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Districts Reporting for the FALL 2010 issue:
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Districts Reporting for the WINTER 2010 issue:
Western & Southern.

ALL Articles and Information for the FALL 2010 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by July 1, 2010.

District Editors should contact the clubs in their districts about District deadlines for submitting articles. Please follow the instructions of your District editor for submitting copy and be prepared to meet her deadlines.

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION: Any Club Project or Activity which is scheduled through the end of June 2011 may be submitted for inclusion.

✉ E-mail Articles & Photos to: MdClubwoman@verizon.net

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Julie Gibbs
GFWC Maryland President

Dear Federated Friends,

Since this winter has been the worst recorded in years, this magazine begins the anticipation of the coming of spring and the GFWC Maryland Annual Convention. Preparations for convention are well behind us and this officer awaits your arrival at the BWI Airport Marriott on April 17-19, 2010. Please make your plans early because you do not want to miss the celebration and fun shared with friends.

This administration began with the "We Can Do It" attitude and our members did just that! "Visions" for projects and programs, became "Possibilities" for change in your communities. GFWC-MD clubwomen just do what comes naturally—giving help unselfishly to those in need. Your dedication to hard work, and commitment to volunteer service has made a difference in the lives of so many people in our communities—a difference we're all part of. Reports have been written and statistics tallied. Your state chairmen extend their congratulations to all!

Our special GFWC guest for convention will be GFWC Second Vice-President Babs Condon. Babs will bring GFWC greetings and be our keynote speaker at the "Wind Beneath Your Wings" banquet on Sunday evening, before the installation of the 2010-2012 GFWC-MD officers. It will be an evening full of emotions, excitement and joy as the officers are installed. The "wind" represents the love, support and encouragement from GFWC-MD clubwomen—to the new officers, and to Babs Condon as her new journey will begin at GFWC International Convention in Omaha.

Our incredible journey together is coming to an end. The road has had a few twists and turns, but the challenges were met head-on by an incredible GFWC-MD Board of Directors. We are often at our best when facing challenges. This officer's job was a pleasure, not a challenge, because of your hard work and dedication to GFWC-MD.

"Thank you" are small words to express the gratitude this officer feels for all of you who have served. This officer has been blessed with many gifts of the Federation—warm and gracious hospitality when visiting district and club meetings, many friendly smiles and lots of hugs as we shared stories, tears and laughter as friends. Yes, there is a sisterhood in Federation.

GFWC gives leaders the resources and tools to lead, but this officer believes the key to a successful leader is in the people she leads. GFWC-MD clubwomen, with opened hearts, have given unconditional love, encouragement and support to this officer. My heart is full of pride and humanity, as it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Federation.

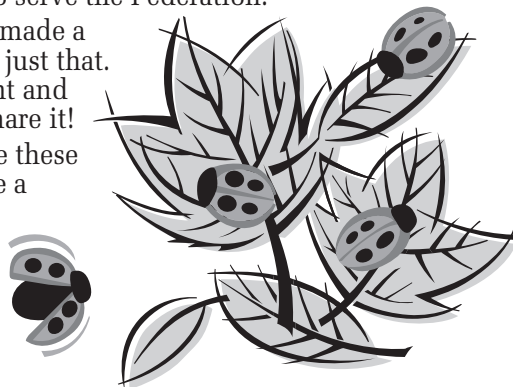
My ambition was always to be one of the people who made a difference in the world. As members in GFWC, we do just that. We are who we are. We remain true to the commitment and spirit of volunteering. We believe it, embrace it and share it!

Thank you for the wonderful memories. I will treasure these two years for a lifetime and my many ladybugs will be a constant reminder of your acts of kindness.

Federation Love and Always Friends,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Julie Gibbs in dark ink.

Julie Gibbs
GFWC Maryland President



FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Joyce Race
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs

GFWC Federation Sisters,

My how time has flown by! It seems like only yesterday that I wrote my first article for our wonderful magazine as GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs. We are now gearing up for our GFWC-MD Convention in April and my time as Director of Junior Clubs will come to an end.

It has been an exciting and fulfilling experience for me. I have met so many wonderful women, who I now have the honor of calling friends. I have learned much about the different and innovative ways that a group of top-of-the-line, best-in-the-world (in my opinion) women can volunteer to make a difference in the lives of the people in their communities, their country, and the world.

Regretfully, we had to cancel Mid-Winter Rally. Good old Mother Nature just didn't want to cooperate. Our snow date was February 6th, and guess what?! Mother Nature shook her finger at us and said, "No, no, I am not done with you yet!"

She said, "Clubwomen do so many things that I can't do—like making beautiful Linus blankets for domestic violence shelters, giving supplies to help the homeless, walking to raise money to help prevent birth defects, raising money for scholarships and other wonderful projects, and organizing great conventions—so I will do what I do best... SNOW!"

The Westminster Juniors had planned a wonderful day for us for Mid-Winter Rally. The location was terrific, the lunch was going to be spectacular, and they had arranged to have someone speak on dating violence and abuse. Many parents do not know that their daughter, or even their son, could be the victim of violence in their dating relationship. Many teens and young people dating do not realize they are in a volatile relationship that could be life-threatening.

There are many opportunities coming up in the future that we can focus on. February is heart month and colorectal cancer awareness month. Be good to yourself and your family and get checked.

March 15, 2010 is Absolutely Incredible Kids Day. This is a great time to give a note to your children or grandchildren, and any other child you wish to send love, greetings, or a word of encouragement for the wonderful person they are.

I look forward to sharing Convention with all of you, especially Fun Night. There will be mudslides (our Maryland signature drink!) and other delightful refreshments, maybe a surprise or two, and most importantly—you and your friendship!

A stylized, handwritten signature of Joyce Race in cursive script.

Joyce Race
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs



CONVENTION 2010... Convention Highlights

Volunteer... It Just Comes Naturally

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend the **111th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.** at the BWI Airport Marriott, April 17-19, 2010. Plan to arrive on Friday, April 16th so you won't miss any of the festivities. Don't let your club president be the only one to attend and have all the fun!

On Saturday, April 17th— Join the Maryland Juniors at 10:00 a.m. as they celebrate their accomplishments at **Junior Day**. All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend this energized meeting and the **Junior/General Luncheon, "A Spoonful of Love."** The program will feature the presentation of **Youth Art Awards**. The **2010-2012 Junior Officers** will be elected and installed.

On Saturday Evening— All Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather for the **District Presidents' Reception** at 5:15 p.m. The official opening of the Convention will be the **"Everything's Coming Up Roses" Banquet** at 6:30 p.m.—highlighted by the parade of Club Presidents and the District Presidents' reports. A **Jazz Trio featuring Karla Chisholm** will provide dinner music for everyone's enjoyment.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to enjoy food, fun, and friendship at **Federation Fun Night**, hosted by the Maryland Juniors in the President's Suite. (details on page 4)

On Sunday, April 18th— The **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** meeting will be held at 7:15 a.m. A brief Board of Directors Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., then Convention will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. You really need to be there to find out what other clubs have been doing this past year when the Department awards are announced. The **2009 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award** will also be presented.

Following the morning session a **Reception for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all Nominees** will be held in the President's Suite.

The **"You're Quite a Lady" Luncheon** will honor the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and the Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation. After lunch, the polls will open for the **Election of GFWC Maryland Officers for the 2010-2012 administration**.

On Sunday Evening— The **"Wind Beneath Your Wings" Banquet** will begin at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment provided by the **Bell Canto String Quartet**. The speaker will be our special GFWC guest—one of our own—**GFWC Second Vice-President Babs Condon**, followed by the installation of the **2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers**.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to the President's Suite for a **Reception Honoring the 2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers**.

On Monday, April 19th— Convention will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. with more reports and awards, including member Arts, Crafts, and Photography Awards. The **"Turning the Page" ESO Luncheon** will feature **ESO Speaker Elaine Weiss**, author of "Fruits of Victory." After three busy days of Federation fun and fellowship, the 111th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will adjourn.

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*All Members
are invited to attend
The District
Presidents' Reception
to honor
All Club Presidents
5:15-6:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 17th
see program for location*

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*A Reception for the
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immediately following
the morning session*

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*All Members
are invited to a Reception
Honoring the 2010-2012
GFWC Maryland Officers
Hosted by Western District and the
GFWC Western Maryland Community Club
Sunday, April 18th
in the President's Suite
immediately following the banquet*

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CONVENTION 2010... *Speakers & Entertainment*



Babs Condon, GFWC Second Vice-President, 2008-2010, will be our special guest at the 111th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention. She will speak at the "Wind Beneath Your Wings" Banquet on Sunday evening.

A third-generation clubwoman, Babs has been an active member of the Federation for more than 25 years. She joined GFWC Maryland as a Junior member, where she held many chairmanships, served as a club president, and then advanced through the Junior state leadership positions, before serving as GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, 1992-1994. In 2004, the Maryland Junior Membership named a Federation Achievement Award in her honor. On the General membership level, Babs has served as a club president, held numerous club, district and state chairmanships, then advanced through the state leadership positions, serving as GFWC-MD President, 2002-2004. Babs remains active at all levels of Federation, serving as advisor to a Juniorette club, which she started in 1994, chairman for her district, chairman

for her Junior and General clubs, advisor on the Junior state level, and as the webmaster of GFWC Maryland's website. On the GFWC level, Babs has served on the GFWC Executive Committee as Director of Junior Clubs, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and now as Second Vice-President. In this position she works directly with GFWC's program chairmen. Babs is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with graduate work at the University of Kentucky. She taught for several years at the University of Kentucky and in Carroll County, MD, before retiring to raise her two sons. She is vice-president of a family recycling business and president for a rental property agency. Babs and her husband Jerry are the proud parents of two grown sons and look forward to spending time with future grandchildren.

Federation Fun Night

Hosted by
the Maryland Juniors

Saturday, April 17, 2010
after the Banquet

\$5.00 per person

ALL Maryland Clubwomen are invited to the President's Suite, to relax and share some quality time with your wonderful Federation friends.

Attire is casual. Mudslides (Maryland's signature drink) and other delightful refreshments will be served.

Remember to add
FEDERATION FUN NIGHT
to your Meal Reservation Form!



A Jazz Trio featuring Karla Chisholm will entertain at the "Everything's Coming Up Roses" Banquet on Saturday, April 17th. A charming Southern Belle in both manner and spirit, Karla Chisholm was born and raised in Dallas, TX, and studied vocal performance at the storied music program at the University of North Texas. After stints in Washington and Los

Angeles, she now makes her home on the west side of Baltimore, not far from the old vaudeville theaters and chitlin circuit clubs where Billy Holiday cadged drinks from lovestruck hustlers and sang her soul out to the salty-aired night. Karla plays gigs all over the Baltimore-Washington area, including spots with musicians who regularly round out sessions with the likes of Prince, Justin Timberlake, Al Dimeola, Bebe Wynans and Eva Cassidy. At 18, Karla debuted at Switzerland's famous Montreux Jazz Festival. In 2009, she shared a stage with Mary Wilson of the Supremes. She has toured in the Greek Isles and Dubai, but feels just as comfortable reinvigorating the standards in front of a hometown crowd at Baltimore's Federal Hill Jazz and Blues Festival. Karla's "voice shines with confidence moving from delicate crooning to blues diva to bebop scat-singing totally effortlessly."

CONVENTION 2010... *Speakers & Entertainment*



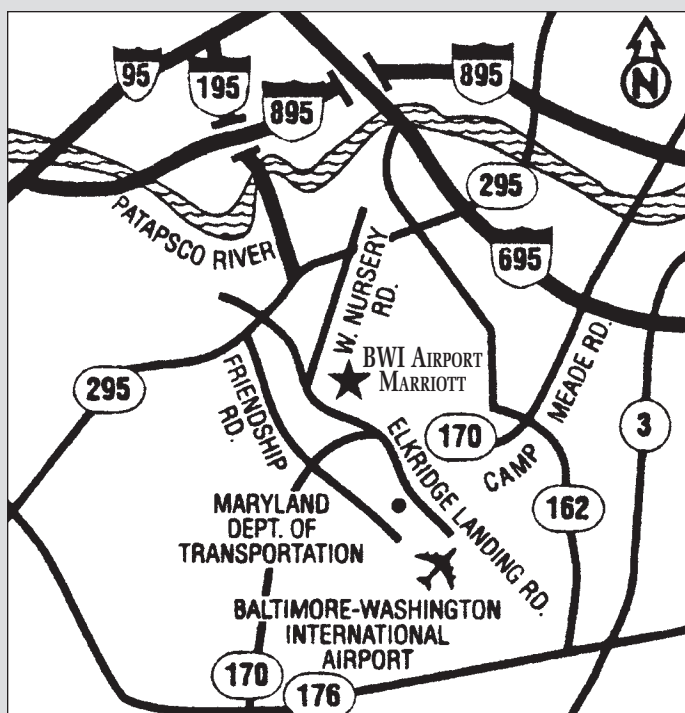
The Bel Canto String Quartet will entertain at the “Wind Beneath Your Wings” Banquet on Sunday, April 18th. Based in Southern Maryland, the Bel Canto String Quartet was founded in 2004 by Neil Puzon and Gabe Soloff as an opportunity to read chamber music. Since then, the quartet has evolved and participated in educational outreach programs

and performed for numerous events. Faculty members of the U.S. Navy War College called them “a class act” and “the best we’ve heard.” Performances have included the Library of Congress Whittall Pavilion, Mattawoman Creek “Arts in Park” Festival, and the Lurman Summer Concert Series. They’ve also appeared at the White House Military Office and the French and Italian embassies. Members have studied chamber music at the University of Maryland, Temple University, and Yale, and with various prestigious ensembles including the Julliard and Sunrise string quartets. They continue to be acknowledged for their technique and exciting repertoire.



Elaine Weiss, author of “Fruits of Victory,” will be the featured speaker at the “Turning the Page” ESO Luncheon on Monday, April 19th. Elaine Weiss, who has written for such publications as the *New York Times* and *Harper’s*, chronicles the largely forgotten history of the Woman’s Land Army (WLA) in “Fruits of Victory.” This group of U.S. women left their homes and college dorms in droves to volunteer when American involvement in World War I called young men from the fields to the trenches of Europe. Weiss shows how these “farmerettes” faced an uphill battle, as they were often met with disdain by shorthanded farmers and Washington politicians who did not feel the situation was dire enough to warrant hiring women to do men’s work. WLA architects, many of whom earned their stripes in the suffrage movement, developed a blueprint for managing a group anywhere in the U.S., and they were able to secure wages—and an eight-hour workday—equal to their male counterparts. The group disbanded after the war, but the farmerettes helped pave the way for women working during World War II. Elaine lives in Baltimore with her husband, Julian Krolik, a professor of astrophysics at Johns Hopkins University. They have two children.

THE 111TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS, INC. APRIL 17-19, 2010 AT THE BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, BALTIMORE, MD



From Baltimore: Take Rt. 295 S. (Baltimore-Washington Pkwy).

Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn left*

From I-95: Exit onto I-195 E. to Rt. 295 N. (Baltimore-Washington Pkwy).

Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn right at top of ramp*

From Washington, DC: Take Rt. 295 N. (Baltimore-Washington Pkwy).

Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn right at top of ramp*

* Hotel is 1-1/2 miles on the left.

MEMBERSHIP

Our "ACT in OCT" 2009 Membership program has met with success.

Make sure your club's Membership chair or President sends your new members' names and addresses to: **Mikki Stratmeyer, PO Box 617, New Market, MD 21774 or e-mail to Michelestratmeyer@comcast.net.** So far, I have heard from five Maryland clubs telling of their successes.

How can we find and attract new members? Try something simple—all your club members can do this. Wear your GFWC or club pin to and from any meeting you attend. When asked what is GFWC, respond with your 30-second elevator speech and hand them your club card. ***Here is my 30-second elevator speech:***

"GFWC stands for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is one of the world's largest women's volunteer service organizations. I belong to the Frederick Woman's Civic Club which meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at Steiner House from 10:00-1:00. We also have an evening group which meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Steiner House at 7 p.m. I would love to have you join us for a meeting. Here is my card. May I have your name, phone number or e-mail address?"

Has your club set a goal for this year? Let's go find those women who don't know what GFWC, MFWC, or your local club are all about!

I would like to recognize our Maryland clubs who are having special anniversaries this year. Congratulations to the following clubs:

- GFWC Woman's Club of Jessup Inc., 95 years
- GFWC Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour, 85 years
- GFWC The Woman's Community Club of Kensington, MD, 85 years
- GFWC The Woman's Club of Kensington, 85 years
- GFWC Woman's Club of St. Mary's County, Inc., 50 years

Keep up the good work!

*Mikki Stratmeyer
Membership Chairman*

SELECTING CLUB DELEGATES

HOW to Select Club Delegates to Convention

Each year, when clubs submit names for their CLUB DELEGATES to Convention, there is usually some confusion and questions. The following guidelines will assist you in selecting your CLUB DELEGATES:

1. VOTING members of the Convention automatically include:

- State Officers
- District Presidents
- Honorary Presidents
- Club Presidents
- State Department & Program Chairmen
- State Standing & Special Committee Chairmen
- Staff of The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine

Any clubwoman holding one of the above positions is a member of the GFWC-MD BOARD OF DIRECTORS, as listed on pages 8-24 of the GFWC-MD Directory.

2. If one of your members holds any of the above positions, do NOT appoint them as a CLUB DELEGATE to the Convention. If you do, your club will LOSE a vote.

3. VOTING members of the Convention also include CLUB DELEGATES. The number of CLUB DELEGATES to which your club is entitled is defined in the GFWC-MD Bylaws and is based on your club's membership. Membership is determined by the number of club members who have paid their dues by February 1, 2010. You are allowed to appoint ONE (1) CLUB DELEGATE for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

4. No member is entitled to more than ONE (1) VOTE. Even though a member may hold more than one position on the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, she may only VOTE ONCE. The Federation Bylaws say, "A voting member shall have but one vote, although entitled to vote in either of several capacities." Example: If a member is a State Chairman and also a Club President, she may vote as one or the other, but not both.

5. DELEGATE VOTING STRENGTH is often confusing to members attending Convention. If your club has members on the GFWC-MD BOARD OF DIRECTORS, your club will not receive recognition for their attendance, since NO DUPLICATION is allowed.

6. It is an honor to serve The Federation. Members who are appointed to the GFWC-MD BOARD OF DIRECTORS, or who are selected as a CLUB DELEGATE, should carry out their duties with great pride. Do not minimize the importance of these responsibilities.

**If you have questions, please contact: Judith Tippet, Credential Chairman, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416
Phone: 301-392-1706, or E-mail: jbtippet@msn.com**

ATTENTION ALL CONVENTION ATTENDEES!

CREDENTIAL CARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED

**USE REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM ON
PAGE 13 OF THE SPECIAL CONVENTION PULL-OUT SECTION.**

See pages 6-7 in this issue for more information.

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS

REGISTRATION:

Pre-Registration Fee is \$8.00

On-Site Registration Fee is \$10.00

A Registration Fee will be charged for all attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Everyone attending **MUST** register and pay the Registration Fee. ***The Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED to the Credential Chairman, Judith Tippet, by March 22, 2010, along with the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13 of the Special Convention Pull-Out Section).*** An On-Site Registration Fee of \$10.00 will be collected for anyone not Pre-Registered. You will receive your badge upon arrival at the annual convention. No one will be admitted to the meetings without a badge. Members who belong to more than one club must decide which club they will be registered under.

Registration Desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 17, 2010: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
12:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18, 2010: 8:15-9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 19, 2010: 9:00-9:30 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:

You will NOT receive CREDENTIAL CARDS in the MAIL as in previous years. ALL ATTENDEES MUST use the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13 of the Special Convention Pull-Out Section). Even if there is some doubt whether you can attend, you need to complete the form and ***mail it to the Credential Chairman, Judith Tippet, by March 22, 2010.***

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Members, including Club Presidents and Honorary State Presidents:

Fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Judith Tippet.

Club Delegates:

Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Judith Tippet. If your club has alternate delegates, please send their name(s) separately. The number of Club Delegates to which your club is entitled is based on the number of club members who have paid their dues by February 1, 2010. You are allowed to appoint one (1) Club Delegate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Junior & Juniorette Clubs:

Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Judith Tippet.

Voting Members:

"The Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs delegates will be based only upon those members whose dues shall have been paid by February 1." Standing Rule 2a (pg. 80). "The voting members of The Federation shall be the members of the board of directors and the accredited delegates. A voting member shall have but one vote, although entitled to vote in either of several capacities. No delegate shall represent more than one club." Article VI, Section 2 of The Federation Bylaws (pg. 75).

Non-Voting Members:

All non-voting members must still register.

DONATIONS

ATTENTION

Club Treasurers!

ALL Donations must be received before April 1, 2010, in order for your club to receive recognition at the GFWC Maryland Convention.

Submit Donations for the following FOUR funds to the GFWC-MD Treasurer as indicated. Write fund name on memo line of each check.

★ **The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine**

★ **GFWC Maryland Youth Art Fund**

★ **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award**

Make checks payable to:

MFWC Treasurer

Mail to: Reno Eitel, 510 Anchor Drive, Joppa, MD 21085-4502

(If sending only one check, indicate the dollar amount for each fund.)

★ **Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund**

(MUST be separate check)

Make check payable to:

MFWC Treasurer

Mail to: Reno Eitel, 510 Anchor Drive, Joppa, MD 21085-4502

ALL OTHER DONATIONS should be sent directly to the organization you are donating to. Include a contact name with full address. Write "GFWC" on the memo line of each check, so GFWC Maryland will receive credit for the donation.

★ **CARE**

Make check payable to: CARE

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

★ **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

Make check payable to:

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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

★ **HOBY**

Make check payable to: HOBY

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

★ **Tree-Mendous Maryland**

Make check payable to:

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Mail to: Martha Hyson, 1604 St. Paul Street, Hampstead, MD 21074-2117

*In Memory Of
Monique Braude*

WE SINCERELY REGRET THE LOSS OF

Monique Braude

SOUTHERN DISTRICT PRESIDENT
2006-2008

She will be Fondly Remembered!

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PULL-OUT SECTION.**

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for more information.*

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Proposed Amendment to The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Bylaws

According to ARTICLE XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws, of The Federation Bylaws (page 79), *"These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before January 1."*

The GFWC Maryland Bylaws Committee received the following proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII: Dues, Section 1, paragraph 1, of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Bylaws. We will be voting on this proposed amendment on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at the GFWC Maryland Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VII: Dues, Section 1, paragraph 1 currently reads:

"Annual dues for active clubs shall be \$4.50 per capita in addition to the required General Federation of Women's clubs dues and these dues shall be apportioned through the budget to The Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs."

Proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII: Dues, Section 1, paragraph 1:

Strike "\$4.50" and insert "\$5.50".

ARTICLE VII: Dues, Section 1, paragraph 1 would then read:

"Annual dues for active clubs shall be \$5.50 per capita in addition to the required General Federation of Women's clubs dues and these dues shall be apportioned through the budget to The Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs."

*Submitted by the GFWC Maryland Bylaws Committee
Angeline Haines, Chairman*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. At least eight weeks prior to the election, the chairman of the nominating committee shall send the list of nominees, designating the clubs which they represent, to the president of The Federation for inclusion in the call to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, except for the director of junior clubs, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained." —ARTICLE IV, Section 2, paragraph 2 of The Federation Bylaws (page 73)

The GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee submits the following report:

President 2010-2012: Josephine Miller

GFWC Western Maryland Community Club, Western District

President-Elect 2010-2012: Beverly Death

GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club, Southern District

Vice-President 2010-2012: Brenda Bennett

GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., Eastern Shore District

Recording Secretary 2010-2012: Barbara Weldon

The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc., Baltimore District

Corresponding Secretary 2010-2012: Debbie Spinnenweber

GFWC Western Maryland Community Club, Western District

Treasurer 2010-2012: Reno Eitel

The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc., Baltimore District

Director of Junior Clubs 2010-2012: Mary Beth Strickler

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

*Proposed by the GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee
Anne Forrester, Chairman*



**OFFICIAL CALL
TO
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
111TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Volunteer... It Just Comes Naturally"**

APRIL 17-19, 2010 (SATURDAY-MONDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

The Executive Committee of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. extends a very special invitation to **ALL Maryland Clubwomen** to attend the 111th Annual Convention. The Call to Convention has been published in this issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman*, so EVERY club member will have the necessary information. **PLEASE NOTE: Credential Cards will NOT be mailed. Please use the Registration & Credentials Form on page 13 of this Call.**

In This Issue You Will Find:

- 1) ***All General Information pertinent to the Convention.***
- 2) ***Registration & Credentials Form***—mail to Judith Tippet, Credential Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED no later than March 22, 2010, along with the Registration & Credentials Form.
On-Site Registration Fee will be \$10.00.
- 3) ***Room Reservation Form***—mail directly to the BWI Airport Marriott.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 22, 2010.
Room Rates will more than double after that date!
- 4) ***Meal Reservation Form***—mail to Mary Lou Hodges, Reservations Chairman.
Please use this form for ALL MEALS, including the Junior Day Luncheon and Federation Fun Night.
- 5) ***GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form***—mail to Beverly Death, Convention Club Treasurer.

You will not want to miss Convention. Make your reservations early! Seating at all meal functions is done on a "first in" basis. Every club should plan on having several members in attendance to cheer your club on at award time! There are many wonderful programs, speakers, and activities planned for your entertainment and education.

Julie Gibbs, President
Brenda Bennett, Corresponding Secretary

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 111TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

“Volunteer... It Just Comes Naturally”

APRIL 17-19, 2010 • BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, BALTIMORE

The 111th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, from April 17-19, 2010. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend. See page 5 of this issue for a map and directions, or visit: www.marriott.com.

CREDENTIALS: Credentials cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call) and mail to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 22, 2010**.

Mail to: Judith Tippet, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

REGISTRATION: Registration desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 17, 2010: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

12:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18, 2010: 8:15-9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 19, 2010: 9:00-9:30 a.m.

A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. This fee helps pay for the speakers, programs and all printed materials distributed during the convention. Everyone attending **MUST** register. **NOTE: Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED** to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 22, 2010, along with the Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call). **On-Site Registration Fee will be \$10.00.** Make checks payable to: *MFWC Treasurer*. Mail to: Judith Tippet, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Send check or money order for meal reservations **no later than March 22, 2010**. Use the Meal Reservation Form (page 17 of this Call). Make checks payable to: *MFWC Reservations Account*. Indicate the name of your club, and list **ALL** members included in the reservation. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form. Mail to: Mary Lou Hodges, 2605 Angie Court, Finksburg, MD 21048-1907.

ALL Club Presidents will be honored at the Saturday night banquet. They will be introduced by their District President and sit at reserved tables. We would like all clubs represented and sincerely hope all will attend. A President who finds it impossible to attend may be represented by a Vice-President or another representative. Be sure to notify your District President of your attendance or substitute. **When making Sunday night banquet reservations, please indicate if you are a Club President or representative.**

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Make room reservations directly with BWI Airport Marriott. Mail or Fax the BWI Airport Marriott Reservation Form (page 15 of this Call), or call BWI Airport Marriott at 410-859-8300 (direct) or 800-228-9290 (toll free). **To get the special room rate of \$129.00 Single/Double (+ 13% tax), you MUST identify yourself as being with GFWC Maryland. Make room reservations promptly as the hotel will only hold our rooms until March 22, 2010. ROOM RATES WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE AFTER THIS DATE.** GFWC Maryland must occupy a specific number of rooms each night to avoid high rental fees for meeting rooms. **Please help us SAVE Federation money and plan to stay for all 3 nights!**

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT: Rooms will be available for check-in after 3 p.m. on Friday. If you arrive earlier, you may leave your luggage locked in your car or ask the hotel to store it for you. There is ample parking. **Rooms must be vacated before 1 p.m. on Monday.** You may check-out on Sunday evening or anytime Monday morning.

REPORTS & AWARDS: Reports and awards will be presented throughout Convention. If you are presenting a report, please bring **TWO** copies for the Federation Recording Secretary, Carol France, for her minutes! Award packets for **ALL** Club Presidents will be given out on the last day of Convention.

ELECTION OF 2010-2012 GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS: Election Polls will be open from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18. In order to vote, delegates must register before the start of the meeting Sunday morning.

ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY, AND YOUTH ART EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Exact locations will be designated after entry cards have been received. Open hours will be announced in the Convention program. Please observe the following procedures:

All entries MUST be received from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17. No pictures will be accepted without wire and screw eyes, or if insecurely framed. **A Signature will be Required for All Entries When Checked-In on Saturday and Checked-Out on Monday.**

Entries may be picked up in the exhibit rooms **only during the recess before the luncheon meeting, Monday, April 19. No Exceptions To This Rule!** Neither The GFWC Maryland Federation nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4 p.m. on Monday, April 19. Exhibits will be covered by insurance for fire and theft only. All due care will be used in handling articles, but insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for ten dollars (\$10). No single item will be insured in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

Please return ALL YOUTH ART ENTRIES to the students' schools ASAP after the close of Convention!



CONVENTION AGENDA **"Volunteer... It Just Comes Naturally"**

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:00-10:00 p.m. — Juniorette Fun Night. All Junioresses are invited to a Pizza & Pajama Party. Location to be announced.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

10:00 a.m. — Junior Day. All GFWC Maryland members are invited to attend the energized Junior Membership Annual Meeting. (*business-casual attire*)

1:00-3:30 p.m. — "A Spoonful of Love" Junior/General Luncheon. Presentation of Youth Art Awards. Clubs will have an opportunity to take pictures with their winners at the close of the meeting. Installation of 2010-2012 Junior Officers. **Please use Meal Reservation Form.**

Reception for the 2010-2012 Junior Officers immediately following the meeting. See program for location.

5:15-6:15 p.m. — District Presidents' Reception. The five District Presidents cordially invite all GFWC Maryland members to join them to honor all Club Presidents. See program for location.

6:20 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. GFWC Guest, State Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

6:30 p.m. — "Everything's Coming Up Roses" Banquet. District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during processional. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Dinner Music: Jazz Trio featuring Karla Chisholm. District Presidents' Reports. (*cocktail/formal attire*)

Federation Fun Night immediately following the banquet, in the President's Suite. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship, sponsored by the Maryland Juniors. **Please use Meal Reservation Form.** (*casual attire*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:15 a.m. — GFWC Convention Club Breakfast for ALL who have attended a GFWC International Convention. **Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.**

8:30 a.m. — Board of Directors Meeting. (*business-casual attire*)

9:00 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes. Department awards and the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. (*business-casual attire*)

Reception immediately following the morning session in the President's Suite for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and All Nominees.

1:00 p.m. — "You're Quite a Lady" Luncheon. Honoring 2009 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation.

2:30-3:30 p.m. — Election Polls open.

6:15 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. GFWC Guest, State Officers, District Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

6:30 p.m. — "Wind Beneath Your Wings" Banquet. Entertainment: Bel Canto String Quartet. Speaker: GFWC Second Vice-President Babs Condon, followed by the installation of the 2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers. (*formal attire*)

Reception immediately following the banquet in the President's Suite to honor the 2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers and their families and guests. All GFWC Maryland members are invited. Hosted by the members of Western District and the GFWC Western Maryland Community Club.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

9:30 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes. Arts, Crafts and Photography awards. Special and Standing Committee Reports. (*business-casual attire*)

10:30 a.m. — ESO Speaker: Elaine Weiss, author of "Fruits of Victory."

12:00 noon — "Turning the Page" ESO Luncheon.

Adjournment



SPECIAL NOTICES

- GFWC
CONVENTION CLUB

Join fellow GFWC International Convention attendees at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, April 18 for breakfast. Share stories, laughs and plans for the 2010 GFWC Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Election of Convention Club officers.
Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.
- FLOWERS

Arrangements have been made with “Petal Pusher Florist” to supply corsages, room and table bouquets. **Clubs wishing to order flowers should contact Debbie at 410-859-9292.** Deliveries will be made on Saturday or Sunday. District Presidents will be ordering flowers for Saturday night’s procession.
- PHOTOGRAPHS

Joel, from International Convention Photography will be on hand to take pictures.
- 2010-2012
GFWC MARYLAND
DIRECTORY

Attention: CLUB PRESIDENTS, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors — A special form is included on page 29 of this issue for reporting 2010-2012 Club Officers for publication in the GFWC Maryland Directory. *Please fill out and return forms to the GFWC-MD Registration Table at Convention, or mail to the GFWC-MD Directory Chairman, Mary Thompson, 105 Jenkins Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640-1938, no later than May 24, 2010.*
- MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A Medical Emergency Information Form is included on page 18 of this Call. This form should be filled out by each member attending convention and returned to the Reservations Chairman, Mary Lou Hodges, 2605 Angie Court, Finksburg, MD 21048-1907, along with your Meal Reservation Form.
- GFWC MARYLAND
FUND-RAISING

Various items will be on sale during the convention. Please remember to visit the Convention Exhibitors.

Again this year, the executive committee has approved clubs advertising their favorite fund-raising project by including information in the convention packets. If your club would like information included in the packets, please send the information to The Federation Arrangements Chairman, Mary Beth Strickler, 112 Forest Drive, LaVale, MD 21502-1909, no later than March 22, 2010. Materials received after this date will NOT be included in the packets. Please send two hundred (200) copies if you want the material in all of the packets or sixty-five (65) if you want the information included ONLY in the Club Presidents’ packets.

Brenda Bennett
Corresponding Secretary

Julie Gibbs
President

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2010

CLUB NAME: _____

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2010) _____ Circle One: General / Junior / Juniorette Club

District: _____

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: Pre-Registration \$8.00 / On-Site Registration \$10.00

Registration fee will be charged for ALL attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Make checks payable to: MFWC Treasurer/Registration

CLUB DELEGATES ATTENDING:

CLUB PRESIDENT + ONE (1) DELEGATE for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Club President Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Note: If Club President will not be attending, please send letter notifying who will take their place.

MEMBERS ATTENDING who hold positions on the GFWC MARYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

State Officers, District Presidents, Department/Program Chairmen, Special/Standing Committee Members, and Honorary State Presidents.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2010

Total Registration \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail Form and Check to: Judith Tippet, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416

If there is a change of delegates after the deadline, please notify Judith Tippet by phone or e-mail.

Phone: 301-392-1706

E-mail: jbtippet@msn.com

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BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2010

Name of group: **The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**

Function dates: **April 17-19, 2010**

Room rate: **\$129 single/double/triple/quad +13% tax**

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Sharing room with: _____

Special requests (please circle): Handicapped, 1 king bed or 2 doubles, smoking or non-smoking

☐ Rollaway bed in room: \$20.00 (subject to availability)

Arrival Date: _____ Approximate Arrival Time: _____

Number of Nights Staying _____ **Check in time is 3 p.m.**

The BWI Airport Marriott will hold your reservation until 6:00 p.m. on the day of your arrival unless guaranteed with a check or credit card for the 1st night's stay.

☐ American Express ☐ Carte Blanche ☐ Diners Club ☐ Visa/MasterCard ☐ Check

Credit Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail: BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Rd., Baltimore, MD 21240-9974
Fax: 410-691-4555 **Phone:** 410-859-8300 (direct line) or 800-228-9290 (toll free)

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2010

Peg Gillum, President

Mary Thompson, Vice-President

Beverly Death, Treasurer

Brenda Bennett, Secretary

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, April 18, 2010 ★ 7:15 a.m. ★ Total Cost: \$25.00*

Have you ever attended a General Federation Convention? If the answer is YES, then you are eligible for membership in the GFWC Convention Club. One meeting annually, no projects, lots of FUN!! Join fellow GFWC Convention attendees to share stories, laughs and plans for GFWC 2010 in Omaha. **Remember to bring something from a previous GFWC Convention.** Also on the Agenda (you know the one): Vote on Distribution of Treasury Balance, and a Special Toast.

Dress: Your choice, formal or casual.

** Total Cost of \$25.00 includes \$24.50 for Breakfast + \$.50 for GFWC Convention Club Dues.*

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Mail Form and Check to: Beverly Death, 105 Circle Road, Pasadena, MD 21122-6603
(Make checks payable to Beverly Death.)



MEAL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2010

Reservations must include Checks and Names of Members for whom reservations are being made. Make Checks Payable To: MFWC RESERVATIONS ACCOUNT. Please do not ask for refunds. ONLY Vegetarian, Diabetic, or Seafood Allergy food substitutions can be made. (Make advance arrangements with Reservations Chairman.)

Date – Function	# Meals	\$ / Meal	Total \$	Vegetarian or Diabetic
Saturday, April 17 – Junior/General Luncheon		\$ 30.00		
Saturday, April 17 – Banquet		\$ 50.00		
Saturday, April 17 – Federation Fun Night		\$ 5.00		
Sunday, April 18 – Luncheon		\$ 30.00		
Sunday, April 18 – Banquet		\$ 50.00		
Monday, April 19 – Luncheon		\$ 30.00		
TOTALS				

NOTE: SEAFOOD will be served. Please specify if you an ALLERGY to SEAFOOD.

TO INSURE PROPER SEATING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

If including a reservation for a Club President (or other club representative) who will be in the President's procession on Saturday night, please list below:

Name:	Office:
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If including a reservation for a State Officer, District President or Honorary President, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Name:	Office:
Name:	Office:
Name:	Office:

If including a reservation for Members, please list below:

Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:

This Meal Reservation Form was prepared by:

Name:	Club:	District:
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Mail Form and Check to: Mary Lou Hodges, 2605 Angie Court, Finksburg, MD 21048-1907



MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Your Name:
Address:
Phone #:

Who should be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Are you staying in the hotel? _____

If yes, please include the name of your Roommate: _____

Do you have to take any medications on a regular basis for a life threatening reason? _____

If yes, please explain why, how often and where we can find this medication: _____

Do you have any allergies to food or medication? _____

If yes, please list: _____

Do you have any other medications to be taken only in case of emergency? _____

If yes, please explain and tell us where to find it: _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: _____

Medical insurance company & policy number: _____

Coverage verification phone number: _____

Return Form to: Mary Lou Hodges, 2605 Angie Court, Finksburg, MD 21048-1907





OFFICIAL CALL TO JUNIOR DAY
AT
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
111TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Recipe for Success"

APRIL 17, 2010 (SATURDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

Junior Day at the 111th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, on Saturday, April 17, 2010. ALL members of The Maryland Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

CREDENTIALS: Credentials cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call) and mail to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 22, 2010**. Mail to: Judy Tippet, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

REGISTRATION: A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Everyone attending **MUST** register. No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge. **NOTE: Pre-Registration Fee of \$8.00 MUST BE MAILED** to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 22, 2010, along with the Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call). On-Site Registration Fee will be \$10.00. Make checks payable to: *MFWC Treasurer*. Mail to: Judy Tippet, 9345 Goose Bay Lane, Welcome, MD 20693-3416.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS: Send check or money order for Junior Day Luncheon Reservations **no later than March 22, 2010**. Please use the **Meal Reservation Form** (page 17 of this Call). Make checks payable to: *MFWC Reservations Account*. Indicate the name of your club, and list **ALL** members included in the reservation. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form. Mail to: Mary Lou Hodges, 2605 Angie Court, Finksburg, MD 21048-1907.

ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY, AND YOUTH ART EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Exact locations will be designated after entry cards have been received. Open hours will be announced in the Convention program. **All Arts, Crafts & Photography entries MUST be received from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17.**

FUNDRAISING: Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables.

THINGS TO BRING TO JUNIOR DAY:

- 1) Your club's banner
- 2) Two Quarters for Felicia the "Federated Pig"
- 3) Silent Auction item—
Theme: "Ingredients for Success"



JUNIOR DAY AGENDA
"Recipe for Success"

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS: Reports of the Director of Junior Clubs, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer. Voting for the 2009-2010 Junior Budget. Voting for the 2010-2012 Junior Officers.

REPORTS OF CLUB PRESIDENTS: District Directors of Junior Clubs will introduce Junior and Juniorette Club Presidents for their reports. Club reports are limited to seven minutes. Please make them fun and informative.

AWARDS: Membership, Fundraising, Junior Special Project and Club awards.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS: All nominees will be introduced and the names of the winners will be announced for: Juniorettes of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Outstanding Maryland Junior.

RECESS: 12:30-1:00 p.m. — Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables.

LUNCHEON: 1:00 p.m. — **"A Spoonful of Love" Junior/General Luncheon.**

PROGRAM: Youth Art Awards. Winners will be honored and awards presented by Youth Art Co-Chairman Celeste Riddle. Clubs will have an opportunity to take pictures with the winners at the close of the meeting.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2010-2012 Junior Officers will be installed.

ADJOURNMENT

RECEPTION: A reception for the 2010-2012 Junior Officers will be held immediately following the meeting. All GFWC Maryland members are invited to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICES

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET: Saturday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. Formal Opening of the 111th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention. District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during processional. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Dinner Music: Jazz Trio featuring Karla Chisholm. District Presidents' Reports. *(cocktail/formal attire)*

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT: Federation Fun Night will be held immediately following the banquet on **Saturday, April 17th** in the President's Suite. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship, sponsored by the Maryland Juniors *(see details on page 4)*. **Please use Meal Reservation Form.** *(casual attire)*

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET: Sunday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.
Entertainment: Bel Canto String Quartet. Speaker: GFWC Second Vice-President Babs Condon, followed by the installation of the 2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers. *(formal attire)*



The Director of Junior Clubs' room will be available for any Junior wishing to change clothes for the Saturday or Sunday evening banquets.
Room number to be announced at Junior Day.



GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

119TH GFWC ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—JUNE 12-15, 2010 HILTON OMAHA HOTEL • OMAHA, NEBRASKA



COME MEET US IN THE MIDDLE IN JUNE 2010!

The 119th GFWC Annual International Convention will take place June 12-15, 2010, in Omaha, Nebraska. Highlights include a “Beautiful Nebraska” State Night Banquet, hosted by the GFWC of Nebraska, two days of educational workshops, business sessions, a GFWC service project in the Omaha area, an Oscar Night Banquet, where the highly anticipated Community Improvement Contest winners and Jennie June winners will be announced, and a day trip to GFWC International President Rose Ditto’s historic home in Wamego, Kansas! In addition, for those who are voting delegates, elections will take place for the 2010-2012 GFWC Officers.

Excitement is building and rooms at our host hotel, the **Hilton Omaha**, are booked for the evening of June 9th and filling fast for the remainder of the Convention.

Visit www.GFWC.org/2010Convention to make your hotel reservations

online. Note: if you would like to be placed on a list for an alternate hotel on June 9, contact GFWC Convention & Meetings Manager Erica Sterling at ESterling@GFWC.org or 202-347-3168, ext. 144.

Check out
www.GFWC.org/2010Convention
for more info on the
119th GFWC Annual
International
Convention!

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010

- GFWC Executive Committee Meeting
- Early Arrivals Dinner

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010

- Tour to Wamego, Kansas
- Reception for LEADS Candidates

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010

- LEADS Seminar
- GFWC Chairmen’s Meeting
- GFWC Group Meetings
 - Region Presidents, State Presidents, and State Junior Directors
- GFWC Committee Meetings
- 2008-2010 Pre-Convention GFWC Board of Directors Brunch Meeting
- Day of Service
- First-Time Convention Attendees Welcome
- Welcome Reception
- GFWC/Nebraska State Night Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

- Exhibit Center Open
- Opening Session
 - Entertainment: Wamego Dutch Mill Sweet Adelines
- Workshops Session 1
- Social Gathering and State Photos Part I
- Junior/General Banquet
- Junior Fun Night

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010

- Exhibit Center Open
- A Soldier’s Christmas Breakfast
 - Entertainment: GFWC Chorus
- Coffee and Chat with the 2010-2012 Candidates
- Business Session
- Social Gathering and State Photos Part II
- GFWC Region Banquets

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010

- Exhibit Center Open
- Election Polls Open
- Workshops Session 2
- Business Session
- Social Gathering
- Oscar Night Banquet
 - Presentation of Community Improvement Contest Winners & Jennie June Award Winners

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010

- Brunch Awards Celebration
- Installation



WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

Volunteers Helping the Disabled... One Step at a Time

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District

The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District members are all past-presidents of Western District. As such, we continue to support Western District with our leadership experience and offer to assist members in their Federation work.

During our last meeting, members voted to distribute our dues among the following: 1734 Society, Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, Women's History & Resource Center, GFWC-MD web page, "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine, Save the Bay and Tree-Mendous Maryland.

Members attend our District meetings, as well as GFWC-MD Board of Directors meetings and conventions. Most of our members also hold positions on the State Board.

Since all of our members are past-presidents of Western District, our club will gain a new member in May—Anne Forrester. We're looking forward to welcoming her aboard.

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

The GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland has had a busy year reaching out to help in our community. Our fall was filled with holiday activities: Salvation Army bell ringing and holiday stockings in November, hosting our 4th annual Santa's Workshop and wrapping gifts to benefit Toys for Happiness, hosting our annual holiday auction to build funds for our college scholarship, and continuing our adoption of the young teen girls at the Allegany Girls Group Home through Halloween bags and holiday gifts. We made Christmas happen for nine girls, many of who had never received a gift from their family. The caregivers of the home shared that the girls were astounded to see so many presents just for them and



Members of the GFWC Centennial Club of Western District attending their spring meeting and luncheon.

often remarked, "Another one for me?" We will continue to provide these girls with special treats at Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and a summer survival kit.

Spring holds many traditions for us as well. March will bring our 34th Annual Children's Play Festival presented at Allegany College of Maryland. Clubwomen will participate as actors, scenery hands, marketers, etc. as we present "Alice Meets the White Rabbit" and "Little Red Riding Hood" to young children in our area. It's a chance for us to bring performance art alive and, of course, no production would be complete without a visit from Mother Goose (played by our GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, Joyce Race). Joyce loves to develop group participation through songs and dancing and to provide the children with a chance to stretch their legs and shake out the wiggles between plays. Come see our production on March 14th.

April and May spring forward with camaraderie. April marks our Progressive Dinner, which invites clubwomen and guests to travel between houses to enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dessert. We love to host State visitors on this occasion. Mark your calendars for April 7th. May is our annual spring planting meeting where we prepare flowers and small plants in individual containers to celebrate the women and mothers who are housed at the Family Crisis Resource Center.



(L to R) Patti Cuthbertson, Kim Miller, and Sandra Mattocks plan for the Cumberland Juniors' Children's Plays.

Last year we prepared 37 plants for this agency and brought rays of hope and sunshine to the women.

We look forward to GFWC-MD Convention and Junior Day as it will celebrate the leadership of our members and highlight all the projects Maryland clubwomen complete for their communities.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

This has been another busy year for the Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Their dedication and determination resulted in a successful year for the community as well.

The Youth Art Department hung 47 pieces of art at the Delaplaine Arts Center for the entire month of January. In February the works will be on display at Steiner House for a special reception for the contest winners and all concerned. Prize money is raised through the sale of White House Ornaments. Profits are also shared with Western District and GFWC Maryland.

The Arts Department continued to make Linus blankets, "boo-boo" bunnies and pillows, and Comfort Dolls to donate to Heartly House, the sheriff's department, and the Child Advocacy Center. Hats were knitted and donated to military persons, as well as newborns and cancer patients.

The Book Club is kept busy reading a chosen list of books and meeting at

a local restaurant for discussions and refreshments.

The Conservation Department informs members about what they can do to improve our environment. Information about recycling, county trash collection and the proposed trash incinerator were shared.

Our Education Department continues the reading with students program. Members donate school supplies, Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels. A celebration for Dr. Seuss's birthday was enjoyed when each of the readers gave "Green Eggs and Ham" to the students they read with. Two large bags of books were donated to Montevue Home—one containing large print books.

The Public Affairs Chairman collected donations for Heartly House so the women there could buy Christmas presents for their children. Donations were given to the Frederick County Veteran's Association and "Boatsie's Boxes." Items were also donated to Hope Alive.

The International Affairs Department contributed to UNICEF and Heifer Project. Through our club newsletter, members were reminded about swine flu prevention, recording historic events like our elections for our grandchildren, websites for UNICEF, Heifer Project and the United Nations. An international luncheon was sponsored by the department with a meal from a Chinese restaurant.

The Home Life Department contributed gift cards to the Montevue Home for county residents. Department members also held a Halloween sing-a-long and a Christmas party for the residents. A monthly Bingo is also a hit. Members filled several Salvation Army stockings for needy children and participated in ringing bells at collection kettles. They also collected money for phone privileges for our military persons in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The club's Community Improvement Project—CAC Friends—continues to support an account at the Commu-

nity Foundation to provide a child friendly CAC facility when the county budgets and selects a sight. Delegate Sue Hecht, a highly regarded child and family advocate, was a guest speaker at a meeting. She provided a very interesting overview of future legislation. A fund to help children heal, mentally and physically, was used to send children to horseback riding lessons, ballet classes, soccer camp and "Project Boost." The Friends of the CAC provided transportation and tuition for the program. Bus tokens were provided for a child and his mother to travel to the CAC for counseling. A 20% increase in cases at the Child Advocacy Center makes this project very relevant and worthwhile.

Our Membership Chairperson held several "Teas" to welcome prospective members, developed a "Secret Sister" program, presents a monthly "pat on the back" award to recognize a worthy member, and has members mentoring new members.

The Ways and Means Committee sponsored a Bingo and an Entertainment Boutique. Raffle tickets were sold for a lovely shawl made by a member. A Christkringlesmart was held with vendors and a brunch at a local golf club.

The Headquarters Committee maintains our clubhouse (Steiner House) and last year welcomed visitors to our beautifully decorated home and summer kitchen for the annual Frederick Museums by Candlelight Tour.



Yough Glade Elementary School students collected donations for Warm the Children, a program co-sponsored by the Oakland Civic Club and the Republican Newspaper.

Our Mardi Gras Ball is a year-long project with many committees working hours, days, weeks and months to make this the "best ever" Mardi Gras Ball each year. The 2009 Ball was held at FSK Mall Holiday Inn on February 13th. Invitations are sent to past attendees, but it is open to the public. Our annual Mardi Gras Ball enables us to fund our club departments, upkeep historic Steiner House, and contribute to local charities and scholarships.

GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, Maryland, Inc.

Warm the Children Project

"I had just finished checking out at Wal-Mart with my Warm the Children family, when the Mom reached over and gave me a warm hug. I wasn't prepared for the flow of tears from both of us as she said 'Thank you so much.' The three children gathered around me and each said thank you in their own special way. Even at their young age, they recognized that something special had just happened over the past hour and a half that filled their shopping basket with new warm ski jackets, pants and boots."

So it goes... as described by a new Civic Club member and first time shopper for our Warm the Children program that has been so successful for nine years. Even in these difficult economic times, Garrett County individuals and businesses have generously donated over \$37,000 toward the Warm the Children project. What a successful Joint Venture this has been between The Civic Club of Oakland and the Republican, our local family-owned newspaper. Ellen Fritz heads the committee of Civic Club members who write handwritten thank you notes to each donor.

Betty Ellington, Chairperson of the month-long event, is responsible for coordinating the Civic Club shoppers with the families chosen by the School District and County Social

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Services. Through her efforts and cooperative spirit with Wal-Mart, the Foundation has generously donated a grant to The Civic Club of Oakland for \$2,000. To date, we have shopped with 113 families for 371 children. Mary McEwen, of the Republican, recently wrote, "We DO spend every penny on the kids, we ARE careful with our selections and shopping, and we DO care about the families as well as the donors."

GFWC Western Maryland Community Club

This has been a very busy year for our club. We met each month at a different restaurant and members enjoy dining at new locations and sampling a variety of foods.

Leadership is strong in our club. Two of our members are on the GFWC-MD Executive Committee for the 2008-2010 administration. Members of our club also serve on the Western District Executive Committee, and hold committee chairmanships on the State and District levels. Our monthly meeting minutes and our monthly newsletter "VolunCheer" are sent to all members via e-mail to keep our members up-to-date.

Our club hosted the Western District Youth Art Show in March with two of our members, who are artists, serving as judges for the show.

The entire staff of "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine are members of our club. We were so proud when our State publication won first place in our size category at the 2009 GFWC International Convention. What an Honor!

In March we celebrated Dr. Seuss Birthday and our members read at local elementary schools. We also wrote letters to our children and grandchildren on "Absolutely Incredible Kid's Day."

In May we assisted the Junior Women's Civic Club with their



Western Maryland Community Club members planting flowers at the Rocky Gap State Park Handicapped Trail.

project to assemble potted plants for the Family Crisis Center. We also support the local theatre by attending shows. We attended as a group and with our families.

We purchased items for girls at a local group home. In the winter we bought bedroom linens/accessories, towels, toothbrushes and paste, body wash & lotions, workout tapes, note cards and personal items. This summer we provided the girls with swimming suits, beach towels, suntan & body lotions and other personal items.

We held our July Picnic Meeting at Rocky Gap State Park, where we planted flowers at the handicapped trail. Purple flowers were planted for domestic violence, pink flowers for breast cancer awareness, green plants for the environment and Black-eyed Susan's for the State of Maryland. We have been working with our local State Delegate and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to have a new sign placed at the handicapped trail.

In October, our club hosted Western District Meeting. We prepared decorations and favors for 40 people. The favors were trick-or-treat bags with hand-drawn jack-o-lantern faces, stuffed with Halloween treats. We made extra to donate to the girls group home. For breast cancer awareness month, members were given brochures and bookmarks on breast cancer awareness, and pink ribbons to wear. Also this month, we donated arts supplies to Friends Aware for those with special needs.

Several of our club members served on the SER Planning Committee and attended the October Southeastern Region Meeting. We were proud to serve as hostesses for the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

In November we held our annual ornament exchange. This is always an entertaining evening as one member can "steal" from another—all in good fun. Everyone always has a lot of laughs!

In December we held a Christmas dinner at Mary Ruddell's home and everyone brought something to the table. Our club is blessed with really excellent cooks. What a grand affair, closing with a gift exchange.

Generally we close our meeting with "Bonnie's Bingo." We split the proceeds between the winner and our treasury, so it is a win-win situation—and a lot of fun!

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The women of Westminster ended 2009 with a beautiful Holiday Luncheon featuring Jane Sharpe, who shared her Holiday Book List with us. We were honored to have GFWC International President Rose Ditto as our special guest. This year promises to be a busy one for us. At the January meeting, clubwomen will make favors for patient trays at the local hospital.

The Education Department members are busy preparing for Dr. Seuss Reading Days on February 26 and March 1 when club members visit elementary schools in the area to read and prepare "Green Eggs and Ham." Each child receives a book donated by Random House and a bookmark. This year we plan to read to over 1400 children in over 60 classrooms. All members of the woman's club will be on-hand for the hours of preparation and reading to promote literacy.

Members continue to support the Carroll County Safe House for victims of Domestic Violence through donations of personal items



Members of the Woman's Club of Westminster preparing to for Dr. Seuss Reading Days to promote literacy.

and gift cards. Two members of our Home Life Department are active members of the county's council to stop Domestic Violence.

The International Department has scheduled monthly workdays at SERRV's gift shop that provides artisans and farmers in third world countries with training, professional product design and a fair price and market for their work. Through this organization we are helping women improve their lives.

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The three GFWC clubs in Westminster worked together to host a Peter Rabbit Tea in late July to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster. The Tevis home was a perfect setting for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches and sweets, music and a Beatrix Potter storyteller. It was great to work together on this project.

Labor Day weekend found our club members working at the 17th Annual Kid's consignment sale. The economy had a definite impact on our sale. There was an amazing turnout of shoppers and a continuous line at the eleven checkout stations for the entire sale. This event not only generates funds for local charities, but provides consignors a great way to make revenue and allows for a huge donation of children's items to a local charity supporting children in need.

Club members organized the 5th Annual Chili Cook Off in October.



The STARS performing an original play, "Have You Been Naughty or Nice?" at their 14th Annual Santa's Workshop.

The weather was very cold and perfect for chili tasting. There were 24 chili cookers competing to win for the best chili, and for the coveted people's choice award. This is our club's signature fundraiser to benefit Access Carroll, a non-profit health care home for the uninsured residents of Carroll County. It is a wonderful community event and well-attended. Over \$14,000 was raised to support the services provided by Access Carroll. GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race, and Junior Membership Chairman Mary Beth Strickler came to lend a helping hand and their support at the cook off.

The club supported our local domestic violence shelter at their annual candlelight vigil by preparing and serving all the refreshments after the service. It was a very powerful and moving evening.

November is our annual Barter Dinner that supports families we adopt through our Carroll County Neighbors in Need program. The club's Family Support Committee organizes the dinner. Each club member brings gift cards to local grocery stores for the adopted families in exchange for their dinner. Club members also pick gift tags off the tree to purchase Christmas gifts for the families we adopt. This year we also adopted our domestic violence shelter and Shepherd's Staff, which is another non-profit organization providing clothes and food for those in need, with items to stock their blessing closet.

December found club members at the GFWC Holiday Open House, serving wine and punch to the guests. It was a wonderful opportunity to help Rose Ditto, our GFWC International President, and to be with other GFWC friends, spending time in our lovely GFWC home in Washington, DC.

The club is looking forward to our spring project, providing a refreshment rest stop for the Tour de Carroll Bike Tour. The bike tour proceeds benefit the West End Place a senior day program in Carroll County.

GFWC Stars Juniorette Club of Westminster

The GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster celebrated the holiday season by hosting their 14th Annual Santa's Workshop for 50 kids, ages 4-10. The day started with another original play called "Have You been Naughty or Nice?" as the girls gave great examples for the younger kids of ways they can be nice and help their families, friends and community. This was followed by three fun-filled hours of making crafts. They received great publicity (almost a full page) in the Carroll County Times the week following the event.

The club members plan to attend the Junior State Membership's annual Mid-Winter Rally and make lots of fleece blankets to fill Comfort Bags that are given to breast cancer patients. They have all invited their Moms to attend this meeting to hear the speaker talk about ways to avoid teen dating violence.

February is a fun month for the girls with one of their favorite projects—visiting one of the local retirement homes to give hand massages, redo fingernail polish and spend the afternoon with the local residents.

We invite EVERY club in Maryland to start their own Juniorette Club and we are happy to be the "go to" resource to help make that happen.

Volunteers... Band of Angels

GFWC Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour

The Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour began the year with much excitement, in anticipation of the programs and projects planned for the 2009-2010 year. Our first meeting was a "Meet and Greet" Potluck Luncheon that featured a large variety of both hot and cold dishes and delicious desserts. We expect many of them to be featured as recipes in our upcoming Cookbook. Among the 80 in attendance were new members who had previously been hosted at a New Member Brunch. After officers and committee chairpersons outlined what had been planned so that members could decide on what committees they would work on, we were delighted to hear from our Anne Arundel Medical Center Nursing Scholarship winner, Patricia Drake, RN, a single mother of three. She told us how much she appreciated the monies she received out of our \$5,000.00 annual donation to the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, without which she could not continue her nursing education. Our main focus for the year is community service in order to meet the needs of those in our community. This is exemplified by our "Bag Ladies" who meet weekly to paint paper bags that are then filled with items to benefit veterans and women in domestic abuse and violence shelters. On September 21, Audrey Batchelor and I received Certificates of Excellence from the Executive Director of Chrysalis House during their Volunteer Reception in recognition of the gift bags our club members donated. A coupon box was set up in our Community Lodge so our members and residents of Heritage Harbour could help collect coupons for military families at Fort

Meade and bases overseas. Later, another carton was used to collect 2010 calendars requested by hospitalized veterans. Twin-sized sheets for Hospice of the Chesapeake was also on our to-do list. However, we also planned a year-long series with the specific aim of "empowering the minds, bodies, and spirits of our members." Our first presenter in October was Karen Kansler, RN, an outreach worker at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore. Karen established the "Vintage Program" to spread the word to older adults about how to live longer, useful lives. Her topic, "Cobwebs in the Attic," was most appropriate to our age group and was presented in a very informative Powerpoint presentation.

We returned to our community efforts in November with the first of our Days of Service. The bags mentioned previously were filled with toiletries, food and clothing items, the coupons were cut and sorted, and another group of ladies stuffed and sewed 50 Comfort Dolls which will be presented to the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office. Soon it was time for gift wrapping at Border's to raise additional funds for our Nursing Scholarship, a one-month long Candle Fundraiser, and for one of our biggest fundraisers—the Holiday Bazaar. Working with the ladies of the community's Boutique, our members worked diligently to provide a quality lunch and very successful Bake Sale for hundreds of visitors as well as a Basket Raffle and Money Tree. The monies raised will fund not only our Nursing Scholarship, but the donations we make to Georgetown East Elementary School, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Chrysalis House, Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church

(Warms Nights Program), Arden House Women's Shelter, etc. Our Holiday Luncheon in December was a very successful affair with over 80 members and guests, bringing with them hundreds of dollars worth of baby clothing, diapers, lotion, and toys, etc., along with checks and cash totaling \$540.00 for the Emergency Baby Pantry of Food Link, Inc. We also had a very interesting guest speaker, noted author Marcia Talley, who discussed her books—many of which are set in Annapolis and its environs. Signed copies of her books were on sale as were the goods of many vendors for holiday shopping. We are looking forward to 2010 with programs celebrating our bodies with a Mid-East dance presentation and also our minds with a guest who will speak on "Entering the Age of Elegance." We also are planning our Annual Dessert and Card Party, Annual Tea, and Heritage Harbour House and Garden Tour. All are great ways to attract new members. Our upcoming community efforts include a second Day of Service and a visit to Georgetown East Elementary School for Dr. Seuss Day. Our club member Rosalind Yee, president of Southern District, has given her district members the designation "Bands of Angels." Members of the Woman's Club at Heritage Harbour hope our wings help us rise to even higher levels of service this year and in years to come.

GFWC Charles County Woman's Club, Inc.

The past year has been fairly quiet for the Charles County Woman's Club. We still meet at the church for our meetings, then carpool to various restaurants within the county to have our luncheons. We made Linus blankets in January. We arranged for a firehouse chief

to speak to us in February, but there was a fire so he couldn't make it. March found us gathering seeds to send to the American Indians, and baking 26 dozen cookies for the Youth Art Reception we host. In April our speaker was the director of the Pajama Connection, a local organization that provides backpacks or totes for homeless families. The ladies really liked picking out those "PJ's" so we collected more in October! The club is working with our county parks and grounds chief to get a grove of crape myrtle trees planted, but we have to wait until the new courthouse renovations are completed. November had us busy buying ornaments for the tree that we decorate for the Annual Hospice Festival of Trees; after we're finished we have an opportunity to enjoy the decorations on all the other trees as well!

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 popcorn. Helping select books at the book fairs is always a challenge, especially those last few pennies that they have to spend. This past year the club donated \$513 for books for the library, and we gift-wrapped the items that the students selected at the Santa Secret Shop. We also have some members that 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, serve on planning commissions, and are elected to Town Councils. We help with Hospice, 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 can do for our

community. We may be a small club, but we try to stay active and involved!

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.

September kicked off a bevy of activities for the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights after another successful season of its summer Concerts in the Park series, and the opportunity to host a dinner at the clubhouse for the Tianjin Folkloric Troupe of China. The group, which has performed worldwide to promote and share their culture, provided an enriching and fun evening for the hosts and guests.

September's Opening Tea was a celebration of the club's organization in 1939. The program featured a talk by President Bernadette Simon focusing on the 1930s and our federation in 1941, an outstanding presentation by our current HOBY Ambassador Patrick Carey of Brooklyn Park, and the installation of seven new members. Highlighting the tea was the presentation of citations by Pamela Beidle and Mary Ann Love, members of the Maryland House of Delegates and club members, with citations from Maryland's House and Senate in recognition of the club's community service since its founding. The club also received congratulations from Gov. Martin O'Malley, the Anne Arundel County Council and the County Executive. The club's Evening Group held a jewelry fundraiser and the club operated its popular hotdog stand at the Linthicum Community Fair, as well as participating in its parade to close out September activities.

Other fall programs included a profile about America's first celebrity president, Theodore Roosevelt, by Dr. Lynne Bogle, associate history professor at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, and a presentation by



Linthicum Club President Bernadette Simon (center), receiving citations from Delegate Mary Ann Love (left), and Delegate Pamela Beidle (right), in recognition of the club's service to the Linthicum Community since 1939.

club member Rev. Lura Kaval, of her service in Honduras. Pastor of Linthicum's St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Rev. Kaval served parishes in Washington, DC, Mississippi, and Maryland, and worked on medical missions and Habitat for Humanity building projects in Honduras and Mexico. In addition, "Arundel Burning," presented by Joseph B. Ross, Jr. of Linthicum, author and retired division chief of A.A. County's Fire Department, gave members a graphic description of 1956's tragic fire in Brooklyn's bingo hall in which seven died and many were injured. We also had the honor of hosting the Southern District's semi-annual meeting in October. The Community Health and Volunteer Services Committee sponsored a "Tapas, Tea and Stork Shower" to benefit the incentive-based prenatal education program sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Medical Center. December featured another successful Holly Mart and Holiday Gala plus a program featuring vocal and instrumental music by members' grandchildren and friends.

We started the 2010 program year with a fascinating presentation on "Baltimore: A City of Firsts," by Wayne Schaumburg, a retired

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teacher from Baltimore City Schools. In February, we focused on “Saving the Heart of the Chesapeake Bay,” with Dr. Susan Lamont from Anne Arundel Community College. During their winter meetings, the Evening Group heard a variety of speakers including psychic Nancy Turini and Jim Morrison, president of Friends of Hancock’s Resolution in A.A. County, plus a program focusing on women’s health. In April, author Nicole J. Burton will discuss her memoir, “Swimming Up the Sun.”

Throughout the program year, we have specific collections at meetings to fill Christmas food baskets for the North County Emergency Network, items for our troops overseas, socks and underwear for the homeless sheltered in local churches during the winter, and items for an orphanage in Ethiopia. In addition, we sponsor a poetry and short story contest for students, hold a bake sale to benefit Sarah’s House, host an annual Prayer Breakfast in March, and contribute to a myriad of other local projects throughout the club year. In May, we will get together for our annual luncheon and savor the memory of Convention experiences before a brief summer break and our 30th season of sponsoring Concerts in the Park.

Severn Town Club, Inc.

The most significant event for Severn Town Club was its 46th Annual Holly Ball at Sheridan Hotel in Annapolis on December 4, 2009, with many hours of work by the members, and great donations by local merchants and businesses. Two hundred seventy-five friends danced the night away, while the baskets of the silent auction were bid upon and local vendors sold their wares in nearby rooms. Raffle tickets and the live auction kept the night alive



Severn Town Club members (L to R) Jeannine Dufrene, Evie Renz, Linda Saska, and Ada Marie Feffer, visiting GFWC Headquarters.

with merriment. “Stepping Out for Education,” was the 2009 theme with Honorary Chairman Dr. Kevin Maxwell of AACPS. Patty Nalley and Vicky Waidner were chairmen and we remembered our “Thoroughly Modern Millie” Biedenkapp, an educator who touched many lives.

In 2009 we were able to donate \$26,604 to local charities and GFWC of Annapolis Jrs., Betty M. Sipple Fund, Southern District, and the Youth Art program. The AAMC Breast Center, Hospice and the YWCA’s Arden House were the main recipients.

The spring Book and Author luncheon was a great success and was held at the Chartwell Country Club, and planned by V.P. Aida Cipriani. A large membership tea was held in the spring also, and eight new members were added to our roster. The ladies assisted in the GFWC-MD Youth Art contest at the Annapolis Library and at convention while adding local entries.

Arden House, a YWCA domestic violence house, continues to be the focus of STC’s members who hold a monthly party for the ladies and children there. At the same time, members supply their shoe, clothing and various needs, including a computer and living room furniture

which were given in 2009.

Speakers at the monthly meetings included CASA, the Arden House Director and our HOBY recipients.

This year proves to be another year of giving over \$30,000 to local charities and the club will be deciding before the year ends who receive the Holly Ball proceeds.

GFWC South Arundel Club, Inc.

The South Arundel Club ladies have been busy filling diaper bags with personal items for the mothers with infants who use the Baby Pantry at Christ Episcopal Church on Owensville, MD. They also collected Mother’s Day and Christmas cards for prisoners at the Annapolis Detention Center, and put postage stamps on the envelopes for them.

Each year they give food to families who have young children at the Lula Scott pre-school in Shady Side, MD. The South Arundel Club ladies also sold Uncle Al’s nuts.

This past year the club presented a U.S. flag to the Christ Episcopal Church. This flag was one of the flags that flew over the U.S. Capital



South Arundel Club President Doris McMichael (left) presenting a U.S. flag to Rev. Sandra L. Courdingley.

2010-2012 GFWC-MD DIRECTORY FORM

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS!!

2010-2012 GFWC-MD DIRECTORY FORM

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Mark Your Calendars !!

- March 10, 2010** The GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights will hold its 33rd Annual Prayer Breakfast at Linthicum Heights United Methodist Church at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. For tickets and reservations call Marie Tauber at 410-636-7325.
- March 27, 2010** The GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights will hold a "BINGO BLAST" at their clubhouse at 2:00 p.m. \$20.00 for 20 Games. Prizes valued at \$25.00 or more. Light Refreshments will be served. For tickets call Ruby Harding at 410-789-0621.
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