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Carlene A. Garner
GFWC International President

Dear Fellow GFWC Clubwomen,

It is with a deep sense of pride, a vast sense of humility, and a profound sense of purpose that I greet you as the 48th International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Thank you for entrusting me with this amazing opportunity.

The theme for the 2010-2012 Administration is "Create a Vision—Build a Reality." If we are vigilant, realistic and wise, we will create the vision that will enable us to build a new reality, an exhilarating veracity that will steer GFWC beyond the threshold of greatness.

Creating a new vision and building a reality is not the work of one person or one group. We must all work together. The collective effort of more than 100,000 clubwomen joining together will make GFWC the

organization it should be, the organization it is meant to be, and the organization we all want it to be.

We're excited to announce some significant changes to the way GFWC will manage its community service endeavors during this administration. After 75 years, the six areas of service that GFWC specializes in will be referred to as Community Service Programs, not departments. We are also premiering the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Throughout the new GFWC Club Manual you will find project suggestions, partnership information, and resource ideas that will assist you and your fellow club members in your efforts to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service within your community and our world.

Thank you for the amazing work you do to make life better for your neighbors. Together, we will make our vision a new reality for GFWC.

Yours in Federation Service,

Carlene Garner

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Kathleen M. Ferrara
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

It is an absolute privilege to serve as the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs for the 2010-2012 administration and to have the opportunity to work with so many wonderful GFWC Clubwomen from around the nation.

Nothing better defines the word volunteer than being a GFWC Clubwoman. If one strong common thread exists among our members, it is our willingness to share. GFWC clubwomen share their time, their talents, and their expertise to successfully carry out projects that tackle a vast range of humanitarian and social issues. They share their compassion, their enthusiasm, and their commitment to help those in need and make the world a better place.

In addition to working on the development of strategies and competencies to ensure sustainable, effective leadership, not just for this administration but for the future, we will be working on effective strategies for the transition of members from Junioresettes to Juniors to General Clubs.

It is the goal of this Director that we maintain strong and energetic clubs in all the states that currently have active Junior and Junioresette clubs, and to encourage the expansion of strong and energetic clubs in those states that don't currently address the development of Juniors or Junioresettes in their bylaws.

Being a Junior means being part of a talented, diverse group of women who value the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to their communities, states and nations, while developing their own leadership potential.

Thank you for all that you do to make the Junior Membership a success.

In Federation Friendship,

Kathy Ferrara

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Josephine "Jo" Miller
GFWC Maryland President*

My Federation Friends,

With a humble and grateful heart, I was honored to be installed as your President for 2010-2012. I never thought I would have the privilege to stand with our Honorary Presidents and receive my President's pin. I accept these responsibilities, with each of you by my side.

Our theme for this administration will be "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference," emphasizing the dedication of our Maryland ladies, with our symbol being a patriotic angel. The dedication you have shown over the years to GFWC Maryland, whether big or small, demonstrates a continued commitment to our fellow clubwomen, our communities and the world. That one touch, smile, dollar, card, book, chicken, tree... it all "Makes A Difference."

During this administration we will continue our many projects and embark on the new GFWC Programs and Projects. In addition to the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, we will announce a new Special Veterans Project at the September 18th Board of Directors Meeting in Westminster. This meeting will feature our exciting "Community Service Programs Marketplace," where state chairmen will present the new GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Summer Workshop presented by GFWC-MD Vice-President Brenda Bennett, assisted by GFWC 1st Vice-President Babs Condon, provided us with an understanding of the new GFWC Community Service Programs. Thank You for your great presentation, and to everyone who attended. What a great way to start this administration—job well done!

As Julie's journey ended, a new one began for me. This time we are taking flight with the angels to continue her projects and to begin new ones. With Mary Beth Strickler, our Director of Junior Clubs, I look forward to leading our Junioresettes, Juniors and Generals together, to continue both the big and small projects, start new ones, increase membership, strengthen communications, and have some fun along the way.

We are the BEST, we have a commitment to GFWC that tops none, and "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference. Come and join us for a flight of a lifetime.

In Federation Love,

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

*Josephine Miller
GFWC Maryland President*



FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Mary Beth Strickler
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Federation Friends,

Welcome to the start of a fantastic club year! Volunteer work happens as a team and our Maryland Juniors, Juniorettes, and Generals are enthusiastic about reaching out to those in need in their communities. My theme for the next two years is "Volunteers Reach Out and Touch Lives," and I've chosen a circle of hands as my symbol. As individuals we can accomplish a limited amount, yet as a team we can strive to do and be so much more.

Maryland clubwomen are enthusiastic about reaching out and changing the lives of those women and children in need through Domestic Violence Awareness outreach projects and Junior Special Projects. What we accomplish

is incredible, yet think how much more we could accomplish if we added extra pairs of hands to our clubs and to our projects.

Invite a friend to your next club meeting. Come to a GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting. Visit Junior Fall Conference. Step outside your comfort zone and challenge yourself to do and be more. There are limitless possibilities for us to grow, and our Maryland Federation needs us to grow as a team.

I'm honored to have the privilege to work with Jo Miller, and to lead our Junior Membership to new heights. Join in as we continue to reach out and change lives.

In Federation Love,

Mary Beth
Mary Beth Strickler
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



**Volunteers Reach Out
and Touch Lives**

YOUR NEW GFWC-MD TEAM...



Jo Miller and Mary Beth Strickler

Josephine "Jo" Miller

President, 2010-2012

Jo was born at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, LA and has been a Maryland resident for over 40 years. She began her volunteer career when she joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. over 33 years ago. She served two terms as club president and received both the "Outstanding Maryland Junior Award," and the "Jacqueline Hatch Award." A charter member of the GFWC Western Maryland Community Club, Jo served as club president, 2003-2006, and currently serves as co-treasurer. She also served as president of the GFWC Centennial Club, 2008-2010. She joined the staff of "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine in 1996 and served as editor, 2002-2010. Jo has held many chairmanships for GFWC-MD, the Maryland Juniors, and Western District. She served as District president, 2000-2002, and most recently as GFWC-MD president-elect, 2008-2010. Jo and her husband Jim have two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Beth Strickler

Director of Junior Clubs, 2010-2012

Mary Beth Strickler joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. in 2002, but Mary Beth was not new to club work. Her mother, Mary Ruddell, was a member of the club and she had attended and helped with GFWC-JWCC activities throughout her childhood. Since 2002, Mary Beth has served as club treasurer, 2003-2008; Western District treasurer, 2006-2008; Junior membership chairman, 2008-2010; club president, 2008-2010; GFWC-MD arrangements co-chairman, 2008-2010, and has served on many club committees. She is also the 2006 recipient of the "Outstanding Maryland Junior" award and the 2008 GFWC-MD LEADS graduate. Mary Beth is proud to have this opportunity to work with so many talented and dedicated clubwomen in her community and her state, and looks forward to serving the Maryland Juniors with pride and enthusiasm.

DONATIONS

ATTENTION Club Treasurers!

ALL Donations are requested by December 1, 2010, however, they are accepted any time of the year before April 1, 2011. All donations must be submitted at least three (3) weeks prior to the Annual State Convention in order to be recognized at that time.

SUBMIT DONATIONS TO THE GFWC-MD TREASURER for the following FOUR funds **only**. Submit separate checks and write fund name on memo line of each check.

- ★ **The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine**
- ★ **Youth Art Fund of MFWC**
- ★ **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award**
- ★ **Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund**
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GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS 2010-2012



Beverly Death ***President-Elect***

Bev was born and raised in Baltimore City and attended Southern High School. She worked for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for 33 years and is now retired. Bev is a member of the GFWC Chesapeake Women's Club, currently serving as president. She has also served Southern District as recording secretary from 2000-2002, corresponding secretary from 2008-2010, and will serve as recording secretary for the 2010-2012 administration. For GFWC Maryland, Bev has held the offices of recording secretary, 2nd vice-president, and vice-president. She has been married to her husband, Michael, for 40 years and has lived in the Pasadena area of Anne Arundel County for 37 years. They have one son Darren, a lovely daughter-in-law Mindy, and four grandchildren (Andrew 13, Daisy 10, Annabelle 4 and Gideon 16 months). She and her husband love to go boating. Bev will be serving as the 2010-2012 district representative for southern Baltimore and northern Anne Arundel County for the Chesapeake Boating Yacht Club Association. She and her husband also like to go dancing and antiques.



Brenda Bennett ***Vice-President / Dean of Chairman***

Brenda joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke in 1986, and the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc. in 2006. During the 20 years as a Junior club member, she served as secretary, vice-president and club president, 1992-1994. Brenda served the Maryland Juniors as International Affairs chairman, associate director of junior clubs, and as director of junior clubs, 2004-2006. For the Eastern Shore District, she has served as junior director, department chairman, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and was Eastern Shore District president, 2006-2008. For the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc, she has served as corresponding secretary, and currently as a program chairman. Brenda served GFWC-MD as arrangements chairman, 2006-2008, and corresponding secretary, 2008-2010. Brenda was born in Annapolis, has lived most of her life on the Eastern Shore, and currently resides in Pocomoke with her son, Robert. Brenda is employed full-time at The Breakers Hotel, Ocean City, but still finds time to volunteer. She enjoys reading, music, and spending time with her friends.



Barbara Weldon ***Recording Secretary***

Barbara was born and raised in Cleveland, OH and came to Baltimore in 1960 when she married her late husband, Stewart. She has an extensive clerical background, working in a variety of settings including the U.S. Navy, insurance and financial, and as a volunteer. She retired after 23 years as secretary in the Volunteer Office at Sheppard Pratt Hospital. She enjoys reading and traveling to see family and friends, and has recently become acquainted with the Internet. She joined the Yorkewood Woman's Club in 1963 where she held a variety of chairmanships, as well as every office including four terms as president. She maintains membership in Yorkewood, The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc. and Myrtle Club. She came up through the ranks of the Baltimore District, holding every office except 2nd vice-president, becoming president in 2008. Her work at the state level included chairing the finance committee, and serving as crafts chairman, as well as on various committees. Barbara was the recipient of the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award in 2000.

GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS 2010-2012



Debbie Spinnenweber *Corresponding Secretary*

An active clubwoman for 23 years, Debbie joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland in 1987 and served as club president from 1988-1990. She has held various chairmanships for the Maryland Juniors, winning the Outstanding Maryland Junior Award in 1993, and the Jacqueline Hatch Award in 2001. In 2002, she became a charter member of a new General club, the GFWC Western Maryland Community Club. For Western District, Debbie held the offices of director of junior clubs, second vice-president, first vice-president, and president, 2006-2008. In 2008 she became a member of the GFWC Centennial Club of Western District (all past District presidents) and currently serves as secretary. Debbie has served GFWC-MD as associate editor of "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine since 1996, and also served as fundraising chairman, 2008-2010. This will be Debbie's second term as GFWC-MD corresponding secretary, having also held the position from 2000-2002. Debbie lives in Cumberland with her husband Bruce, and they have one daughter, Lauren (26).



Reno Eitel *Treasurer*

Reno was born in Tokyo, Japan and raised in Dundalk, MD. Before retiring, she worked full-time for over 30 years in administrative positions including medicine, tourism, advertising and investment management. Reno was married to her late husband, Wayne, for 21 years, and together they raised two sons and celebrated the birth of two granddaughters. In 2003 she married Les Eitel and they live on Rumsey Island in Joppatowne. Reno joined the Woman's Club of Dundalk in 1992 and has served the club as president, first vice-president, second vice-president, treasurer, and currently as a governor. She joined the Joppatowne Woman's Club in 2005 and was recently installed as first vice-president. She also served as the GFWC Maryland chairman for Women's Financial Planning. For Baltimore District, Reno has held the office of corresponding secretary, second vice-president, first vice-president, and most recently as president, 2006-2008.



GFWC Maryland Officers, 2010-2012: (L to R) Mary Beth Strickler, director of junior clubs; Reno Eitel, treasurer; Debbie Spinnenweber, corresponding secretary; Barbara Weldon, recording secretary; Brenda Bennett, vice-president; Beverly Death, president-elect; and Jo Miller, president.

GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

The 111th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention April 17-19, 2010 at the BWI Airport Marriott

GFWC clubwomen from all across the state of Maryland gathered in Baltimore this year for the **111th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Club, Inc.**, held April 17-19, 2010 at the BWI Airport Marriott.

"A Recipe for Success" was the theme as **Junior Day** opened on Saturday morning. The Maryland Juniors celebrated their accomplishments! Special Junior awards were presented including the **Outstanding Maryland Junior, Rookie of the Year, and the Outstanding Juniette**. One of highlights of Junior Day was the presentation of the **Youth Art Awards** by Celeste Riddle. **Junior Officers for 2010-2012** were elected and installed by GFWC 2nd Vice-President Babs Condon, assisted by GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Missi McCoy, a special guest for the day. A reception for the new Junior Officers followed the meeting.

On Saturday evening, our lovely ladies of The Maryland Federation enjoyed delicious refreshments at the **District Presidents' Reception**.

But the real treat was a guest appearance by **"Joan Rivers"** as they walked the "carpet" to the reception—*Did YOU make Joan's "best dressed" list?*

After the reception, Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents all processed for the **"Everything's Coming Up Roses" Banquet** and the **Official Opening of the 111th Annual Convention** by GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs. Following the Presentation of Colors by the **Navy League Cadets**, Brenda Bennett led the singing of "America the Beautiful."

During our wonderful dinner, we were entertained by a **Jazz Trio featuring Karla Chisholm**, who was fabulous! Our "entertainment" for the evening continued with wonderful reports from the five District Presidents. From the "flying purple people eater tour" presented by Western District President Anne Forrester, to Baltimore District President Barbara Weldon's "Queen," each report was unique and very creative. The staff of "The Maryland



GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs (right) and our special GFWC guest, GFWC 2nd Vice-President Babs Condon.

Clubwoman" magazine also reported on their "year of changes" and "crowned" a new Editor, Joyce Race.

The evening's festivities then continued with **Federation Fun Night, hosted by the Maryland Juniors** in the President's Suite. Generals and Juniors, alike, gathered for an evening full of fun, food, fellowship—and mudslides! What a great way to end our first busy day of GFWC Maryland Convention!



The talented 2010 Youth Art Contest winners received their awards at Junior Day.



The Maryland Juniors' special guest, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Missi McCoy (left), with Mary Thompson.

Sunday began early—7:30 a.m.—for those who attended the **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** and meeting led by Convention Club President Peg Gillum. I understand that a great time was had by all.

President Julie Gibbs chaired a brief Sunday morning Board of Directors Meeting, after which Convention reconvened. Federation business included the approval of the Budget for 2010-2011. Then our GFWC-MD Officers miraculously turned into LADYBUGS for their musical Officers Report... “Just Doin’ What Comes Naturally!”

Department Awards were then announced and the morning’s activities concluded with the presentation of the **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award to Kaye Shoemaker, Frederick Woman’s Civic Club** (see pg. 12).

Immediately following the morning session, a Reception was held in the President’s Suite for the Honorary Presidents of The Federation, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all nominees.

Following the **“You’re Quite A Lady” Luncheon**, a very animated

group attended **“BINGO MANIA”** led by none other than Christy Swiger. Those who weren’t playing Bingo visited the Election Polls, shopped for fabulous jewelry (and more) at the Exhibitors’ booths, or enjoyed the fun gift items at the “Ladybug Boutique” and the new “Angel Loft,” presented by GFWC-MD Fundraising. Members also viewed the Arts, Crafts & Photography Exhibits, highlighting the amazing talents of our members and students—they were excellent!

On Sunday evening, Officers and District Presidents processed for the **“Wind Beneath Your Wings” Banquet**. Our lovely dinner music was performed by the **Bel Canto String Quartet**. Babs Condon, our special GFWC Guest for convention, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

Special Committee Reports and awards were presented, then GFWC 2nd Vice-President Babs Condon conducted the **Installation of the 2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers**—Treasurer Reno Eitel, Corresponding Secretary Debbie Spinnenweber, Recording Secretary

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What Do You Say to Joan Rivers?!
...ask Christy, Ozella, Kaytee and Ellen.



The GFWC-MD Officers were all dressed as Ladybugs as they reported on their activities for the past year—they were “Just Doin’ What Comes Naturally!”

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Barbara Weldon, Vice-President
Brenda Bennett, President-Elect
Beverly Death, and President
Josephine Miller. Babs summoned
all Honorary Presidents in atten-
dance to come forward. Each took
the new president's pin, offered
words of encouragement and/or
advice, and passed the pin to the
next. This was a very moving
experience, stressing the continuity
of our GFWC Maryland Federation.

Following the banquet, members
gathered at a Reception in the
President's Suite to honor the
2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers.

Convention reconvened, for the
last day, with the announcement
of member Arts & Photography,
and Crafts award winners—
quite a talented bunch! This
was followed by Special and
Standing Committee Reports.



Barbara Nunnari (left) and
Margaret Callaghan.

The **“Turning the Page” Luncheon**
featured **ESO Speaker Elaine
Weiss**, author of “Fruits of Victory,”
which chronicles the largely forgotten
history of the Woman's Land Army.

As the 111th Annual Convention
neared its close, President Julie
Gibbs conducted the final business
and presented her President's
Report. Ozella Ruppensberger
presented a wonderful written
history for this administration.
Drawings were held for the 50/50
Raffle Boards and District Baskets by
Debbie Spinnenweber, Christy



President Gibbs opens “thank you” gifts
from the ladies of GFWC Maryland.

Swiger and Joyce Williams. Kaye
Shoemaker drew for the Vendor
Doorprizes. After final reports were
given, the ceremonial “passing of
the gavel” from Julie Gibbs to Jo
Miller took place. Eastern Shore
District President Ruth Loomis,
acting on behalf of all GFWC Mary-
land clubs and members, presented
“thank you” gifts to President Gibbs.

After The Collect for Clubwomen,
the 111th Annual GFWC Maryland
Convention was adjourned.

Debbie Spinnenweber
GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary



Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland—

(L to R) Maggie Gresham, Angeline Haines, Kaytee Mizell, Bette Brust, Barbara Nunnari, Barbara Peck, Barbara Pillote, Jo Rousseau, Babs Condon, Mary Thompson, Carolyn Morrison, and 2008-2010 President Julie Gibbs.

JUNIOR DAY 2010

A “Recipe for Success”

Junior Day at the 111th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention began on Saturday, April 17, 2010, with hellos, hugs and the anticipation of presenting the Youth Art Awards and installing the new Junior officers for 2010-2012. It was a day filled with fun and excitement. Juniors and Generals, alike, made the day spectacular. It was great to see all of you and share the day with you. The skits performed by the Junior and Juniorette clubs were a great example of your creativity and willingness to go the extra mile to make the day a success.

It was our honor and pleasure to have three very special GFWC federation women as our guests to share the day. GFWC 2nd Vice-President (now 1st Vice-President) Babs Condon, and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Missi McCoy, both brought greetings, as did our gracious GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs.

We conducted the business of the day and then got down to the fun stuff—the awards! After lunch, the Youth Art Awards were presented to our young, talented, state winners. The beautiful and creative art works were astounding.

We then went on to present our Junior Awards. Michelle Thompson, of the GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster, was very surprised when her name was called as the recipient of the GFWC Outstanding Juniorette Award for 2009. Jessica Corbi, GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster, won Rookie of the Year for 2009, and Andrea Lilly, GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Pocomoke City, received the Outstanding Maryland Junior Award for 2009. Every nominee was a winner in my book, for all they do for their clubs and communities. Our sincere congratulations to everyone for a job well done!



Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race (left) with Rookie of the Year award winner, Jessica Corbi from the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster.

Then GFWC 2nd Vice-President Babs Condon, assisted by GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Missi McCoy, installed the new Junior officers elected for the 2010-2012 administration.

After Convention, I was proud to represent the Maryland Juniors at the 119th International GFWC Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, June 10-17, 2010. From start to finish—speakers, workshops, and sharing ideas with clubwomen from

all over the country—it was a great experience. Two highlights of the convention were escorting our own GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs, and our own Babs Condon, who was installed as GFWC 1st Vice-President.

I was honored to receive first place in Category III for Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs. This award was truly not mine. Without all of your volunteer work, tireless dedication, and giving from your heart unselfishly to better your communities, I would never have even been considered. Each and every one of you earned this award. Our communities and state are a much better place to live in, due to you and your unselfish acts of kindness for your fellow citizens and the less fortunate.

My “Recipe for Success” only worked, because you gave so unselfishly. And for that, I thank you and will be forever grateful! You truly were my ingredients for success and the wind beneath my wings.

*Joyce Race
Director of Junior Clubs, 2008-2010*



GFWC Maryland Junior Officers for 2010-2012:

(L to R) GFWC 2nd Vice-President and installing officer Babs Condon; Susan Krichten, Treasurer; Patti Jo Green, Secretary; Mary Beth Strickler, Director of Junior Clubs; Nabi Akinshangun, Direct-Elect of Junior Clubs; and our special guest assisting with the installation, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Missi McCoy.

OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN



Kaye Shoemaker (center) receives the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award.

Kaye Shoemaker, nominated by the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc., was named the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2010 at the GFWC-MD April Convention.

The following nomination was submitted by her club:

The Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. is proud to nominate this person for Maryland's Outstanding Clubwoman for all the years and hours she has volunteered and represented her club in the community. She joined our club in 1998 and has served as department and committee chairs, served on various smaller committees to support major projects, and served on Western District, Maryland Federation, and Southeastern Region committees. She has served as the club's president, second vice-president whose job was to schedule speakers and joint dinner meetings with our day and evening members, recording secretary, Education chairman, historian, luncheon committee, house chairman to care for our clubhouse, hospitality committee, and many committees

for our annual fundraiser. She has attended Maryland Federation convention for over 10 years and has chaired a convention committee for five years. She has helped with the Arts and Crafts at convention and attended the business and ESO meetings regularly, and the beach weekend sponsored by our state president's club. She has attended GFWC conventions in Boston, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and Orlando. She has attended Southeastern Region meetings at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA; Knoxville, TN; Shepherdstown, WV; and Lexington, KY. In the Western District, she has been a judge for department reports, fundraising chairman, audit committee member, and on the nominating committee.

During her presidency, she continued the Community Improvement Project begun by the club's previous president—support of the County Child Advocacy Center. The need for support of this facility was an understatement. The ladies heard statistics that made

their hair stand on end and the committee joined forces with the staff to help physically and sexually abused children through therapy and making the center child friendly and safe. A few years later when the ladies formed the Friends of the CAC, our nominee was a charter member who volunteered to be recording secretary. She has worked on special projects for the group such as the Celebrity Purse/Auction event, which was very successful and profitable. She has helped with dinners, auctions, downtown community outreach activities, and sits on the board of the CAC with representatives of the police agencies, county school board, child protective services, and other agencies involved with supporting the program. She has attended meetings with the board of County Commissioners and answered their questions about the club's involvement.

As a club member, she has worked on many fundraising projects including co-chairing the advertising and decorating committees of our biggest fundraising event. She has worked tirelessly on Basket Bingos, Christmas fundraiser, Arts committee, hanging Youth Art at a local art gallery and transporting the artwork to LaVale, MD for Western District Judging. She went to all the meetings for Southeastern Region in Maryland and worked with the fundraising at the convention.

Our nominee is so very proud to be a member of the FWCC, Western District, Maryland Federation, and General Federation that she shares information everywhere she goes.

SHORT, SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER

The Stocking

by Linda L. Betz

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, MD

As I prepare to take down my holiday decorations, my eye is drawn to the lone stocking hanging from the fireplace mantle. It was put there by my son and his daughter on Christmas Eve. Many Christmases before, as a much younger person, I had made that stocking in white and red material for my daughter and a reverse one with red predominating for my son. My husband and I had very little money on that Christmas, not even enough for "store bought" stockings for our children. So, I went on a search of my sewing scraps to put together enough large pieces to concoct the two stockings. I pulled out two cookie cutters, an angel for my daughter and a tree for my son and used them as a pattern to appliqué on the two stockings. On that Christmas Eve long ago when my husband and I helped our two young children hang their new stockings on the mantle to be filled by Santa, I never dreamed

how the years to follow would change my world.

As future Christmases came and went, our children grew, our finance increased and my husband and I began hosting Christmas Day open houses for approximately 40 people. It was a holiday we jointly loved. We both enjoyed cooking the dinner but he was the one able to bring things to a higher level where the food was concerned. I always addressed the cards, bought and wrapped the gifts and decorated inside the house. He decorated the house outside with lights that kept increasing and becoming more elaborate. Together, we scoured craft shows and after-holiday sales to notch up the holiday cheer inside and out. One of our greatest finds was a life size realistic Santa Claus with his bag full of toys. But, as the years passed, the people we shared our Christmases with began to leave us.

Almost before we knew it, we were

grandparents to two dear little babies, a girl and a boy, only two months apart. We had plenty of reason to celebrate that Christmas. I was planning to retire in the coming year. My husband had already retired and spent much time watching our grandson while my daughter worked. Although our granddaughter lived out of state, we watched her for a three week period and were able to see her often, either her coming to us or us to her. But, we decided lying in bed that Christmas night that we were very, very tired and most probably this would be our last Christmas to host that many people on Christmas Day. Then, a strange thing happened; we heard a crash in the living room. Upon getting up to check the cause, we found that a piece of glass had fallen from the mirror over the fireplace mantle and had smashed upon hitting it.

The next year on Christmas Day, lights were up outside and Christmas decorations were inside. Almost 40 people milled around the house. But, I was alone in a house decorated inside and out, and filled with people. Another very important person had left us. It was after this Christmas that my daughter decided future large Christmas Day open houses would be held at her house as we all knew the "spirit" had left my house.

As I prepare to remove and pack up the one stocking, I glanced over at the life size Santa Claus standing next to the decorated Christmas tree in the corner of the living room and he appears to be smiling at me. I look up at the mirror over the fireplace where I had the broken glass replaced. It has been five years since that glass broke and I now have five dear little grandchildren—one for each year of my "new" life.

POETRY CONTEST WINNER

Serenity

by Linda L. Betz

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, MD

Beauty and tranquility abound,
As the rippling waters work their way down.
The white remains of winter lay on the hill,
And the tall barren trees remain still.
The warmth of the sun foretells of spring.
Yet, the air still blows with a frosty sting.
Nature is on the brink of a renewing trend,
As it playfully hints of the winter's end.
Silently I sit and inhale the scene,
Of a bleak brown landscape soon to be green.
And, I am grateful for this moment in time,
When serenity and peace in nature were mine.

SHORT, SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER

Bantam Rooster

by Dorothy Close
GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc.

In the late 1920's and early 1930's, I spent summer vacation at my maternal grandparents' home in Union Beach, New Jersey. My cousin, Robert, and I had so much fun there. In the morning we did our chores and in the afternoon we went to the beach. If the tide was low, we spent the time digging for clams. If the tide was high, we delighted in swimming and having fun in the sand.

My Gram raised chickens and one of our morning chores was to enter the coop and collect all the eggs. We cleaned the eggs, put them in boxes, and laid them gently in a wagon. Rob and I would go to Gram's customers and leave the eggs.

There was one chore that we had to do on Saturday, which I just did not like. We had to clean the chicken coop. There, is where I would meet up with my enemy, the miserable, little Bantam Rooster. Oh, Gram adored him. She had won quite a few ribbons at the fairs with him.

I hated that rooster, and he hated me. As soon as I would go into the coop, he would peck my ankles. When I would holler, Gram would come in, pick him up, pet and coo at him. She would say, "Stop teasing him and he won't hurt you." As soon as she would leave, he would go right back after my ankles. Well, one day, I had enough.

When he started pecking at my ankles, I took my broom and hit him right up against the wall. He just lay there, not moving. My cousin, Rob, ran screaming, "Gram! Dossie killed the rooster".

Needless to say, I got a licking. I wasn't mad about that, until I looked in the coop and saw the rooster strutting and clucking, as if he were laughing at me. I thought I had killed him with that broom, but now I felt I got the licking for nothing.

But, I didn't have to clean the chicken coop anymore. Gram gave me different chores to do on Saturdays. So that concluded my war with the Bantam Rooster.

TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND

Give the Gift of Trees

Please Note the Price Increase to \$40.00 per Tree as of February 17, 2009

Encourage your club's participation in the GFWC Maryland Tree-Mendous Maryland Program. Give the gift of life, celebration and memory that will continue to give for generations to come. Just follow these simple instructions below...

- 1. Write a check for \$40.00 for each tree you want planted.** Make your check payable to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
- 2. Mark MFWC on your check!**
- 3. Complete the "Give the Gift of Trees" form at right.** (A beautiful certificate will be mailed to the recipient in your name.)

4. **Mail your check and form to:** Martha M. Hyson
Tree-Mendous MD Chairman
1604 St. Paul Street
Hampstead, MD 21074-2117

Give the Gift of Trees GFWC Maryland

Certificate in Memory of: _____
OR
Certificate in Honor/Celebration of: _____

Send Certificate to: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Gift From: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

GFWC-MD BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, September 18, 2010

The September Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by the GFWC-MD Executive Committee, will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Best Western Westminster Hotel & Conference Center in Westminster, MD.

Directions will be included in Call. The GFWC-MD President's Special Project for Veterans will be presented at this time. This meeting will also feature the "**Community Service Programs Marketplace.**" State chairmen will provide information on the new GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects for club presidents to take home to their club chairmen. There will be ample time for viewing displays and asking questions about the programs and projects. GFWC Maryland Directories for 2010-2012 will also be available. Club Presidents...this is a perfect opportunity to invite a new club member to a Board of Directors Meeting!

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

The November Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by the Baltimore District, will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at Columbus Gardens in Baltimore, MD. Directions will be included in Call. We are pleased to announce that the speaker for the day will be Lindsay Major, Tree-Mendous Maryland Coordinator with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



**Mark
Your Calendars!**

JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

AT

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CUMBERLAND, MD

Luncheon Menu

Soup, Sandwiches & Ice Cream
from the Queen City Creamery

Service Project

Collecting puzzles, coloring
books, crayons, games and
gently used books for Children
in Domestic Violence Shelters

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE
INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL

THE AMERICAN MURAL PROJECT

A New GFWC Partnership Project

The American Mural Project is a nonprofit organization focused on creating the largest collaborative piece of indoor artwork in the world, a celebration of American ingenuity, productivity, and commitment to work. The piece, when finished, will be a three-dimensional painting, 120 feet long and five stories high—so large that a special building is being created for it—made of a wide variety of materials, including honeycomb aluminum panels, fiberglass, ceramic tiles, fabric, marble, and blown glass. **GFWC is proud to be a partner with the American Mural Project.**

GFWC members have the opportunity to actively participate in the American Mural Project. **Member clubs are asked to develop a program or project to collect watches, which will be incorporated into the finished mural.**

GFWC members can support the American Mural Project by:

- Helping spread the word regarding the American Mural Project.
- Promoting membership in the American Mural Project.
- Outreaching with schools and civic groups to collaborate on an American Mural Project workshop or fundraiser.

For more information please contact:

American Mural Project | www.AmericanMuralProject.org
PO Box 538 | 100 Whiting Street | Winsted, CT 06098
E: Info@AmericanMuralProject.org | P: 860-379-3006
Contact: Ellen Griesedieck, President

Information will also be distributed at GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meetings.



Ellen Griesedieck, Mural Designer & Artist (above).
A representation of the completed mural project (below).



A TIME FOR GFWC'S SEASONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN REPORT

"Three New Members is a GREAT Reason to Recruit This Season"

To submit the names of those successfully recruited during your membership campaigns, please complete the form below and return it to GFWC Headquarters by the deadlines noted:

Check which recruitment season you are reporting:

- Winter** Flurry of Members (December, January, and February) Report due **March 1**
- Spring** Growing Members (March, April, and May) Report due **June 1**
- Summer** Warm-up with Members (June, July, and August) Report due **September 1**
- Fall** Rake in New Members (September, October, and November) Report due **December 1**

"A Time For GFWC Membership" Membership Campaign

1734 N Street NW | Washington, DC 20036-2990

F: 202-835-0246 | GFWC@GFWC.org

Club Name _____

City _____ State Federation _____

Club President's Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone (day) _____

Listed below are names and contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail addresses) of new members recruited as the result of **A TIME OF GFWC MEMBERSHIP** recruitment event (June 2010 through May 2012):

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please use additional sheets if necessary.



RAKE IN NEW MEMBERS!

Fall is a great time to roll out the Red Carpet and invite potential new members to your club meeting or event. Typically, it's a time of year when clubs return from a summer break and the meetings are full of energy and enthusiasm—a perfect time to show off your membership, camaraderie and volunteer spirit! As you plan your fall programs, consider a creative membership recruitment campaign around the many national commemorations in the Fall. A few of these are:

September

Back to School – September 7th
Johnny Appleseed Day –
September 26th.

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

November

Veterans Day – November 11th
Chicken Soup for the Soul Day –
November 12th

Invite & Dazzle Potential Members

Maybe your club is doing a special project for Domestic Violence Awareness—ask members to bring a friend or send invitations to potential members. Involve your club membership in recruiting new members. Here are a few tips for your special meeting:

- Provide copies of the new membership brochure published by the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. (Each club received copies at last year's Convention.)
- Provide a name tag for everyone.
- Have a greeter or team of greeters at the door to welcome everyone.

 **NEW GFWC**
SEASONAL RECRUITMENT
CAMPAIGN REPORT FORM
Use the form at left to report
your Successful Recruitment
Events and Results.

- Have all guests sign in.
- Begin and end on time.
- Schedule a period for refreshments and chit-chat.
- Display information (awards, brochures, project descriptions, etc.) to help guests understand what you do.
- Introduce each guest and briefly share information about her interests/her life.
- Follow up with each guest after the meeting with a phone call, e-mail or handwritten note thanking her for attending and inviting her to the next meeting or event.

After the meeting ask your guests for feedback and invite them back to another meeting or event. Give them membership information and encourage them to join.

Report Your Success

Recruiting new members is a year-round event and each season we will give you a new recruitment “theme” and opportunities to report your success to the Federation and State. **By December 1st, please report any new, dues paying members you recruit this fall to GFWC Headquarters.** (For specific instructions see pages 78-79 of the *NEW Membership Advancement Guide of the GFWC Club Manual*.) All clubs reporting three or more new members will be recognized in GFWC's “Clubwoman” magazine.

When you report to GFWC, don't forget to send your club's name and number of new members to the State Membership Chair, Sharon Quinter, at sharonquinter@comcast.net. All clubs reporting three or more new members each season will be recognized in “The Maryland Clubwoman” magazine.

Keep the volunteer spirit alive—recruit and retain!

Sharon Quinter, Chairman

2010 White House Ornaments



\$20.00 each

(Benefits the Youth Art Program)

The White House Ornament Collection
presents The 2010 White House
William McKinley Christmas Ornament.

The 2010 White House Christmas ornament is a dual celebration, commemorating the 25th Presidency of the United States, the administration of William McKinley, and the long and storied role of music in the White House. The McKinley administration is remembered as a time when America first became a worldwide superpower, highlighted most notably by the McKinley Tariff and the Spanish-American war. A doting husband and a passionate statesman, President McKinley was assassinated by a deranged anarchist in 1901, six months into his second term, and was the last Civil War veteran to serve as President.

This year's ornament commemorates the annual Army Navy Reception at the White House from the year 1900. The front face of this year's ornament depicts the Marine Corps band playing in the North Drive as guests of the McKinley's arrive on the snow-covered grounds of the White House, while the back of the ornament continues the illustration as the celebration moves inside to the festively decorated East Room. Ornament is plated in 24 karat gold and measures 2-1/2" wide by 3" tall as well as being double-sided.

To Purchase Contact:
Barbara Lowery
Frederick Woman's Civic Club
Phone: 301-371-9356

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



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SOUTHEASTERN REGION ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA SNAPSHOT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tour to Historic
Lewisburg
(Shopping/Lunch)

(other activities can
be scheduled on
your own—see hotel
brochure/website)

4-5 p.m. Membership
Workshop—
The Basics

5-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

8-9:30 p.m. WV State
Night Session

9:30 p.m. Reception

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

Breakfast on
your own

7:45-8:45 a.m.
Work Groups

Membership
Workshop

9:15 a.m.-noon
General Session

12-2 p.m. Lunch on your own

2-4 p.m. General Session

4-4:45 p.m. Workshops

5-8 p.m. Dinner on your own

8 p.m. General Session

9:30 p.m. Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

9-11:30 a.m.
Breakfast and
Closing Session

Alternate Lodging for SER Meeting

Lodging is also available in Lewisburg, about 10 miles from The Greenbrier, with an estimated driving time of 11-15 minutes.

Brier Inn & Conference Center (\$36-75) • 540 N. Jefferson Street, Lewisburg
Phone: 304-645-7722 • www.brierinn.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites (\$75-115) • 273 Coleman Drive, Lewisburg
Phone: 800-228-2800 • www.fairfieldinn.com

Hampton Inn (\$75-115) • 30 Coleman Drive, Lewisburg
Phone: 304-645-7300 or 800-HAMPTON • www.hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (\$75-115) • 222 Hunter Lane, Lewisburg
Phone: 304-645-5750 • www.hiexpress.com

Super 8 Motel (\$75-115) • 550 N. Jefferson Street, Lewisburg
Phone: 304-647-3188 or 800-800-8000 • www.super8.com

Dining at The Greenbrier

Below is a listing of food venues that will be available at The Greenbrier. Dinner reservations will be needed if you want to eat dinner in the Main Dining Room, Prime 44 West, or Sam Snead's at the Golf Club. You should make your reservations prior to arrival. (*Note that your room will be charged a cancellation fee if you are a "no show" or cancel within 24 hours of your reservation.*) There are a number of locations that do not require reservations. These are all ON PROPERTY. You can also find dining off the property, very nearby, and in Lewisburg about 10 miles away.

Main Dining Room • Dinner reservations are required. No reservations are accepted for breakfast (buffet or order from menu). Elegant fine dining. Prices range from \$6-9 for Desserts to \$39 for Filet Mignon.

Prime 44 West • Dinner reservations are required. Serves steaks and seafood. Prices range from \$8-14 for Sides/Salads to \$68 for 22 oz. Ribeye.

Infusion • No reservations are accepted. Located in the Casino. Asian menu with prices ranging from \$4-16.

Sam Snead's at the Golf Club • Dinner reservations are required. A shuttle is available to the Golf Club. Serves sandwiches, salads, steaks pasta, seafood and hand-tossed pizza. Prices range from \$7 for Sides to \$49 for Ribeye.

Draper's Restaurant • No reservations are accepted. Casual all-day dining with an eclectic menu. Prices are similar to what you would find at a big hotel chain, but the food is better.

Café Carlton and the Small Counter in the Gourmet Shop • No reservations are accepted. Offers sandwiches and drinks, as well as pastries. Similar to a Starbucks set-up.

Slammin' Sammy's • No reservations are accepted. Open for lunch at the Golf Club. It is an upscale sports bar atmosphere overlooking the Old White Golf Course and Tennis club. Serves burgers, wings, entrée salads, pizza and sandwiches.

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION ANNUAL MEETING

November 5-7, 2010

THE GREENBRIER RESORT, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV

All clubwomen belonging to the GFWC Federations of the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia & West Virginia are invited.

Hosted by: GFWC West Virginia

Hotel Reservations—
The Greenbrier Resort
300 West Main Street
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

- Room Rate: \$265.00 Single/Double + tax/fees
- Check-in 4:00 pm, Check-out 12:00 noon

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL DIRECT:
800-624-6070**

To get the special room rate, identify yourself as being with GFWC-SER.

—Registration Form—

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ATTENDEE • DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2010

SER Registration: \$15.00 Late/On-Site Registration: \$20.00 One Day Only: \$5.00 \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to GFWC Southeastern Region • Mail WITH Meal/Tour Form—Separate Checks

Mail Form and check to: Tressa Wolfe, 616 Rivendell Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

—Meal/Tour/Workshop Form—

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ATTENDEE • DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2010

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Thursday, November 4, 2010: SER Board Meeting & Dessert Reception\$ 5.00 \$ _____

Friday, November 5, 2010: Optional Tours/Activities

Bunker Tours (make reservation w/hotel at 800-624-6070)

Shopping/Lunch in Historic Lewisburg\$35.00 \$ _____

4-4:45 p.m. Workshop: Membership/The Basics* _____

Friday Night-West Virginia State Night* n/c _____

Saturday, November 6, 2010: Workshops *Indicate all activities you plan to attend. Seating is limited for some sessions.

7:45-8:45 a.m. 2010-2012 GFWC Board of Directors Members* _____

7:45-8:45 a.m. 2010-2012 GFWC Region Pres./State Pres./JD's* _____

7:45-8:45 a.m. Membership Workshop: Strengthening Our Clubs* _____

4-4:45 p.m. Presiding with Purpose* _____

4-4:45 p.m. Reporting w/Resolve-Writing a Winning Club Report* _____

4-4:45 p.m. A Leadership Legacy-Creating Strong GFWC Clubs* _____

Saturday Night Reception..... n/c _____

Sunday, November 7, 2010: Breakfast & Closing Session.....\$39.00 \$ _____

All other meals "on your own." See list of restaurants. If reservations are needed, make prior to arrival. TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to GFWC West Virginia - SER • Mail WITH Registration Form—Separate Checks

Mail Form and check to: Tressa Wolfe, 616 Rivendell Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

THE GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT...

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

The aim of the *GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention*, is to increase member understanding about and involvement in programs to decrease domestic violence in communities and across the nation.

Domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, is a serious epidemic in the United States that affects individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background. Intimate partner violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that is used by one person to gain power and control over another. It may include the use of physical and sexual violence, verbal and emotional abuse, stalking and economic abuse. Domestic violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and truly last a lifetime.

Consider the following:

- One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and 85 percent of domestic violence victims are women.
- One in four teens reports verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse each year and about one in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- One in nine Americans over the age of 60 have experienced some form of elder abuse. For every one case of elder abuse reported to authorities, at least five more go unreported.
- Each year, women experience about 4.8 million intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes. Men are the victims of about 2.9 million intimate partner related physical assaults.
- Intimate partner violence resulted in 1,510 deaths in 2005. Of these deaths, 78 percent were females.

- The medical care, mental health services, and lost productivity (e.g. time away from work) cost of intimate partner violence was an estimated \$5.8 billion in 1995. Updated to 2003 dollars, that's more than \$8.3 billion.

With the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, GFWC will make a positive change in families and communities, concentrating on the areas of partner abuse, child/teen abuse, and elder abuse by leaving a legacy of change in communities.

Each club should do something EVERY MONTH to promote our GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention... read an article, wear purple, have a speaker. Contact your local shelter to seek their needs and address them. Gather items each month to donate to a shelter. Your work can make a difference in a life, a family, a community.

Karen Wasik Saunders, Chairman

The GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club invites All Maryland Clubwomen to the

“WEEKEND AT THE BEACH”

OCTOBER 22, 2010 - OCTOBER 24, 2010

The Breakers Hotel, #3 Third Street, Ocean City, MD

Participate in Service Projects for Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

**Empowering Women One by One
Across Maryland to Make a Difference**

Domestic Violence Awareness

WEEKEND AT THE BEACH



CALL BRENDA BENNETT FOR RESERVATIONS AT 410-289-9165 FROM 4:00-10:00 P.M.

GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 119th Annual GFWC International Convention *June 11-15, 2010 in Omaha, Nebraska*



The 119th GFWC Annual International Convention was held in Omaha, Nebraska from Friday, June 11 through Tuesday, June 15, 2010. It was a whirlwind of federation fun for the thirteen Maryland delegates. Friday began with the Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS) which was attended by Sandy Lynch, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster. Clubwomen also had the opportunity to participate in the Open Door Mission Service Project and a walking tour from Nebraska to Iowa. The evening brought the Nebraska State Night Banquet, "Nebraska—The Good Life," with delicious steak dinners and special musical entertainment.

Saturday morning's business session brought welcomes from Nebraska clubwomen, as well as a special welcome from Nebraska's First Lady Sally Ganem, who shared a

humorous Washington D.C. storm story. Musical entertainment was shared by the Wanego Dutch Mill Sweet Adelines, Rose Ditto's home-based chorus. Deborah Rodriguez, author of *Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil*, shared her experiences bringing dignity and confidence to the women of Kabul. Afternoon workshops were held and the Junior Membership celebrated state successes with their "Galaxy of Stars" Banquet, where GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race was named Director of the Year for Category III. Dancing with the Stars concluded the evening's entertainment, and provided Juniors and Generals alike with the opportunity to learn new dances.

Sunday began with a patriotic welcome and celebration of our soldiers. Clubwomen also had the opportunity to chat with the



GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs and Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race.

2010-2012 candidates for GFWC office, prior to attending the business session, and working on proposed amendments to the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws, as well as proposed changes to the GFWC Resolutions. Saturday's speaker, Ellen Griesedieck, President of the American Mural Project (a GFWC program partner), shared her vision and passion to create a three dimensional mural as a tribute to working Americans. She challenged GFWC clubwomen to send her watches—to represent the time and efforts of volunteerism. The day's session concluded with GFWC New York's Wizard of Oz themed invitation to the region banquets.

The polls opened on Monday and more workshops were offered, as well as a Growing New GFWC

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Maryland Delegates attending the Southeastern Region Banquet.



The 2010-2012 State Presidents of GFWC Southeastern Region.

GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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Clubs: Membership Luncheon. The Community Improvement Contest, Jennie Awards and the Jane Cunningham Croly Award for Excellence in Journalism Covering Issues of Concern to Women were presented at the “Evening of Roses” Banquet. Election results were also shared—Babs Condon was elected as GFWC First Vice-President!

GFWC Celebration of Service Awards were held on Tuesday morning and Maryland clubwomen were honored for their volunteer efforts in the categories of Focus on Literacy, Helping Hands in the Community, Focus on Health, Domestic Violence Awareness, and two World in Pictures winners—Leslie Bertram, GFWC Woman’s Club of Dundalk, and Babs Condon, GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster. The evening concluded with a special installation ceremony for all



GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs (center), with GFWC-MD Honorary Presidents Jo Rousseau (left) and Mary Thompson (right).

the newly elected GFWC officers, as well as State/Region Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs. Carlene Garner, GFWC International President, 2010-2012, shared her “Vision of Possibilities,” then all clubwomen attended the installation reception.

Mark your calendars now for the 120th GFWC Annual International Convention to be held in June 2011 in Milwaukee, WI.

Mary Beth Strickler
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



Congratulations!
to
Babs Condon
on her election as
GFWC First Vice-President
for 2010-2012

We're So PROUD of You!



GFWC Installation Night— GFWC FIRST Vice-President Babs Condon and her husband Jerry (center), pose with Mary Beth Strickler (left) and Jo Miller (right).



Left to Right: GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs, Jo Rousseau, Mike Death (Bev’s husband), and Beverly Death.

Taking Our Place in the Community



Michelle Stawinski President

Michelle was born and raised in western Pennsylvania. She moved to Maryland when she attended Hood College (Class of '93) and became a permanent resident when she married her husband Hank (raised in Laurel). Michelle joined the University Park Woman's Club in 1999, serving as the club's president from 2004-2008. Prior to her installation as Montgomery County District president, she also served as second vice-president, and most recently as first vice-president.

Michelle has been a practicing attorney in Maryland since 1999 and opened her own lawfirm in 2007. Her daughter, Alexandra Ursula, is so anxious to begin her federation work that she was born just hours after Montgomery County District's 2008 holiday party where she and mom were serving tea.

Michelle's theme will be "Taking Our Place in the Community."

GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Bethesda is busy trying to get our end of year reports together for our last meeting at the end of this term. This meeting will bring our history up to date and allow each chairman to highlight the best of the best in their program.

One of the best is our Conservation chairman who presented tips on Conservation at each of our general business meetings. She also was active in getting the club to donate money to Save the Bay. In addition, we purchased a grove of trees to be planted at the Wye Island. Her efforts were rewarded a first place in our category for Conservation at GFWC-MD Convention.

Our new slate of officers installed on May 18, 2010 are: Martha Diamond, president; Inge Baer and Karen Brown, co-vice-presidents; Ann Koback, second vice-president; Mary Ann Williams, recording secretary; Terry Kelley, correspond-

ing secretary; Sharon Strong, treasurer; and Marilyn Keiser, assistant treasurer.

We recently started a new program for each other and to encourage new members to participate. It is a Secret Pal Program. Everyone participating in the program is encouraged to send cards, gifts, and other little nice things to their Secret Pal with total anonymity. At the end of one year the Secret Pals drop their veils of anonymity and let their "Pals" know who they are. Thus far we have most members participating and enjoying their cards, small gifts, flowers, and letters. Try it! You will like it!

Our Newsletter editor developed a very nice brochure depicting the Bethesda Woman's Club, which will be used primarily for recruiting new members. The club members have embraced the idea of bringing in new members with gusto. They have brought in 13 members this year.

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Montgomery County District Officers for 2010-2012: (L to R) Louise Harrell, Treasurer; Kathleen Jeschke, Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Callaghan, Recording Secretary; Karen Wasik Saunders, 2nd Vice-President; Marge Shiflett, 1st Vice-President; and Michelle Stawinski, President.

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Therefore, our membership recruiting is doing very well. This president plans an orientation and a mentoring program for the early fall.

Bethesda Woman's Club will have their 100 year Anniversary in 2011. They plan to celebrate with a 100 year cookbook, with recipes from their club members. We also plan a Tea to celebrate 100 years. Historians are currently going through the files to write a brief history as well.

Our April meeting was a fun meeting with over 50 members in attendance. We honored members who had achieved 10 to 24 years of service with flowers and a club pin. We honored members who had achieved 25 to 49 years of service with a beautiful 25 year silver pin. Three members received pins with 50 or more years of service. We had a delicious luncheon, sang some songs, visited with one another. Our program was presented by Carol Moore, MSN from Salisbury Hospital. Carol spoke about the effect of laughter on our mental and physical health. She was terrific!

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

The big excitement for the Chevy Chase Woman's Club this year—our 97th as a club—is that 2010 is our 50th anniversary Antiques Show and Sale. What started as a very modest effort in the 1960s, run by our members, and accompanied by a small-sized, four-page pamphlet, has grown into one of the few selective, high quality shows in the area, with a full-sized, full color catalog, and a professional manager, with around 30 exhibitors, representing the capacity of the clubhouse.

This year we will have a three-day show, maximizing sales time for our



*"Ladies of the Gavel"—
Past Presidents of the Chevy Chase
Woman's Club include (top to bottom):
Mary Anne McKay, Anne Dean, Phyllis
Evans, Louise Ogle, Jean Seybert,
Carolyn Morrison, Betty Martin,
Barbara Pillote, and Phyllis Kokus.*

dealers. The show will open on Thursday, September 9th, with a Gala Preview Party from 5:00-8:30 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Reservations at \$45 per person, the special price for Maryland clubwomen, may be made by calling the club at 301-652-8480 or contacting info@wcccmd.org.

Regular show hours are Friday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, September 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year will see a number of exhibitors new to the show from the South and Midwest. Admission is \$10.00, or \$9.00 with postcard or ad; parking behind the clubhouse is free, and luncheon is served daily.

The club's annual Welcome Coffee and Open House will be Wednesday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Also on the list of Fall club events is an Hawaiian-themed party on Saturday, October 2, 2010. In November, the club will host its second annual Designer Jewelry and Wearable Art Show, date to be announced.

All these events take place at the clubhouse, 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815.

GFWC Chinese Woman's League

The 9th Washington, D.C. Dragon Boat Festival, sponsored by the Chinese Women's League, Washington, D.C. Chapter, marshaled in another exciting weekend of festivities on May 15th and 16th, 2010. Around 60 teams from all over the east coast competed along the beautiful Potomac River.

The sport of dragon boat racing has its roots in Ancient China, where the first dragon boat races were held more than 2500 years ago. This sport has often been heralded as the fastest growing water sport in the U.S. and one of the fastest growing corporate team-building cultural activities in the country. It not only fosters teamwork, but also promotes cultural exchange and awareness which has made the festival one of the most popular annual events in the Washington, D.C. area.

The festival started off with the Eye-Dotting Ceremony to awaken the sleeping dragons and followed by the Carnation Ceremony to show support for the breast cancer survivors. A new feature of the ceremony was the Snapdragon Poetry Competition for the best poem written about breast cancer. The competition was open to all and the first prize winner took home \$150. One of the highlights of this year's festival was the presence of a blind team competing. The crew was made up of almost completely blind paddlers who showed off their determination in racing against other teams. They brought thunderous cheers from the spectators and inspired everyone of their determination to complete the race.

Besides watching heats after heats of intensive racing on the river, spectators also had a chance to enjoy the cultural displays and performances on the shore. The Chinese Woman's



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League has the honor of having four artists who flew in from Taiwan to demonstrate local folk arts and crafts. There were fun activities such as Paper Cutting, Glove Puppetry and making sculptures out of heated sugar.

Not only did the festival bring together friends and family, it also celebrated the diverse culture in our community and highlighted the teamwork and sportsmanship of the event.

GFWC The Woman's Club of Kensington

Snow could be the operative word for winter this past club year. We endured one of the worst blizzards in recorded history in our area. However, being the intrepid ladies that we are, neither 12 inches nor 24 inches of snow kept us from our appointed duties and meetings.

We began in October with a look into the past. Thanks to Mary Gibb and Ann Ellsbree, we were reminded of our beginnings and of the general "Women's Movement," as it was called in the late 1800s. As has been our tradition, we enjoyed luncheon including the infamous green pepper sandwiches at our October meeting. Do we suppose there is another organization anywhere in the world still clinging to such Victorian delicacies?

During the club year we have donated money to selected organizations chosen by our membership. In November we held a special fundraiser in the form of a Sunday afternoon Tea at the home of Ellie Malone and raised over \$2000 for the Yellow Ribbon Fund. We also donated another \$400 to that same organization. Other donations included \$500 to the Interfaith Works, \$200 to FORCE, \$691 to Crossways, \$585 to Over 60. (We later learned that this donation will be used in a scholarship fund at Montgomery College since Over 60 has had to close its office.)

Our committees have kept us well informed this year from national to local interests. Our Conservation Committee has continued to keep us informed concerning the excessive use of water in some major industries, especially shale mining. We have also learned that the U.S. national temperature has risen over one degree. Local Kensington town government included concern about the future use of Warner Circle and the Noyes Library. We heard an interesting history about the library written by past club member Ann Seeley. The Kensington Antique Village was sold this year and the Town Council created a new position called Town Manager. We also contributed time and books to the Day of the Book activity in the Town.

We had two very interesting excursions during the year. The first was to Washington, D.C. to see the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at the National Geographic Building. This was followed by lunch downtown, then back to home on the Metro. The second trip was a guided tour of the State House in Annapolis, also followed by lunch in the old town. Both activities were very much enjoyed by all who attended.

We have been reading books with gusto and had a stimulating conversation on the "Book Seller of Kabul" in January. That was the meeting where we discussed and came to a firm decision on how to proceed with club meetings in the case of snow. We decided that it would be up to the hostess to decide if she could accommodate the group. In February we continued, literally, looking at books, this time old cookbooks. Our speaker brought some of her collection to share with us and we discussed the difference between our mothers' cooking and our cooking. We had a lovely luncheon that day as we watched out the window at the snow falling again. Little did we know how great an amount of snow that storm would bring to our area, but that day the snow was beautiful. In April, our guest speaker Suzanne Miller, the wife of Bill Miller, Ambassador to

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the Ukraine, gave us a wonderful description of the ambassador's residence and the new garden in the Ukraine.

Our Nominating Committee has given us a wonderful slate of new officers. We look forward to next year with anticipation and pleasure.

GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Laurel celebrated the 100th anniversary of our founding in April 2010. At our April meeting, we celebrated with birthday cake and took a group photo of all the members to commemorate the occasion. We were honored with the presence of District President Kitty Cash and GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs, and were delighted to have them included in the picture with us.

Later in April, the club held an open house where we were visited by several City of Laurel and Prince George's County officials. A printed history of the club was displayed, as well as a slideshow created by one of the members and scrapbooks depicting club events and activities over many years. Our open house was very successful and we attracted several new members. The City of Laurel honored the club on April 26th (our official birthday!) at city hall by presenting us with a plaque and declaring April 26th to be Woman's Club of Laurel Day. April was a busy month, but it certainly felt good to know that all we do is appreciated in our community. We look forward to celebrating 100 years of federation in 2012.

Our largest fundraising events, a fall yard sale and Breakfast with Santa, were successful as usual. The club's



The Woman's Club of Laurel celebrates the 100th anniversary of their founding.

Book Buddy Pillow project was also very successful. Club members made fleece pillows with a pocket to hold a board book. These were given to children aged one to three years old who are at risk for delays in language and learning. A laminated activity suggestion card accompanies each book for family members. The club had enough money left over to purchase more books for distribution.

Lastly, the clubhouse received a face lift in May when we had our crumbling wall rebuilt and the landscaping redone. It looks wonderful and we are ready for the next 100 years!

GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club

The ladies of Laytonsville Woman's Club met at the History Room of the Town Hall of Laytonsville for their March 2010 meeting. The History Room is still in the beginning stages of organizing the donated items that it houses. We donate all of our scrapbooks to the room, and have a number of members who are also members of the Historical Society

and are part of the research and development team that is at work in the Town Hall. Our group decided that we needed to be better educated as to what was happening with our donated items, and to see if there was any chance that we could help. Phyllis Sterling, one of our members (that has recently moved to the Eastern Shore), talked about all of the cataloging and research that goes into each donated item. The information was mind-boggling—none of us were aware of the hours it takes to organize a History Room (just imagine a museum's worth of items). After the talk, we were able to have our meeting outside and enjoy a picnic lunch.

Our May 2010 meeting was a "live auction" for our members, with all proceeds being donated to the club's treasury. All auction items were gathered in the center of the room and the ladies milled about and prepared to bid on their favorite things. Mindy Chacon, club president, was the auctioneer (her first time). We all enjoyed shouting out our bids—all bids started at \$2.00 and increased by 50 cents. The range of items included azalea bushes, bulbs, teapots, books,

baskets, candles, and many other interesting things. By close of the last bid, we had over \$250.00 to add to our club's account. We had so much fun laughing and outbidding each other that we think all clubs should do this as a fundraiser—either for their club or a charity that they are passionate about.



Nancy Willetts at the Laytonsville Woman's Club's "live auction."

GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County

For 2009-2010, the Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County (MCC) focused mainly on two initiatives. The first was to raise funds, make donations and support causes dedicated to three necessities of life—food, shelter, and medical care. Cereal is one of the greatest needs at Manna, a local food bank in Rockville so we collected and donated 371 boxes. The restaurant where we held our holiday dinner, donated 10% back to the club for a charity. MCC gave the \$165 to Manna in addition to our club's donation of \$530. We donated funds to the Dorothy Day Place, a women's shelter in Rockville and a member provided monthly meals to them. We also supported Mobile Medical Care, Inc., which provides direct medical care to over 5,000 low-income families and uninsured living in Montgomery County and A Wider Circle, another Montgomery County based charity, whose

mission is to provide basic items to families transitioning out of shelters or any individuals living without basic necessities. All three organizations received over \$550 from MCC.

The second initiative was to promote membership for our three new members, as well as our current members. Our annual salad dinner, our annual tea held at the Mayflower Hotel this year, a trip to the Terra Cotta Warrior exhibit followed by lunch and a trip to a winery were attended by many current, former and prospective members. But food is not the only thing that brought us together, we knitted a prayer shawl for a member battling cancer, as well as taking turns driving her for treatments. The strength of MCC is the support members receive during the rough times and the joy shared by others during good times.

This fall we will be busy getting ready for MCC's 28th Christmas wreath sale and 5th Holiday Shopping Event on November 13, 2010.

GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc.

This year has been a very successful yet challenging one so far. Despite not having had an elected President for the past two years, we have moved on to complete numerous projects under the rotating leadership of our past presidents. We were pleased to receive four awards at this past May's MCFWC meeting; They were for Leadership, Arts, International, and Fundraising. This absolutely shows what determination can do.

We are pleased to announce that we now have all positions filled. The officers were installed by Kitty Cash, former MCFWC President, during our June Luncheon at Argyle Country Club.

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Members of the Laytonsville Woman's Club (L to R): Phyllis Sterling, Elsie DeWall, Joan Eames, Louisa Riggs, Nancy Willett, Barbara Olsen, Anne Wolf, Madison Pointer (guest), Anna Mae Pointer, Jane Warnock, Dottie Tessier, and Diane Ecklund.

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Our Community Service Projects that are near and dear to our hearts continue to inspire us to provide as much support as we can. During our Card and Game Benefit party last March, we raised Scholarship money for two students attending Montgomery College. At least four of our members volunteer 4-1/2 hours at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop one Thursday each month. We have raised hundreds of dollars for the Remote Area Medical Foundation which continues providing no cost medical care where needed. We have donated personal items, toys, and Giant gift cards to Crossway Community Home which provides shelter and counseling to homeless women and their children. Smile Train was able to perform additional surgeries thanks to our ongoing financial support. To help clean-up and maintain our Chesapeake Bay, we donate funds to Save the Bay. We continue to support the Arts through monetary funding and on-site support of school arts projects.

Our Business Meeting and Special Projects Meeting luncheons provided an opportunity for us to learn information about our community and ourselves. Mary Jo Rogers, liaison between Montgomery County Thrift Shop and MCFWC, talked about how the money raised from the shop supports area programs. She was also pleased to announce that the Thrift Shop turned 65! Katherine James discussed Multiple Intelligences. Dr. Mark Houck, Professor at George Mason University, spoke about both the beauty and challenges of the Chesapeake Bay. Sue Adams shared artifacts from her trip to Africa. Two of our own members also displayed clothing and artwork from around the world, including Latin America. Dr. William Anagnoson, Professor

at Montgomery College, spoke about Stress and Memory. We also went to Toby's Dinner Theater to see "Hair Spray." For our June Luncheon, we were serenaded by Kate Stevenson, a professional actress and singer, who presented a delightful program.

Silver Spring Woman's Club is now beginning its 72nd year. We are eager to continue enjoying our friendships, while extending help to our community.

University Park Woman's Club

The University Park Woman's Club's (UPWC) signature projects are an annual Candlelight House Tour, Holiday Decorating Contest, Garden Tour, and support of students through college scholarships and grants to local schools. In addition, members have volunteered at the local library and collected and donated food labels to the local elementary school.

Montgomery County District—A New Chapter

Montgomery County District has been busy closing the Over 60 Counseling and Employment Service. The bulk of the funding for Over 60 was provided using the District's share of proceeds from the Montgomery County Thrift Shop—a joint venture with four other charitable organizations. Ladies of the Federation volunteer their time, talents and items to the Thrift Shop. With Over 60's doors closed, the District set out to find new uses for the funding.

After much research and deliberation, the District has arranged for an endowed scholarship at Montgomery College. This scholarship will forever bear the name of Federation as a testament to the importance of education to a vibrant community. Education has always been a bedrock of Federation work and we are thrilled that we have found a way to ensure that future generations can receive the financial assistance needed to obtain a quality higher education.

The District, however, remains concerned about the effects that domestic violence has on our community. We have dedicated nearly half of the Thrift Shop proceeds to domestic violence awareness programs in Montgomery County. In particular, a large portion of those funds will be used for summer camp programs for children, victims of domestic violence. All indications are that providing these victims with an experience that demonstrates to them that they are important and special people, while providing some aspect of normalcy to their lives even when their parents are struggling financially, is a significant contributor to breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

UPWC closed the year by awarding \$1,000 college scholarships to two graduating seniors and announcing grants to three local schools. Proceeds from the house tour, an auction, and a yard sale funded these community outreach efforts.

The projects sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club are treasured neighborhood events. To enhance these long-standing community traditions, the club will be applying for grant funds from the town of University Park. Funds will be used for marketing to promote greater outreach to the residents of University Park.

Officers of the woman's club for 2010-12 are: President Anna-Mae Kobbe, Vice-President Sharon Matthews, Recording Secretary Jacqueline Groppe, Corresponding Secretary Margaret Callaghan, and Treasurer Nicole Lucier.

UPWC will celebrate its 70th year of service to the community in February 2011.

The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up or Renew for 2011!

www.gfwcmd.org is the official website of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. Anyone with an Internet connection—at home, at work or at their local library—can access information about The Maryland Federation just by going to **www.gfwcmd.org**. Our website includes information on upcoming meetings, districts, clubs, as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it’s constantly being updated by our state “webmaster” Babs Condon. *Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!*

Now is the time to RENEW and update your club listing for 2011. The cost to RENEW a club listing is \$10.00. **Now is also the time to SIGN-UP for a NEW club listing and join us on-line!** The cost for a NEW club listing is \$15.00. Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your club meetings and special events for January-December of 2011. Your page can also include photos of club events at no extra cost, and each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website.

To join us for 2011, please complete the form below and mail to:
 Babs Condon
 GFWC-MFWC Webmaster
 1224 Martin Dr.
 Westminster, MD 21157-3812

Include your check for:
\$10.00 to RENEW a club listing,
\$15.00 for a NEW club listing.

Make all checks payable to:
 MFWC Treasurer.

Thanks for joining us and feel free to e-mail Babs with any comments or questions about our state website at babscondon@comcast.net.

www.gfwcmd.org
2011 Web Page Sign-up

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

Name of Club: _____

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

Please include the Date, Time and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from January through December of 2011. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.

January _____	September _____
February _____	October _____
March _____	November _____
April _____	December _____
May _____	Special Events (date, time, location, brief description)
June _____	_____
July _____	_____
August _____	_____



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Mark Your Calendars !!

- September 18, 2010** ***GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting***, Best Western Westminster Hotel & Conference Center, Westminster, MD.
- October 2, 2010** ***Junior Fall Conference***, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD.
- October 5, 2010** ***Maryland Clubwoman Magazine DEADLINE***
EDITOR MUST RECEIVE ALL INFORMATION for the Winter Issue BY THIS DATE!
E-mail Articles and Photos to: MdClubwoman@verizon.net
- October 22-24, 2010** ***Domestic Violence Awareness "Weekend at the Beach,"*** Ocean City, MD.
- November 5-7, 2010** ***GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Meeting***, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV.
- November 13, 2010** The GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County will hold its 5th Holiday Shopping Event from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Potomac Presbyterian Church, Potomac, MD. For more information, contact Susan Magafan at 301-530-1775, semagafan@aol.com, or Joanna Simeone at 301-770-5854, joanasime1@aol.com.
- November 16, 2010** ***GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting***, Columbus Gardens, Baltimore, MD.
- December 3, 2010** The Severn Town Club will hold its 47th Annual Holly Ball to benefit Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank and other local charities, at the Sheraton Hotel, Annapolis, MD. The Ball will feature cocktails, dinner, and dancing, with a silent basket auction and luxury vendors. For information go to www.severntownclubhollyball.com or e-mail severntownclub@aol.com. Telephone 410-757-7305.
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