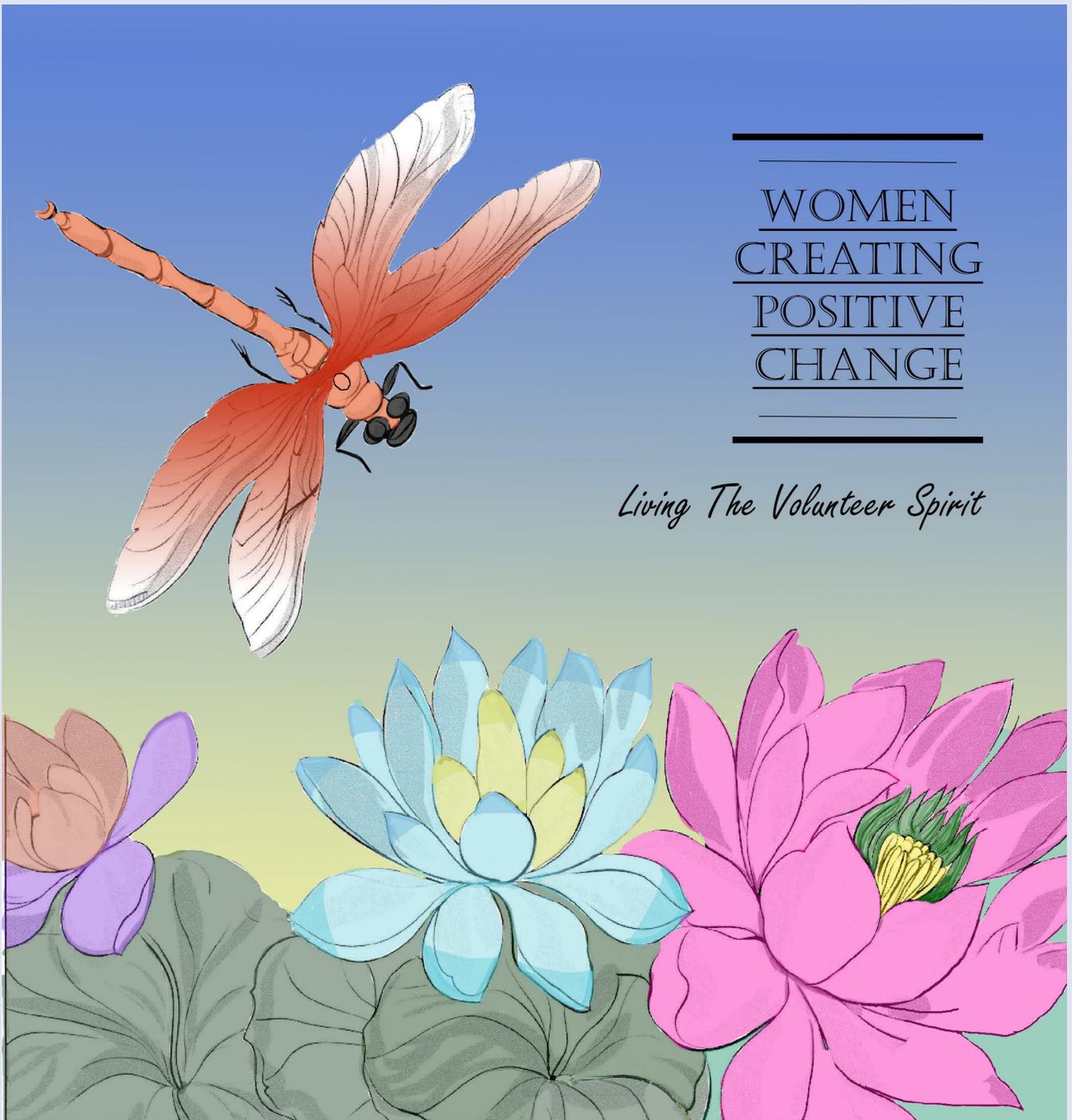




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The purpose of the Federation is to unite the women's clubs of Maryland for the betterment of their communities through the support of the Arts; the preservation of our natural resources; the promotion of education; the encouragement of healthy lifestyles; stressing civic involvement; and working towards world peace and understanding.

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All articles and information for the Fall 2018 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* must be in the hands of the State

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Reno Eitel,  
*GFWC Maryland President*

Dear Federation Friends,

It is with bittersweet sadness that I write my final President's Letter to you ... sweet because of all the wonderful memories and times shared with you and sad because it is coming to an end. It has truly been an honor to serve as your President and I will always cherish this wonderful opportunity you have given me. Thank you!

Are you planning to attend the GFWC-MD 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention? I'm very pleased to share with you the news that this year's Convention will be a combined General/Junior meeting – a first for our State. Come hear the "Out of the Box" reports, experience a newly formatted Youth Art exhibit, enjoy interesting speakers and appreciate the company of your fellow Maryland Clubwomen. You will see in the Convention Highlights, published in this issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman*, there will be much to enjoy and participate in, especially the special service projects. Please note the Official Call to Convention will be mailed separately, and will include all of the details needed for attending and planning your stay at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel in Columbia, MD. I look forward to seeing you there.

Club, District and State Nominating Committees are hard at work recruiting leaders for the 2018-2020 Administration. Please consider taking a leadership position to help move our State Federation forward. If you are a member of the new "Chesapeake District" (Baltimore, Southern and Eastern Shore), think about how exciting it could be to be a part of this newly created District. If you receive a call from a nominating committee member, please consider saying "yes". Maryland Federation needs you.

Maryland Federation recently lost two outstanding clubwomen, Barbara Frantz, GFWC Civic Club of Oakland, MD. Inc., and Carol France, Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Their fellowship, spirit and dedication to Federation will truly be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families and Federation sisters.

Club reports arrived in my mailbox by the dozens and I enjoyed reading all about the hard work you do in your communities. You truly inspire me.

Thank you again, for placing your trust in me to represent you as the 2016-2018 GFWC-MD President. It's been a great two years filled with great joy, discovery, travel and love as we worked together, "Women Creating Positive Change ... Living the Volunteer Spirit".

In Federation Friendship and Love,

*Reno Eitel*

Reno Eitel  
GFWC Maryland President

# FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Dear Federation Sisters,

It has been so rewarding to read the club reports. GFWC Maryland clubwomen have accomplished so many projects that have had an amazing impact on our communities. I applaud you all for the countless volunteer hours, monies raised and donations made that made the difference in the lives of others. Thanks for living the volunteer spirit!

As the seasons change, we open our minds to a time of growing. The weather grows warmer and we welcome a new beginning.

As this administration draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment and thank each of you for your constant support and for your dedication to this organization. Through my two years as Maryland Director of Junior Clubs, I have enjoyed shedding light on children's literacy and working on service projects that directly benefit children in need in an effort to foster a greater love for reading and stronger literary abilities. I hope your clubs will continue to think of new projects to benefit children in your area and report it under Advocates for Children.



Rebecca Wagman,  
GFWC Maryland Junior Director

Our next Junior meeting will be at the Maryland Convention April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. This year we are changing the way convention is run. We will be holding a joint General and Junior meeting where we will celebrate together the successes of 2017 in a fun-filled and meaningful way. I hope to see many Juniors at this event! Here are some highlights to look forward to: a Junior Executive Committee skit, Saturday Night Bingo, a Junior Awards Ceremony, "Out of the Box" Awards, a Linus blanket service project, a Tummy Tamers food box service project, Installation of new officers, and guest speaker Kendel Ehrlich.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve GFWC Maryland as Director of Junior Clubs - I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2018 GFWC Maryland Annual Convention!

In Federation Love,

*Rebecca Wagman*

Rebecca Wagman  
GFWC Maryland Junior Director

# GFWC-MD 119<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

*“Women Creating Positive Change ... Living the Volunteer Spirit” & “Broken Crayons Still Color”*

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend the 119th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel in Columbia, Maryland (Map on page 13), April 21-22, 2018, where we will Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present and Welcome the Future. You won't want to miss any of the festivities which begin early on Saturday. So, plan to arrive on Friday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't let your club president be the only one to have all the fun!

On Saturday morning, Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend the first ever General/Junior Convention at which you will hear interesting reports, be treated to a lively Youth Art presentation, and celebrate announcements of the 2017 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, Outstanding Junior Clubwoman, and Junior Rookie of the Year Awards. Following the morning session, a reception for all those Nominees and their Club Presidents will be held in the President's Suite. The morning session will be followed by an “Honoring the Past” Luncheon at which the 2017 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland and Past Maryland Directors of Juniors Club will be honored. Club and membership anniversaries will also be presented. After the luncheon, attendees will be entertained by our guest speaker, Susan M. Boyer, USA Today Bestselling Author of Lowcountry Bombshell, and participate in a book signing.

Saturday afternoon, members will participate in one of two service projects. They may choose to make Linus Blankets to be donated to Breast Cancer surgery patients or fill boxes with donated items for the GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc. Tummy Tamer award-winning project. On Saturday evening, all District and Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather for the District Presidents' Reception, followed by the “Celebrating the Present” banquet and highlighted by a procession of District and Club Presidents. Dinner music will be provided by Mr. Lee Thomas. Immediately following dinner, all members are invited to join Christy Swiger for some fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes at Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!". On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the GFWC Convention Club Breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m., at which more frivolity will be enjoyed. It's worth getting up early to attend this fun event! Convention will reconvene at 10:00 a.m. and you really need to be there to find out what other clubs have been doing this past year when the “Out of the Box” awards are announced. Former First Lady of Maryland, Kendel Ehrlich, will be the guest speaker at the "Welcoming the Future"

Luncheon, with entertainment provided by David Leoni & Roland Dorsey. The 2018-2020 GFWC Maryland Officers will be installed by GFWC Maryland Honorary President Julie Gibbs. Final business will be conducted, prize drawings will be held, and the gavel will be passed, then the 119th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will adjourn. Immediately following adjournment, all members are invited to the “Clubwomen Give Life a Sparkle by Living the Volunteer Spirit” Reception honoring the incoming 2018-2020 GFWC Maryland Officers.

This year's convention promises to be innovative, energizing and fun - plan to attend and be a part of the excitement!



**FEDERATION FUN NIGHT**

**“Night Owls Bingo”**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
after the Banquet

**\$20.00 for 10 Games**

Add'l Sets of Bingo Cards @ \$5.00

**ALL Maryland Clubwomen are invited for a night of fun -- and great prizes!**

**FREE Gift for Reservations**

**Pay at the door:  
Cash or Check**

**reserve your seat on your Meal Reservation Form!**

The poster features a decorative border with a hanging lantern on the left and an owl perched on a branch on the right. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, with the event title and date prominently displayed at the top.

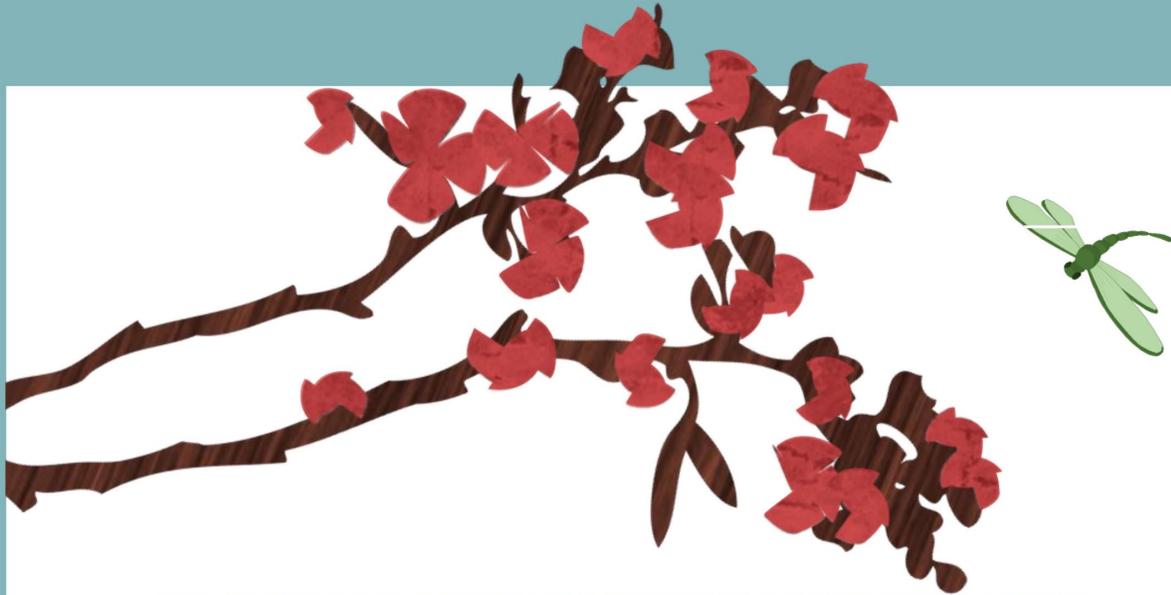


GFWC MD 2018 CONVENTION  
**SERVICE PROJECTS**  
TUMMY TAMER PROGRAM &  
LINUS BLANKETS

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**  
**AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION**

All members are invited to participate in service projects to benefit food insecure children and Breast Cancer surgery patients. Supplies for the Linus Blanket project have been donated and will be ready for you to assemble. Members are asked to donate food items to benefit The GFWC Womans' Club of Laurel's "Weekend Tummy Tamers" program. Each weekend, bags of nutritious, kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare foods are sent home with 25 children who have been identified as "food insecure". These children participate in the Federal Government's Free and Reduced-Price Meal (FARM) Program, which provides free daily breakfasts and lunches at school. However, the children often go home with little or nothing to eat for evenings and weekends. The program, begun in the Fall of 2015, won Fourth Place in the GFWC Community Improvement Program. Please refer to the food items list for suggested donations. Thank you for being so generous!



### **SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS FOR “WEEKEND TUMMY TAMER” PROJECT**

#### **LUNCH ITEMS**

5 OZ. CANNED TUNA  
5 OZ. CANNED CHICKEN  
MICROWAVE SPAGHETTI CUPS  
MICROWAVE RAVIOLI CUPS  
MICROWAVE BEEF-A-RONI CUPS  
MICROWAVE CHICKEN, RICE & VEG CUPS  
MICROWAVE MACARONI AND CHEESE CUPS  
10 OZ. CHICKEN NOODLE, TOMATO OR VEG SOUP  
INDIVIDIAL VEGETABLE CUPS  
BEEF OR CHICKEN RAMEN NOODLES  
CHICKEN, TUNA OR HAM SNACK ON THE RUN  
APPLESAUCE CUPS  
FRUIT CUPS (JUICE PACKED)

LUNCH ITEMS SHOULD BE SINGLE-SERVE PORTIONS. SOME OF THESE CAN BE PURCHASED IN MULTI-PACKS.

**PLEASE CHECK DATES ON ALL ITEMS.** PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE ANY ITEMS WITH “USE BY” OR “BEST BY” DATES PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2018.

**FAMILY MEAL ITEMS:** MAC + CHEESE, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, BEAR CREEK SOUP MIXES, CHILI SEASONING MIX, SPAGHETTI MIX, 1 LB. PASTA (NO SPAGHETTI PLEASE), CANNED VEGGIES (12 TO 16 OZ. CANS), 15 OZ. TOMATO SAUCE, 8 OZ. TOMATO PASTE, GRAVY MIX, HAMBURGER, TUNA OR CHICKEN HELPER, 12 OZ. CANNED TUNA OR CHICKEN.



GFWC MD 2018 CONVENTION  
“HONORING THE PAST” RECEPTION

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**

**12:15 PM**

PRESIDENT’S SUITE

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*A Reception for the Honorary Presidents,  
Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman,  
Outstanding Junior Clubwoman,  
Rookie of the Year,  
and All Nominees  
will be held in the President’s Suite  
Immediately following the morning session.*



GFWC MD 2018 CONVENTION

***DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION***

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**

**6:00-6:30 PM**

LAKEVIEW FOYER

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*All Members are invited to attend The District Presidents' Reception to honor All Club Presidents in the Lakeview Foyer immediately preceding the banquet.*



GFWC MD 2018 CONVENTION

**RECEPTION HONORING THE  
2018-2020  
GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018**

**2:30 PM**

LAKEVIEW FOYER

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*All Members are invited to the  
"Clubwomen Give Life a Sparkle by Living the  
Volunteer Spirit" Reception  
Honoring the 2018-2020 GFWC Maryland Officers  
Hosted by Members of the Eastern Shore District  
and  
The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.*

# CONVENTION SPEAKERS



## SUSAN M. BOYER



Susan M. Boyer is the author of the USA Today Bestselling Liz Talbot Mystery Series. Her debut novel, Lowcountry Boil, won the Agatha Award for Best First Novel, the Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense, and garnered several other award nominations, including the Macavity.

Lowcountry Boneyard, the third Liz Talbot mystery, was a Spring 2015 Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance Okra Pick, a Daphne du Maurier Award finalist, and was short-listed for the Pat Conroy Beach Music Mystery Prize. Lowcountry Book Club, the fifth Liz Talbot Mystery, is a Summer 2016 SIBA Okra Pick. Liz Talbot has many more adventures on the horizon.

Susan lives in Greenville, South Carolina. She loves beaches, Southern food, and small towns where everyone knows everyone, and everyone has crazy relatives.

You'll find all of the above in her novels.

## KENDEL EHRLICH

We would like to welcome, Mrs. Kendel Ehrlich as our keynote speaker. Mrs. Ehrlich was the First Lady of the State of Maryland from 2003 to 2007 and, not only is she married to Former Governor Robert Ehrlich, she was also part of his Gubernatorial campaign management team in 2002 and again in 2010. She also helped the management team while he was in Congress from 1994-2000.

Mrs. Ehrlich has been a Drug Court Prosecutor in the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Office in Annapolis since 2015. The drug court deals with non-violent offenders who go through an extensive addiction program, partnering with the county health department and the judiciary. She attended the University of Baltimore School of Law and graduated in 1987 with a Juris Doctor degree. Prior to that, she graduated from University of Delaware in 1983 with a degree in Criminal Justice. Mrs. Ehrlich has been on numerous boards and associations. She has won many awards, including The Daily Record Top 100 Women in 2004 and 2006. She enjoys golfing, skiing, power yoga and physical fitness training, and is the mother of two sons, Drew and Joshua.

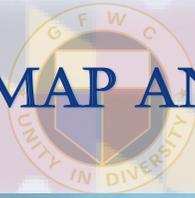


## ROLAND W. DORSEY AND DAVE LEONI



Roland W. Dorsey is a professional musician living in Harford County. He is a graduate of Los Angeles City College and studied Music at USC Los Angeles. He works mainly in the Baltimore area playing Jazz, Latin Jazz, and Fusion. A retired photojournalist, he now spends his time fulfilling his passion of playing music and learning the Bass. Dave Leoni is a graduate of CCBC Essex with an AA in Music as well as Towson University with a BA in Music. He owned and operated Dundalk Music Center for 37 years. He has played in pop/rock and jazz bands and also plays Classical Guitar. He currently plays for GAZZE and also in a Full Circle jazz quartet.

# CONVENTION MAP AND DIRECTIONS



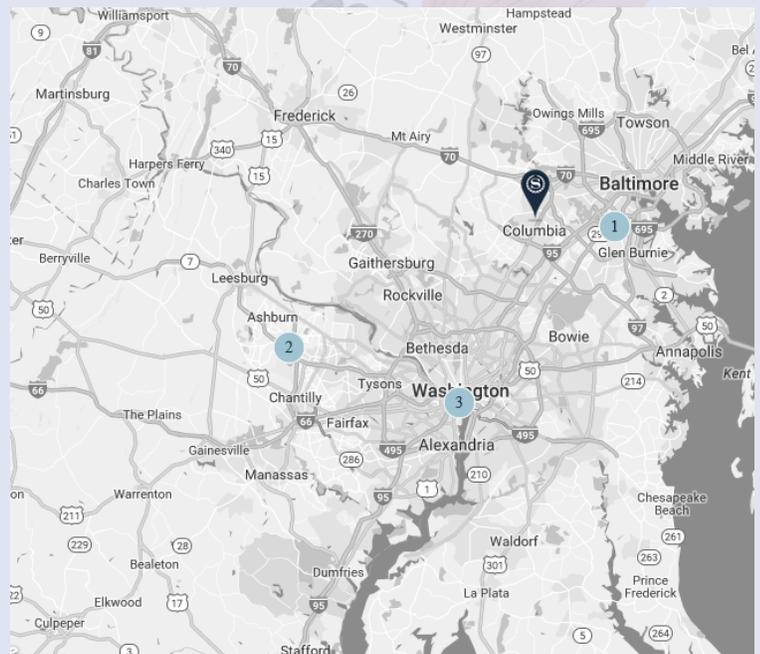
**FROM EAST:** Take Route 175 West toward Columbia. Cross over Route 29. Move into the left lane and proceed through 5 lights. Turn left onto the next street, Wincopin Circle. The hotel is located .25 miles ahead at the end of the street.

**FROM WEST:** Take Interstate 70 East to Route 29 South. Take Route 29 South 4 miles to Columbia Town Center (Route 175 West). Move into the left lane and proceed through 5 lights. Turn left onto the next street, Wincopin Circle. The hotel is located .25 miles ahead at the end of the street.

**FROM SOUTH:** Take I-95 North to Exit 41B, Route 175 West. Drive 6 miles and cross over Route 29. Move into the left lane and proceed through 5 lights. Turn left onto the next street, Wincopin Circle. The hotel is located .25 miles ahead at the end of the street.

**FROM NORTH:** Take Interstate 95 South to Exit 41B, Route 175 West. Drive 6 miles and cross over Route 29. Move into the left lane and proceed through 5 lights. Turn left onto the next street, Wincopin Circle. The hotel is located .25 miles ahead at the end of the street.

**PARKING:** When driving to Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel, we are pleased to offer all guests and visitors complimentary parking.



# JUNIOR MID-WINTER RALLY REPORT



The members of GFWC Maryland gathered for a meaningful day of service in Pocomoke City, Maryland. Our day of service included traveling to the Pocomoke Public Library where members read donated Dr. Seuss books to children, decorated bookmarks, hung up reading posters and décor, and filled supply boxes for local teachers. Members even handed out snacks to the children present at the library.

In the afternoon, members enjoyed an amazing lunch provided by XO Beanery & Bites in downtown Pocomoke City. Members discussed changes for the upcoming Maryland Convention in April and our slate of Junior Officers for the next administration. It was a successful day coming together to make a difference in the lives of others!



## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



“It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. At least eight weeks prior to the election, the chairman of the nominating committee shall send the list of nominees, designating the clubs which they represent, to the president of The Federation for inclusion in the call to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, except for the director of junior clubs, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained.” —ARTICLE IV, Section 2, paragraph 2 of The Federation Bylaws (page 70)

The GFWC MD Nominating committee submits the following slate for the 2018-2020 administration:

### PRESIDENT:

Dottie Gregg, Eastern Shore District

### PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Karen Wasik, Montgomery County District

### VICE-PRESIDENT:

Cynthia Dykes, Eastern Shore District

### RECORDING SECRETARY:

Mary Snyder, Western District

### TREASURER:

At this time we have not received any endorsements for this office. We will also be asking for suggestions when this report is given at the February Board of Directors meeting.

### DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS:

Andrea Lilly, Eastern Shore District

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Mikki Stratmeyer, Western District

### NEWSLETTER CONTEST

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2018

Please submit a 2017 newsletter to be judged and submitted to GFWC. Submissions can be sent to Jo Miller, Newsletter Contest Chairman at [jjmil68@verizon.net](mailto:jjmil68@verizon.net) or 14003 Cedarwood Drive Southwest, Cumberland, MD 21502

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC-MD BYLAWS

Pursuant to **Article XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws**, *The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before February 1.*

## ARTICLE IV, Section 3 – Officers:

*Currently reads:*

These officers, with the exception of the vice-presidents ex-officio whose terms shall be prescribed by the districts which they represent, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Federation held in the even number calendar years. A majority shall elect.

*Proposed Language to Amend is underlined:*

These officers, with the exception of the vice-presidents ex-officio whose terms shall be prescribed by the districts which they represent, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Federation held in even numbered calendar years. The chair, after ensuring that no members present wish to make further nominations, shall call for voting by ballot for an officer when there is more than one candidate for an office. A majority vote shall elect. In the event that there is only one candidate for an office, ballots may be dispensed with and the chair may simply declare that the candidate is elected, thus effecting the election by unanimous consent or “acclamation.”

*Rationale:*

*This would permit the election of officers by unanimous consent or “acclamation” and dispense with the use of ballots for any office for which there is only one candidate.*

## ARTICLE IV, Section 5 – Officers:

*Second paragraph currently reads:*

In case of a vacancy among the other officers, the executive committee shall elect by ballot at a meeting called for that purpose a person to serve until the next election.

*Proposed Language to Amend is underlined:*

In case of a vacancy among the other officers, the executive committee shall elect a person to serve until the next election by unanimous consent or “acclamation” when there is only one candidate and by ballot when there is more than one candidate for the office in question.

*Rationale:*

*This language would make the two sections of the article mirror each other in the procedure for the election of officers.*

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC-MD BYLAWS

## ARTICLE VI, Section 6 – Meetings:

*Currently reads:*

Twenty-five voting members of The Federation shall constitute a quorum.

*Proposed language to Amend is underlined:*

Eighteen voting members for The Federation shall constitute a quorum.

*Rationale:*

*Given the reduction of members from the past, it is desirable to have a reduced number of members necessary for a quorum so business can be transacted when The Federation meets.*

## ARTICLE IX, Section 6 – Board of Directors:

*Currently reads:*

Twenty-five members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

*Proposed language to Amend is underlined:*

Eighteen members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

*Rationale:*

*This language would mirror the proposed language to the aforementioned article and make the two sections consistent as regards quorum requirements.*

The following editorial changes to the MD Federation bylaws need to be made to make our bylaws compatible with the language used by GFWC.

## ARTICLE XI: Departments and Programs:

Delete the words “Departments and” from the title of the article so it reads “**Programs.**”

### Section I:

Delete the words “departments and” from the first line of the section so it reads: “The programs of work shall be authorized by The Federation or by the board of directors and shall conform as nearly as possible to those of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.”

### Section 2:

Delete words “coordinators”, “departments”, and conjunctive language used with those words so the sections reads: “The chairmen of programs shall advise the dean of chairmen of their plans of work, which shall be approved by a committee composed of the dean of chairmen, the president, and one other member of the executive committee. The program chairmen shall make an annual report and such other reports as may be required by the board of directors.”

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC-MD BYLAWS

The following are editorial changes to the MD Federation bylaws will be necessitated by the forthcoming consolidation of the Eastern Shore, Southern and Baltimore Districts and make no substantive changes in the way the MD Federation conducts business. They only reflect a reduction in the number of districts.

## ARTICLE IV: Officers:

### Section I:

Change the “five” to three so the section reads: “The officers of The Federation shall be a president, a president-elect, vice-president, the presidents of the three geographical districts who shall be ex-officio vice-presidents of The Federation, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and a director of junior clubs. Only members of active clubs shall be eligible to these offices”.

### Section 2:

In the second sentence change the number “six” to four so the sentence reads: “The committee shall consist of four members: the chairman appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee and one member to represent each district selected by the district”.

## ARTICLE VIII: Districts:

### Section I:

Change “five” to three geographical districts; delete “The Eastern Shore District, The Baltimore District, The Southern District” and add The Chesapeake District, so the section reads: “To facilitate the work of The Federation, it shall be divided into three geographical districts as follows:

The Western District, Inc. shall consist of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, and Carroll Counties.

The Chesapeake District, Inc. shall consist of Baltimore City, Baltimore, Harford, Anne Arundel, Howard, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s, Prince Georges, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties.

The Montgomery County Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. shall consist of Montgomery County.

### Section 2, sentence 2:

Change the number of copies to be submitted from “nine” to seven so the sentence reads: “Seven copies of a proposed revision of the bylaws of any district shall be submitted to the bylaws committee of The Federation for approval in order to avoid conflict with The Federation bylaws”.

## ARTICLE X, Section 5 – Executive Committee:

Change the number “seven” to five so the section reads: “Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.”

## ARTICLE XIV, Section 3 – Committees:

**First Sentence:** Change the number “five” to three so the sentence reads: The bylaws committee shall consist of a chairman and a vice-chairman appointed by the president of The Federation with the approval of the executive committee, the presidents of the three districts, the director of junior clubs, and the parliamentarian in an advisory capacity”.

# 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



It's not too early to start planning your travel arrangements to St. Louis for the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention. Search early and often to get the best flight deals. Many travel websites and apps have price alerts. Type in your projected travel dates, and they'll send you a text or email when prices drop. The nearest airport is St. Louis International, or STL, about 25 minutes way from St. Louis Union Station Hotel. STL has daily non-stop flights from most major cities.

## AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE

The General Federation of Women's Clubs and GO Best Express are teaming up! We are pleased to offer discount shuttle service to St. Louis Union Station Hotel. This express, non-stop bus service runs every 30 minutes from 4 am to 11 pm for \$45 roundtrip. Book now through June 20 and receive 30% off! To book, call 314-222-5300 or visit [www.GoBestExpress.com/reservations?](http://www.GoBestExpress.com/reservations?). Code = GFWC2018

## PARKING

Valet parking is highly recommended and available at the Main Grand Hall entrance on East-bound Market Street. Self-park is located behind Maggie O'Brien's next to the hotel on 20th Street. Parking fees are as follows: \$38 Valet Parking, \$27 Self-Parking.

## TOURS

### Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms

\$65

This excursion combines a capsule ride to the top of the iconic Gateway Arch and a visit to the renowned Missouri Botanical Garden with a private tram tour. This tour does have a moderate amount of walking and stairs.

Tour offered:

Thursday

8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

1:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday

8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

### Basilica and Brews

\$35

You will visit the gorgeous Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis followed by a tour of the world-famous Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

Thursday

8:00am-12:00 p.m.

1:00pm-5:00p.m.

Friday

1:00pm-5:00p.m.

### Architecture of St. Louis

\$50

Visit three of the finest structures in St. Louis. Guests will tour the Fox Theatre, Cupples House, and Cathedral Basilica. This tour is offered only once.

Friday: 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT REPORT



Our charitable donation projects have done well this past year. Through our participation with the Montgomery County Thrift Shop, we received \$23,000 in dividends to fund Domestic Violence Awareness projects and other smaller projects. Our Montgomery College Foundation Endowment has now received right at the \$100,000 mark since it was established in 2010. Chairman Marge Shiflett of the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention signature project advises that donations were made of coats, clothing and shoes to children in shelters. Our ongoing project for the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA) was realized when a new \$20,000 playground was dedicated at the facility.

The **Woman's Club of Chevy Chase** was honored to have Sheila Shea, GFWC International President speak, about positive change through volunteer service. The club collected business attire for organizations that provides clothing to formerly homeless individuals who are in search of employment. The club provided items for wounded veterans, helped Santa by collecting Toys for Tots, filled Comfort Cases with items that needed for foster care system and had a Mardi Bra collection of new and gently used bras. To foster increased membership, Chevy Chase established an Evening Section for those for whom an evening meeting is more convenient. In November 2017, the **Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase** held its regular meeting at the warehouse of the Greater DC Diaper Bank. The members wrapped hundreds of diapers for families in need. Because **GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel** has 11 new members, club members are infused with new energy and ideas. The club held a New to You Boutique selling gently used jewelry and accessories; hosted our annual Breakfast with Santa; walked with community partners to a local cemetery to honor veterans by laying wreaths on their graves; participated in Main Street Trick or Treat; and held a fundraiser at a Tex-Mex eatery. The **GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club** membership stands at 29. The club continues to support Smile Train, Save the Bay, Montgomery College Scholarship Fund and donated to the American Red Cross. The club held a Bazaar with almost all members becoming involved by baking, sewing, pricing, and looking for those popular attic treasures. The club netted \$600 that went to its Montgomery Scholarship Fund. The Silver Spring ladies continue to volunteer at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop. The club members are pleased to host the March 2018 district Federation meeting. We would be remiss if we didn't make special note of the April 2017 death at age 103 of our dear, dear Mabel Sawhill. Mabel was a member of the Woman's Club of Bethesda and honorary member of several clubs. After retiring from a regular job in her sixties, she took up catering, including meals for district and individual club meetings right up to the very end. We miss her positive outlook, but oh what an inspiration she was to all who knew her! In addition to its craft fair and annual wreath sale, the **Metropolitan Community Club** provided Comfort Cases for several foster homes. Each backpack included pajamas, toiletries, a stuffed animal, blanket, book, and writing materials. The club also collected 870 diapers for single mothers and sponsored a drive to collect boxer shorts and socks for teenage boys in one of the youth homes. On a personal note, this will be my last report as president of the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs. It has been an honor to represent the fantastic clubs and generous women of this amazing district. Thank you so much for all the good you do to benefit our community and our Federation.

In Federation Love,

*Kitty Cash*

Kitty Cash  
Montgomery County District President



# WESTERN DISTRICT REPORTING



The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District consists of past district presidents. Their members are also active in their own local clubs, and most continue to volunteer for our district, our state, and our region. The club has contributed to Betty M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, WHRC, Tree-mendous Maryland, Save the Bay, HOBY, Shot @Life, and SHIP. They have collected mittens and scarves that were given to an elementary school in Westminster.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club is proud to complete its fourth full year of having Historic Steiner House as the drop off point to receive community donations for Heartly House, the battered women's shelter. They are open for donations every Tuesday of the year. They have taken in over \$50,000 worth of donations throughout this year alone. Their members are known to help unload donations and then help reload them when picked up to go to Heartly House.

We are still in a state of disbelief that our dear Barbara Frantz is gone. Barbara passed away suddenly on January 9, a day after she had surgery. I am sure many of you know better than I how active she was in the state organization for many years. She was a beautiful woman, always with a smile and a word of encouragement. She was the 'face' of the Oakland Club's Antique Show, welcoming vendors and working tirelessly to find new ones every year. Her shoes will be hard to fill, and we will miss her terribly. On a happier note, the Oakland Club did add 10 new members last year, many because of an Open House that they held in May.

The GFWC Western Maryland Community Club is small but busy. They continued their project of Dawn's Closet who works with the homeless people of Cumberland including many veterans. They supply socks, coats, personal items, clothes and anything she informs us that is needed for her clients. Food was given to our local Salvation Army, lunches for children during the summer months and Union Rescue. They continue to give Arts supplies and money to Friends Aware, an organization for challenged people in our community. A donation is collected each month for our continuing project, Operation Smile.

The Westminster Generals Club partnered with Rape Crisis Intervention Service to organize and host a Domestic Violence Forum event which was attended by over 100 people. Speakers included representatives of the Rape Crisis Intervention Service, Family and Children's Services, the Task Force on Human Trafficking, and the State's Attorney.

The Junior Club of Westminster collaborated with Family and Children's Services to host a 5K run/walk for Domestic Violence Awareness. They solicited sponsors and the local newspaper published an article about the race. A candlelight vigil was held prior to the race to raise awareness of domestic violence, remember victims, and honor survivors. The event raised \$2000 for the local domestic violence safe house.

They held their 25<sup>th</sup> annual "Everything Children" Consignment Sale. Projects included hosting a National Night Out event, awarding college scholarships, co-hosting a 5K for Domestic Violence awareness, serving as judges for the local Halloween Parade, collecting items for the local domestic violence shelter, Salvation Army Angel Tree project, and making blankets and comfort bags for breast cancer patients.

Warmly,

*Jo Harp*

Jo Harp, GFWC-MD Western District President





# DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

## ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS!

Use this form for Reporting 2018-2020 Club Officers. The new 2018-2020 GFWC-MD Directory will be prepared using the information you supply.

**DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2018**

Please fill out this form and return to the GFWC-MD Registration Table at Convention, or mail this form no later than June 30, 2018 to:

GFWC-MD Directory Chair, Brenda Bennett,  
2109 Bypass Road, Pocomoke City, MD 21851, 410-251-6798

## PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

### CLUB NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Organized: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Federation: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

### CLUB PRESIDENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADVISOR/DIRECTOR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

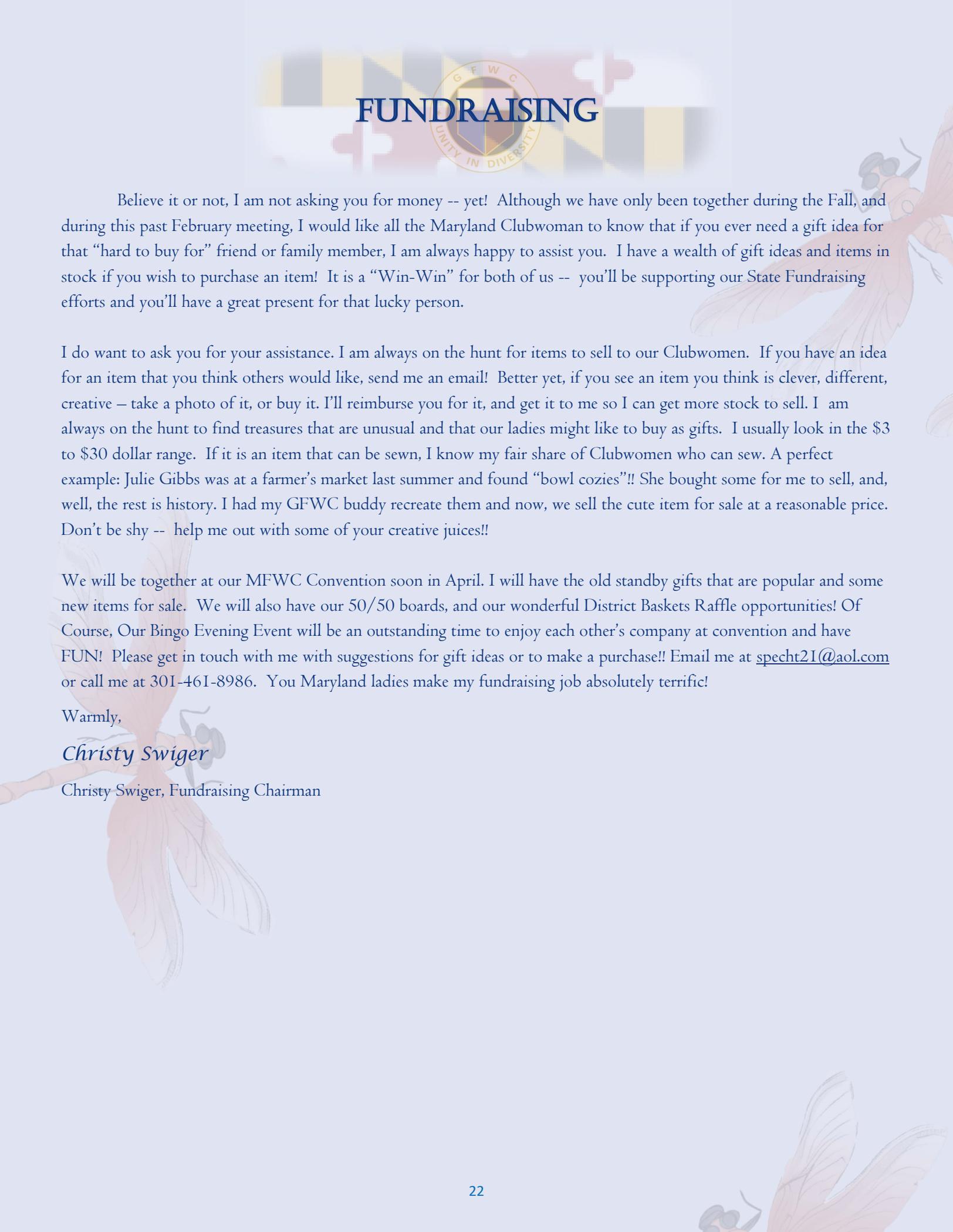
### OTHER:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FUNDRAISING

Believe it or not, I am not asking you for money -- yet! Although we have only been together during the Fall, and during this past February meeting, I would like all the Maryland Clubwoman to know that if you ever need a gift idea for that “hard to buy for” friend or family member, I am always happy to assist you. I have a wealth of gift ideas and items in stock if you wish to purchase an item! It is a “Win-Win” for both of us -- you’ll be supporting our State Fundraising efforts and you’ll have a great present for that lucky person.

I do want to ask you for your assistance. I am always on the hunt for items to sell to our Clubwomen. If you have an idea for an item that you think others would like, send me an email! Better yet, if you see an item you think is clever, different, creative – take a photo of it, or buy it. I’ll reimburse you for it, and get it to me so I can get more stock to sell. I am always on the hunt to find treasures that are unusual and that our ladies might like to buy as gifts. I usually look in the \$3 to \$30 dollar range. If it is an item that can be sewn, I know my fair share of Clubwomen who can sew. A perfect example: Julie Gibbs was at a farmer’s market last summer and found “bowl cozies”!! She bought some for me to sell, and, well, the rest is history. I had my GFWC buddy recreate them and now, we sell the cute item for sale at a reasonable price. Don’t be shy -- help me out with some of your creative juices!!

We will be together at our MFWC Convention soon in April. I will have the old standby gifts that are popular and some new items for sale. We will also have our 50/50 boards, and our wonderful District Baskets Raffle opportunities! Of Course, Our Bingo Evening Event will be an outstanding time to enjoy each other’s company at convention and have FUN! Please get in touch with me with suggestions for gift ideas or to make a purchase!! Email me at [specht21@aol.com](mailto:specht21@aol.com) or call me at 301-461-8986. You Maryland ladies make my fundraising job absolutely terrific!

Warmly,

*Christy Swiger*

Christy Swiger, Fundraising Chairman

# MEMBERSHIP



I'm sure we've all had enough of winter's snow, ice, and cold weather.

We're all looking forward to warmer days. Now is the time to plan our Spring Membership Planting. Wherever we go you're bound to meet someone to sow seeds for GFWC and your club. Direct them to your club website, and the GFWC website [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org). Prospective Sprouts are everywhere.

**At the Office:** Invite a co-worker who has expressed interest in a project you are working on to accompany you to a meeting. Keep her special interest in mind at all times and point out a program that may interest her.

**At Social Gatherings:** Neighbors, friends, friends of friends, and even past members are all people to talk to about your club and the projects members are undertaking. Follow-up with a phone call or e-mail. Forward that lead to your clubs membership chairman.

**At Community Meetings:** Meetings of other organizations provide opportunities to discuss your GFWC club and share information about your projects. When working in collaboration with a person from another agency or group that is involved in a community service project, discuss the projects your club and GFWC are involved in, invite that person to your next meeting.

**At Local Schools:** Teachers, administrators, and parents of students who have benefited from, or participated in club-sponsored programs, projects, or scholarships are likely candidates. This is also a good place to recruit members for Juniette clubs.

**While traveling:** Wear your GFWC pin and emblematic apparel and start a conversation with the person sitting next to you. She may not be from your hometown but tell her about GFWC, share a GFWC tri-fold brochure, or offer to help her locate a club where she lives.

Remember to water often and continue to Harvest for GFWC,

Jo Harp

Membership Chairman





# PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

## WHAT IS PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE?

It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings that allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion. It's a time tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization. Today, Robert's Rules of Order newly revised is the basic handbook of operation for most clubs, organizations and other groups. So it's important that everyone know these basic rules! These rules are relatively simple and follow courtesy, and common sense in many ways.

**Organizations using parliamentary procedure usually follow a fixed order of business. Below is a typical example:**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members present.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Officer's reports.
5. Committee reports.
6. Special orders --- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Announcements.
10. Adjournment.

**Members use motions to express themselves.** A motion is a proposal that allows the entire membership to take action or a stand on an issue.

### How are Motions Presented?

1. Obtaining the floor
2. Make Your Motion
  - a. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ..."
3. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion
4. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.
5. If there is no second to your motion it is lost.
6. The Chairman States Your Motion
  - a. The President will say, "it has been moved and seconded that we ..."
7. Putting the Question to the Membership
  - a. The Chairman asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?"
  - b. If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.
  - c. On a motion to move the previous question may be adapted.

### Voting on a Motion:

The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws of policy of your organization. There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, they are:

1. By Voice
2. By Roll Call
3. By General Consent
4. By Division
5. By Ballot .

Respectfully Submitted,

*Babs Condon*

Babs Condon, Parliamentarian

# SAVE THE BAY



## WILLIAM BAKER, PRESIDENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION, WISHES TO THANK ALL OF THE MFWC WOMEN.

Did you know that our Maryland Clubs and Clubwomen have been donors to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation since 1984? We have donated well over \$125,000 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to assist in their efforts to “Save The Bay”!

William Baker, President of CBF, sent us a wonderful letter to thank all of our clubs and individuals for their contributions this past year. He especially wanted to give his appreciation to MFWC for the \$1,000.00 contribution that was made this past December on behalf of the wishes of the GFWC Catonsville Woman’s Club. What is so exciting is that MFWC made that last contribution at a time when the CBF Board of Trustees was “Matching” all donations made. Not only did the \$1,000.00 check become \$2,000.00, but many of our clubs also sent me checks that I forwarded off to the Foundation during December of 2017 and they were doubled!

Mr. Baker further stated that our clubs are making history: “By every measure, the Chesapeake Bay is healthier that it was even five years ago. Pollution levels are falling. Crab and Oyster populations are rising. Grasses are rebounding, and the water is clearer. The Bay’s restoration has the potential to be the most dramatic example of environmental recovery ever seen. However, the Bay’s future is far from certain. This is a decisive moment. Now more than ever, we must accelerate our efforts to defend and advance the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint. This year, CBF will fight for the Bay to become the model of environmental improvement -- collaborative restoration based on science that can restore watersheds and clean water across the globe -- all while enriching the lives of the watershed’s 18 million residents. Our efforts today create a cleaner environment tomorrow. Together, we can ensure the greatest environmental success story ever happens right here at home. I want to thank you and all the members of the Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs for standing with us to make history.”

Mr. Baker asked me to relay to you his best wishes and thanks you all very much. He is extremely grateful. Both Mr. Baker and I wish to personally thank the following clubs for their generous donations this past year: Centennial Club of Western District\*, Frederick Woman’s Civic Club\*, Junior Chevy Chase\*, Glyndon\*, Laytonsville\*, MFWC\*, Perry Hall, Myrtle, Westminster, Wicomico, Junior Westminster, Linthicum Heights, Chevy Chase, Laurel, Dundalk, Western MD Community Club. The asterisk\* denotes that their donations went in when the funds were matched.



It is not too late to support the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and be recognized at our upcoming convention in April. Please mail your donations made out to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to me:

Christy Swiger  
117 Comanche Circle  
Millsboro, DE 19966.  
Phone: 301-461-8986  
Email: specht21@aol.com

Remember: you will even get a gift from me at convention if you have made a donation. Don’t wait -- get your club to add it to your budget as a yearly contribution, or pass the basket and round up your members to throw in some cash for a donation. Get

in touch with me if you need information or wish to join this elite group of women that are saving the bay one contribution at a time!

# MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE



**Barbara Jean Frantz** passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. She was 80 years old. Barbara and Ted retired to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland in 2004 after building their family and construction company in Pittsburgh, PA. Barbara was an extremely loving, vibrant, generous and talented woman. She was the Past President of the Mt. Lebanon Junior Women's Club, a member of the Junior League, and Past President of Construction Financial Management Association. After she retired to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, she became a member of the GFWC Civic Club of Oakland and later served as Treasurer, President, Parliamentarian, and Historian. During her tenure, she wrote a book, [A Century of Commitment 1911-2011](#) and was the Chairperson of the Antique Show, the Oakland Club's major fundraiser. In addition to the Civic Club, Barbara was also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Garrett County Memorial Hospital Foundation, Vice-President of the Women's Golf Association of Oakland, House of Hope Food Pantry and St. John's Episcopal Church.



**Carol France**, member of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. since 1985 passed away on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Carol was President of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club from 2010-2012 and 2014-2015, and led the club during her administration to celebrate our 100 years. Carol was previously a member of the Frederick Junior Woman's Club, and was on a committee who started a task force on domestic violence. She participated with this group of club women that helped to found Hearty House in 1979. Hearty House is the only organization in Frederick County, that provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Carol was involved in many aspects of the FWCC, and believed in the strength of many women working together for the wellbeing of all. Carol loved attending and participating in district, state, and GFWC activities. She had served GFWC-Maryland as Recording Secretary and Treasurer. She also served previously GFWC Maryland Western District as Treasurer. Carol taught for many years in the Baltimore school system and then founded and ran the Stepping Stones Daycare in Frederick.

## JO ROUSSEAU

Most members of the MFWC either know or have heard of Jo Rousseau, Honorary GFWC Maryland President 2000-2002. She is known for always having a generous ear and hug for all she sees. As this article is being prepared for submission, Jo and her wonderful husband Jerry are on the road for their permanent relocation from Salisbury, MD to Boca Raton, FL, where they will be living in what Jo calls an "outlaw" suite with their daughter and her family. Jo is a decorated Federation woman who has served in many positions in MFWC, including State President, Vice-President, and Eastern Shore District President. Internationally, she was President of the Past State Presidents Club, and ambassador for the Shelby Stars. Jo is one of those ladies who has mentored us all in countless ways over the years and will no doubt continue to do so now, albeit from a distance. The members of her club, GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., and the members of the Eastern Shore District will miss her very much. However, in this digital day and age, a person is only a phone call, text, or skype away. At this time, it is not clear if her email will remain the same and we will let everyone know as soon as we know what it will be. Her new contact information is:

Jo and Jerry Rousseau  
2570 Yardley Drive  
Boca Raton, FL 33428



# THE MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

## CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION

February 20, 2018 GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting,  
Holly Hills Country Club, Ijamsville, MD

March 24, 2018 Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights Annual Bingo

March 30, 2018 Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights Hospital Patient Easter Dinner  
Believe in Tomorrow House

April 19, 2018 Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights Providing Dinner to the Homeless  
Fouse Center

April 21-22, 2018 GFWC-MD Annual Convention,  
Columbia, MD  
*Please note new date!*

April 28, 2018 Joppatowne Woman's Club Annual Tea  
Richlin Ballroom and Catering, Edgewood, MD  
*Tickets will be available for purchase at the February Board of Directors Meeting*

May 15, 2018 Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights Tour of National Arboretum  
National Arboretum, Washington, D.C.

June 22-26, 2018 GFWC International Convention  
St. Louis, MO

June 24, 2018 Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights Summer Concert Series Kickoff  
Linthicum Park