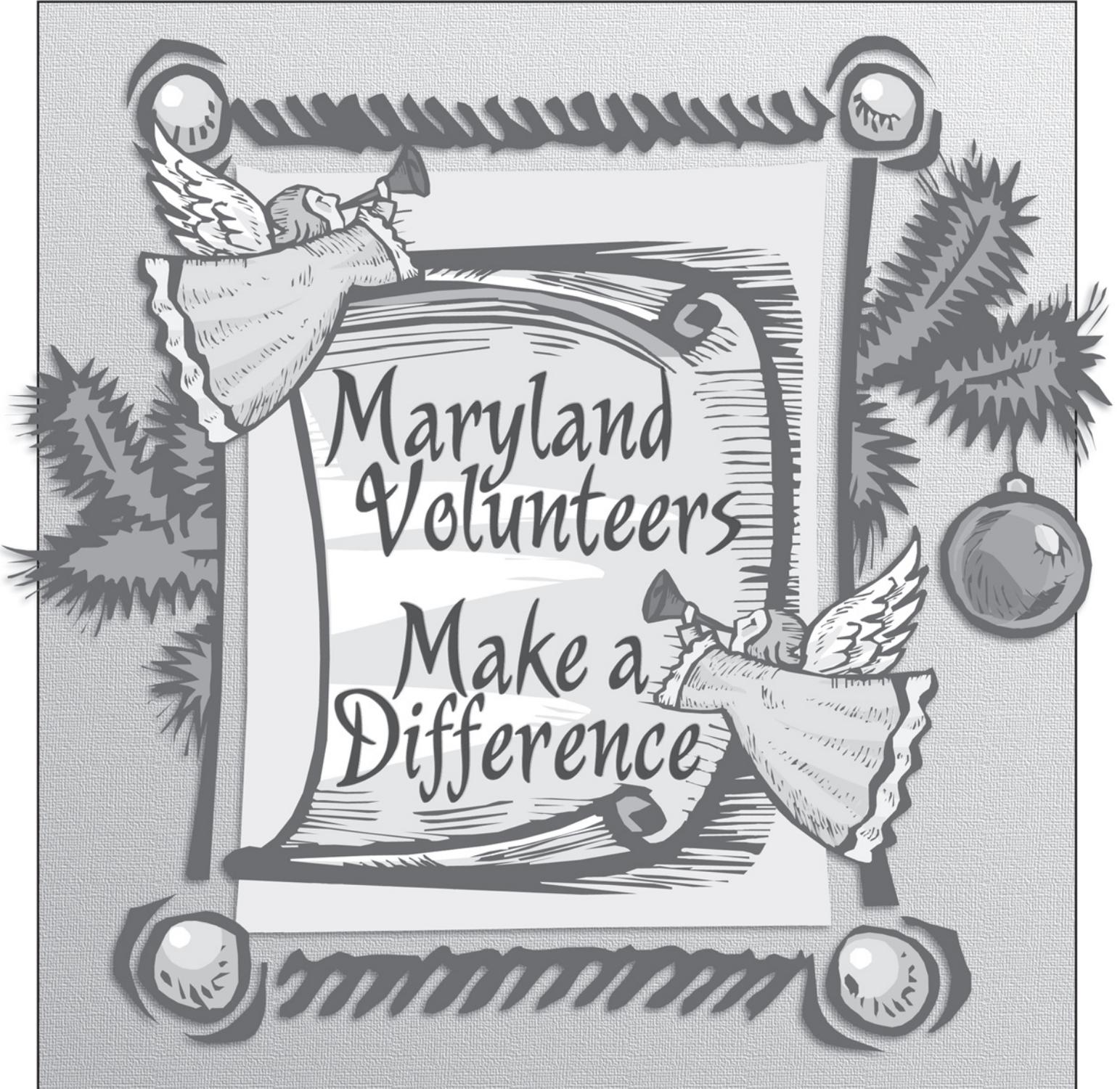




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**Districts Reporting for the SPRING 2011 issue:**  
Eastern Shore and Baltimore.

**Districts Reporting for the FALL 2011 issue:**  
Western and Southern.

**ALL Articles and Information for the SPRING 2011 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by January 5, 2011.**

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](mailto:MdClubwoman@verizon.net)**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Josephine "Jo" Miller  
GFWC Maryland President*

My Federation Friends,

The steamy hot days of summer have given way to the crisp frosty days of winter. What a beautiful sight is the frost on the landscape, with snowflakes dancing in the air.

Just as the seasons change, we began our new administration learning about the new GFWC Community Service Programs at our September GFWC-MD Board of Directors meeting in Westminster—with over 90 in attendance! Dean of Chairmen Brenda Bennett introduced the program chairmen who gave highlights of the new programs. My President's Special Veteran's Project, Universal Ditty Bags, was introduced by Chairman Bobby Andersen. This project is dear to my heart. I thank you for your support and I hope that we have "Lots and Lots of Ditty Bags!"

In October, Junior Director Mary Beth Strickler held Junior Fall Conference in Cumberland. The Juniors began their year assembling backpacks

for Domestic Violence Shelters in their communities. They continue to support the many GFWC projects with an emphasis on membership. Oh to have a fraction of their energy!

Maryland volunteers from across the state gathered for the Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention "Weekend at the Beach" in Ocean City. Thank you to Julie and Bill Gibbs, and the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, for everything you do for the Federation and Domestic Violence. What an impressive weekend!

SER took us to The Greenbrier in WV. Mary Thompson represented us as the SER Secretary 2010-2012, with Mary Beth and myself leading the Maryland delegation. Workshops, meetings and fellowship highlighted the event, with our own GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon standing proudly with the GFWC International President Carlene Garner.

Dean of Chairmen Brenda Bennett was hard at work again, with a report writing workshop at the November GFWC-MD Board of Directors meeting, hosted by Baltimore District. Another great job Brenda!

With Federation work still on our minds, we take time to enjoy our families and friends during the holiday season. I wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season, and safe travels with our patriotic angel on your shoulder. May the New Year bring us good health, friendship and continued commitment to our Federation. As we take flight into the New Year, never forget that "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference!"

In Federation Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jo Miller".

*Josephine Miller  
GFWC Maryland President*



# FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Mary Beth Strickler  
GFWC Maryland  
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Federation Friends,

It's hard to believe that I'm busy preparing for the holidays already! It seemed like just yesterday was our first meeting and the beginning of a new club year. While my mind becomes busy with holiday preparations, I also reflect on all the blessings I celebrate on a daily basis... my health, my independence, and my family and friends. And the list continues to grow as I have the experience to get to know and meet each one of you. The holidays are a time when I begin to think of ways I can impact those who aren't as fortunate in my community, and I know many of you are like-minded in that you begin club projects to help those in need.

While you add those extra food or clothing items to your shopping cart, don't forget to add those extra hands and members to your club meetings. Invite your neighbor, your doctor, your relative, your friend to the next club meeting and share your volunteer enthusiasm with others. A friend just shared a special mediation with me: "When we speak from the heart, we speak to the heart." Educate your community about the benefits of belonging to our great organization and share the joy of the season with all.

May each of you find special holiday blessings.

In Federation Love,

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



**Volunteers Reach Out  
and Touch Lives**

# JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

**October 2, 2010 in Cumberland, MD**

*Junior Fall Conference was held on October 2, 2010 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland.*

Juniors and Juniorettes from Westminster and Cumberland, as well as Generals from Cumberland and Frederick were in attendance. Everyone enjoyed participating in a fun-filled Federation day. Special guests included GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon.

The day began with a Fire Safety Presentation from the Cumberland Fire Department. Engine No. 1 was on the scene and, while a ride was not permitted, clubwomen had the opportunity to watch a female firefighter suit-up in all her heavy gear. Then attendees could try on different parts, such as her 35 lb. air tank and harness, to develop a better understanding of what she carries during a fire call.

Attendees then returned to the church hall where Junior business was conducted, interspersed with several small fun activities. It was hard to determine a winner for the Purse Game, since we all tote so many pertinent items in our purses, but Beth Lamm from the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. won a prize for



*Posing with female firefighter are (L to R) GFWC 1st Vice-President Babs Condon, GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, GFWC-MD Junior Director Mary Beth Strickler, and Western District President Joyce Race.*

the most "interesting" item in her purse—handcuff keys! (Beth is a lawyer in Washington County and the keys are for the handcuffs used at the jail). A GFWC Spirit Challenge had been issued for the day, and many of the clubwomen came in full GFWC attire, including t-shirts, twill shirts, flip-flops, and buttons galore. It was too hard to determine just one Spirit Award winner, so two prizes were awarded—one to Carol Horne and one to Joyce Race. Of course we then had to find a clubwoman with the most contacts in her cell phone and the winner, with over 200 contacts, was Sandra Mattocks.

Junior Director Mary Beth Strickler announced the exciting news of a



*Junior Fall Conference attendees with Cumberland Fire Department's Engine No. 1.*

 **Mark  
Your Calendars!**

**MID-WINTER RALLY**

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 29, 2011**

(SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 5, 2011)

HOSTED BY:

**THE GFWC JUNIOR WOMAN'S  
CLUB OF WESTMINSTER, INC.**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE  
INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL**

new award, the Outstanding Junior or Juniorette Club of the Year Award, along with specific judging criteria. Juniors and Juniorettes will be awarded points for participating in membership drives, attending District, State and Junior club functions, sharing club happenings with articles in the GFWC-MD "Junior Journal," and nominating clubwomen as LEADS applicants.

Clubwomen next kept their hands busy by stuffing games, puzzles, cards, Play-Doh, coloring books, crayons, markers, and the like, into backpacks for our "Backpacks of Love" service project. Twenty-three backpacks were filled, which members took back with them to donate to their local Domestic Violence Shelters. We can only imagine the faces of the children when they receive these special backpacks.

To calm our minds and find inner peace before we left the meeting and returned to the chaos of commutes and life, a special meditation was led by yogi, Alex Jenkins. We gathered in a circle to complete some simple arm and shoulder stretches, as well as taking time just to focus on our breathing and leave the clutter in our minds outside the room. It was a peaceful conclusion to a day of Federation fun and friendship, and left all feeling rejuvenated for the trip home.

## DEADLINES...

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

**Proposed GFWC-MD Resolutions** must be received by the Resolutions Committee Chairman on or before **January 15, 2011**. Resolutions may be presented by the executive committee, the resolutions committee, a district, a federated club, or a chairman of a program, division, or committee of The Federation.

**Mail to:** Barbara Pillote  
Resolutions Committee Chairman  
3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., Apt. 517  
Silver Spring, MD 20906-7616

**Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws** must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before **January 1, 2011**.

Amendments may be proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club.

**Mail to:** Angeline Haines  
Bylaws Committee Chairman  
5 Trelawny Court  
Lutherville, MD 21093-4728

## INVEST...

### **In the Future of GFWC Maryland**

**Donate to the Bettie M. Sippel  
Memorial Endowment Fund today!**

A perfect way to honor a member, it also makes a great birthday or Christmas gift, or memorial. A card noting your contribution will be sent to the person of your choice. The fund is named for the first woman from Maryland to be GFWC president, Bettie M. Sippel, and is actually a combination of two funds which were joined in 1957 to simplify recordkeeping. Please send all contributions to the GFWC-MD treasurer. Make your check payable to MFWC Treasurer and write the fund name in the memo line.

*Barbara Nunnari, Chairman*

## GFWC-MD BOARD MEETING

### **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

**The February Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Southern District, will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at Snyder's Willow Grove in Linthicum, MD (directions to be included in the Call).** The community service program emphasis will be the Arts.

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

**Our speaker will be Wayne Shipley, retired Andover/North County High Schools English Department Chair and drama coach.** Seventeen years ago, Wayne, along with John Strawbridge and founder Gary Wheeler, formed Actors Company Theatre, where he directed *The Fantasticks*, *Man of La Mancha*, *The Lion in Winter*, and *Seussical the Musical*. He also directed Merely Players' production of *Into the Woods*. Venturing into the world of independent filmmaking, Wayne wrote, produced, and directed *One-Eyed Horse* for his company OEH Productions, LLC. The film is currently in DVD release under the title *Come Hell or High Water*. Wayne continues to work with several local independent filmmakers, often as an associate producer or performer. Wayne has served on the board of the Chesapeake Arts Center and was executive director. He also served on the board of the Anne Arundel County Cultural Arts Foundation. Currently, he is past president of the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of the 21st Century Education Foundation.

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

**Do you enjoy volunteering? Does it make you happy to help others in the community?** If you answered yes to these questions then you should share this joy with others and inform women of all ages around you to join this deserving federation! As **GFWC-MD Junior Membership Chairman**, it is my job to increase attendance at meetings and to get more members to join GFWC as a whole. In order to achieve this year's Junior/Juniorette goal of 12 new members per club, I have some tips!

First of all, we need to boost the club's enthusiasm and encourage our members to stay active and be excited for District and State meetings, as well as your own club events. Some ways to increase the enthusiasm is to be enthusiastic yourself! You cannot get others excited about something if you yourself are not excited. In addition, send out fun newsletters with creative borders and fun designs on them to catch your members' attention. Then add some flare to your meetings with an ice breaker game or have fun activities for each month. For instance, my club is having a pajama meeting where we wear our favorite pajamas and bring another pair to donate to the domestic violence shelter! This brings creativity and fun to the meeting, while also serving as a good project for our local domestic violence shelters. Finally, it is easy to keep your service projects fun and interesting. So brainstorm ideas as a club and decide on one fun activity you can do as a club that can somehow benefit your community! Don't be scared to think outside the box and get creative!

Make your club exciting and fun to be in! This is the key to increasing membership and making the best memories and relationships possible in this fine organization. If you need help with any fun ideas or games to motivate your club members you can e-mail me at: [rebeccawagman@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccawagman@gmail.com).

*Rebecca Wagman, Junior Membership Chairman*

# GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

**November 5-7, 2010 at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV**



*The GFWC Maryland Delegation with SER President Jane Carver, GFWC International President Carlene Garner, and GFWC President-Elect Mary Ellen Laister.*

**The GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting was held November 5-7, 2010 at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV.**

Women from Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and 17 Maryland clubwomen attended the various meetings, workshops, and receptions. GFWC International President Carlene Garner and GFWC President-Elect Mary Ellen Laister were also in attendance. Maryland's Mary Thompson proudly represented our state in her role as SER Secretary.

Friday night's opening meeting was a showcase of West Virginia talent. The evening began with a special visit from Pearl S. Buck, presented by actress Karen Vuranch, then the Singers and Standards from the Greenbrier Theatre Company performed. Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State for West Virginia also spoke and shared her admiration for what GFWC volunteers have accomplished and what clubwomen continue to do for future generations. Her goal is for her eight-year-old daughter, who also joined us for festivities, to never know what she can't do. She presented honorary

West Virginia citizenships to all of the State Presidents and Junior Directors attending.

Saturday morning began with a business meeting and reports from various committee chairs. Owner of The Greenbrier, Jim Justice, joined us for a short time to thank us for our volunteer efforts and wish us continued success. Clubwomen were encouraged to wear red as we are the heart of GFWC and clubwomen responded. There was red everywhere! Beverly Lassiter, GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman, shared the wonderful news about a GFWC-funded scholarship for a victim of domestic violence to either go to school, or return to school, to further their education. The afternoon was comprised of various breakout sessions focusing on membership, leadership, protocol, reporting, and effective communication tips. The evening culminated with a keynote speech by GFWC International President Carlene Garner, who shared her vision for GFWC and what we as clubwomen are doing to help bring that vision into fruition.

The hospitality of the West Virginia clubwomen was evident in each evening's special reception, as well as the goody bags and special drawings they had planned. The clubwomen provided a "Wild, Wonderful" West Virginia welcome.

Sunday morning followed tradition with the State Reports. While we may have been limited to time, props and number of participants, State Presidents and Junior Directors highlighted their state's efforts and talents in very unique ways. Virginia's President became a young child, while her Junior Director became "Spot" the dog, to highlight the play presented in school to educate children about safe touching (Prevent Child Abuse). GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and Junior Director Mary Beth Strickler illustrated the importance of our President's Special Veterans Project, accompanied by a "Lots and Lots of Ditty Bags" refrain from the crowd. We had the only report with audience participation. The meeting concluded with a special invitation from Jockey Peggy Barnes, Kentucky President-Elect, who rode her horse into the room to extend the invitation to the November 4-6, 2011 SER Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY.

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



*GFWC-MD President Josephine Miller (right) with Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler.*

## A TIME FOR GFWC MEMBERSHIP

As the Fall Membership Campaign—**Rake in New Members**—is winding down, I hope you've recruited your three new members for this season! Be sure to report your success no later than December 1st to GFWC and to me at 410-549-4409 or e-mail: sharonquinter@comcast.net. The reporting form can be found online at [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) in the Membership Advancement Section of the Club Manual. Every club that recruits three new members will be recognized in *The Maryland Clubwoman* and GFWC's *Clubwoman Magazine*.

### **Winter Campaign— A Flurry of Members**

Winter is a time for good food, friends, and dreams of warmer weather. This is the time to be planning recruitment events and welcoming new club members. Each club is challenged to recruit and sign-up three new members during the Winter Campaign, December 1st through February 28th. This is the perfect time to showcase your club's accomplishments. Use displays with pictures and information about club

projects. Impress your prospective members with your many accomplishments and work in the community and the world.

### **Here are a Few Ideas for A Flurry of Members**

#### **December**

- Host a Cookie Exchange. Ask guests to bake some cookies and bring a non-perishable food item to your meeting. Send each person home with a few cookies and donate the remainder, along with the non-perishable food, to a local food pantry. Busy women go home with an array of home-baked cookies and know that their time was well spent helping others.

#### **January**

- A wonderful way to warm a cold January night is with "An Evening of Coffee & Chocolate." Serve varieties of coffee and chocolates, and invite a pastry chef or barista to provide a presentation to current and potential members on chocolate and coffees. Give prospective members an invitation to the next meeting along with a taste of chocolate.

#### **February**

- Celebrate National Cherry Month by serving cherry snacks & desserts.
- Host a "Volunteering Moves the Heart" event with a speaker to discuss the number one killer of women: heart disease. Serve healthy snacks, and promise to share the recipes at the next meeting.
- Take this opportunity to celebrate "Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month" by brainstorming for new community service projects. Give each attendee a packet of Forget-Me-Not seeds labeled with your club's contact information. Seeds of volunteerism will be planted, and guests will want to come back for the recipes and to help work on the projects they helped germinate!

Don't hibernate this winter—create a flurry of activity and watch your club grow! For more information about membership reporting and event ideas, contact Sharon Quinter, Membership Chair at 410-549-4409 or [sharonquinter@comcast.net](mailto:sharonquinter@comcast.net).

*Sharon Quinter, Membership Chairman*

## NEW AWARD FOR JUNIOR & JUNIORETTE CLUBS

### **The Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year**

Share your GFWC enthusiasm with others and YOUR club could earn the honor of the **Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year!** This prestigious award will be given to the club that steps "out of the box" and does extraordinary things throughout the club year. Every club is able to achieve this.

The **Outstanding Club Challenges** are listed at right. Judging will be on a point system (point values are in parentheses). The Junior Executive Committee looks forward to awarding the **Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year** for 2011 and for 2012! Will it be your club?

**Questions?** Contact Mary Beth Strickler at [sylvan@lavalecenter.com](mailto:sylvan@lavalecenter.com)

#### **How to Become the Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year**

**Outstanding Club Challenges**—following are some criteria:

- Three (3) New Club Members each Quarter — (2 points per member)
- Hold a special Membership Drive using the theme in the "Membership Minute" — (5 points per event)
- Report your Membership Increases to the Director of Junior Clubs by the quarterly dates — (10 points)
- Participate in the GFWC-MD President's Special Project for Veterans — (2 points per activity you report)
- Participate in the Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children — (2 points per activity you report)
- Report your Accomplishments — (25 points)
- Submit a LEADS Applicant — (15 points)
- Submit Articles to the GFWC-MD "Junior Journal" and "The Maryland Clubwoman" Magazine — (1 point per submission)
- Send members to State Meetings, Junior Meetings, District Meetings, Region Meetings, and GFWC International — (2 points per member, per meeting)

# GFWC PROGRAMS & PROJECTS FOR 2010-2012

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

### What are PARTNERSHIPS?

GFWC Partners are organizations that operate at the national or international level and offer unique and customized services such as project materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs to enhance the effectiveness of the GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects within your communities. These GFWC Partners are aware of GFWC clubs' specific needs and our club and organizational structure.

These GFWC Partners will assist in monitoring the donations generated by GFWC members. To ensure that your donation, whether at the individual, club, district, or state level, is included in the GFWC total, please make sure to:

1. Write on your check that you are a GFWC member or club.
2. Submit your check to the GFWC Partner contact listed in the GFWC Club Manual, even if it has a local or state representative.
3. Notify GFWC of your donation by calling or e-mailing the GFWC Programs Director at 202-347-3168 or GFWC@GFWC.org.

All GFWC Partners are listed in the GFWC Club Manual.

### What are COLLABORATIONS?

In Community Service Program Collaborations, GFWC clubs will:

- Research, plan, and implement projects, programs, and advocacy based on its interests and the needs that the club members believe are important. ***This is the club members' opportunity to think out of the box and do it their way.***
- Report. It is imperative that clubs report the projects that they have developed so that, as an organization, we can better see where our members' interests lie and those statistics can be used in working with and recruiting new GFWC Partners, grants, and advocacy opportunities.
- Reporting is also important so that GFWC can highlight and share your club's creativity and interests with our membership, so that they can also be inspired to either implement a similar project or use it for inspiration for their own.

The 2010-2012 GFWC Club Manual offers examples of what your fellow GFWC clubs have done around the country to implement projects in their own communities.

***The 2010-2012 GFWC Club Manual is available to download, at no charge, at [www.GFWC.org/ClubManual](http://www.GFWC.org/ClubManual).***

## Arts Program

### Collaboration Chairman—

Carol France • 301-662-4785

### Partnership Chairman—

Clara Dinterman • 301-898-0866

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**Goal 1: Create and contribute to arts education and activities in our communities.**

- Engage our communities through the arts by raising awareness of the unlimited benefits created through arts programs.
- Educate others on and promote the achievements of women in the arts.
- Develop art opportunities for people with disabilities and foster youth community art.

**Goal 2: Engage GFWC members in developing and enjoying creative arts as a method of self-expression.**

- Recognize unique art programs in individual clubs which highlight their successes and are an inspiration to members.
- Recognize the unique artistic talents of GFWC members via awards and contests sponsored by GFWC.

### COLLABORATIONS

Art can have such a transforming effect on our lives. With so many choices, we can touch the hearts and minds of adults and children alike. From art programs in adult education, to children's arts and crafts camps, there is something for everyone. Members' enthusiasm helps spark interest and passion in their communities.

### PARTNERSHIPS

#### American Mural Project

[www.AmericanMuralProject.org](http://www.AmericanMuralProject.org)

#### VSA Arts

[www.VSArts.org](http://www.VSArts.org)

## Conservation Program

### Collaboration Chairman—

Sandra Mattocks • 301-729-4903

### Partnership Chairman—

Andrea Lilly • 410-957-2519

### Save the Bay Chairman—

Christy Swiger • 301-977-0696

### Tree-Mendous Maryland Chairman—

Martha Hyson • 410-239-7530

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**Goal 1: Enhance our environment for healthier living.**

- Increase GFWC members' awareness of conservation issues.
- Increase community awareness of conservation issues and encourage community members to partner with GFWC to act on local conservation issues.

**Goal 2: Bring GFWC to the forefront by way of conservation programs.**

- Increase GFWC visibility by partnering with national conservation groups.
- Increase GFWC visibility by creating unique GFWC-led and -managed community focused projects.

### COLLABORATIONS

As we look around and see our community as it is, and survey the needs of those living there, we usually find a conservation issue that needs our help to enhance the lives of the community members. Over the years our members have cleaned up many areas of concern and continue to make our world a better place to live. Clubs have adopted parcels of the highway in conjunction with the state Departments of Transportation to pick up trash. Now we have seen success in other projects of that

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nature. Clubs are taking responsibility for parcels of lakefront, beach areas, river banks and levees, town parks, state parks, entrances to parks and community areas, and downtown areas, where their own communities are located. They are not only picking up trash; members are replacing plants, shrubs, and trees; addressing the issue of invasive species; recycling numerous items; floating the river to clean our water and waterways; and cleaning and refurbishing historic cemeteries, monuments, buildings, and playgrounds.

### PARTNERSHIPS

#### The Humane Society of the United States

[www.HumaneSociety.org](http://www.HumaneSociety.org)

#### Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

[www.KAB.org](http://www.KAB.org)

## Education Program

### Collaboration Chairman—

*Patti Jo Green • 410-848-6686*

### Partnership Chairman—

*Jacqueline Hering • 410-848-9036*

### ESO Chairman—

*Audrey Batchelor • 410-571-6771*

### HOBY Chairman—

*Anne Yakaitis • 410-969-7506*

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

#### Goal 1: GFWC's members and local communities have strong self worth.

- Encourage a larger number of clubs to be aware of self improvement/enrichment programs.
- Encourage our members to take advantage of self improvement activities.

#### Goal 2: GFWC members become motivated, educational change agents within their communities.

- Support educational activities and promote awareness of learning opportunities.
- Provide learning opportunities for adults and families to be healthier, support themselves through work, and be better citizens who improve their society.
- Encourage partnerships to highlight continuing relations and network

with those partners to build stronger programs.

#### Goal 3: Increase rates of adult/youth and family literacy in the U.S. and worldwide.

- Provide learning opportunities for adults and families to improve their health, support themselves through work, and be better citizens, thus creating a better society.

### COLLABORATIONS

Literacy is essential if we are to eradicate poverty at home and abroad. Literacy is linked to improved infant mortality, addresses gender inequality, and creates sustainable development. Throughout history, GFWC clubs have recognized the importance of educating their members and their communities as well as people around the world. Having founded over 474 free public libraries and 4,655 traveling libraries, women's clubs were credited by the American Library Association with establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries. Supporting local libraries continues to be a Federation priority today. GFWC members understand that it is vital to connect with schools, senior centers, public libraries, and so on. Clubs have done just that with programs such as book donations, volunteering at schools or centers, homework helpers, reading buddies, and providing school supplies and scholarships.

### PARTNERSHIPS

#### American Library Association

[www.ALA.org](http://www.ALA.org)

#### Mentoring USA

[www.MentoringUSA.org](http://www.MentoringUSA.org)

#### Reading Rockets/WETA

#### Public Television

[www.ReadingRockets.org](http://www.ReadingRockets.org)

## Home Life Program

### Collaboration Chairman—

*Julie Gibbs • 410-289-9165*

### Partnership Chairman—

*Barbara Frantz • 301-387-5680*

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

#### Goal 1: Identify needs and educate members and communities to meet those needs with successful and innovative programming that stems from member input.

- Identify needs of individuals, families and the community as a whole.

- Identify and draw attention to the available resources for strengthening families and communities.

- Develop and implement creative projects that promote a healthy lifestyle or increase awareness, prevention, research or treatment of disease; target personal development, especially for women and children; address the issues of hunger, inadequate housing and homelessness; and/or prevent or correct financial difficulties, including identity theft.

#### Goal 2: Integrate the elements of the Home Life Community Service Program in the community by introducing members and communities to partner organizations that improve the lives of those in need.

- Promote informative and creative Home Life projects through partnerships, which benefit recruitment of new members and new clubs, especially Juniorette clubs.

- Help clubs meet the needs of communities with partnerships that promote contests, highlight beneficial projects, and educate members to use those resources available and serve as go-betweens with other groups and community members.

### PROGRAM PRINCIPLES

The GFWC Home Life Community Service Program is designed to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering. The GFWC Home Life Community Service Program strengthens families and communities by creating a better quality of life for all citizens. GFWC members have a rich history of solving problems related to home and communities with a "hands-on" approach. In the spirit of this tradition, the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program continues to provide resources to identify and address needs, particularly those related to wellness of women, children, the disabled and the elderly; hunger; housing and homelessness; personal finances; and identity theft.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Alzheimer's Association**

[www.ALZ.org](http://www.ALZ.org)

### **Canine Companions for Independence**

[www.CCI.org](http://www.CCI.org)

### **Easter Seals**

[www.EasterSeals.com](http://www.EasterSeals.com)

### **Habitat for Humanity International**

[www.Habitat.org](http://www.Habitat.org)

### **March of Dimes Birth Foundation**

[www.MarchOfDimes.com](http://www.MarchOfDimes.com)

### **National Heart Lung and Blood Institute**

[www.NHLBI.NIH.gov/Educational/Hearttruth/About](http://www.NHLBI.NIH.gov/Educational/Hearttruth/About)

### **National Osteoporosis Foundation**

[www.NOF.org](http://www.NOF.org)

### **Women's Institute for a**

### **Secure Retirement (WISER)**

[www.WiserWomen.org](http://www.WiserWomen.org)

## *International Outreach Program*

### **Collaboration Chairman—**

*Sally Marks • 410-848-4064*

### **Partnership Chairman—**

*Jo Harp • 410-848-2691*

## **GOAL & OBJECTIVES**

**Goal: GFWC clubwomen are informed and engaged better world citizens within the global community.**

- Increase GFWC members' knowledge and awareness of human rights global issues.
- Impact international human rights policy by the end of the 2010-2012 administration.
- Create opportunities for GFWC clubwomen to provide direct service opportunities for women and children around the world.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

The objective of the collaborations area is to give clubs the opportunity to use their own creative skills to develop programs and projects based on their clubs' interests in international outreach. Whether it is advocating for the end of human trafficking or giving a person in another country the skills, tools, or resources to change their own lives, this is the individual club's opportunity to research, plan, and implement those projects. This section is where the individual club will report all the projects that are not specifically related to our signed program partners.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **CARE**

[www.CARE.org](http://www.CARE.org)

### **Heifer Project International**

[www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org)

### **INMED Partnerships for Children**

[www.INMED.org](http://www.INMED.org)

### **Operation Smile International**

[www.OperationSmile.org](http://www.OperationSmile.org)

### **Plan USA**

[www.PlanUSA.org](http://www.PlanUSA.org)

### **U.S. Fund for UNICEF**

[www.UNICEFUSA.org](http://www.UNICEFUSA.org)

### **United Nations Association of the United States of America**

[www.UNAUSA.org](http://www.UNAUSA.org)

## *Public Issues Program*

### **Collaboration Chairman—**

*Regina Whitaker • 240-362-7538*

### **Partnership Chairman—**

*Rosemary Slacum • 410-742-9122*

### **GFWC-MD President's**

### **Special Veterans Project Chairman—**

*Bobby Andersen • 570-366-1437*

## **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Goal 1: Provide comfort and resources to members of the armed forces and their families in recognition of their sacrifices to protect our country.**

- Develop creative participation in citizenship activities and involvement with our military in all aspects of service to our freedoms and defense.
  - Investigate ways to establish and/or promote legislation in support of veterans' issues.
  - Promote recognition and honor military personnel and seek opportunities for transition to civilian life.
- Goal 2: Utilize our GFWC Resolutions to increase members' patriotism, pride in heritage, and to become more involved in community leadership roles.**

- Encourage youth and women emergence into community leadership positions.
- Celebrate patriotism.

**Goal 3: Create safer communities and overall well-being of all citizens.**

- Partner with first responder agencies to increase public awareness and work toward elimination of safety obstacles.
- Educate GFWC members and their local communities on disaster awareness, preparedness, recovery, and relief.

- Endorse home safety programs, hazardous product recalls, Internet safety issues, and promote hands-on safety training.
- Ensure families have the tools and training to protect their children both in and around vehicles.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

Within the GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program, GFWC clubwomen are uniquely positioned to educate the community about the importance of active citizenship and encourage action in regard to safety issues facing their communities. Members have initiated many projects to create nonpartisan voter awareness, held forums to discuss political issues, and taught the importance of voting and citizenship to young people. Clubwomen have embraced causes dedicated to supporting our troops and veterans. They continue to prepare care packages for soldiers overseas, hold fundraisers, and volunteer to help injured soldiers transition back to civilian life.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, LLC**

[www.CABT.org](http://www.CABT.org)

### **National Disaster Search**

### **Dog Foundation**

[www.SearchDogFoundation.org](http://www.SearchDogFoundation.org)

### **National Safety Council**

[www.NSC.org](http://www.NSC.org)

### **Safe Kids**

[www.SafeKids.org](http://www.SafeKids.org)

### **Sew Much Comfort**

[www.SewMuchComfort.org](http://www.SewMuchComfort.org)

### **Women in Military Service for**

### **America Memorial Foundation, Inc.**

[www.WomensMemorial.org](http://www.WomensMemorial.org)

## *GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention*

### **Special Project Chairman—**

*Karen Wasik Saunders • 301-340-1460*

## **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Goal 1: To make a positive change in families and communities through a Signature Project on domestic violence awareness.**

- Increase domestic violence awareness and prevention among GFWC membership via an education and advocacy campaign.

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**GFWC PROGRAMS & PROJECTS FOR 2010-2012**

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- Impact domestic violence policy.
- Goal 2: Increase the positive visibility of GFWC via culturally sensitive domestic violence awareness projects.**
- Design and implement a multi-faceted Domestic Violence Awareness Signature Project that includes teen and child, elder and spousal abuse.
- Create and/or strengthen partnerships with three to five national or international domestic violence awareness organizations.
- Design and implement the first phase of a Domestic Violence Awareness Scholarship Program.

**PROGRAM PRINCIPLES**

The aim of the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, is to increase member understanding about, and involvement in, programs to decrease domestic violence in communities and across the nation. Domestic violence, or intimate partner violence is a serious epidemic in the United States that affects individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background. Intimate partner violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that is used by one person to gain power and control over another. It may include the use of physical and sexual violence,

verbal and emotional abuse, stalking and economic abuse. Domestic violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

**Prevent Child Abuse America**

[www.PreventChildAbuse.org](http://www.PreventChildAbuse.org)

*GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children*

**Special Project Chairman—**

*Tricia Wagman • 410-876-7421*

**GOAL & OBJECTIVES**

**Goal: Children in society are protected from harmful situations, and encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles both physically and emotionally.**

- Increase GFWC members' awareness of the issues affecting children in society today.
- Impact policy that affects children in society today.

**PROGRAM PRINCIPLES**

The GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children is designed to enable Juniorette, Junior, and General clubs to educate, advocate, and engage in projects concerning the well-being of children via health, social, and safety programs. GFWC Junior members have designed a special project, Advocates for Children, which encourages GFWC

members to become active advocates for children by working to: protect children from harmful situations, encourage healthy lifestyles, support and provide best practices for emergency care, and prevent substance abuse and youth suicide.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

**Emergency Medical Services for Children**

[www.ChildrensNational.org/EMSC](http://www.ChildrensNational.org/EMSC)

**Girls on the Run International**

[www.GirlsOnTheRun.org](http://www.GirlsOnTheRun.org)

**National Foster Parent Association**

[www.NFPAOnline.org](http://www.NFPAOnline.org)

**Special Olympics**

[www.SpecialOlympics.org](http://www.SpecialOlympics.org)

*GFWC Advancement Areas*

**Fundraising Co-Chairmen—**

*Christy Swiger • 301-977-0696*

*Mindy Chacon • 301-990-1534*

**Leadership Chairman—**

*Rosalind Yee • 410-224-3432*

**LEADS Chairman—**

*Norma Jean Swam • 410-871-0741*

**Membership Chairman—**

*Sharon Quinter • 410-549-4409*

**Communications & Identity Co-Chairs—**

*Ellen Fritz • 301-387-2157*

*Betty Ellington • 301-387-9232*

**Legislation & Public Policy Chairman—**

*Diane MacDougall • 410-282-7003*

**WHRC Chairman—**

*Shirley Wales • 410-256-5442*

**GFWC MARYLAND CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS 2010**  
(MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BASED ON 2010 DIRECTORY INFORMATION)

CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS 18 & UNDER		CATEGORY 2 MEMBERS 19-30		CATEGORY 3 MEMBERS 31-60		CATEGORY 4 MEMBERS 61 & OVER	
GFWC of Annapolis	12	Charles Co	21	Bethesda	54	Annapolis Heritage	118
Centennial*	12	Chesapeake	19	Cecil County	48	Catonsville	81
Chinese Woman's	9	Cumberland Jrs	20	Dundalk	41	Chevy Chase	209
Emeritus*	13	Jessup	19	Joppatowne	33	Chevy Chase Jrs	63
Greater Fallston	14	Kensington	23	Kensington Comm	47	Frederick	81
Greensboro	18	Laytonsville	21	Laurel	44	Glyndon	86
Myrtle*	11	Metropolitan	25	Perry Hall	32	Linthicum Hgts	127
Northwood	17	Pocomoke Jrs	19	Silver Spring	60	Severn Town	63
Pocomoke Jrettes	2	Sandy Spring	20	Suburban	32	Oakland	80
South Arundel	12	STARS Jrettes	30	University Park	37	Westminster	98
South Arundel Jrs	11	St. Mary's Co	29	Westminster Jrs	37	<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>10</b>
Southern Lights*	10	Wicomico	29	<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>11</b>		
Western MD Comm	12	<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>12</b>				
<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>13</b>						<i>*Past Presidents' Club</i>



# LEADS Application Form

## SUBMIT TO YOUR STATE FEDERATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONCEALED DURING JUDGING PROCESS**

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held\* \_\_\_\_\_

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List all district offices and/or chairmanships held\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List positions at district/state/national level in which you are interested\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU WILLING TO:**

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

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION** (date determined by state federation):

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

**RETURN THIS FORM, ALONG WITH TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM ACTIVE GFWC CLUB MEMBERS, TO:**

Your designated state federation LEADS selection representative

>> GFWC LEADS application adapted from a form developed by Lee Humphrey, GFWC Kansas

**Find this form online at [www.GFWC.org/Forms](http://www.GFWC.org/Forms)**



# "12 STEPS FOR PERFECT REPORTING" 2010-2012

## Guidelines for Club Reporting Covering Club Activities from January 1 to December 31, 2010

POSTMARK DEADLINE  
JANUARY 31, 2011

- 1 Appoint a Reporting Chairman** — Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2010-2012 GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects, to help make your reporting easier and your Reporting Workshop run smoother.
- 2 Schedule a Reporting Workshop**, or a series of Reporting Workshops.
- 3 Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:**
  - A. Reporting Guidelines**
    - GFWC Club Manual for 2010-2012
    - GFWC Maryland Reporting Index for 2010-2012
    - Reporting Packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
    - The "12 Steps for Perfect Reporting" Guidelines
  - B. Reference Materials**
    - Club Minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
    - List of Club Donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
    - Club Newsletters
    - Copy of Previous Year's Club Reports
  - C. Supplies**
    - Large Tablet of Paper & Markers
    - OR– Pads of Paper & Pens/Pencils
    - Refreshments *to Reward your Hardworking Members! Make it fun!*
- 4 Preparation** — Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service Program or Special Project and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you begin to "brainstorm."
- 5 BRAINSTORM** — As a group, go through your Reference Materials (*see above*), call out your various club projects and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program/Project.
- 6 Review GFWC Reporting Guidelines** received from GFWC-MD ([www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Club\\_Manual.asp](http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Club_Manual.asp))
- 7 Write Your Narrative Reports** — Typed Narratives must not exceed TWO (2) pages. Be sure that all of your Narratives for each Community Service Program/Special Project have the proper heading. (*See Sample Reports received from GFWC-MD.*)
  - **Large Clubs** — You may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service Program or Special Project, which could take their list of projects and write the report.
  - **Small Clubs** — You may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Community Service Programs or Special Projects and write the reports.
- 8 Proofread & Revise** — Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions.
- 9 Complete the GFWC Report Form** — Fill out ONE (1) GFWC Report Form (*at right, or download at [www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Club\\_Manual.asp](http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Club_Manual.asp)*). ONE (1) person should complete this form, most likely your Reporting Chairman or Club President. If your club wrote Narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each Narrative onto the GFWC Report Form. Be sure to include a check mark to indicate an attached Narrative. The GFWC Report Form becomes the cover sheet for ALL of your Narratives.
- 10 Complete the Special MARYLAND Report Form** For STATE recognition of work done for TREE-Mendous Maryland.
- 11 Copy Your Reports**
  - **Generals** — **SIX (6) Complete Report Packets**
  - **Jrs/Juniorettes** — **EIGHT (8) Complete Report Packets** (*ONE GFWC Report Form + Narratives + State Form*)
- 12 Mail Your Report Packets by the Postmark Deadline of January 31st as follows:**

**Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to GFWC:**  
GFWC Reporting  
1734 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990

**Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to State President:**  
Josephine Miller, 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW,  
Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

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

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

  - Western:** Sharon Quinter, 405 Carroll Street, Sykesville, MD 21784-7602
  - Eastern Shore:** Julie Gibbs, PO Box 419, Ocean City, MD 21843-0419
  - Baltimore:** Shirley Wales, 9805 Gunforge Road, Perry Hall, MD 21128-9515
  - Southern:** Jeannine Dufrene, 556 Maynadier Lane, Crownsville, MD 21032-2136
  - Montgomery:** Marge Shiflett, 3321 Sue Mac Court, Monrovia, MD 21770-8725

**Jrs/Juniorettes** — **ALSO Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:**  
Mary Beth Strickler, 112 Forest Dr., LaVale, MD 21502-1909

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



# GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

# Reporting Form

**GFWC REPORTING FORM ANNUAL REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31**

<b>1. REPORT SUBMITTED BY:</b>		<b>YEAR SUBMITTED (CHECK ONE):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2011 <input type="checkbox"/> 2012				
Club/District/State Name		Number of Members				
<i>(Please check one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> General Club <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Club <input type="checkbox"/> Juniette Club <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> State						
<b>2. PREPARED BY:</b>						
First Name		Last Name				
Mailing Address						
City		State	Zip Code			
Phone      -      -		E-mail				
<b>3. INSTRUCTIONS:</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to all 2010-2012 GFWC Reporting Guidelines.</li> <li>Activities should be reported in the appropriate program or project area.</li> <li>Narratives are optional, but they will enhance chances of recognition and are necessary to be considered for GFWC club awards.</li> <li>If you submit a narrative description of your project or activity, please mark an "x" in the "narrative enclosed" box for that program or project area and attach the narrative to this Reporting Form.</li> <li>Narratives may not exceed two pages for clubs or three pages for states and must be typewritten and single-spaced.</li> </ul>						
<b>4. EXAMPLE:</b>						
Number of Projects are the numerical account of the respective programs and projects initiated and participated in by the club.		Volunteer Hours are hours that club members worked on the respective programs or projects.		Dollars Donated is the monetary amount donated to organize and fund respective programs and projects.		
2010-2012 GFWC ADMINISTRATION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING	VOLUNTEER HOURS	DOLLARS DONATED	IN KIND DONATION	NARRATIVE ENCLOSED
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS						
Community Service Programs are the programs and projects GFWC members initiate and participate in to serve and improve their communities.		Number of Members Participating is the numerical account of the members who take part in respective programs or projects. The total should not exceed the number of dues paying club members.		Monetary values for goods provided. Please refer to the In Kind Donation Guide at <a href="http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers">www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers</a> . Please note, this does not include mileage.		Check this box if a narrative is enclosed. Leave blank if not submitting a narrative.
<b>5. SUBMIT YOUR REPORT TO THE FOLLOWING:</b>						
<b>Clubs</b>			<b>States</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One copy of this form, plus narrative if applicable, to the appropriate state chairman AND</li> <li>One copy to: GFWC Reporting, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One copy of this form, plus narrative, to the appropriate GFWC Chairman, postmarked no later than March 15 (annually).</li> </ul>			

Thank you for participating in GFWC programs, projects, and contests and for sharing this information with us. Please contact the GFWC Membership and Programs Department at GFWC with any questions: 1-800-443-GFWC or [GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org).

2010-2012 GFWC ADMINISTRATION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING	VOLUNTEER HOURS	DOLLARS DONATED	IN KIND DONATION	NARRATIVE ENCLOSED
<b>GFWC SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>						
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS</b>						
<b>ARTS</b>						
Collaboration Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
Collaboration Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Collaboration Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HOME LIFE</b>						
Collaboration Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH</b>						
Collaboration Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PUBLIC ISSUES</b>						
Collaboration Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GFWC ADVANCEMENT</b>						
Communication and Identity						<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraising						<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership						<input type="checkbox"/>
Legislation and Public Policy						<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership						<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's History and Resource Center						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Find this form online at [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers).  
Report online at [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers).**

# GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES

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

<b>SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DEADLINE (to State)</b>
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Domestic Violence Fundraising	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2011
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DEADLINE (to State)</b>
Arts Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Arts Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Conservation Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Conservation Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Education Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Education Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Home Life Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Home Life Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Home Life - Canine Companions	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2011
Home Life - WISER	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2011
International Outreach Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
International Outreach Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
International Outreach - PlanUSA Global Women's Fund	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2011
International Outreach - UNICEF	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2011
Public Issues Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Public Issues Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
<b>ADVANCEMENT AREA AWARDS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DEADLINE (to State)</b>
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Endorsed Fundraisers	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2011
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Communications & Identity	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2011
Community Improvement Program	1st-5th Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2012
<b>CONTESTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DEADLINE (to State)</b>
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2011
"A Year in Pictures" (Calendar) Photography Contest	Non-Monetary	May 1, 2011 (to GFWC)
"GFWC Volunteers in Action" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2011
"The World in Pictures" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2011
Publicity Book	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 15, 2011
Poetry Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2011 (to District)
Short Story Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2011 (to District)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2011 (to GFWC)



### **FOR GFWC CONTESTS ONLY**

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

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

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

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



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

#### ***The JENNIE Award***

One clubwoman from each of GFWC's eight regions will be honored with The JENNIE during the 2010-2012 administration.

**Deadline: June 15, 2011**

#### ***GRANTS***

**Club Recruitment Grants**  
*(funded by GFWC)*

**District Club Building Grants**  
*(funded by GFWC)*

**Literacy Grants**  
*(funded by Procter & Gamble)*

For more information see the appropriate section of the GFWC Club Manual, or go online to [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers)

# MARYLAND CONTEST DEADLINES

## Competition Can Be Rewarding

CONTEST	DEADLINE	SEND ENTRY TO
<b>Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award</b>	3/1/11	Josephine Miller, GFWC-MD President 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-9602
<b>Member &amp; Youth Short Story &amp; Poetry Contests</b>	3/1/11	Catherine Cash 10017 Quinby Street Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173
<b>Art &amp; Photography Contests</b>	3/1/11	Debbie Spinnenweber 14602 Viewcrest Road, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
<b>Crafts Contest</b>	3/1/11	Mary Thompson 105 Jenkins Drive Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
<b>Youth Art Contest</b>	<u>BEFORE</u> 3/31/11	Jeannine Dufrene 556 Maynadier Lane Crownsville, MD 21032-2136
<b>Newsletter Contest</b>	3/1/11	Joyce Race, Editor, The MD Clubwoman 44 Linden Street Frostburg, MD 21532-2114
<b>Publicity Book Contest</b>	3/15/11	Betty Ellington, Co-Chairman 221 Randall Way Oakland, MD 21550-6943

### PLEASE NOTE

**ALL OTHER CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT & SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2011.**

*Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 15, 2011 at The GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting.*



# CELEBRATE A WOMAN... ONE OF YOUR OWN!

## Rules For "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" Award 2010-2011

- Nominees must be members in good standing of a club of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
- Members of the current executive committee of The Federation, honorary MFWC presidents, former recipients of the award, and members of Junior clubs are ineligible for the award. (Juniors have an Outstanding MD Junior Award for which they compete.)
- Only one nominee per club may be submitted.
- The Cover Sheet must include: the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee; the name of her club; the signature of the club president; and the date.
- In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee and the name of her club must be omitted from the narrative.
- Narrative must be 500 words or less, explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of the award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in The Federation with emphasis placed on club sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. As background, mention may be made of club involvement over the years, and any district and state activities which might indicate a continuing interest in The Federation. Only club related accomplishments will be considered. (Please no dates.)
- A committee of five, to judge the entries, shall consist of two honorary presidents of The Federation, two members of the current executive committee of The Federation, and a former recipient of the award. The Federation president shall appoint the committee and name the chairman. The committee shall select the recipient at a meeting called by the chairman by April 1. A suitable plaque shall be purchased, using the fund established by Mrs. Robert E. Klein, and shall be presented to the "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" at the annual meeting of The Federation.
- Nominees will be notified of the time and date of the award presentation by the committee chairman.
- To be eligible, entries must be received by March 1, 2011. Send to the current president of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs:  
**Josephine Miller**  
14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW  
Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

# GFWC MEMBER SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

## GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

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

## Member SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

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

## Member POETRY CONTEST RULES:

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

## DEADLINES:

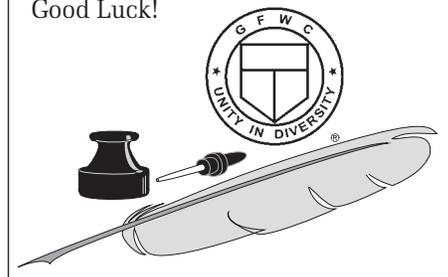
**CLUBS— February 1, 2011.** Send member entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

**DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2011.** Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

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

## REMINDER:

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



# GFWC YOUTH SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

## GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

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

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

## Youth SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

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

## Youth POETRY CONTEST RULES:

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

## DEADLINES:

**CLUBS— February 1, 2011.** Send youth entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

**DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2011.** Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash  
10017 Quinby Street  
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## Art Categories:

### ORIGINAL

**Beginners** B-1

**Collage** A-1

**Graphic Art** A-2

**Modern and Abstract** A-3 (*all media*)

### **Oil and Acrylic Traditional**

Landscape A-4

Seascape A-5

Still Life A-6

Birds and Animals A-7

Street Scenes A-8

### **Pastel Traditional**

Landscape A-9

Seascape A-10

Still Life A-11

Birds and Animals A-12

### **Watercolor Traditional**

Landscape A-13

Seascape A-14

Still Life A-15

Birds and Animals A-16

**Portraits** A-17 (*all media*)

**Sculpture** A-18

**Mixed Media** A-19

## INTERPRETATION of OTHER WORKS

### **Oil and Acrylic Traditional**

Landscape A-22

Seascape A-23

Still Life A-24

Birds and Animals A-25

Street Scenes A-26

### **Pastel Traditional**

Landscape A-27

Seascape A-28

Still Life A-29

Birds and Animals A-30

### **Watercolor Traditional**

Landscape A-31

Seascape A-32

Still Life A-33

Birds and Animals A-34

**Professional** A-35

## Photography Categories:

(*see rules at right*)

### **"The World In Pictures"**

Natural History A-40

Scenic A-41

Feature A-42

**"GFWC Volunteers in Action"** A-43

## Craft Categories:

### **Christmas** C-102

A-Door Pieces

B-Ornaments

C-Figurines

D-Wall Hangings

E-Other Holidays

### **Counted Cross Stitch** C-103

A-Pictures

B-Pillows

C-Wearing Apparel

D-Other

### **Crocheting** C-104

A-Wearing Apparel

B-Afghans

C-Infants and Children

D-Other

### **Dolls** C-105

A-Handpainted and Dressed

B-Porcelain Hands and Face

C-Stuffed

### **Handpainted Items** C-107

A-China Painting

B-Material

C-Other

### **Jewelry** C-109

### **Knitting** C-110

A-Wearing Apparel

B-Afghans

C-Infants and Children

D-Other

### **Miniatures** C-111

### **Needlework** C-112

A-Pettipoint

B-Bargello

C-Needlepoint

D-Other

### **Quilting** C-113

A-Bed Covering

B-Pillows

C-Other

### **Recycle** C-114

### **Sewing** C-115

### **Wreaths** C-117

A-Fabric

B-Natural

C-Other

### **Miscellaneous** C-120

### **Club Craft Projects** C-121

(*more than 3 members*

*must participate in project*)

## GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

### GENERAL RULES:

- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Entries may be black and white or color photos.
- Size of entry (incl. matt) must be at least 10x12" but no larger than 14x16". All others will be disqualified. No frames or glass. Entries must be matted.
- The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating top.
- Photos must be taken in contest year.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras. Date stamps should not appear on photographs, nor can digital photos be submitted by e-mail.
- Photos will not be returned.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- Each photo must have the following information on the back: GFWC category name; photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; brief caption giving location and notes about the photo; and title.
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

### **"The World in Pictures"**

#### CATEGORIES:

- **Natural History:** *flowers, animals, insects, birds, trees, and natural scenes.*
- **Scenic:** *vistas, landscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, mountains, farm land, and similar scenes.*
- **Feature:** *human interest pictures incl. people, events, and other features.*

### **"GFWC Volunteers in Action"**

**Photos should "describe" a club project,** such as club members reading to children for a Read Across America project. Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.

#### DEADLINES:

**CLUBS** must send Entry Cards to their **STATE Art & Photography Contests Chairman** for state judging, postmarked by **March 1, 2011.**

# "A YEAR IN PICTURES" CALENDAR CONTEST

## CONTEST RULES:

- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- All entries must be Digital.
- All entries (flowers and fauna, vistas, and more) will be considered. Judges will look for photos particularly suitable for calendars, such as photos relevant to months or seasons.
- Photos must be horizontal.
- Entries must be in color.
- The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating the top.
- Each photo must have the following on the back: photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and

phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; brief caption giving location and other notes about the photo; and title.

- Photo must be taken during the contest year.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Date stamps should not appear on photographs, nor can digital photos be submitted by e-mail.
- Photos will not be returned.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest.

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- Please remember to include a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver with any entry being submitted to GFWC for national awards.

**DEADLINE:** Each GFWC CLUB may submit ONE (1) photo directly to GFWC Headquarters by May 1, 2011.

# MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

## ELIGIBILITY:

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

**Art:** Class 1—Grades 6, 7 & 8

Class 2—Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

## Photography/Computer Art:

Class 2—Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Entries must be submitted through a local GFWC Maryland Woman's Club and judged at a District level before going on to State judging.

## SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:

- All entries should be **Original**, done by the student between 3/1/10 and 3/1/11.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create new compositions are accepted but judged considering age appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer enhanced photography and graphics. Copyright rules should be considered.

- Work may be of the following media: oil, lead pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed media, photography/computer art. If necessary, the work should be sprayed with a fixative. Due to logistics of transportation and weight, sculpture and ceramics entries will not be accepted.
- All entries must have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core.
- Maximum size should not exceed 24" x 36." **No Frames Or Glass.**
- Each entry **Must Have An Entry Card** securely attached to the back with the information as on the sample below. Each card **should** give the student's name, e-mail and home address, zip code, phone #s, grade, school, type of media and source of subject. Entries without cards will not be judged.
- Each **Local Club or District** shall establish rules to determine how

many entries each student may submit to their programs.

- For the **State Program:** Three (3) works will be accepted from Class 1 in **Art**, and three (3) from Class 2 in **Art**, and three (3) from Class 2 in **Photography/Computer Art** from **each District**.

## AWARDS:

- **Local Clubs and Districts Contests** may set dates and present winners in their show with ribbons and/or awards at their discretion.
- **At State Level:** The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. offers **two (2) \$200.00 First Place Awards, two (2) \$150.00 Second Place Awards, and two (2) \$100.00 Third Place Awards**, in the High School Class 2 Division; and **one (1) \$100.00 First Place Award, one (1) \$75.00 Second Place Award, and one (1) \$50.00 Third Place Awards**, in the Middle School Class 1 Division.

## DEADLINE:

Contact [JeannineDufrene@yahoo.com](mailto:JeannineDufrene@yahoo.com) All **District** winning entries must be received by **Jeannine Dufrene, GFWC-MD Youth Art Chairman, before March 31, 2011 for the State Contest**. Judging of artwork will take place on that date. The winning artists will receive their awards at GFWC-MD State Convention, April 30-May 2, 2011.

## ← SAMPLE ENTRY FORM CARD:

Please copy the sample at left and attach to back of each entry.

### GFWC MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

Please Print Clearly! All Personal Information MUST Be Included!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Media \_\_\_\_\_ Details \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

# CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

## **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements:

- Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact
- Presentation
- Design
- Inclusion of entry requirements

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Only one newsletter per club may be submitted.
- Newsletter must have been printed and dated during the reporting year.
- Front page of each newsletter must contain prominent display of the official GFWC emblem and mention of membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

- Newsletter entries must include contact information for at least one member, defined as e-mail address, phone number, and/or mailing address.
- All entries must be printed and sent via postal mail.
- Envelope must be clearly marked **GFWC Newsletter Contest**.

## **COVER LETTER MUST INCLUDE:**

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

- Clubs with electronic newsletters must submit printed copies.

## **AWARDS:**

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

## **DEADLINES:**

**STATE CONTEST—CLUBS** must submit entries to their **STATE Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 1, 2011**.

**GFWC CONTEST—CLUBS** must submit entries directly to **GFWC Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 15, 2011**.

# GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST

## **CONTEST RULES:**

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

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

## **SUBMISSION E-MAIL MUST INCLUDE:**

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

## **AWARDS:**

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC International Convention to one club in the nation to recognize creativity and outstanding achievement in the GFWC Website Contest.

## **DEADLINE:**

**CLUBS** must submit entries via e-mail to **GFWC Public Affairs Department** at [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org). Must be received by 11:59 p.m. on **March 15, 2011**.

# GFWC PUBLICITY BOOK CONTEST

## **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements:

- Newspaper and website articles
- Television and radio coverage
- Publicity materials, such as brochures, signs, fliers, paid advertisements, public service announcements, new member kits, membership cards, special event materials, and creative web pages
- Presentation and ease of handling

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Materials should have been prepared/printed/aired between January 1 and December 31, 2010 for 2011 entry.
- Include the name of the publication and date on EACH clipping.
- Include all electronic media coverage. Video, audiocassettes, and CDs can be submitted, but do not put in the book.

- Although publicity books are judged mainly on content, it is important that material is presented in an organized fashion, with articles securely fastened and key information highlighted.
- Provide a one or two sentence explanation of each project or program.
- On the front page include: club name, club contact information, number of members, city in which club is located (+ population), and media outlets (i.e., radio, television, newspaper).
- Print the name of your club and the contest year on the outside cover.
- Entries should be in a lightweight, 8.5 x 11" binder or cover. Points may be deducted if the book is oversized and/or difficult to handle.
- All materials should be placed in one book. Multiple books will not be considered.

- Enclose a self-addressed stamped package of the necessary size with appropriate postage to ensure the return of the publicity book.

- Only those entries that include a self-addressed stamped envelope will be returned.

## **AWARDS:**

GFWC awards a total of \$325 to national winners of the GFWC Publicity Book Contest: First Place \$150, Second Place \$100, Third Place \$75, Honorable Mention Certificates. Winning books will be displayed at the GFWC Annual International Convention in June 2011.

## **DEADLINE:**

**CLUBS** must submit entries via postal mail to their **STATE Communications & Identity Chairman**, postmarked no later than **March 15, 2011**.

## Hats Off to Volunteers



### Joyce Race, President

Joyce is a country girl, having grown up in rural Western Maryland. She joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland (JWCC) over 24 years ago, and is a charter member of the GFWC Western Maryland Community Club (WMCC). Joyce is a past-president of the JWCC, and currently serves as secretary for the WMCC. She also served as membership co-chair for GFWC Maryland, and most recently served as the GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs.

Joyce is a life member of the Maryland PTA, having served as secretary, vice-president, and president on both local and county PTA levels, and as field service representative and secretary on the state level. She currently serves on the local March of Dimes executive board, and is executive board chairman for a local Boy Scout troop. She has been employed in the Housing Services Division of Allegany County government for 17 years and is their rehab loan officer. Joyce and her husband Bob have been married for 36 years, and have two grown children, Lorrie and John.

Joyce's theme for her administration is "Hats Off to Volunteers."

### GFWC Centennial Club of Western District

The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District is made up of the past presidents of Western District, Inc. and meets twice a year. The main thrust of the club is to offer our services to any district club in need of assistance in the areas of leadership or membership. Members are also members of local GFWC-MD clubs, often holding offices on the State, District and club levels. The club holds their meetings at Steiner House in Frederick. Each new administration welcomes the immediate past-president of Western District, this year welcoming Anne Forrester as the newest member.

The officers for 2010-2012 are Peg Gillum, President; Jackie Hering, Vice-President; Debbie Spinnenweber, Secretary; and Carol Horne, Treasurer. The members contribute to Save The Bay, Bettie M. Sipple Memorial Endowment Fund, HOBY, 1734 Society, GFWC Women's History and Resource Center, collect aluminum drink tabs for Ronald McDonald House, UNICEF, and attend the GFWC Convention, Southeastern Region Conference, GFWC Maryland Convention, Domestic Violence Awareness "Weekend at the Beach," and State and District meetings.



Centennial Club Members (L to R): President Peg Gillum, Secretary Debbie Spinnenweber, Treasurer Carol Horne, Anne Forrester, Jo Miller, Sally Marks, Martha Hyson, and Vice-President Jackie Hering.

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

The Cumberland Juniors kicked-off the fall 2010 year with their traditional International Night. Each member brought an international dish, along with the recipe to share with the club members. This year's guest speaker was Prabhat Sandhir. Prabhat spoke about the Indian culture, family life and traditions including arranged marriages, and the traditional dress of the Indian women. She showed the club members how to assemble the Sari, the traditional Indian dress. She spoke about the many dialects of the Indian language and certain characteristics of dress and jewelry that are specific to different geographical areas of India. The importance of education for children is a top priority for Indian families.

Plans were made for Junior Fall Conference, which was hosted by the Cumberland Juniors on October 3rd. The conference was a great success. We stuffed backpacks with games, puzzles, art supplies, books, cards, and the like, to help children transition into shelters when threatened by domestic violence. The Cumberland Fire Department gave a presentation about their roles as firefighters. They brought a fire engine and introduced us to their



Cumberland Juniors' International Night speaker Prabhat Sandhir (left) with JWCC President Terry Harvey.



Members of the Cumberland Juniors display their "Backpacks of Love" at Junior Fall Conference.

equipment. The firefighters entertained many questions from our inquisitive club members.

Our club is especially proud of our Maryland leaders. Joyce Race is our past GFWC-MD Junior Director and now Western District president. Mary Beth Strickler is our Junior Director for 2010-2012. Our Maryland president is Jo Miller. We are honored to have these fine ladies in our community club and serving at the state level.

### *Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.*

As our new administration of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. evolves, we pause to look back at last year's accomplishments and the awards received at State and District levels for all the hard work our members have achieved. As we go forward we are excited about the celebration of our club's 100th birthday and the 100 year anniversary of our GFWC membership the following year. Various plans are being made, including a commemorative pin, speakers, reaching out to past members, recognizing our historic past through programs at each meeting throughout the year, publicity through various mediums and other activities. We are planning a special daylong celebration in April to celebrate our founding by inviting past members, community leaders, Federation leaders and members of other clubs. Along with these activities we will be celebrating 50 years of our Mardi Gras Ball.



President Barbara Frantz admiring the Oakland Club's 99th birthday cake.

That committee is very active and excited in their preparations. Plans for the dance include music from the original ball, beautiful princesses continuing the tradition, an auction, the recognition of past kings, queens and princesses, and memorabilia will be on display. The charity chosen this year for a portion of our funds is Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Proceeds also fund our community service programs, scholarships, and the routine expenses of Historic Steiner House, our club headquarters.

Our community service program chairmen met with their committees to create a plan of work for the year and presented it for approval at our September meeting. Some of the activities include a candidates' forum in October, celebrating women veteran's recognition week in November, helping our domestic violence shelter and our child advocacy center, supporting the American Mural Project, youth art, a Frederick Arts Council liaison, supporting children of soldiers at Fort Detrick and soldier's pen pals, support with activities at local nursing homes, and comfort hats for cancer patients. Other activities include preserving our own historic records (including the minutes of the first club meeting 100 years ago), preservation of Steiner House, a scholarship at Frederick Community College for a woman returning to school, continued support of the reading program at Lincoln Elementary School, and reaching out in the community for new members.

Members are encouraged to attend District and State meetings to broaden their understanding of our outstanding organization.

### *GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.*

Our club year opened in March with 22 non-profit organizations attending our meeting to tell members about the work that they do in Garrett County and why additional funding would be so helpful to them. As a result, members voted to disburse \$10,015 that had been earned at the Antique Show held in October of the previous year. New officers were elected in April.

Our Joint Venture Task Force, made up of four women's organizations in Garrett County, continued with GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland taking the lead and being the sponsor of the 2nd Women's Lecture Series in May. Judge Susan J. Crawford was our guest speaker—her topic "Women and Leadership." She is a member of the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court; Chief Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (ret.); and former Director of the Office of Military Commissions, Dept. of Defense. Our event, held at Garrett College, was well attended and our audience was delighted as Susan welcomed many questions. Our most recent Joint Venture event was held in late September. This

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Western District President Anne Forrester (left) installs Oakland Club's 2010-2012 officers at their "Those Were the Days" Celebration (L to R): President Barbara Frantz; Sherry Bradshaw (standing in for First Vice-President B.J. Gallagher); Corresponding Secretary Betty Ellington; Recording Secretary Judi Schiff; and Treasurer Beverly Maynard.

## WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

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was truly a community event... an idea created in community (at our April 2009 club meeting) and implemented in community (36 non-profit organizations attending) for the benefit of the Garrett County community as a whole. This unique Volunteer Fair, held at Garrett College, provided an opportunity for students, retirees and residents to speak with representatives of numerous non-profit organizations who need volunteers for a specific project or activity. Volunteers were encouraged to get active in Garrett County and put their skills, talents and experience to work for others.

We are pleased to report eight new members have joined our club. GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland members are preparing for our 100th Birthday celebration in 2011.



*Western Maryland Community Club 2010-2012 Officers (L to R): Co-Treasurer Jo Miller, Co-Treasurer Bonnie Boswell; Secretary Joyce Race; Vice-President Mary Biery; and President Mary Ruddell.*



*Making Gowns for Operation Smile are Western Maryland Community Club President Mary Ruddell (right) and Debbie Spinnenweber.*

## *GFWC Western Maryland Community Club*

The Western Maryland Community Club launched its new club year with a work project. Long supporters of Operation Smile, with their regular meeting collection of “pennies for pounds” all going to Operation Smile, the members made hospital gowns to ship to this charity. This will be an ongoing project for the club.

During the summer months, members cleaned and spruced up the Handicapped Trail at Rocky Gap State Park. (This project began years ago, when many of our members were Juniors.) Local businesses were solicited for funds to replace several park benches on the trail. This was successfully completed under Past-President Peg Gillum.

A yard sale was held on the Downtown Cumberland Mall to raise funds for the club’s charitable causes. Fall promises fun for the members with a Halloween Party and a collection of art supplies for Friends Aware. November will be our annual ornament exchange and a collection of food for Western Maryland Food Bank, and our annual Christmas Party will bring 2010 to a close.

We are proud to be the home club of Jo Miller, GFWC-MD President 2010-2012; Debbie Spinnenweber, GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary 2010-2012; and Joyce Race, Western District President 2010-2012.

## *GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc.*

The GFWC of Westminster started their club year with enthusiasm during the summer. Since there was a new administration and new guidelines changing departments to community service projects, the learning curve was steep, but swift. The newly elected executive committee met to determine how the club could ensure that every member could have input into the projects the club would select. It was decided that each community



*Westminster Club Members (L to R): Sharon Quinter, 2009 Maryland LEADS Representative; Norma Jean Swam, Club Past-President; and Babs Condon, GFWC First Vice-President.*

service project committee would meet with members of the executive committee. During July and August each group assembled with members of the executive committee serving as facilitators.

The process included reviewing past projects and looking at new opportunities. Each person was asked to project their thinking two years into the future and to imagine that the local newspaper was featuring an article about a special project their community service group had completed during the past two years. Participants were asked to write a headline for the article, and to write the first paragraph to describe the project. The facilitators then recorded each person’s response. Most groups had more ideas than could be fulfilled and found their greatest challenge to be choosing which projects could be completed.

Getting together in smaller groups was fun and provided an opportunity to introduce ourselves to one another. The Westminster club is large (101 members) and active. Seventeen new members have joined our club over the past two years, and getting to know one another during busy club meetings has been challenging. The participation during busy summer vacation months was high—more than half of all members attended one of the sessions. Kudos went to the Education Community Service Program which had nearly 100 percent participation.

The program committee also met during the summer and enthusiastically planned programs that would highlight the club's 100th year. The formal celebration will occur during our spring luncheon in May. The yearbook committee completed its usual task of collecting all information for the calendar of events for the coming year. As you can see, the Westminster club is well on its way to an exciting and productive time.

### *GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.*

Greetings from the Junior Woman's Club of Westminster! We are currently 39 members strong and are growing continuously.

Our summer concluded with two events. Our 19th Annual Kid's Consignment Sale earned approximately \$11,000 to disperse throughout our chosen charitable organizations. And our club assisted at the bingo tent at Fallfest (a yearly event which raises monies for local charities). One of the beneficiaries dear to our hearts this year was Access Carroll (a local healthcare facility for uninsured and under insured individuals of our county).

October kept our club busy with four events. The first was a Domestic Violence Vigil held at McDaniel College. Our members furnished



*Westminster Junior Tricia Wagman and husband Kevin rein as Queen and King of the Westminster Fallfest.*

desserts and refreshments for this worthy and important cause. The second was the assembly of "Life Saver" mammogram-awareness cards (to hand out in our communities) at our October meeting, and the donation of goods for "Comfort Bags" (full of thoughtful items given to women recently diagnosed with breast cancer). Next on our plate was the 6th Annual Chili Cookoff to benefit Access Carroll (last year we raised over \$15,000). And we ended our month with the annual judging of the Halloween Parade.

In the latter portion of fall we will have our annual "Barter Dinner" (club members bring a gift card from a local grocery store or a gas card to later donate to an adopted family for the holidays, in trade for their dinner). In early December, members will attend and serve refreshments at the Holiday Open House at GFWC Headquarters in D.C., and finally, our December meeting is our Holiday party where we will bring gifts to be given to our adopted families.

In the month of February we will have our annual Dr. Seuss Day where we visit local elementary schools to read and entertain the young and young-at-heart. And the month of April will bring a newer fundraiser onto the agenda again—a Tea Fundraiser for children, which will benefit children of the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster.

The Westminster Juniors would like to wish everyone a beautiful, joyous and prosperous 2011!

### *GFWC STARS Juniette Club of Westminster*

Fall and winter are two of our busiest seasons. To help with new ideas, three of our members gathered lots of information and ideas for projects during the recent GFWC-MD September Board of Directors Meeting. One member attended Junior Fall Conference in Cumberland, serving as Junior Fundraising chairman. Our members are busy making fleece blankets for Comfort Bags to give to breast cancer

patients at Carroll Hospital Center. We are in charge of the moon bounce and face painting for the 6th Annual Chili Cook Off on Sunday, October 17th at the AG Center in Westminster. Using an idea from the BOD, and since October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we will hold a DVA pajama party during our October meeting. Everyone will come in their funniest, cutest, or most stylish pair of pajamas and bring a new pair of pajamas to donate to the local shelter. On Tuesday, October 26th, we will serve as runners for the judges of our town's annual Halloween Parade. On October 30th, some of us will go to our District meeting in the Frederick area, as leadership training is a big emphasis in our club. We are also stressing the importance of membership building this year and decided to use another of the new GFWC projects. We have big plans to rake in new members this fall, have a flurry of new members this winter, grow new members in the spring and warm up with new members this summer. We hope to double our membership by the end of summer 2011! On December 11th we host our 15th annual Santa's Workshop, where each member provides all the supplies for a fun holiday craft for children ages 4-11 to make. We will fill and decorate lots and lots of "Brown Bag Ditty Bags" for veterans as one of our crafts this year. For the 10th year in a row, February will find us giving hand massages and painting the fingernails of residents at Carroll Lutheran Village. We love talking to the ladies about their childhoods and comparing them to ours.

If any GFWC Maryland club would like to start a Juniette club in your area, we would be happy to provide you with all the information you need to get started. Girls ages 11-18 need your guidance, your mentoring, and your willingness to work with them and show them the need for volunteers in their communities. It is fun and easy to do. For more information, please call our advisor, Babs Condon, at 410-848-4171.

## Volunteers Touch Many Hearts



*Bernadette Simon, President*  
Bernie joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights in 1998 and has served as president (two terms), first vice-president, recording secretary (two terms), newsletter co-editor, as well as chairing numerous committees. She is currently serving the club as publicity chairman. Prior to her election as District President, Bernie served Southern District as first vice-president and Education Department chairman.

Bernie attended Seton High School and the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore. Retired from the Food and Drug Administration, she worked as a consumer affairs specialist, consumer affairs officer and writer-editor.

Originally from Baltimore, Bernie now lives in Linthicum where she is active in community organizations such as the Linthicum Community Fair Committee, the Linthicum Centennial Committee, the North County Business Advisory Board and her church, St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.

Bernie's theme is "Volunteers Touch Many Hearts."

### *GFWC Charles County Woman's Club, Inc.*

One of our goals for this administration is to increase membership, and one of the keys to doing this is to have interesting speakers. In June, we had an archeologist who spoke to us about the "digs" in and around the Port Tobacco Courthouse and invited members to visit the site and help. The October speaker will be a judge of the orphan's court, and in November we will hear more about the Veteran's Museum being built in Glasva, which will be housed in a renovated elementary school.

International Outreach had us collecting and sending vegetable seed packets to the American Indians in North Dakota for the gardens on the reservation. We also sent them clothing and medical supplies, and craft items were sent to a group of women in the Ukraine, so they could work with the young girls in their community.

Public Issues found us sponsoring, along with two other county organizations, an open forum where all the candidates for county commissioner had an opportunity to be heard and met by over 135 attendees.

Under Education, annual scholarships are given to a high school graduate and to a woman returning to the community college. We continue support of the Mt. Hope Nanjamoy Elementary School, located in the poorest part of our county—where our Campbell's soup labels go. Members tutor and/or mentor students and we assist with the annual book fair, and Santa's Secret Shop by wrapping gifts that the students purchase. This year we also judged science fair projects of the 3rd-5th grade students. Winners were each given \$50 savings bonds. Over \$500 was donated last year to purchase books for the school library. Our members were honored at the annual volunteer dinner and presented with school umbrellas.

In the Arts, we sponsor the Annual Youth Art reception. The club awards over \$500 in bonds to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in middle and high school, and the Mildred Hack Plaque is given to the elementary level winner (yes, we include them in our local judging).

We are big on Conservation! We still recycle newspapers to the animal shelter and our gardens; it really keeps down the weeds! The magazines we save go to The Jude House here in the county, and to the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. Pull-tabs are taken to RMH or to state meetings.

By no means is Home Life left out—we made Linus blankets for the 5th year (the ladies love making them) and we had a chance to "pick crabs" to support Civista, the local hospital. We collected PJ's for the "Pajama Connection," a tri-county non-profit organization.

We may be a small club, but we do big things for our community.

### *GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club*

GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at the Mountain Road Library in Pasadena. We have been working on the GFWC Adopt-A-Library project by inviting a Librarian to speak at our meeting and by donating books.

In September, Michael Cohen from The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence spoke at our meeting. She brought brochures and posters, including those from "Cut It Out," which were distributed and will be taken to salons. We support a domestic violence shelter by donating home-cooked meals and money at Thanksgiving and Christmas. October was our annual Bingo Fundraiser at Kurtz's Beach. It was a fun-filled day of bingo and delicious food. Booths were set up for Domes-

tic Violence Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness.

Our members are busy crocheting and purchasing hats for "The Heavenly Hat" project. Pull-tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House. We have a member who works building houses for "Habitat for Humanity." Donations of food and money are made to NCEON food pantry.

We are a small club, but we are very active and enjoy each others company and belonging to GFWC and to GFWC Maryland.

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.*

The GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights hosted two imaginative programs in September to kick-off the club year.

At the Opening Tea, President Shirley Beck invited everyone to "Get Aboard the Love Train!" for a year of friendship, fellowship and fun. She led a train conga line which serpentine throughout the clubhouse that was decorated with balloons and trains. A new membership brochure and coming attractions for the next three months were introduced, as well as the fundraisers for the year. HOBY Ambassadors spoke enthusiastically and appreciatively about their experiences. Two new members were inducted and members brought paper products for Sarah's House.

"Bring Your Neighbor to Italy," the theme of the Evening Group's opening meeting, peaked the interest and attendance of 12 guests who were not familiar with our club. Postcard invitations were posted in the community announcing the event, which included a light Italian dinner, festive Italian music, needlework, souvenirs, pictures, cookbooks and other mementoes. Club members spoke of their experiences in Italy.

Members participated in Linthicum's Community Fair by riding in the parade, operating its hotdog



*Linthicum Club Officers (L to R): President Shirley Beck, First Vice-President Carolyn Hall, Recording Secretary Dianne Friel, Corresponding Secretary Joyce Houpe, and Treasurer Sandy Blankenship. Not present: Second Vice-President Verena Linthicum.*

stand, and distributing membership recruitment literature.

October's meeting introduced the candidates for County Executive and County Council. This program brought a number of guests to our meeting. At the October evening meeting, members were introduced to reiki and tai chi by Pam Duvall. October featured a unique fundraiser, and Carrabba's Italian Grill served dinner at the clubhouse. This was followed by a speaker on shingles.

Actress Mary Ann Jung captured the essence of life in the factory, difficulties at home and the impact of public opinion during World War II in her portrayal of "Rosie the Riveter" at the November meeting. Club member Dianne Mackert spoke about her experiences on medical mission trips to Ecuador at the November evening meeting. Members donated children's clothing and toys for her humanitarian work.

Musicians Karen and Otis Stroup put club members in the Christmas spirit at the December meeting with "A Garland of Holiday Songs."

The White Christmas Holly Mart was the December fundraiser with special guests Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and children's author Mary Van Tassel. Activities included a luncheon, live music and an opportunity for children to make gingerbread houses. Holiday treats of

handmade crafts, homemade baked goods and candy, creative decorative greenery arrangements, fresh cut greens, collectibles, jewelry and accessories were available for sale.

The clubhouse was transformed into a gingerbread fairyland for the "Gingerbread Jubilee Holiday Gala." Over 20 local restaurants provided their signature dishes and desserts, and a live auction was held.

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

The Woman's Club of St. Mary's has been busy with major fund-raisers, volunteer support for the community, and membership education.

Major fund-raising is necessary to support our scholarship gifts and educational program support for the Tech Center and Youth Art. The annual Oyster Festival raises the majority of the funds and all members participate in the four sales generators: bake sale, book sale, crafts and flea market. This year we added a 50/50 raffle, coffee sales and face painting. This event is hard work, but everyone ends the two-day event proud of the results. This past year we gave monetary support to Hospice House, Save the Bay, Sotterley Plantation, three scholarships for secondary education, Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) which is a leadership seminar for HS Students, Skills USA, Childreach Plan USA, Heifer International, and two food banks in St. Mary's County.

A number of our club members volunteer for selected community organizations. Two of the largest, in number of members and hours served, are Meals on Wheels for the Department of Aging, and the Library's "Outreach" Program which logged over a hundred hours delivering books to homebound readers and elder centers such as the Ripple Center and Cedar Lane Retirement Apartments. Others of special interest are Greenwell's Therapeutic Riding Program for Disabled Children and several local programs supporting veterans.

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Our speaker program is our chief membership education tool. Each meeting, we select a local organization to provide a speaker. The subject may be of personal interest to our members, or a new service organization needing funds or volunteers. Sometimes an entire meeting will cover a single subject such as the Arts, Conservation, Education or International Affairs.

During the summer months, the craft committee members held meetings to organize and create crafts to sell at the Oyster Festival. Also, a teacher at Esperanza Middle School called to see if any of our professional members would speak to a group of girls. Seven of our club members volunteered to talk about the education they received in order to achieve success in their careers.

One of our September speakers was Mark Smith from St. Mary's County School System. He explained the Business, Education and Community Application (BECA) Common Scholarship Program, which allows college and secondary education students to develop a single application for multiple scholarships. Our Education committee is meeting to develop criteria to be used by our club this year in the BECA program. We will have Tammy Gaido, RN from the Health Connections in St. Mary's County speak about women's health issues in October, and Jaime Frodyma of Yera Dé Herbal Teas talk at our November Membership Tea.



At Severn Town Club's Book/Author Luncheon are: (standing L to R) Joan Kvetkas and Pudy Palmer; (seated L to R) Evie Renz, and Author Lucia St. Clare.

## Severn Town Club, Inc.

The Severn Town Club proudly continues to exemplify the GFWC motto "Unity in Diversity." Under the leadership of 2008-2010 president, Maria Mercado, along with her officers and board members, the Severn Town Club flourished. Monthly meetings were held, with a wide variety of programs. A representative from CASA (children's legal advocacy) spoke about their work on behalf of children who have no one to stand up for their rights. At another meeting, HOBY leadership award winners were presented along with our scholarship recipients. A highlight this past year was our "Show and Tell" evening where members had the opportunity to show off their many talents.

Arden House is an ongoing project for our club. Monthly activities are held for abused women and children which are mostly fun-filled evenings to help them forget. Donations of items and gift cards are made to help them get started when they move on. Monetary donations are also made each year and/or whenever a need arises. The director of the YWCA that sponsors Arden House spoke at one of our meetings and praised the Severn Town Club for their support. As a result of one member's effort, "A Healthy Step" shoe store in Gambrills donated over 100 pairs



Severn Town Club delivers shoes for Arden House (L to R): Carrie Matthews, YWCA director of development; David Lewis, "A Healthy Step" owner/donor; Joan Kvetkas, STC chairman; Phyllis Peters, Pudy Palmer, Evie Renz, treasurer and co-chairmen.

of women's new, stylish shoes and boots for the women at Arden House for the second year in a row.

At our Author Luncheon, we enjoyed noted author Lucia St. Clare. She has had quite an interesting background and shared some of her experiences with attendees.

The Severn Town Club's Holly Ball will celebrate its 47th consecutive year in December. A multi-collaborative effort by members has been a huge factor for its success. This is a tremendous undertaking, which will benefit the Anne Arundel Food Bank & Resource Center and other local charities on December 3, 2010. We invite all clubs to attend—call Ann Moynihan at 410-267-0817 for info.

Our new president, Linda Saksa, along with her officers and board, has planned another exciting year for the Severn Town Club. A Potluck Supper welcomed members to the new club year. Our two sponsored HOBY winners shared their experiences with enthusiasm and offered gratitude to members for their support. New members were also installed.

The Severn Town Club is proud to be a member of GFWC and MFWC and continues to work for and support all their endeavors.

## Southern Lights

What can be said of us, the past presidents of the Southern District? We only meet two times a year, usually over lunch and we enjoy getting a chance to talk to one another and not have to sit at the head table. We, each of us, are members of another woman's club. That's right, we belong to more than one club. This is probably a good thing, because as a past-presidents' club, we've "been there and done that," so we have our original clubs where we can do activities, etc.

Southern Lights members are "on call" at all times, however, to answer questions, lend a helping hand, or be the shoulder to lean on when the need arises. We are here to serve, to help and to encourage.

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