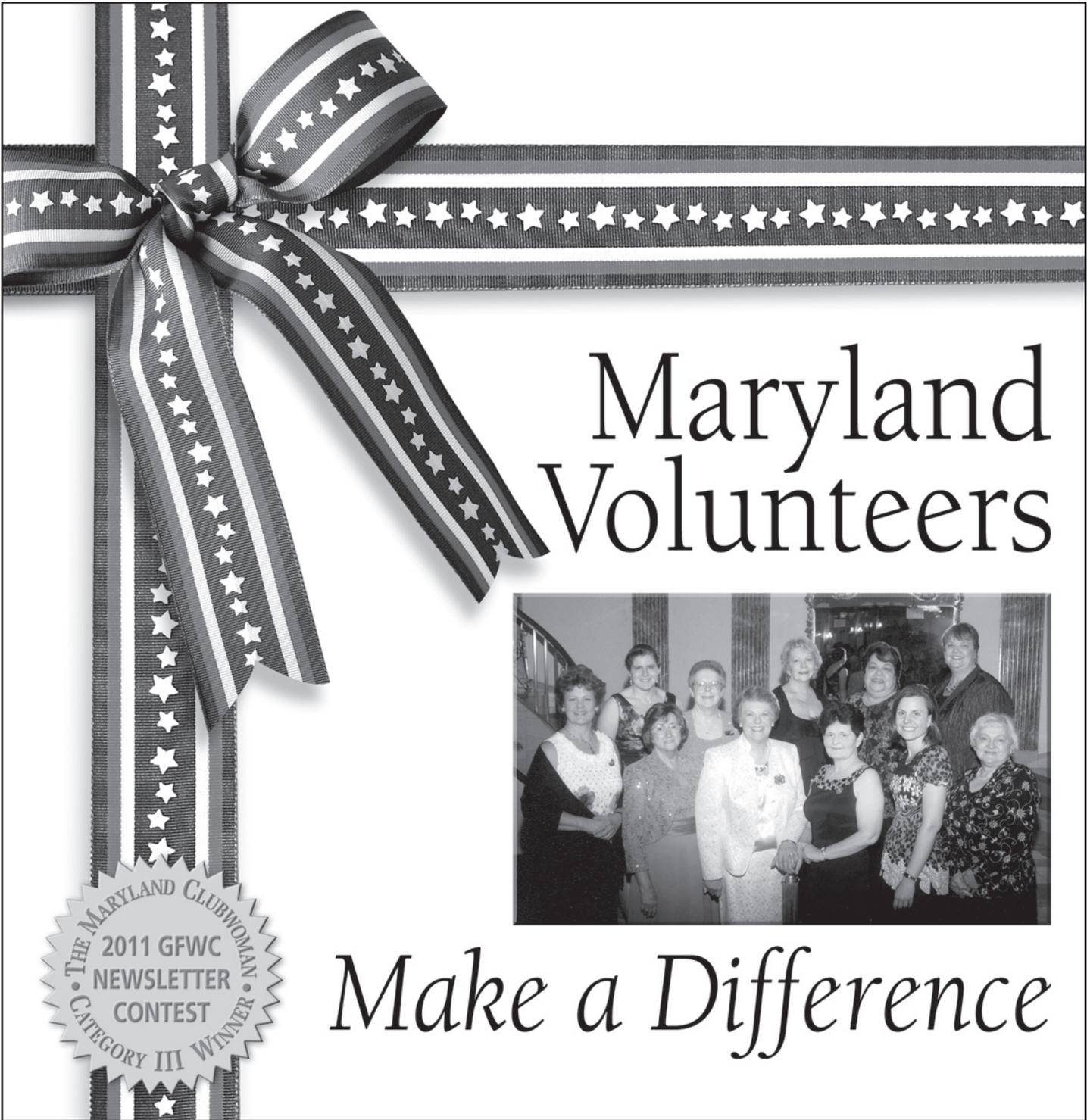




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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Josephine "Jo" Miller
GFWC Maryland President*

My Federation Friends,

Excited... proud... overwhelmed... nothing can describe my emotions as I attended the GFWC 120th International Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Each time Maryland was announced, Mary Beth and myself jumped to our feet to accept the award—bringing home a total of 10 awards! We were extremely proud to represent the best Federation in the nation in our category. A big "Thank You!" goes to every member for all your volunteer hours, and for the projects and monies donated to our communities. You have proven that "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference."

As summer comes to a close, we head to the Eastern Shore for our September GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting. Please also join us for "Bingo at the Beach," a "FUN-raiser" sponsored by Eastern Shore District to benefit Babs Condon's 2014 GFWC President's Reception Fund. Make plans to enjoy a few days of Federation work and fellowship, and some Eastern Shore hospitality—you will not be disappointed.

As we look to the months ahead, it is hard to believe that fall and winter are just around the corner. Now is the time to "rake" in your members, recruit some new ones, and continue the many outstanding projects that GFWC Maryland is famous for. And always remember to thank a service man or woman for our freedom. But no matter what the season, GFWC Maryland Volunteers are a shining example of what Federation is all about, and "Maryland Volunteers DO Make a Difference." EVERY DAY.

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 an awesome club year! It's hard to believe that fall is right around the corner and another year of club activities will soon begin. My fall calendar is filled with opportunities to meet with you and other federation friends, as we embark on the second year of our administration journey. It's a path that takes us back to membership, as we stop to pick-up that neighbor and friend, and take them with us to our next club meeting or function. Share your federation love and desire to help your community with another person.

The 120th GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee was a great celebration of accomplishments by all GFWC clubwomen, and it was an opportunity for me to recharge my GF battery and meet with federation friends. It was an incredible experience to carry the Maryland flag into the convention center, and

stand with GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, as we watched the rest of the states process into the meeting. Every time Maryland's name was called for an award, my heart stopped, then my legs started moving so that Jo and I could get to the podium to receive the award as quickly as possible. Of course, we received many awards and recognitions during Monday night's banquet and, wouldn't you know it, I was seated all the way in the back of the convention center that evening. I had barely returned to my seat when Maryland was announced once again. I'm sure my pedometer recorded every memorable step.

While I'm proud of all our awards, I'm most proud of our recognition as Category III winner of the Juniors' Special Project Award and Signature Project: Domestic Violence Award. Both awards show our dedication to making our communities a safer place for women and children. They exemplify how we, as Maryland clubwomen, work together as a team to reach out and change lives.

Keep reaching out to your community and your neighbors.

Mark your calendar for the September 20th GFWC-MD Board of Director's Meeting and the October 8th Junior Fall Conference. Step outside your comfort zone and challenge yourself to do and be more. 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**

GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

The 112th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention was held April 30-May 2, 2011 at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore

"Maryland Volunteers Make a Difference!" And with that theme, the **112th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Club's, Inc.**, was held at the BWI Airport Marriott from April 30th through May 2nd, 2011. Over 185 Maryland federated women gathered in Baltimore to attend.

On Saturday morning, **Junior Day** was called to order by Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler with the theme—**"Leading the Way!"** Thirty-five federated ladies were in attendance as the Maryland Juniors celebrated their accomplishments. Junior Director Strickler presented Rebecca Wagman with the **Juniorette of the Year award**, and Peggy Miles with the **Rookie of the Year award**. The **Outstanding Maryland Junior award** went to Sandy Lynch, and Joyce Race was the recipient of the **Babs Condon award**. The **Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year** was awarded to the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

Rebecca Wagman organized a membership game to illustrate "break the ice" tools to take back to our clubs. Carol Horne and Tricia Wagman presented a Leadership Program. Following lunch, attendees enjoyed the presentation of **Youth Art Awards** by Jeannine Dufrene.

The Art/Crafts/Photography Exhibits opened Saturday afternoon for attendees to view and enjoy the many talents of our membership.

Saturday evening brought the **"Angels Take Flight" Banquet** and the **Official Opening of the 112th Annual Convention** by GFWC Maryland President Jo Miller. Maryland Officers and District Presidents processed, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the **Navy League Cadets**, and the singing of "America the Beautiful," led by Brenda Bennett.

Following dinner, we were treated to an energetic performance by the **Rage Box Contemporary Dance Center**, under the direction of Karen

Muccioli (Debbie Spinnenweber's sister). The opening number was performed by a young man named Patrick, who delighted the ladies by tossing red roses into the audience. The studio consists of highly-trained dancers with great stage presence and were a thrill to watch!

Guest speaker for the evening was **Virginia Bentzel**, whose daughter Kristal was a tragic victim of Domestic Violence. Virginia presented **"Kristal's Story"** to help us get to know this young lady who was trying to start her life over, but had her life brutally taken from her by a man she was trying to help. Kristal will forever live in the words of her mother, as she continues to educate both the young and the old of the consequences of Domestic Violence.

Editor Joyce Race and Associate Editor Debbie Spinnenweber became "Clubwomen Elves" for the Report of "The Maryland Clubwoman" Magazine Staff. This was then followed by Special Committee Reports and Awards.



Preparing for the Processional (L to R): GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler, Parliamentarian Bette Brust, Treasurer Reno Eitel, and President-Elect Beverly Death.



The Presentation of Colors by the Navy League Cadets.

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**GFWC MARYLAND
CONVENTION REPORT**

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*The GFWC Maryland Officers Report—
“We Are Your EC Angels...”*



Tonic Boom! Barbershop Quartet.



Rage Box Contemporary Dance Center.

Festivities then continued with **Federation Fun Night**, hosted by the Maryland Juniors in the President’s Suite. It was a “sweet” and fun-filled evening, as guests were enticed by a “Candy Bar” and Mudslides—everyone loves chocolate! Maryland clubwomen—Generals, Juniors and Juniorettes—all enjoyed a relaxing evening and shared quality time.

Early risers met for the **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** on Sunday morning. President Janet Morgan, in her finest royal attire, presided over the breakfast meeting.

After a brief Board of Directors Meeting, with President Miller presiding, the convention reconvened. The Officers presented a creative musical report about their duties and accomplishments, ending with a promise to President Miller that “We’ll Be Your EC Angels... Until We Get It Right!”

Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD Vice-President and Dean of Chairmen, introduced the Community Service Programs and Special Projects Chairmen, who then presented the awards for each of the categories. The morning session concluded with the presentation of the **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award to Betty Meidinger, GFWC**

The Joppatowne Woman’s Club, Inc. A reception followed in the President’s Suite for the 2010 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, all nominees for the OMC Award, and the Honorary Presidents of The Federation.

Retired Major General Melissa A. Rank was the guest speaker at the **“Patriotic Pride” Luncheon**. Retired General Rank, a native of Frostburg, MD served as the Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development. Melissa enlightened us on the atrocities of war and the injustice of discrimination inflicted on woman in Muslim countries. She reminded us to pray for all who serve in the defense of our country. Melissa is an active member in the GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.

Additional Special Committee Reports and Awards were presented. Then, the ladies gathered for **Bingo Mania**, led by Christy Swiger and Mindy Chacon, with a multitude of really great prizes!

Sunday evening’s festivities opened with the **District President’s Reception**, hosted by the five district presidents in the President’s Suite. This was followed by the **“Angel’s Sweet Melodies” Banquet**, and the



The talented 2011 Youth Art Contest winners received their awards at Junior Day.

Presidents' Processional, with music provided by Bonnie Andrews. The **Tonic Boom! Barbershop Quartet** entertained during dinner, with four part harmony. Tonic Boom! brought music and laughter to the evening—and left us wanting for more. One of the members of the quartet, Dr. Jack Harvey, is the husband of Terry Harvey, president of the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc.

Norma Jean Swam announced **Maryland's LEADS candidate, Rebecca Wagman, from the GFWC Stars Juniette Club of Westminster.** Membership, Club Anniversaries and Fifty-Year Member awards were presented by Membership Chairman Sharon Quinter. Lively reports from the District Presidents followed, which highlighted the many programs and projects in each District.

On Monday morning, convention reconvened with the presentation of the Art, Crafts and Photography awards. When visiting the exhibits you realize how talented the ladies of The Maryland Federation truly are. Next, the final Special and Standing Committee Reports and Awards were given. **"Angels Ride the Wind" Brunch** was followed

by our ESO speaker, historical fiction author **Lucia St. Clair Robson.** A Baltimore native, Lucia was raised in Florida—has lived in Venezuela, Japan, South Carolina, Arizona—and now resides in Annapolis. Her first book, "Ride the Wind," introduces you to the real West, the Cavalry and the American Indians, their families, lives and hardships. This book won her a "Golden Spur Award." Lucia has published 10 books and was available for signing.

As the convention neared its end, drawings were held for the 50/50 Raffles and District Baskets by Christy Swiger, Mindy Chacon and Joyce Williams. Kaye Shoemaker drew for the Vendor Doorprizes. Final reports were given by the Credentials, Registration and Reservations Chairmen. Meetings & Conventions Chairman Carol Horne introduced the Convention Committee and thanked all who helped make the convention a success.

After The Collect for Clubwomen, President Miller thanked everyone for attending and wished them safe travels, then the 112th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention was adjourned.

Peg Gillum, Hospitality Chairman

Maryland Clubwomen enjoyed fun, food and "lots and lots" of federation friendship at the Receptions held during Convention.



Nominees for the 2010 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award.

JUNIOR DAY 2011... "Leading the Way"

Junior Day at the 112th Annual Convention was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The day was full of fun and excitement as Juniors and Generals celebrated the accomplishments of Maryland Juniors. Junior clubwomen showcased their club year activities and talents with creative skits. Becca Wagman, Junior Membership Chair had the women up and moving with a team building activity, and Carol Horne and Tricia Wagman presented an enthusiastic **Leadership Workshop**.

Then it was time for the highly anticipated presentation of the **Special Junior Awards**. All of our club members are special to the Maryland Junior Membership and the nominees for each award were all highly qualified candidates...

drum roll, please... this year's winner's were: Becca Wagman, GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster for Outstanding Juniorette; Peggy Miles, Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase for Rookie of the Year; Sandy Lynch, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. for Outstanding



Outstanding Juniorette Becca Wagman (left) with her mother Tricia Wagman.

Maryland Junior; Joyce Race, GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. for the Babs Condon Award, and the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. for Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club.

The Junior Membership was honored to host the **Youth Art Awards** as part of their meeting and the young people who were showcased this year had such incredible talent! It is awe inspiring to hear these young people share their passion and stories about what moved them to create their unique pieces. As always, Jeannine Dufrene and her committee did such a nice job in showcasing Maryland Youth's talent.

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

OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

Betty Meidinger, nominated by GFWC The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc., was named Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2010 at the GFWC-MD April Convention.

The following nomination was submitted by her club:

This nominee joined the Federation in 1986 and has spent hours and years volunteering and representing her club. She served as chairman of several programs/committees in the club. She also served a Club President four (4) times and was her District President. She served on District, MFWC and Southeastern Region programs. She has attended all MFWC Conventions since 1986 and served/chaired on several committees.

She attended GFWC Conventions in Boston, New Orleans and Nashville. She also attended many Southeastern Region Meetings. As a club member she has worked on and chaired several fundraising projects. While serving as Club President she initiated projects such as "Breakfast with Santa" and "Catch and Release



Betty Meidinger (center) receives the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award.

Fishing Derby." These projects are ongoing for over 20 years.

She attended all three Domestic Violence weekends in Ocean City. In order to better serve her club, she attended Parliamentary Education and Leadership classes. This year she asked her club for approval to add GFWC to the club name. After approval she went through the legal system and received approval to add

GFWC. Legal approval was required since the club is "incorporated."

This nominee is important to her club and is often asked to perform various duties at the last minute which she does without hesitation. Our club is very fortunate to have such an outstanding member. That is why we believe this nominee deserves to be the next "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman."

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES



100 Years—
GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.



70 Years—
GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.



100 Years—
Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.



100 Years—
GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

DONATIONS

ATTENTION Club Treasurers!

ALL Donations are requested by December 1, 2011, but are accepted any time before April 1, 2012. Submit all donations at least three (3) weeks prior to Convention to be recognized at that time.

Submit to GFWC-MD TREASURER:

Submit separate checks and write fund name on memo line of each.

- ★ "The Maryland Clubwoman"
- ★ Youth Art Fund of MF WC
- ★ Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award
- ★ Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

Payable to: MF WC Treasurer
Mail to: Reno Eitel,
510 Anchor Drive,
Joppa, MD 21085-4502

Submit to GFWC-MD CHAIRMAN:

Include a contact name with full address. Write "GFWC" on memo line of each check, so we will receive credit for the donation.

- ★ Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Payable to: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Mail to: Christy Swiger,
20901 Brooke Knolls Road,
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-4318

- ★ HOBY

Payable to: HOBY
Mail to: Ann Yakaitis,
7802 Cypress Landing Rd.,
Severn, MD 21144-2948

Submit Directly to ORGANIZATION:

Include a contact name with full address. Write "GFWC" on memo line of each check, so we will receive credit for the donation.

- ★ CARE

Payable to: CARE
Mail to: 151 Ellis Street NE,
Atlanta, GA 30303-2440

- ★ Tree-Mendous Maryland

Payable to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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Tawes State Office Bldg. E-1,
Annapolis, MD 21401
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1604 St. Paul Street,
Hampstead, MD 21074-2117

POETRY CONTEST WINNER

Hel-loooooo...

This is Your Cell Phone Calling...

by Ada Marie Feffer, Severn Town Club, Inc.

I go where you go, just like a good friend.
I'm everywhere you are, on me you depend.
I'm real good with numbers, if you get them right.
I'm here when you need me, all day and all night.
If sometimes you lose me, just call and you'll find
I'm right where you left me, you've not lost your mind.
I'll ring for you, sing for you, mail, text or chat.
At home, in the car or wherever you're at.
If you need to use me while you are in drive,
Please pull over, so we both stay alive.
If you want me to know what you want me to do,
Just push the right number for where or for who.
I'm here for you always, but please don't forget,
I'm really quite fragile, so don't get me wet.
And, don't ever leave me, uncharged or alone,
You just never know when you need your cell phone.

2011 White House Ornaments



\$22.00 each

(including MD Sales Tax)

Benefits the Youth Art Program

The 2011 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Theodore Roosevelt, the twenty-sixth president of the United States.

Roosevelt took office on September 14, 1901, upon the death of President William McKinley, who had been shot by an assassin eight days earlier. Sworn in at the age of 42, TR was the youngest president in the nation's history. He brought vigor and power to the office as he led Congress and the American public toward progressive reforms and a place on the world stage. In one of his earliest acts as president, he issued an executive order establishing "The White House" as the official name of the presidential residence previously referred to as the "President's House" or the "Executive Mansion."

The 2011 ornament reflects the excitement that President Roosevelt, his wife Edith, and their lively young family brought to life at the White House. There had been no children living in the White House since the departure of President Grover Cleveland and his family in March 1897. But with the arrival of the Roosevelts, six children would call the White House "home." The front of the ornament is a color illustration derived from a 1901 political cartoon by William A. Rogers. Capturing the anticipation of the family's first White House Christmas, a jolly Santa Claus crosses the snow covered North Lawn with a large bag of toys over his shoulder and announces, "I hear that there are some kids in the White House this year."

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

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Raking in New Members this Fall!

After attending the 120th Annual GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, I was energized by the workshops and networking about membership. One important fact that I learned is that one of the biggest issues facing our organization is keeping up our membership. It is important to keep membership strong, so we can continue our mission to help others in communities around the world.

Here are some fun ideas to "rake in" new members this fall, and retain the wonderful members already in your club. First, is cleaning up the local park by raking up the numerous fallen leaves and weeding out the gardens and getting them ready for winter. Another idea is to host a football night or tailgate party to socialize with prospective members, enjoy food, and watch football. In addition, pick a charity and encourage each member and guest to bring a donation for the charity to the party. Fall marks the beginning of the school year. Have your club work with your local school system to organize a day or evening test ride on the school bus before school starts! This is a fun way for the children to meet their bus driver



Becca Wagman (left) with her new federation friends at GFWC Convention.

and not be scared about the bus on their first day of school.

It is important when you create new activities for your club that the projects are simple, fun to do, and something that will bring your members together and excite new women to join your club. This organization is about helping others, so if more people get involved with GFWC, more people can be helped and their lives can be improved through our generosity and support. So... whether it is by raking leaves and beautifying your community, or helping kids feel comfortable about riding the school bus for the first time, remember that it is all about joining together to help others.

*Rebecca Wagman
Junior Membership Chairman*

DITTY BAG PROJECT

Our GFWC Maryland President's Special Project for Veterans

Greetings from warm and wet Pennsylvania! I'm taking this opportunity to say how pleased I am to be getting your letters, pictures, etc. of our Ditty Bag project. Even the folks in Pennsylvania are helping out. My ladies sodality put together gift bags and we took them to the local Nursing Home. The kids are doing their Confirmation project... Brown Ditty Bags for the Veterans Shelter and will put the items together in a few weeks. Many thanks to all who have been working on this project. With each Ditty, we get closer to our goal of 100% participation. Hope you all had a good summer and I look forward to seeing you this Fall.

Love... the "Ditty Bag Lady" (Bobby Andersen)

GFWC-MD BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

The September Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by the Eastern Shore District, will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at Saint Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Ocean City, MD (directions to be included in the Call). The Community Service Program emphasis will be Public Issues. All attendees are requested to bring a pair of new Women's Pajamas to this meeting for donation to the homeless shelter for Women Veterans. Eastern Shore District will also be hosting a BINGO "FUN-raiser" on Monday evening to benefit the 2014 GFWC President's Reception Fund.

Our speakers will be Marian St. Clair, GFWC Treasurer, and George M. Hurley, author, whose topic will be the History of Maryland Military.



George M. Hurley

George M. Hurley was born and raised in the Ocean City area. After a semester of college he joined the U.S. Army, where he served in the Army Signal Corps (Army Security Agency), then was deployed to Japan, Korea, and the Philippine Islands. He has a Bachelors from Salisbury State College, and graduate work in chemistry and physics from the Universities of Virginia and Delaware. He taught science for 10 years, then operated his own construction company for 40 years. He served 22 years in local government, including 13 as an Ocean City Councilman and Worcester County Commissioner.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

The November Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Western District, will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick, MD (directions to be included in the Call). The Community Service Program emphasis will be International Outreach. Our speakers will be Ted and Bonnie Nieman, founders of Cambodia We Care.

Ted and Bonnie Nieman, of Frederick, first visited Cambodia in 2005 as part of a vacation and were struck by the poverty. When they asked their tour guide how villagers got fresh water, they were told that they didn't really have fresh water. The oldest son or sons would get up early in the morning, take a couple buckets and walk to wherever there might be a water source. Moved by what they saw and heard, the Niemans founded the nonprofit organization, Cambodia We Care, in an effort to provide relief. After erecting about 1,000 wells throughout the country, the organization completed a school for more than 100 children in the rural village of Sambour in 2009. Just a few years ago, the children of Sambour were illiterate and displayed the white hair and distended stomachs common in those with malnutrition. Now, the children receive regular meals and an education. The Niemans' current project involves a plot of land near the village that will be used for an agricultural system utilizing a combination of crops and fish ponds to maximize productivity of the land.



Ted and Bonnie Nieman on a recent visit to Cambodia.

 **Mark
Your Calendars!**

JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

AT
GROSVENOR PARK I CONDOMINIUM
10201 GROSVENOR PLACE
NORTH BETHESDA, MD

HOSTED BY
GFWC JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF
CHEVY CHASE, MD, INC.

— AGENDA —

REGISTRATION – 9:15 AM
ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!
ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER!
REGISTRATION FEE: \$2.00
CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 AM

— SERVICE PROJECT —

COLLECTION OF GENTLY USED
LUGGAGE, DUFFEL BAGS, OR
OVERNIGHT BAGS, AND NEW PILLOWS.
WE WILL BE DECORATING NEW PILLOW
CASES WITH THE GFWC LOGO AND
VARIOUS OTHER DECORATIONS. WE
WILL ALSO BE MAKING INSPIRATIONAL
NOTES TO GO INSIDE EACH OF THE
SUITCASES, ETC.

— SPEAKER —

JANICE WELLINGTON,
SOCIAL WORKER, NCCF GREENLEAF
TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
(NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES IN BETHESDA, MD)

— LUNCH —

ASSORTED SANDWICHES & WRAPS,
CHIPS, POTATO SALAD, TOSSED
GREEN SALAD, SOUP (CHICKEN
NOODLE & VEGETABLE), AND
COOKIES & BROWNIES

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE
INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL

CONNECTING WITH GFWC...

The Benefits of Belonging to the General Federation of Women's Clubs

Women are amazing creatures. We love fiercely and will fight fiercely for what we believe in with our last breath. Where would our country be without these strong women? Our founders were women who were willing to give up almost anything to band together and fight for what they knew was right. They knew the value of a national organization and they felt a sense of responsibility. Are we the same type of women today? How important is it to YOU to belong to an organization—made up of clubs just like yours—which donates over \$40 million annually to help people in need? Why do YOU belong to GFWC? Here are just a few of the many reasons why every woman should join a GFWC club. Read them... learn them... and share them with anyone who asks... "Why should I belong to GFWC?"



1. Lifelong friendships with women all over the country, the world, your state and your town—women who you might never have met.
2. Networking with 49 other states, 3,000+ clubs, and over 100,000 women across the country on project ideas that work, and benefit your communities.
3. Opportunities for growth and personal advancement. Learning valuable leadership skills, gaining self-confidence and learning more about our world.
4. As part of an international organization, you have more clout with legislators. Your vote makes a huge impact when we work together.
5. GFWC can easily reach all 50 states, and over 100,000 women, to distribute information about any time-sensitive issue.
6. Opportunities to make a greater impact on our country when all members and all clubs focus on the same issue (like Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention—our Signature Project).
7. Opportunities to learn about many diverse topics and to gain a broader perspective on how each individual affects people differently.
8. Opportunities for community service and the satisfaction of working together to help those in need, and improving our environment and our communities.
9. Opportunities to stay active in my community and to make a difference, without restricting my free time. Every time I help—my club appreciates my time, talent and efforts.
10. Opportunities for fun social activities, along with all the community service our club does for our town.
11. Opportunities that provide you with training, contacts, and experiences to put on a resume to help you advance in the workforce.
12. A built in “emotional” support system. Women nurture each other and our clubs are like circles of friends—always there when we need them.
13. Opportunities to meet other women who are passionate about many of the same issues that you hold dear.
14. Opportunities to travel and see the country. The GFWC annual meetings and region meetings are held in different states each year with fun, informative and reasonably priced tours offered before the start of these meetings.
15. Opportunities to hear world-renowned speakers at these large meetings.
16. Opportunities to win monetary awards, receive financial grants, and utilize the free materials provided by other organizations.
17. Being able to say you belong to an international organization of women that has such a proud 121-year-long history of serving our world, our country and our communities.
18. Opportunities to network with other organizations that enjoy working with this amazing organization of women. They give GFWC clubs educational materials, and ready-made club projects and programs.

19. Access to an incredible selection of projects, programs, speakers, emblematic items, and a wealth of educational materials—all geared to our clubs and adaptable to our specific needs—easily located on GFWC’s website or through GFWC’s marketplace.

20. Access to the Women’s History and Resource Center—located at GFWC headquarters—which collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections and publications.

21. Opportunities to advocate for special legislation with the backing of the delegates at our annual conventions. Each year over 100 resolutions are reviewed, updated or left unchanged on a wide variety of topics. You can be notified of these opportunities if you sign up for the GFWC Legislative Updates.

22. LEADS—a Leadership, Education and Development Seminar sponsored each year by GFWC during their annual convention, offering monetary assistance to one candidate from each state to aid in the development of leaders at the club, district, state, region and GFWC levels.

23. Being able to claim the legacy of accomplishments of the women who came before you, who made such a tremendous difference in the lives of our citizens, and in the history of our country, states and communities.

24. Satisfaction of knowing that everything you do with your GFWC club helps someone else.

25. A great vehicle for women—empowering them to reach higher and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

26. GFWC pays to send their officers to every state once a year to share their knowledge, resources, educational workshops, and enthusiasm.

27. Providing an opportunity for middle school and high school aged girls to learn about volunteering, and to gain self-confidence and leadership skills through the GFWC Juniorette program.

28. Some states offer a 501c3 tax status to their membership. Each state varies and state regulations differ—so check with your state to see if you qualify.

29. Opportunities to participate in discount programs, travel and tour programs, and other affinity programs.

30. Being part of a fun organization—doing amazing things for people every day and making history too.

31. Knowing that your club’s small donation for a project, which is supported by the entire GFWC network, really makes a difference.

32. The ability of your club to work independently on an issue that only applies to your community—but also having the ability to use GFWC’s resources to structure your project and help you get started.

33. In reporting our projects, we create a valuable tool, so other clubs can benefit from your experience and possibly add a new dimension to your project in the future. Networking is an amazing tool of GFWC.

34. Awards presented and recognition given at all levels of GFWC provide powerful, positive support to our clubs and individuals.

35. People are depressed about our economy, but it has been proven to help you feel better if you join a volunteer organization. Volunteering not only improves our society to help alleviate a recession, but it also raises the spirits of the volunteers and the individuals they help. To get happy, simply keep busy, and help others by volunteering.

36. Simply being a member of GFWC is empowering. We teach each other, we care for each other, we work together to better our world.

37. Volunteering allows us to feel needed and valued.

38. Being a member of GFWC opens doors to other organizations, allowing easier access and collaboration on many volunteer opportunities.

GFWC’s vision for the future continues as it started—to offer a means of self-education, and personal and professional development for women. GFWC Women tend to THINK BIG and get BIG RESULTS. Are you proud to be a member? Do you enjoy helping others each and every day and making history along the way? That’s what being a GFWC member is all about.



GFWC ~ It’s a Volunteer Thing!

Audrey in Wonderland (Part III)

Last year, I had a grand time typing, proofing and assembling a cookbook for our club. Well let me tell you, we Maryland ladies could not make a dessert, salad, or even the basic meal without the addition of cream cheese or Cool Whip—sometimes both! But our cookbook pales in comparison to *Dishing up Maryland* by Lucie Snodgrass. This book covers everything from the perfect crab cake to Smith Island Cake to “locally grown” vegetables.

Our library reviewed *Rebecca* by Daphne DeMaurier. Remember how much we loved that book? With a husband she barely knew, a young bride arrived at an immense estate, only to be inexorably drawn into the life of the first Mrs. de Winter, the beautiful Rebecca. Dead but never forgotten, her suite of rooms never touched, with her clothes ready to be worn and her servant—the sinister Mrs. Danvers—still loyal. And as an eerie presentiment of evil tightened around her heart, the second Mrs. de Winter began her search for the real fate of Rebecca... and for the secrets of Manderley. Whoa!!

So have you read them? Stieg Larson’s trilogy beginning with *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo? Woman’s Day* reported—“it’s a total page-turner with cool female characters and surprising plot twists.” My friends and I agreed it took the first fifty pages or so to be able to just relax and enjoy—but please don’t give up. Only one BFF gave the books a bad review—the violence and sex is extremely disturbing. On the other hand, the other 99% thoroughly enjoyed the books—couldn’t put them down.

Animal Magnetism—a memoir by Virginia native Rita Mae Brown centers around the animals who have enriched her life—Mickey the cat (who slept in her cradle), horses, foxhounds, cows, and one parrot with a wicked sense of humor.

Eli the Good by Silas House. This book is touted as young adult literature but a fine read for any age. Ten-year-old Eli Book will first melt your heart and then break it as he struggles to make sense of his troubled father and out-of-control sister in the summer of 1976.

Southern Living did an article for the 50th anniversary of Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mocking Bird*. I consider this to be one of the finest books ever. The article said, “No matter how many times we read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, it still surprises, even after all these years.” What a wonderful book to give as a gift to any age.

If you liked *The Blind Side*, you’ll enjoy *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John. A deeply moving, eye-opening account of a group of resettled refugee boys in Clarkston, GA, and the young Jordanian woman who founded and coached their youth soccer team. This uplifting story of the power of one person to make a difference is the selection of *One Maryland One Book 2010. For adults!*

You may recall that my husband was a Georgia boy and I do love the south, although we Marylanders have a hard time deciding just what we are sometimes. The year 2010 celebrated Johnny Mercer’s 100th birthday. So, of course, I read Gene Lees’ *Portrait of Johnny: The Life of John Herndon Mercer*. Lees writes of Johnny’s domineering mother, nagging wife Ginger and 30-year “relationship” with Judy Garland. I love so many of his songs from “Dream,” and the haunting “Skylark” which was the theme song in my favorite movie (and book) *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, to “I Remember You,” which has that “catch-your-breath” line, “When my life is through and the angels ask me to recall, the thrill of them all, I will tell them I remember you!”

I know it sounds silly, but I urge you to visit with A.A. Milne’s *Winnie the Pooh*. While securely settled into my golden years I find Winnie to be one smart dude. One of the things my friend Pooh said touched my heart so deeply I’d like to share it with you: “If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I’d never have to live one day without you.” Is there one among us who cannot relate to this, whether it be a parent, a spouse, a child, a sibling or a dear friend? And, one fine day, Christopher Robin said to Pooh words for each of us to consider: “Promise me you’ll always remember; you’re braver than you believe and stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.”

Shame on you if you missed convention and our “Angels Ride the Wind” speaker and my NBFF Lucia St. Clair Robson. Her 2010 novel, *Last Train from Cuernavaca*, takes place in Mexico in 1913 and features two strong women: Grace King, owner of the Colonial Hotel, and Angela Sanchez, a captain in Zapata’s army. These characters are based on Rosa King and Angelina Jimenez, two women who lived through the violence and hardships of the Mexican Revolution. In 2011, *Last Train* won the Golden Spur awarded by the Western Writers of America.

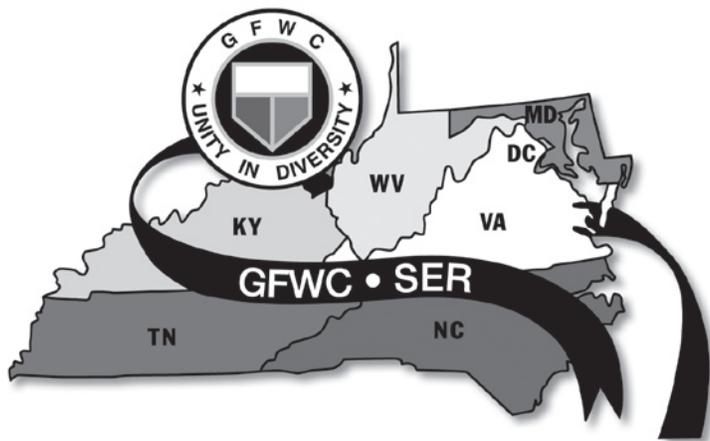
In a must-read for Maryland ladies—*Mary’s Land*, Lucia combines historical fact, fiction and romance with a generous touch of the bawdy.

My favorite book for 2011, besides *Last Train*, was Kathryn Stockett’s *The Help*. While reading in bed one night, I laughed long and loud when Miss Celia’s husband came home unexpected and Aibileen was so upset she, “...almost had a Cadillac arrest!” I held Skeeter and Minnie and shared their tears. I truly loved this book.

So here’s the way I feel about books. They are like someone you’ve heard of from a friend and can’t wait to meet. They may not always be what you expected but at least you had the chance to meet. Sometimes you shake hands, sometimes you hug and sometimes you merely turn away. Until next time...

Audrey L. Batchelor, ESO Chairman

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



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The meeting will be hosted by GFWC Kentucky and they have an exciting conference planned! Highlights will include a tour of the Bluegrass area, Kentucky State Night Banquet: “Blue Jeans & Bling,” Fun Night, motivational speakers, great entertainment, outstanding workshops, vendors with lots of good merchandise, wonderful fellowship, reports of the State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs and, of course, the business of the Region.

Watch for the Official Call, which will include a meal reservation form, registration form and the agenda for the conference.

You won't want to miss this outstanding “SER” Conference, so mark your calendar today, and be sure to make your reservations by the October 4, 2011 deadline!

GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 120th Annual GFWC International Convention June 18-20, 2011 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin



The 120th GFWC Annual International Convention was held in Milwaukee, WI from Friday, June 18 through Monday, June 20, 2011. It was a whirlwind of federation fun for the eight Maryland delegates and over 600 women who attended. Friday began with the **Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS)**, which was attended by Rebecca Wagman, GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster. Becca was the only 2011 LEADS graduate to receive a standing ovation from the current and past LEADS graduates at the Saturday morning breakfast celebration. Friday also brought the GFWC Board of Directors meeting for region presidents, state presidents, directors of junior clubs, chairmen and committee members. A Milwaukee Style Tour, and a Tour to the Polish Festival and Miller Brewing Company were also available.

The evening hosted a musical and dancing extravaganza as the **"Wisconsin—Our Heritage" State Night Banquet** was a true showcase of ethnicity and Wisconsin pride. Many donned traditional cultural dress, including members of the GFWC Executive Committee who proudly wore period clothing from

the late 19th century, the time of GFWC's founding. The menu featured Italian, German and English cuisine, with each course accompanied by amazing entertainment—Tradizione Vivente, Pommersche Tanzdeel, Freistadt, and the Glen-castle Irish Dancers. The evening concluded with a surprise performance by the Caledonia Fife and Drum Corps.

Saturday morning's business session began with the processional of leaders and state flags, which was followed by a moving presentation of colors by the 372nd (VC) Engineer Company of the U.S. Army Reserves. Welcomes were also issued from Wisconsin clubwomen, as well as a special welcome from Wisconsin's Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. A variety of afternoon workshops were held and Junior and General clubwomen celebrated leadership and membership success with their **"Living the Vision Together" Unity Banquet** where Maryland was awarded the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children Award in their category. To celebrate the legacy of "Happy Days" and the "Fonz," the Junior Membership sponsored a **"Sock Hop"** where costumes and dancing were abound.



GFWC-MD President Jo Miller (left) and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler.



Director of Jr. Clubs Mary Beth Strickler processing with the Maryland flag.



GFWC Maryland's LEADS Delegate Rebecca Wagman (left), with GFWC International President Carlene Garner.



At the Hop... Director of Jr. Clubs Mary Beth Strickler (right) with West Virginia Director of Jr. Clubs Michelle Duez.



Federation Friends (L to R): Julie Gibbs, Mary Thompson, and Jo Rousseau.

Sunday began with greetings from GFWC International Past Presidents prior to the business session, and work on proposed amendments to the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws, and proposed changes to GFWC Resolutions. Awards were presented in the areas of Education and Home Life. Maryland won Education Partnership and Home Life Collaboration Awards, and the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. received a GFWC Partner Award from the National Osteoporosis Foundation. Sunday's speaker was Jennifer Weiner, author of "Fly Away Home," who shared a humorous story of how her books came to fruition. The session concluded with memorials for Phyllis Roberts, GFWC International President (1986-1988) and Linda Messigner, Director of Junior Clubs (1982-1984).

GFWC Region Lunches were held, giving clubwomen time to visit and bond with their Region friends before the **"A Signature of Today and Tomorrow" Banquet**. This banquet brought entertainment by pianist Glenn Henricksen, and two keynote speakers: Lisa Krenke, Executive Director, Friends of Abused Families, Inc.; and U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore. It was an exciting evening as Maryland won the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Award in our category.

Monday morning began with breakout workshops before the convention business resumed and awards



GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. received the GFWC Partner Award from the National Osteoporosis Foundation for Fundraising.

were presented in International Outreach and Public Issues. Advancement Awards were presented at the **"Moving GFWC Forward" Luncheon**, which also featured guest speaker Wayne Lee, a hypnotist who uses hypnosis to help people reset their "GPS for Success."

The convention concluded with the **"Celebrating the Vision Together" Banquet**, where GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler barely had a chance to sit down between award presentations. "The Maryland Clubwomen" magazine won the award in our category for the State Newsletter Contest. Janet Morgan (Severn Town Club, Inc.) won third place in the World in Pictures-Scenic Photography Contest. Dottie Gregg (Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.) won two awards in the World in Pictures Photography Contests... second place in Natural History and third place in Feature. And GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc. garnered the first place award for the best Publicity Book in the country.

The evening also featured an encore from Wayne Lee and Abigail Pesta, Editor-at-Large at "Marie Claire," and winner of the 16th Annual Jane Cunningham Croly Award for Excellence in Journalism, Covering Issues of Concern to Women.

Mark your calendars now for the 121st GFWC Annual International Convention in Charlotte, NC from June 14-17, 2012.



GFWC-MD received the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention award in our category.

CONGRATULATIONS!

GFWC Maryland

Category III Winner
Education - Partnership

GFWC Maryland

Category III Winner
Home Life - Collaboration

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

GFWC Partner Award Winner
National Osteoporosis Foundation

GFWC Maryland

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

GFWC Maryland

Category III Winner
GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children

GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, Maryland, Inc.

First Place Winner
Publicity Book Contest

GFWC Maryland

Category III Winner
(State) Newsletter Contest

—PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS—

Dorothy Gregg, GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.

Second Place Winner
World In Pictures - Natural History

Dorothy Gregg, GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.

Third Place Winner
World In Pictures - Feature

Janet Morgan,

Severn Town Club, Inc.

Third Place Winner
World In Pictures - Scenic



GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc. received First Place in the Publicity Book Contest.

Hats Off to Volunteers

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District

The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District meets twice a year. Our membership is small, but we accomplish much. This past year we collected Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and supported the GFWC-MD President's Special Project for Veterans: Universal Ditty Bags, by buying items and donating them to the Frederick Woman's Civic Club for inclusion in their Ditty Bag project. (The Frederick ladies graciously allow us to hold our meetings at Steiner House.) We also donated to "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award, Bettie M. Sipple Memorial Endowment Fund, 1734 Society, Women's History & Resource Center, the GFWC Maryland Website, Tree-Mendous Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Our members attended GFWC Maryland Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, Western District Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention "Weekend at the Beach," and the Southeastern Region Annual Meeting. Eighty percent of our membership attended the GFWC-MD Annual Convention in April 2011 and we were honored



Members of the GFWC Centennial Club of Western District attending their October meeting.

to receive a certification of recognition for our support of the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention and receive a \$50.00 cash award.

Our members—all past Western District Presidents—will continue to support GFWC and GFWC Maryland projects, and will always be there to offer support and guidance for the clubs of Western District.

GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc.

The Cumberland Juniors got off to a great start this past year. We hosted Junior Fall Conference on October 2, 2010 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Our guest speakers were firefighters from the Cumberland Fire Department who shared with us the intense training and firefighting duties of each of the crew. They educated us about fire prevention and ways to make our homes more fire proof. They gave a demonstration about gearing-up for a call and we got to see a fire engine up close. Our service project for fall conference was assembling backpacks for children in crisis centers.

Four of our members were privileged to attend the Domestic Violence Awareness "Weekend at the Beach." We had a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. We enjoyed all the projects—sewing, stuffing, gluing, and drawing.

Our projects included ringing bells for the Salvation Army, the March of Dimes Festival of Trees, Ladies Night Out, and Santa's Workshop, where the proceeds went to Toys for Happiness. We wrapped gifts for Toys for Happiness at our local mall later in December. Sponsoring children through the Salvation Army, the Girls Group Home, and furnishing the Women's Crisis

Center with needed supplies were some of our gift-giving projects. We also collected money for UNICEF.

Our annual Children's Play Festival was presented in March. Plays included "The Princess and the Pea" and "Mr. McGregor's Garden," with proceeds going to our scholarship at Allegany College of Maryland.

Our president's project is working to make a difference in the lives of sick children. One of our members, Jenna Chesky, is a volunteer wish-granter through Make-A-Wish Foundation. In September, our club will host a "Topless Carwash" at CiCi's Restaurant with proceeds benefitting local Make-A-Wish recipients. We will be assembling "Ditty Bags" in November in time to celebrate Veteran's Day. Plans are already underway for cutting, sewing and stuffing.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our club. Our very own Joyce Race was the recipient of this year's Babs Condon Award, and Sandra Mattocks and Debbie Wodaski were nominees for the Outstanding Maryland Junior and Rookie of the Year. Each was recognized at our annual dinner in June, when we inducted our three new members, revealed our secret sisters, and were entertained by Tonic Boom! It was a great celebration to end a wonderful year.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club has had a very eventful year. The club celebrated the 50th year of presenting our Mardi Gras Ball with three noble kings, a deserving queen and 26 lovely princesses. This event remains one of the key social events of the year for our community.

FWCC members celebrated their 100th Anniversary in April with a



Members of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, with the help of a few husbands, painted and decorated the Frederick County Child Advocacy Center—turning a dull, gray, bare wall facility into a child-friendly, colorful, cheerful center.

grand open house celebration. Guests included GFWC International President Carlene Garner; MFWC President Jo Miller; GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon; Western District President Joyce Race; and members from the District and all over the state. Many local dignitaries and representatives attended. The County Commissioners and Mayor of Frederick City presented proclamations for the special occasion. Guests were very impressed with the short synopsis of activities given by the Community Service Program Coordinators, Special Events Chairs, Ro Higinbotham and Bonnie Andrews, and their committee did an outstanding job with a lovely table and delicious treats for all to enjoy.

The club's 100th Anniversary of Federation will be celebrated in April 2012 with a trip to GFWC International Headquarters. Many members have not had the opportunity to visit Headquarters or the Woman's History & Resource Center. A special project is the creation of a club quilt using fabrics and designs which represent the year of the club's founding.

The members of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club will strive for the next 100 years to continue to make a positive impact on the Frederick community.

GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.

For a large GFWC club like the Civic Club of Oakland, many ideas come forth as potential projects for consideration by the membership. Every member has her favorite non-profit organization where she donates countless hours of volunteer time. Could our membership possibly take on another project?

It was like a 4th of July fireworks explosion when the 2-year State Project of Ditty Bags for Veterans was announced by GFWC-MD President Jo Miller. Our member Bobby Andersen was named State Chairman. She wrote a compelling personal note asking for help from the Civic Club of Oakland. How could we say no? Our club has participated in annual June Flag Day events at Wisp Resort, so we knew that numerous veterans were living in the Garrett County area.

After the Executive Board approved the project, we called upon member Melissa Rank, a Retired Major General, who was a keynote speaker at the GFWC-MD Annual Convention, to lead the way. When we met to discuss the project, we had 100 ditty bags that had been sewn by Bobby Andersen and her daughter. Melissa's comment was, "How soon can we start?"



Civic Club of Oakland member, Retired Major General Melissa Rank (left), gives a Ditty Bag to one of the nine Veterans at Lighthouse, a Garrett County day facility for mentally challenged clients.

At our General Meeting, we passed around a "Windows of Opportunity = Volunteerism" sign up sheet. Unbelievably, 16 members showed interest in the new project. By the next month, our generous members had donated money and items to fill the Ditty Bags. Also, local businesses and professionals participated by donating items. The project blossomed and by mid-June, 101 Ditty Bags were filled and delivered to veterans around Garrett County.

It was a special day on June 17th, when 37 Wounded Warriors checked into Team River Runner Rendezvous (TRR) at ASCI (Adventure Sports Center International) located at the top of Wisp Mountain at the White Water Kayaking Course. Club members handed out the Ditty Bags and helped out as volunteers during the day, including babysitting an infant so that a Wounded Warrior's family could participate in the events. The project officer for the team said she has never experienced such an outpouring of support to the Wounded Warriors like they have experienced in Garrett County.

Appointments to visit veteran residents at three local Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers were made in order to distribute our patriotic Ditty Bags. It is so rewarding to watch this successful Ditty Bag program flow through our membership until year's end. We are proud of the Community Service work which is the strength of the Civic Club of Oakland. Thanks Jo... for sharing your passion for MD veterans and giving us the honor of doing this extraordinary endeavor you have chosen for the Maryland Clubs.

We would also like to mention a special member, Betty Ellington, a past president of the Civic Club of Oakland, who was chosen by The Commission for Women, as Garrett County Woman of the Year.

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GFWC Western Maryland Community Club

The Western Maryland Community Club is the home club for GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary Debbie Spinnenweber, and Western District, Inc. President Joyce Race. There is a lot of leadership in our club. As a small club of only ten members, our projects are small but in keeping with GFWC/MFWC guidelines. We started our club year with a yard sale to fund donations to HOBY, 1734 Society, Women's History & Resource Center, Save the Bay, Bettie M. Sipple Memorial Endowment Fund, and Youth Art. Bingo is also a favorite activity, ending each meeting with a winner and funds for the club. Operation Smile has always been a favorite charity of our club. Each member donates \$2 at each club meeting to be sent to Operation Smile. We also made gowns for the children this year. Ditty bags were filled and delivered to the VA hospital in nearby West Virginia. (Cumberland is part of a tri-state region.) Of course, GFWC-MD Convention is always a highlight of our club year. Six members attended convention this year and had a marvelous time.

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

Celebration! That's the key word for the Woman's Club of Westminster as we celebrate our 100th anniversary this year. We began as the Woman's Literary Club in 1911, changed our name in 1912, and became part of The Maryland Federation in 1926. The first record of active participation in civic affairs as members came when we enlisted the aid and support of the Mayor and City



(L to R) Babs Condon, GFWC First Vice-President; Carlene Garner, GFWC International President; and Carol Kershner, GFWC Woman's Club Westminster President.

Council for their Fly Crusade. Our club printed a small booklet which educated the public on how flies carried diseases like typhoid, cholera and tuberculosis, and "Swat the Fly" was the club slogan. Today, we have branched out in various areas with interesting, informative, and productive programs.

Highlights of this year have included the initiation of an art exhibit entitled "Carroll County Women in Art" at the Carroll Non-Profit Center, brief historical presentations from our club members called Staccato Moments including Outstanding Maryland Women, and a fundraiser to support the Sculpture Garden and the Westminster Library. In May, our program committee hosted a wonderful luncheon at Antrim 1844 in Taneytown for our 100 years of volunteering! Past presidents Babs Condon, Jackie Hering, Lura Griswold, and Trinka Cueman shared 25-year snippets of the club's history. We were honored by the presence of GFWC International President Carlene Garner, GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon, GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler. GFWC International President Carlene Garner gave Carol Kershner, our current president, a 100th anniversary certificate with a letter of accommodation. On Memorial Day, we participated in the 144th annual Memorial Day Parade with banners, miniature flags, hand-



Members of the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster gathered at their annual Chili Cook-off, with GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, and Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler.

outs, and a wreath to show our patriotism! On behalf of Mayor Kevin R. Utz and Common Council of Westminster, a mayoral proclamation was read June 13th to thank and commend our club for our dedication and longevity with our many contributions to the community.

Our community service programs have been very active this year. In the Arts Program, members conducted a poetry and short story contest for middle school and high school students, and a club member's painting won first prize in the GFWC-MD exhibit in April. The Conservation Program sponsored a "Curb Appeal" contest and organized the maintenance of Belle Grove Square Garden. To increase literacy, the Education Program celebrated Read Across America on Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading in elementary schools and giving each child a book from donations by Random House and Griffith Energy. They also donated school supplies to Shepherd's Staff, a community organization that supports families and children. The Home Life Program provided "First Night" kits to the Carroll County Domestic Violence Safe House and sold pearl bracelets as a fundraiser to support Access Carroll, a healthcare program for the uninsured. International Outreach Program projects included preparing craft goods made by people in third world countries and Fair Trade items for retail sale

at SERRV, a program sponsored by the Brethren Service Center. The group also made Smile Bags for Operation Smile. In support of good citizenship, the Public Issues Program collected items for our armed forces stationed overseas and shipped them through the "Bootsie's Boxes" effort; they also collected used and new purses for the annual silent action to support Seniors Keep In Touch, a county group providing daily telephone contact for those who are home-bound.

We are women of commitment with responsibility and imagination. Who knows what the next 50 years will add to the scope, interests and achievements of the Woman's Club of Westminster?

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The Junior Woman's Club of Westminster is proud to report another strong year of service to our community! With the start of a new club year, we've got the ball rolling on a variety of projects, some which are new and exciting ventures!

May was a month of celebrations and new endeavors for our club. We closed out our club year with our May dinner, taking time to honor the officers of the past year, as well as induct our newly appointed officers. We then moved on to Memorial Day weekend, which was fun and very busy for our members. On May 28th we held a "Rosie the Riveter" production at a local high school to raise money for needy families in our community. This was our first attempt at a fundraiser of this fashion and it was a great learning experience. We look forward to planning future shows and hopefully making it an annual fundraiser! May 31st was the annual Memorial Day parade in downtown Westminster. Members of our club gathered and walked the parade

route handing out American flags and displaying our club banner.

In July, members always look forward to our "social" meeting that we hold at a local park. We encourage everyone to bring family and friends, so they can get to know more about our club and the work that we do! The summer months will also be spent planning for our two biggest events which are our consignment sale and chili cook-off. This year our consignment sale, to be held on August 27th, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. We hope to have another year of strong attendance, as this is typically our largest fundraiser. The chili cook-off is always a fun event, and its proceeds benefit Access Carroll, which is a local healthcare facility for uninsured and underinsured individuals in our county.

This year, we also decided to collect items for Ditty Bags, which will be sent to troops serving overseas. We plan to keep this project close to our hearts by sending them to relatives and friends of our members who are bravely serving our country. We are excited about this project and the potential for its growth in the future!

As always, the Westminster Juniors are hard at work serving their community in every way they can. We look forward to another year filled with smiles and success and wish you all the same!



"Lady Gaga 'Peep'arazzi" is the STARS Juniorette's entry in the Carroll County Arts Council's "Peep Show," made from Peeps marshmallow candy.

GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster

The STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster is "shooting for the stars" to create new projects to help others. We have been busy trying to help members of our community in new and creative ways. We held our annual afternoon social for the residents of Carroll Lutheran Village in March. This fun afternoon is filled with good stories, tea, cookies, and giving the residents manicures and hand massages. In April, our members hopped to the challenge of filling over 600 Easter eggs for our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Westminster's Boys and Girls Club. We filled the eggs, hid them, and watched the kids go crazy as they searched high and low for candy filled Easter eggs! To keep our creative juices flowing we supported the Carroll County Arts Council and entered in the local "Peep Show," in which you must make a creation solely out of Peeps marshmallow candy. Our design this year was "Lady Gaga 'Peep'arazzi"—dressing a doll like Lady Gaga in a Peep dress with the paparazzi made of Peeps holding cameras. Our club splashes into summer with slumber parties to promote membership and plan projects, making party bags and first night bags for our domestic violence shelter, and finding fun activities to bring in new club members. As fall approaches, our club will assist the Junior Woman's Club of Westminster with some of their projects, like their annual Kids Consignment Sale, by sorting clothes, toys and baby items and bagging the items at the sale! Also, the STARS club members will help as runners in the Halloween Parade and be the managers of the Kids Corner at the Chili Cook-Off. This busy club continues to work hard to create lasting friendships, as well as memorable projects for the betterment of our community.

Volunteers Touch Many Hearts

GFWC Charles County Woman's Club, Inc.

The past year has been a fairly quiet one for the Charles County Woman's Club. We still hold our meetings at the church, then go to various restaurants within the county to have our luncheons. In September, we did not plan for a speaker since we were reviewing the new GFWC programs. In October, the speaker was Warren Bowie, Chief Judge of the Orphans Court for Charles County. November's speaker was Norman Saunders who spoke about the plans for the Maryland Veteran's Museum at the restored Glasva Elementary School, and we purchased ornaments for the club's Hospice Tree which we decorate for the Annual Hospice Festival of Trees. We made Linus Blankets in January, but February snowed us in so the meeting was cancelled. March found us baking 26 dozen cookies for the Youth Art Reception we host. In April, our speaker was Dora Carter, Coordinator for Angels Watch at the Hughesville Shelter. In May and June, our speaker was Mervin Savoy, a Piscataway Indian. We're still trying to coordinate with the county parks about getting Crape Myrtle trees planted.

We have been very active at the elementary school that we adopted. We enjoy helping out at the field day where we serve hotdogs and/or popcorn, and the book fairs where helping to select books is always a challenge, especially those last few pennies that they have to spend. This past year, the club donated \$350 for books for the library, and gift-wrapped the items that students selected at the Santa's Secret Shop. We also have some members who tutor students at least once a week. Members are active at the senior centers, attending classes or playing

bridge. We volunteer with the firehouse auxiliary, help with community affairs, and serve on planning commissions. We help with Hospice, and support Jude House and Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. We stuffed Christmas stockings for soldiers and boxes for children... let's see, did we forget anything... probably, but we enjoy doing what we do for our community. We may be a small club, but we try to stay active and involved!

GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club

GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through June, at our local Library.

We held our annual Bingo in October. We had a Breast Cancer Awareness table with information pamphlets and ribbons for anyone who wanted to take them. "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" boxes were placed on each table and money received in the boxes was sent to UNICEF.

We had speakers come to our meetings from Sarah's House, Arden House, and the American Red Cross. A donation of \$25.00 was made to each organization.

Clothing was collected for Arden House's "Dress for Success" project. The bags of clothing donated were valued at \$4,000.00.

One of our members builds houses with Habitat for Humanity. A monetary donation is also made to Habitat for Humanity.

One of our members crocheted 100 infants' hats, which were donated to Baltimore-Washington Hospital's baby unit.

Canned goods were collected for NCEON, a food pantry in Anne Arundel County.

At our Christmas luncheon, Ditty Bags were made, which we sent to the Troops in Afghanistan. Beanie Babies were put in the bags, because our wish list said that the Troops want the Beanie Babies to give to children who want to talk to them.

We love to have fun, and we enjoyed each other's company at a restaurant luncheon for two meetings.

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.

Even though the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights does not meet during the summer, the club presented eight Concerts in the Park. Members also filled backpacks for needy schoolchildren, and sewed and bought the contents for Ditty Bags to be delivered to veterans at a local rehab facility.

Veterans from the community are being invited to our opening tea. Titled "A Salute to Veterans," the clubhouse will be adorned with patriotic decorations; the walkway will be lined with American flags; and all attending will be given small American flags. The veteran color guard will process in to songs from the various armed forces. All will sing "It's a Grand Old Flag." Also at this meeting, we will hear from the HOBY Ambassador we sponsored, and new members will be initiated into the club. The program will end with singing "God Bless America."

In September, our Evening Group will host a jewelry party fundraiser. Members will participate in the Community Fair Parade and also sell hot dogs and sodas at the fair.

Wayne Schaumberg, a well-known historian who specializes in various aspects of Baltimore history, will be our guest speaker in October. His talk, "19th Century Baltimore: A City of Immigrants," reflects the

Literature Committee's recent focus on books about immigrants, including "The Poker Bride," "Brooklyn," and "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." Also, since Locust Point in Baltimore was the second largest port of entry into the United States, many of our members will have ties to his tales, since they are descendants of the immigrants who entered at Locust Point.

We will host a shower for the local domestic violence shelter residents in October. The Evening Group's October program will be "Friends for Tea." This will be presented by four friends who love to share their passion for tea. To them, tea means warmth, peace, comfort and escape from the busy world.

Our guest speaker for November will be mystery writer Marcia Talley. Ms. Talley likes to write about real situations. Her main character, Hannah, is a very real person—a breast cancer survivor, as is Ms. Talley. Many of her novels are set in Annapolis where Ms. Talley and her husband live. Ms. Talley's 10th mystery novel, "A Quiet Death," was released in August.

In November, the Evening Group will have us "Sailing the C's (seas) of Croatia"—Character, Customs, Culture, Company, Cuisine and Currency. Greg Guthman and Sue Rose will sail us through the beautiful islands and give us a picture of life in Croatia at Split, Trogir and Dubrovnik.

The guest speaker for the December meeting will be floral designer David Shover. He will create holiday designs of various styles, while sharing floral knowledge that will aid us in creating our own holiday decorations. His creations will be raffled off to club members. A freelance design artist, Mr. Shover has instructed at the Community College of Baltimore and Anne Arundel Community College.

"Christmas in Maryland" will be the theme for our annual Holly Mart fundraiser. The December gala will be titled "Christmas at the White House." The clubhouse will be transformed to resemble the White House at Christmas complete with the Blue Room, Music Room and front portico.

"Heat in the Kitchen" will be featured at our January meeting. An associate instructor from the Culinary Arts School at Anne Arundel Community College will be our guest speaker. The Evening Group will feature a "Treasure Swap" in January. Members will bring in gently used handbags, scarves, jewelry and other accessories to swap with others. Leftovers will be donated to a needy facility.

The February meeting will feature a speaker from the Maryland Transit Administration's Green Tracks Test Project. This refers to rail-beds of the Light Rail Transit System that allow plant materials to be grown alongside and in between the rails. One of the four test projects is located near Linthicum. The Evening Group's February program will feature Vince Vaise, Park Ranger and Chief of Interpretation at Fort McHenry.

Our annual Prayer Breakfast in March will feature Mary Ann Jung as "Clara Barton, Red Cross Angel." A passionate and moving public speaker, Clara dramatically relates how she became the first woman to work for the Federal Government, its first female department head, and America's first woman ambassador. Members will be swept into her story of the Civil War and the dangers of nursing at the Battle of Antietam. There are few better role models than Clara Barton, who still inspires us to "Never Give Up!" Soloist will be retired Methodist minister Rev. Robert Brookman.

The Evening Group's March meeting will feature Nicole Sherry, Head

Groundskeeper of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Ms. Sherry begins her fifth season as the Orioles' head groundskeeper. She returned to the Orioles in 2007 after a three-year absence, becoming just the second woman ever to serve as Head Groundskeeper with a major league team. We will have our annual bingo party this month.

April is the month for our Annual Meeting, Youth Art and Writing Awards Ceremony, and Spring Tea. The tea is always very popular and sells out very early. The Evening Group's program will feature herbal remedies.

All of our committees are very active. The day and evening literature committees meet monthly. The Beautification and Garden Committee's meetings feature speakers and trips. They make items for the Holly Mart, and they handle upkeep of the clubhouse grounds and garden triangles in the community. The Arts and Crafts Committee creates special craft projects and takes local trips. The Community Health and Volunteer Services Committee has numerous on-going projects including sorting clothing for the needy collected by a local charity, filling backpacks for needy children, collecting food for Christmas baskets for the North County Emergency Outreach Network, preparing dinner for parents and children staying at St. Casimir Home, and securing items for the bake table to benefit Sarah's House. The Hospitality Committee prepares delicious lunches for the general meetings and takes fun trips. Our Education Committee's many projects include the poetry and short story contest, lunchtime book discussions with an elementary school, participation in a Recognition of Excellence luncheon for over 500 students, representing the club on the North County

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Business Advisory Board, mentoring students and many other educational activities. The Good Will Committee reaches out to new members, as well as those who are ill, need a friendly contact, or a ride to meetings or doctor visits. They provide meals, rides, visits, calls—all kinds of good will. The International Issues Committee is collecting items for the troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As it has done yearly since 1940, in May the club closed out its year with its annual luncheon. Then the Performing Arts Committee took over and presented the 32nd season of Concerts in the Park.

For more information on meetings and activities, check out our page at www.gfwcmd.org.

GFWC Woman's Club of St. Mary's County, Inc.

The Woman's Club of St. Mary's County was founded in 1960. The first directory shows 19 members. We became members of The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs in 1960, and were incorporated on February 23, 1967, signed by Jean Brylawski, president at that time. We recently presented Jean with her fifty-year pin. We are a charitable, non-profitable organization that supports many programs and organizations, such as three scholarships for post secondary education, the youth art program, Skills USA, Hospice, Meals on Wheels, two food banks, the Pajama Connection, Childreach, Plan USA, Save the Bay, and Heifer International, to name a few. Our officers consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

We are governed by written bylaws and the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, in cases that are not consistent with our bylaws. At last count we have thirty members on our roster and I can honestly say that everyone of our members is a compassionate and generous individual, and I am honored to call them all friends. We work efficiently together on a variety of programs, and we are sisters in our hearts.

Severn Town Club, Inc.

The Severn Town Club in Annapolis enjoyed yet another year of activities and events that carried on its tradition of serving, sharing and caring for the past 74 years.

A questionnaire, early in the year, polled members for their preferences in programs, as well as meeting times and events. Encouraged by the responses, the club incorporated many of the suggestions into the year's agenda.

Beginning in September, our "welcome back" meeting featured two local high school students, winners of the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Scholarships, who shared their experience with members.

A highlight of that meeting, as well as those that followed, was the creative ideas of our hospitality chairmen, Grete Unhjem and Anne Mercer. "Julia Child" prepared a sumptuous feast at the meeting, served up by "Julie and Julia." This dynamic duo proceeded to treat members to innovative themes and menus for the remaining meetings of the year. Fun was the password!

The Severn Town Club hosted the Southern District's meeting in Bowie in October. Members attended the meeting, and created and printed the programs, as



Severn Town Club members attending the GFWC Maryland Annual Convention in Baltimore.

well as providing the table favors and centerpieces.

October was Membership Month and members shared their membership experiences with new and prospective members. In November, the club repeated the very popular Show and Tell where members showed off their artwork and crafts. We were treated to a demonstration of biscotti making, including tasting these delicious treats. Ann Lancaster demonstrated how to paint and gave a presentation on Italian artist, Arcimboldo. Several members displayed their paintings, including Joan Johnson, a club member and award winning artist—Such talent!

To avoid inclement weather cancellation, the January meeting was held at a member's home, where soup and salad was provided by the member and attendees. A book swap followed lunch. The February meeting featured Ken Upton, a local noted caterer, who showed members how to host/construct the perfect, no-fail party. March, of course, provided our hospitality chairs, "Julie and Julia," with a perfect excuse to wear the green for a St. Patty's Day celebration! Spouses and friends attended as well.

Mention must be made of our one special fundraiser of the year. A highlight of the Annapolis holiday season, the Holly Ball continued its successful run of



At Severn Town Club's Friendship Luncheon, newest member, Maureen Eschbacher was installed. Left to Right: Rose Brice, Membership; Phyllis Peters, Past President; Maureen; and Vesta Phiel, Membership.

47 years, raising \$41,000. A donation of \$25,000 was given to the Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank, with the remaining revenue distributed among local charities. This year's ball, on December 2nd, will benefit the Annapolis Wellness House, a support organization for cancer patients of all ages, along with their families.

Trips to the Philadelphia Flower Show (sponsored by Homestead Gardens) and Dumbarton Oaks Gardens, Research Library and Museum in Washington, DC, gave members the opportunities to enjoy day trips, complete with friends and interesting venues.

Jeannine Dufrene, Southern District 1st Vice-President, continues her role as Youth Art Chairman for our club, as well as the state. Along with Ann Lancaster and Ann Moynihan, Jeannine collects artwork from local high schools and delivers the submissions for judging.

The Severn Town Club received 48 works of art. Winners in the Southern District competition placed first and third in high school digital photography; second in middle school art; two honorable mentions in high school art; and a special Severn Town Club honorable mention in digital photography

from Bates Middle School. Our State winner received an honorable mention in middle school art.

In the adult art competition, STC club member Janet Morgan received a first place award in the "World in Pictures-Scenic" category for a photograph taken on her recent trip to Africa. Her photo will be entered in the GFWC national competition.

At the GFWC-MD Convention in April, the Severn Town Club proudly accepted the 1st place awards for the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence, GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children, Education and International Outreach Community Service Programs, Fundraising, and Leadership. The club won 2nd place awards for Arts and Home Life Community Service Programs, and for Membership.

Ada Marie Feffer won 1st place for the member Poetry Contest, and the club won 2nd place for the Newsletter Contest.

The Severn Town Club is very proud of its ongoing support of Arden House, a YWCA safe house for battered women and children. This began as a Community Improvement Project many years ago and the club has carried it on to this day. Members visit the shelter each month, providing light entertainment and treats for the women and children in residence at the time. Clothing, toiletries, and other essentials requested by the staff, are donated by the club and individual members.

Along with the Food Bank and Arden House, the club provided funds for: the Haiti Hurricane Relief Fund; Survivors Offering Support (SOS), a volunteer organization at Anne Arundel Medical Center that supports and mentors women with breast cancer; Anne Arundel Community College; All Children's Choir of Annapolis; Lighthouse Children's

Fund; Annapolis Ballet Theater; Maryland Hall of Performing Arts; Life Center of Hospice; HOBY; Annapolis Wellness House; World Artist Experience; Annapolis Opera; and Metavivors. The Severn Town Club members are proud to support all of these worthwhile organizations. In order to be considered to receive a portion of Holly Ball profits, organizations are now required to submit a grant application before the end of the year in which the Holly Ball takes place.

The club ended the year with ten new members, and a Friendship Luncheon in May. The Severn Town Club looks forward to yet another year fulfilling the GFWC motto, "Unity in Diversity," providing members with a variety of programs to enhance and educate while serving the community.

GFWC Southern Lights

GFWC Southern Lights is a small club of honorary past district presidents. We were sad to lose one of our members this past spring, Alvera Miller. An active clubwoman until her death, she is greatly missed.

For the first time ever, the Southern Lights will be hosting the Southern District meeting this October! Plans have been made for everyone to meet at the Rod 'N' Reel Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach. We're hoping for a good turnout and fair weather.

As past district presidents we are always available, either by phone or e-mail, to answer any questions that club presidents or club members may have, and are available to install new officers.

Not all of us are getting around as well as we once did, within the district, but we remain active in our home clubs. We seem to talk more on the phone or e-mail than actually getting together, but we're working on that.

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