of heroism in its many incarnations. Sadly, this is an extremely timely story. And, "**Soldier Dogs**" by Maria Goodavage. A moving portrait of the loyal, courageous, furry warriors who truly are Man's Best Friend.

Make sure your club distributes copies of this year's ESO recommended reading. This winter we're supposed to get the snow we missed last winter and then some. What better time to read and simply enjoy life. I beg you to get a book group started in your club.

Until we meet again...

Audrey Batchelor, ESO Chairman

Dear Federation Friends,

I am so grateful, not only for all of the words of encouragement, but also for everyone's financial support of the 2014 Installation Fund. We are so close to our fundraising goal and yet it still seems unreal that in 20 months, I will be installed as the 50th GFWC International President. Please start planning NOW to join in the fun on June 24, 2014 in Chandler, AZ!

May your holidays be filled with joy!

Love, Babs

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LEGAL ISSUES FOR CLUBS... *Tax Exempt Status*

Many clubs have elected in the past to be federally tax-exempt—think 501(c)(3)—or 501(c)(4) which is not exempt from paying sales tax when you purchase items for your club. Some of those clubs are under the mistaken impression that once you obtain the tax-exempt status, you keep it as long as the organization exists. That is far from the case.

Beginning in 2006, the IRS requires all tax-exempt organizations to “check in” by filing with the IRS. Clubs with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less can file a 990-N e-Postcard or a full Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Clubs with annual gross receipts in excess of \$50,000 MUST file a Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Failure to file for three consecutive years will result in the automatic revocation of your tax-exempt status. There is a fee and/or fine when you don’t submit your reports. According to the IRS, the 990-N

e-Postcard is easy to file, though it appears that it must be done online. The information you need is your EIN (employer identification number), the tax year, the legal name and mailing address for the club, any other names the club uses, the name and address of the president, web address (if you have one), and to be able to confirm that the gross receipts for the prior club year were \$50,000 or less, and that the club has not “gone out of business.”

If your club has gross receipts in excess of \$50,000 and you are a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), you must file either a Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Obviously, this is a much more complicated process.

Whichever form you are required to submit, it is due on the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of your club year. That means that if your club’s fiscal year ends June 30, your forms are due November 15.

If you close your books on May 31, your forms are due October 15.

The good news is that if your club has been revoked because you failed to file your 990-N and you get your club’s forms in to the IRS by December 31, 2012, the reinstatement will be much easier and less expensive, AND the IRS will reinstate you as of the automatic revocation date. That means that it will appear as though you never missed a filing deadline. The forms needed to reinstate are different for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) clubs and depend on your club’s gross revenues. Clubs interested in this IRS program are encouraged to contact one of these IRS employees: Ms. Rosenbaum at (202) 622-6070, Mr. Quesenberry at (202) 622-1124, or Mr. Giuliano at (202) 283-8917.

Clubs who have questions, or need assistance in filing out forms may also contact GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary Michelle Stawinski.

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Mark Your Calendars !!

- November 30, 2012** The Severn Town Club will hold its 49th Annual Holly Ball at 6:00 p.m. at The Westin Hotel in Annapolis. The event features dinner and dancing, silent auction, live auction, boutique, and complementary photography. Proceeds benefit The Light House Homeless Prevention and Support Center, and other local charities. For details visit www.severntownclub.org.
- December 5, 2012** ***GFWC Holiday Open House.*** The holidays are a time that evokes warm memories of friends and family. International President Mary Ellen Laister invites you to celebrate the holidays with GFWC from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC. RSVP by phone to 1-800-443-GFWC (4392), or email to GFWC@GFWC.org.
- January 5, 2013** ***Maryland Clubwoman Magazine DEADLINE***
EDITOR MUST RECEIVE ALL INFORMATION for the Spring Issue BY THIS DATE!
E-mail Articles and Photos to: MdClubwoman@verizon.net
- February 2, 2013** ***Junior Mid-Winter Rally,*** Westminster Riding Club, Westminster, MD.
- February 19, 2013** ***GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting,*** Columbus Gardens, Perry Hall, MD.
- February 19, 2013** The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District will be collecting Dr. Seuss Books at the GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting in honor of Dr. Seuss' 109th Birthday. All donations are welcome!
- April 20-21, 2013** ***GFWC Maryland 114th Annual Convention,*** BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD.
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