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## Club and District Editors Please Note!!

**Districts Reporting for the SPRING 2012 issue:**  
Montgomery County.

**Districts Reporting for the FALL 2012 issue:**  
Eastern Shore and Baltimore.

**ALL Articles and Information for the SPRING 2012 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by January 5, 2012.**

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 2012 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,

Another year will soon come to a close, but as the crisp, white snow blankets the ground, take time to reflect on the many accomplishments of your club and state.

Maryland clubwomen continue to amaze me. This fall as I've traveled to GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meetings, Junior Fall Conference, District Meetings and member club meetings, I've enjoyed the company of so many informative... constructive... committed... volunteers in action. It is evident that "Maryland Volunteers Make A Difference" all across the state of Maryland.

GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting, held in Lexington, KY, offered Maryland ladies an opportunity to visit with old friends,

meet new ones, and honor Betty Meidinger as the GFWC Maryland Jennie Award winner. It was exciting to hear about all the projects of our region's clubs. We attended informative workshops, and the "Step Away from Abuse" Luncheon, highlighting winners of the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention—an award which we were proud to have won. And Junior Director Mary Beth and myself had the opportunity to speak about my President's Special Project for Veterans, "Ditty Bags... LOTS AND LOTS of Ditty Bags!"

Thank you again for everything you do in your communities... for our veterans... for victims of domestic violence... for the many programs of GFWC... and for your federation sisters. Remember to thank a veteran during this holiday season for their sacrifice to our country.

Have a Happy Holiday with your families and a safe New Year.

In Federation Love,

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

*Josephine Miller  
GFWC Maryland President*



# FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Mary Beth Strickler  
GFWC Maryland  
Director of Junior Clubs

warm coat and a closet (okay, a couple of closets and drawers) full of clothes. I am blessed to have an awesome family, my health and some really incredible friends. I have more than five things to be thankful for. I have a multitude of thanksgivings.

I know you are blessed just as I am, and I know you celebrate a grateful life by reaching out and touching the life and lives of those in need in your community, through the various acts of kindness and selflessness that make you—a Maryland clubwoman—who you are. It doesn't have to be the holiday season for you to give, because you give all year long in an endless variety of ways. I applaud you for your efforts. I am in awe of your giving spirit and acts of kindness. I know that we strive to make a difference in our communities every day, and I am grateful that I have the opportunity to share with you.

Many blessings to you and yours.

In Federation Love,

*Mary Beth*

Mary Beth Strickler  
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs

Dear Federation Friends,

*"A grateful life is about seeing, thinking, offering, appreciating, and living beyond self. This is the spirit behind giving thanks." Kristen Armstrong, Mile Markers*

As fall begins to morph into the holiday season and the calendar fills with parties, gatherings, bell ringing, shopping, traveling, cleaning, gift wrapping, Santa's workshop, more shopping (need I add something else to this list or does it sound familiar?)... I often find myself overwhelmed and exhausted. Then I stop and look around at all that I am and have, and find a new appreciation and outlook. I am very fortunate in so many ways.

I have a job. I have a beautiful house. I have a refrigerator and pantry full of food (and a credit card and car to get me to the market if I need something). I have a



**Volunteers Reach Out  
and Touch Lives**

# JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

## October 8, 2011 in North Bethesda, MD

The Maryland Juniors held Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Grosvenor Park Condos in North Bethesda, hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, MD, Inc. It was a spectacular day with warm, sunny weather, and busy hands reaching out to touch lives.

Junior business was conducted, and Mary Walton from the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. was nominated by the membership as the GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, 2012-2014.

Then, members were engaged by speaker Shannon Catanzaro, Director of Foster Care and Adoption Programs for the Montgomery County and the District of Columbia. Shannon spoke about the various programs her agency provides to the community. Their work entails helping youth, grandparents, parents and foster care families provide the best environment for a child. While the ultimate goal is to reunite the parent and child, or a relative and child, she shared the alternatives that the agency is able to employ to provide for the needs of the child and build a better understanding of the child's needs and traumas. Many children experience their first trauma in the home and then a second one comes when they are removed from the home. Their lives are turned upside down and it's hard for people on the outside to understand their feelings and behaviors. Often the agency works with the child's school to help educate teachers about the changing educational and behavioral needs of these young people. While there is a goal to provide services for up to 18 months of a child's life, a child doesn't age out of a foster care program until the age of 21 and Shannon shared how her agency provides for the needs of teenagers by teaching them about money, checking accounts, how to apply and interview for jobs and often provides for further collegiate educational opportunities.

Clubwomen asked hard questions to gain a better understanding of how the system works, and then got to work creating inspirational messages to be included in the 39 pieces of luggage and 12 pillows with pillowcases that the women collected. Our hope in completing the "Luggs of Love" service project is that we can help to instill dignity to a move for these young people. Attendees also completed a "Step Away from Domestic Violence" Sock Project, with socks being donated to shelters in the nearby area. The Junior Membership looks forward to meeting again for Mid-Winter Rally on January 28, 2012 in Westminster.



*Juniors, Juniorsettes and Generals all worked together to created inspirational notes to include in our "Luggs of Love."*

 **Mark  
Your Calendars!**

**Mid-Winter Rally**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2012**  
(Snow Date: February 4, 2012)

**Westminster Riding Club**  
**366 N. Colonial Avenue**  
**Westminster, MD**

*Hosted by the GFWC Stars  
Juniorette Club of Westminster*

— AGENDA —

**Registration – 9:15 am**

ALL Club Members are Welcome!

ALL Attendees Must Register!

Registration Fee: \$2.00

**Call To Order – 10:00 am**

**Business will be conducted  
in the morning to allow for a  
Service Project at the Blessing  
Wagon in the afternoon.**

— SERVICE PROJECT —

**Collection of the following items:**

Bars of Soap, Toilet Tissue, Paper  
Towels, Shampoo, Trash Bags,  
Deodorant, Toothpaste, Feminine  
Hygiene Products, Dishwashing  
Liquid, Cleaning Supplies

— SPEAKER —

Carole Richardson  
from the Blessing Wagon

— LUNCH —

Soup, Sandwiches, etc.

**More Information will be  
included in the Official Call**



*Junior Director Mary Beth (left) hands out socks for the GFWC Sock Project.*

## 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, 2012**. 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, 2012**.

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

## GFWC-MD BOARD MEETING

### **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

*The February Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Montgomery County District, will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse in Chevy Chase, MD. The community service program emphasis will be Education.*

*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.*

*Additional information will be included in the Official Call.*

## INVEST IN THE FUTURE...

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

When you or your club think of honoring a member, think **Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund**. It also makes a perfect birthday or Christmas gift for a friend, or a memorial. A card noting your contribution will be sent to the person of your choice.

The fund is named for Bettie M. Sippel, the first woman from Maryland to be GFWC President. It is actually a combination of two funds, "The Endowment Fund" and "The Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Fund." The two funds were joined in 1957 to simplify record keeping, and so the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund was born.

A contribution to the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund is an investment in the next 100 years of The Maryland Federation. 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*

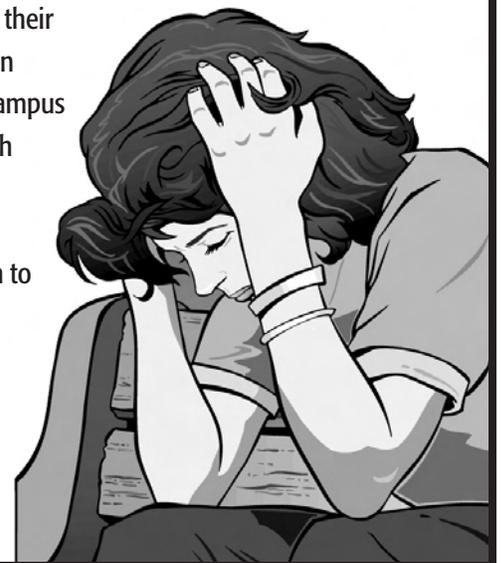
## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE... Cut it Out!

**Yeah, I'm still here...** And with tons of people losing their jobs or afraid of losing their jobs, I've become stronger. I still have my long-time buds... the ones who saw me in their homes growing up... the bullies... those who jump at the opportunity on a campus date. But now my perpetrators have found the Internet. And gangs promote me with their "tough" attitude. **Yeah, I'm still growing...** So don't interfere by helping my victims escape to shelters or safe houses. Don't give financial or physical support to those places, 'cause you just might shut me down. Don't call legislators urging them to pass bills that punish my "perps" or I might lose them. What's a violence like "me" going to do, if you keep cutting me out of American's lives?

**Let's Cut it Out completely in Maryland!**

**Support... Support... SUPPORT!**

*Karen Wasik-Saunders, Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Chairman*



# GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

## November 4-6, 2011, Marriott Griffin Gate Resort & Spa, Lexington, KY

**The GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting was held November 4-6, 2011 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort & Spa in Lexington, KY.** Women from the District of Columbia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and 14 Maryland clubwomen were in attendance.

The GFWC-Kentucky was a most gracious host. On Friday, our hosts arranged for a tour of Pope Villa, followed by Ashland Estate—home of Henry Clay, “The Great Compromiser” and first Secretary of State. We then visited Hagyard-Davidson-McGee Associates, whose family has been veterinarians for 130 years, and enjoyed lunch at deShay’s, a rustic restaurant in downtown Lexington. And no tour would be complete without a little shopping!

After returning to the hotel, we attended a “Leadership 101” workshop. Then we all gathered for the Kentucky State Night Banquet, with the theme... “Blue Jeans and Bling.”

Early Saturday morning, GFWC Leaders for the 2010-2012 Board of Directors met with GFWC International President Carlene Garner, and the 2012-2014 GFWC Region President, State President-elects, and State Director-elects of Junior Clubs met with GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Laister.

Southeastern Region President Jane Carver presided at the opening business session. Chaplain Sandy Jahn gave the Inspiration, followed by The National Anthem and



Maryland’s Jennie Award nominee Betty Meidinger (left) with GFWC International President Carlene Garner.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Welcome was given by GFWC Kentucky President Mary Alice Oldfield and GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs Christy Tussey. Lexington Mayor Gray welcomed all attendees to Kentucky and reminded us to spend our money in his beautiful city. Our own Mary Thompson, SER Secretary, read the correspondence and presented recommendations from the Southeastern Region Board of Director’s Meeting. The finance report was given by SER Treasurer Katherine Sowers, and the Budget and Finance Committee Chairman presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012. The Nominating Committee report was presented and a unanimous vote was received for the following Southeastern Region officers for 2012-2014: Susan Martin, President; Mary Thompson, Vice-President; Donna Short, Secretary; and Katherine Sowers, Treasurer. These officers will be installed at the GFWC International Convention in Charlotte, NC in June 2012.

The “Step Away from Abuse” Luncheon” was held in a beautiful white tent on the hotel lawn. GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Laister spoke about the 2012-2014 Administration. Then Beverly Lassiter, Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Chairman, introduced Brenda Bennett from the GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club (MD), and Pam Pilgrim and Sandra Fugate from the Jackson Woman’s Club (KY), who each spoke of their projects.

After lunch, reports were given by Georgiana Tillis on Leadership Education and Development. She then introduced the LEADS graduates from our region: Sharon Pace, Tennessee; Ingrid Peterson, District of Columbia; Belinda Ripley, Kentucky; and Sandy Stiltner, Virginia. GFWC International President Carlene A. Garner then spoke about “The Value of Your Federation and Belonging to GFWC.”



GFWC-MD President Jo Miller (left) and Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler pose with Maryland’s beautiful raffle basket.

Reports were given on the GFWC Juniors’ Special Project: Advocates for Children by Andie Johnson, GFWC-NC Third Vice-President and Director of Junior Clubs, and Mary Beth Strickler, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs. After a short recess there were two concurrent workshops: Canine Companions for Independence and Prevent Child Abuse America.

Evening festivities began with the “Time to Make a Difference” Banquet. GFWC International President Carlene Garner spoke on “GFWC Myths and Legends,” and Beverly Lassiter presented the Jennie Award nominees. I am happy to announce that our Betty Meidinger is Maryland’s nominee. The names of the two Southeastern Region winners will be announced at a later date. Dinner was followed by Fun Night, hosted by the GFWC-KFWC Juniors, and Bingo was enjoyed by all who attended.

Sunday morning began with a wonderful breakfast buffet and special music by Missi McCoy, GFWC Past Director of Junior Clubs. KFWC President Mary Alice Oldfield introduced the morning’s speaker, Winn Stephens,

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# YOU HAVE TO ENTER TO WIN...

## GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

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Director of the American Red Cross Bluegrass Chapter. Reports were presented by SER State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs.

GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler transformed into “GFWC Maryland Ditty Bag Angels”—and tried really hard not to “Bust their Ditty” as they told how Maryland’s Special Veterans Project is making a difference in the lives of the men and women who served our country.

GFWC Virginia’s President-elect Teresa Craig and Director-elect Jeanie Hamby invited all to attend the 2012 SER Meeting, November 1-3, 2012 in Roanoke, VA. GFWC International President Carlene Garner and GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Laister gave closing remarks. The Collect was led by SER Vice-President Susan Martin, and the Junior Pledge was led by GFWC-KFWC Director of Junior Clubs Christy Tussey. Missi McCoy led the assembly in singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” then the 2011 GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting was adjourned.

*Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President-Elect*

## The Community Improvement Program Award!

### CONTEST IDEAS:

- Every club is capable of creating a Community Improvement project.
- Almost any project can be turned into a Community Improvement project.
- These projects should address a specific need within the community.
- Clubs should establish partnerships within the community to address the community’s need.
- Clubs can partner with local organizations and GFWC’s national partners.

### CONTEST RULES:

- All entries must include Community Improvement Program Award Form (in GFWC Club Manual).
- Project books must not exceed 7 lbs. nor measure more than 15”x20”.
- Projects must be accomplished between 3/1/10 and 2/28/12.
- All entries become the property of GFWC. All winning entries will be housed in the Women’s History & Resource Center.
- Projects done by 2-6 clubs qualify as joint entries. Submit only one entry form with all club presidents signing. Clubs in joint entries are not eligible to submit individual club entries.
- Clubs that won a previous national award must enter an entirely different project in 2012. Winning

projects that were expanded will not be considered.

### TIPS FOR WINNING ENTRIES:

- Include a narrative and supporting materials (e.g. photos, news clippings, proclamations, correspondence) in a well-organized project notebook.
- Focus on conveying how the project improved the community. Content is more important than appearance.
- The project book should describe:
  - The community need.
  - How the project was chosen.
  - How the club gained community support (include list of partners).
  - How the club financed the project (include any outside funding).
  - PR efforts and media support.
  - How the club overcame obstacles to complete the project.
  - The results and long-term effects of the project on the community.
  - The club’s continuing role in supporting the project.
  - How the project influenced changes in the community.

### DEADLINE:

**March 10, 2012 — CLUBS should send entries to State Contest Chairman:**

Barbara Tilley  
9502 Amberleigh Lane, Unit L  
Perry Hall, MD 21128-9450

## GFWC MARYLAND CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS 2011 (BASED ON MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS OF 2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION)

CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS 18 & UNDER		CATEGORY 2 MEMBERS 19-30		CATEGORY 3 MEMBERS 31-59		CATEGORY 4 MEMBERS 60 & OVER	
Centennial*	12	Chesapeake	21	Bethesda	55	Annapolis at HH	113
Charles Co	16	Cumberland Jrs	25	Cecil County	56	Catonsville	86
Chinese League	10	Greensboro	19	Dundalk	41	Chevy Chase	209
Emeritus*	15	Kensington	19	Joppatowne	33	Chevy Chase Jrs	68
Greater Fallston	16	Laytonsville	20	Kensington Comm	43	Frederick	72
Myrtle*	11	Metropolitan	24	Laurel	44	Glyndon	83
Pocomoke Jrettes	3	Perry Hall	30	Silver Spring	51	Linthicum Hgts	120
Pocomoke Jrs	13	Sandy Spring	19	St. Mary’s Co	31	Severn Town	60
South Arundel	10	Suburban	30	University Park	34	Oakland	85
Southern Lights*	9	Wicomico	28	Westminster Jrs	39	Westminster	110
STARS Jrettes	11	<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>10</b>
Western MD Comm	10						
<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>12</b>						

*\*Past Presidents’ Club*



## GFWC LEADS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

*SUBMIT TO YOUR STATE FEDERATION*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

***Above information should be concealed during judging process***

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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*

# "12 STEPS FOR PERFECT REPORTING" 2010-2012

## Guidelines for Club Reporting

Covering Club Activities from January 1 to December 31, 2011

POSTMARK DEADLINE  
JANUARY 31, 2012

**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:** Patti Jo Green, 42 Liberty Street,  
Westminster, MD 21157-4937

**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
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS		DOLLARS DONATED	IN KIND DONATION
NARRATIVE ENCLOSED			
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

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Domestic Violence Fundraising	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2012
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Arts Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Arts Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Conservation Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Conservation Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Education Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Education Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Home Life Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Home Life Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Home Life - Canine Companions	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2012
International Outreach Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
International Outreach Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
International Outreach - PlanUSA Global Women's Fund	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2012
International Outreach - UNICEF	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2012
Public Issues Collaboration	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Public Issues Partnership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
ADVANCEMENT AREA AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Endorsed Fundraisers	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2012
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Communications & Identity	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2012
Community Improvement Program	1st-5th Place Cash Awards	March 10, 2012
CONTESTS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2012
"A Year in Pictures" (Calendar) Photography Contest	Non-Monetary	May 1, 2012 (to GFWC)
"GFWC Volunteers in Action" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2012
"The World in Pictures" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2012
Publicity Book	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 15, 2012
Poetry Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2012 (to District)
Short Story Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2012 (to District)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2012 (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.

#### ***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

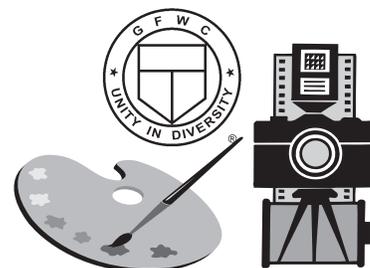
## Competition Can Be Rewarding

CONTEST	DEADLINE	SEND ENTRY TO
<b>Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award</b>	3/1/12	Josephine Miller, GFWC-MD President 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-9602
<b>Member &amp; Youth Short Story &amp; Poetry Contests</b>	3/1/12	Catherine Cash 10017 Quinby Street Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173
<b>Art &amp; Photography Contests</b>	3/1/12	Debbie Spinnenweber 14602 Viewcrest Road, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
<b>Crafts Contest</b>	3/1/12	Mary Thompson 105 Jenkins Drive Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
<b>Youth Art Contest</b>	3/25/12	Jeannine Dufrene 556 Maynadier Lane Crownsville, MD 21032-2136
<b>Newsletter Contest</b>	3/1/12	Joyce Race, Editor, The MD Clubwoman 44 Linden Street Frostburg, MD 21532-2114
<b>Publicity Book Contest</b>	3/15/12	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, 2012.**

*Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 21, 2012 at The GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting.*



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

## Rules For "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" Award 2011-2012

- 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, 2012. 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:

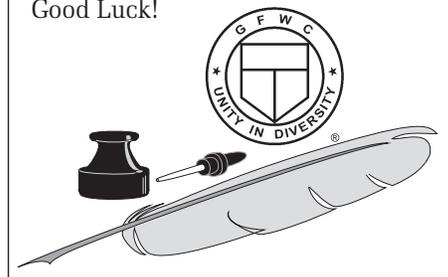
**CLUBS— February 1, 2012.** Send member entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

**DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2012.** 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, 2012.** Send youth entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

**DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2012.** Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash  
10017 Quinby Street  
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# MARYLAND ART, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

## April 14-16, 2012 at GFWC-MD Convention

**AMATEUR**— One whose art or craft is a hobby.

**BEGINNER-In Art**— An amateur who has studied for 2 years or less.

**PROFESSIONAL**— One whose art or craft sales provides 1/3 of their income. One who belongs to a professional art or craft organization. One who teaches art or craft classes for a fee.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All Artwork must be identified as **Original or Interpretation of Other Works**. All Crafts must be identified as **Original, Kit or Adapted Design**. All Art and Crafts entries must have been completed within the past two (2) years. **All Photography entries must have been taken during the contest year.**
- No item previously exhibited and judged at GFWC Maryland State Convention may be entered.
- Any club member is eligible. Entry cards must be submitted by mail. Please include the name, address and phone number of the individual submitting the entries, and total number of entries included, along with the entry cards.
- Five or more pieces constitute a competitive class. **No Awards Will Be Given unless Three or**

### More Individuals Enter a Class.

If insufficient entries are received the class may be eliminated and the entries will be placed under "Miscellaneous" for judging.

- All Artwork** must be framed and equipped with 2 screw eyes placed 1/3 of the distance from the top of the picture frame. **No Art Entry will be Accepted Without Wire & Screw Eyes, or Without a Secure Frame.**
- All Photography** entries will be judged at convention and awards will be presented. The first place winners in each category—**with the exception of the Maryland Contest, Portraits (A-15)**—will be entered in the **GFWC Photography Contests** (see rules at right).
- Judging will be by qualified judges for Art & Photography and Crafts, and their decisions will be final. **Ribbons will be awarded.**

### SPECIFIC RULES:

- The maximum number of entries accepted per person are as follows:  
**Art: THREE (3) items/category**  
**Crafts: THREE (3) items/category**  
**Photography: ONE (1) item/category**  
No joint entries will be accepted **except club entries.**
- Any Entry Cards not postmarked by March 1, 2012, will be refused** because of insurance deadlines.
- Make TWO Entry Cards for EACH Entry.** Copy the Sample Entry Card below and attach to 3 x 5 cards. **Mail One Card** to the appropriate chairman. For **Art & Photography Entries**, attach the **Second Card** to back of entry in upper left hand corner. For **Craft Entries**, attach the **Second Card** to front of entry.
- Entry Cards** should be mailed to the appropriate chairman as follows:  
**Art & Photography:**  
Debbie Spinnenweber (301-729-2258)  
14602 Viewcrest Drive, SW  
Cumberland, MD 21502-5806  
**Crafts:**  
Mary Thompson (301-753-9146)  
105 Jenkins Drive  
Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
- Exhibits Will Be Covered By Insurance For Fire And Theft Only.** All due care will be used in handling articles, but the insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for \$10.00 (ten dollars). **No Single Item Will Be Insured In Excess Of \$500.00.**
- All entries will be received on the lobby level of the BWI Airport Marriott on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration will close at 11:30 a.m.
- Exhibit Hours will be announced in the convention program.**
- Entries should be picked up at the close of the Monday, April 16, 2012 business meeting on the lobby level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Neither The GFWC Maryland Federation nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16th. **No Exceptions To This Rule.**

## Entry Deadline — March 1, 2012

### SAMPLE ENTRY CARD

Please copy the Sample Entry Card below.

Make **TWO CARDS For Each Entry** and attach to 3 x 5 cards.

MARYLAND ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT	
Club Name _____	District _____
Exhibitor's Name _____	Phone No. _____
Address _____	Zip _____
Entry Category No. _____	Value Of Entry _____
Description Of Entry (Title If Any) _____	
For Art ONLY (Check ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Totally Original</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Interpretation</b>	
For Photography ONLY (Check ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Film</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Digital</b>	
For Crafts ONLY (Check ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Totally Original</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kit</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Design Adapted From:</b> _____

## ART CATEGORIES:

**Abstract** A-1 (all media)

### **Oil and Acrylic**

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-2  
Still Life, Birds and Animals A-3

**Pastel** A-4 (all entries)

**Portraits** A-5 (all media)

**Sculpture and Mixed Media** A-6

### **Watercolor**

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-7  
Still Life, Birds and Animals A-8

**Miscellaneous Art** A-9

## PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES:

**GFWC CONTESTS** (see rules below)

### **“The World In Pictures”**

Natural History A-11  
Scenic A-12  
Feature A-13

**“GFWC Volunteers in Action”** A-14

### **MARYLAND CONTEST**

(for state judging only)

**Portraits** A-15

ART  
CATEGORIES  
HAVE  
CHANGED!

NEW  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
CATEGORY!

## 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)

## Rules for GFWC Photography Contests

### GENERAL RULES:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (January 1-December 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: GFWC contest/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 photo title.
- Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (download at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)).
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
- Entries may be black and white or color photos.

- Date stamps should not appear on photographs.
- Prints must be submitted. Electric submissions will not be considered.
- **All photos must be matted.**
- Size of entry (incl. matt) must be at least 10x12" but no larger than 14x16". All others will be disqualified. No frames or glass allowed.
- Please protect your photo entry, as damaged photos will not be judged.
- Photos submitted to GFWC will not be returned.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- 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, cityscapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, mountains, farm land, and similar settings.
- **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, 2012**.

# "A YEAR IN PICTURES" CALENDAR CONTEST

## GENERAL RULES:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: GFWC contest/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 photo title.
- Each entry must include a signed

- GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (download at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)).
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
- Photos must be horizontal/landscape.
- Photos must be in color.
- Date stamps should not appear on photographs.
- Prints must be submitted. Electric submissions will not be considered.
- **NO Matting is allowed.**
- Photos must measure 8 x 10 inches.
- All entries will be considered. Judges will look for photos
- Please protect your photo entry, as damaged photos will not be judged.
- Photos will not be returned.

- Judges will look for photos particularly suitable for calendars, such as photos relevant to months or seasons.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- 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.

**DEADLINE: Each GFWC CLUB may submit ONE (1) photo directly to GFWC Headquarters by May 1, 2012.**

# 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 1 and Class 2

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 3/1/11 and 3/1/12.
- 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 must 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 **must** 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 1 or 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, by March 25, 2012 for the State Contest.** Judging of artwork will take place shortly thereafter. The winning artists will receive their awards at GFWC-MD State Convention, April 14-16, 2012.

## ← 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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, 2012.**

**GFWC CONTEST—CLUBS** must submit entries directly to **GFWC Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 15, 2012.**

# 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, 2012.**

# 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, 2011 for 2012 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 2012.

## **DEADLINE:**

**CLUBS** must submit entries via postal mail to their **STATE Communications & Identity Chairman**, postmarked no later than **March 15, 2012.**

## ***Volunteers are just like Snowflakes— Each One Unique but Together they Make a Difference***

### *GFWC The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.*

The past year has been a busy one for GFWC The Woman's Club of Cecil County Inc. Our year started by celebrating the club's 98th birthday. It was a happy time when we welcomed eight new members and honored all past presidents. Nancy Clugston, President from 1984-1986, was surprised when our club president presented her the table bouquet of flowers.

Our club has sponsored the Youth Art Award Program through the Cecil County schools and the Cecil County Arts Council for many years. We host a reception for participants and their families. Everyone was treated to cookies and punch and the winners received monetary awards for their artwork. We are proud that the second place winner for the State in the high school class was Paige Rowley, a Cecil County student. We also support the Cecil Arts Council, Very Special Arts in MD, county choral groups who are our guests and provide beautiful music for the holiday season, and the GFWC-MD Youth Art Program. We are proud of the success of our members in the arts and photography, both at the State and National Convention.

Unfortunately, the February weather in our area is not always cooperative, so our planned activities were cancelled. However, our members keep in touch by phone and email during this time, so that no one loses contact with fellow members.

We support several members who volunteer for local tax preparation services through AARP. These services are advertised at our meetings and in our newsletter, so that members are aware of the times and locations for this assistance.

Our Public Awareness speaker was Susan Pryor from Union Hospital who discussed the need for Diabetes Awareness. She shared information on prevention, treatment and management of the disease.

Our club supported donations to the Battered Women's Shelter in the county, and also the Men's Shelter. We are proud to assist with monetary donations, as well as clothing, toys, games, and books.

One of our new members presented photos and stories of her adventures in the Far East with club members. She is quite knowledgeable about the customs of the people in that area of the world.

Our Ways and Means committee works hard to find ways to increase our income for our many donations. Members enjoy time spent at card parties, not only for the game at hand, but also to visit with friends from the area. Everyone enjoys the fashions from Boscov's that are modeled at our annual fashion show. The star of the show is usually our own Stumpy, for no one knows what she will appear in at the end of the show. Members and guests wait with great anticipation because it's always the highlight of the afternoon.



*Cecil County President Dottie Gregg (right) with Paige Rowley, State Youth Art award winner from Cecil County.*

We were honored to be part of Eastern Shore District at convention, with our own Dottie Gregg as president. Ruth Loomis and Stumpy Moore decorated the tables for all sessions. Our club won awards in our category for Arts, Conservation, Public Issues, Fundraising, and Women's History and Resource Center. Our members won awards in arts and crafts, as well as photography. We were so proud!!

Our annual luncheon was attended by Dr. Nelson Fritts, Fine Arts Coordinator for the Board of Education for Cecil County. He was delighted to present the student art award winner. We also had two high school seniors as guests, who each received a \$500 scholarship. It was an honor to see the pride in the parents who attended that day.

As a reward for hard work throughout the year, club members joined friends for a cruise on the Potomac aboard The Odyssey. Everyone had a wonderful time on the water, and then enjoyed a ride through Washington, DC.

Our meetings are always preceded with a delicious luncheon provided by the committee for the month. October began our meeting schedule with an interesting presentation by Cheryl Iacovara from Plumpton Park



*Cecil County members enjoy lunch aboard the Odyssey on the Potomac.*



*Eastern Shore District Officers: (Front L to R) Rosemary Slacum, Treasurer; Dottie Gregg, President; and Jo Rousseau, Parliamentarian. (Rear L to R) Stumpy Moore, Recording Secretary; Ruth Loomis, Corresponding Secretary; and Julie Gibbs, Vice-President/Dean of Chairmen.*

Zoo in Cecil County. Her program included information about the restoration of the zoo grounds and efforts to maintain the facility.

We anticipate a robust response to our November meeting, as members share in the delights of a silent auction to raises funds for our projects. Our speaker will discuss recycling, which is now a county requirement. Our December meeting will feature the girls choral group from North East High School. So, our members will start the holiday season with sparkly goodies to take home and also with beautiful music to strengthen their holiday spirit. That spirit will be extended to a needy family which will receive a holiday meal, toys and clothing from the club.

The GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. is a busy club and proud of our activity and service to our community.



*"Rosie the Riveter" was the Pocomoke Juniors' theme for Relay-for-Life.*

## *The Town and Country Club of Greensboro*

The Town and Country Club of Greensboro hosted the Eastern Shore District, Inc., of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., at the Riverside Country Inn, Greensboro, MD. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Don Parks, the talented author of "Chesapeake Winds and Tides: Journeys Among Eastern Shore Islands, Rivers and Communities."

Members attended from the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc., the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., and The Town and Country Club of Greensboro. The Town and Country Club of Greensboro received seven awards for their community service. The club recently was involved in PaddleFest, the House Tours, awarded a scholarship to a North Carolina High School Student, and purchased books for the Caroline County Public Library, North County Branch.

## *GFWC Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke City*

This spring brought lots of changes for the Pocomoke Juniors. We held our 2nd annual "Bunny Breakfast" at a local church and the proceeds benefitted Relay-for-Life. Speaking of Relay, this year's event was very successful. Our theme, borrowed from the Westminster Juniors at Convention, was the 1940's era and we were all "Rosie the Riveters." We had a blast playing big band music



*Pocomoke Juniors President Andrea Lilly (right) with new members.*

and decorating our campsite with World War II memorabilia.

We always enjoy performing the puppet shows at Family Reading Day, and so do the kids. Our involvement in the schools is very worthwhile, as we continue to issue scholarships, which is a blessing to graduating seniors in this time of economic stress.

It was a joyous occasion this year for President Andrea Lilly, as she initiated her daughter as a new member to the club.

You can't start summer without our famous Funnel Cakes. We had a very successful turn-out of supporters and continued requests for our new delectable treat, Fried Oreos (yum)! We were even featured on a local news station; we were interviewed and gave free samples of our treats.

As fall nears, we get back into the swing of things as we prepare for our first Vendors Fair. We have rented tables to local business/artisans, and will have door prizes, raffles, and baked goods along with chicken salad sandwiches. Decorations will be pink because this event promotes Breast Cancer Awareness.

We hope to plan a New York Trip before Christmas, with proceeds going toward next year's relay. As we think about Thanksgiving and our Santa Breakfast, we are reminded why we do what we do. Adopting families that can't afford a Thanksgiving dinner, and paying for one of the nicest men in Pocomoke's radiation treatment for cancer. We don't know how long we can help, but we will as long as funds allow. Finding someone that doesn't have health insurance, but still wants to work for a living is admirable. It warms your heart to see a community come together when they are really needed. We looking forward to another successful year and are proud of our accomplishments. Even though we are few, we are strong.

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### *GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc.*

This was a year of accomplishments and celebrations for the Wicomico Woman's Club. We celebrated 90 years of service to our community. While we are small in numbers, we are BIG in heart and dedication. Our theme has been "Thank a Veteran—Our #1 Volunteer." We have had several projects for veterans and have made numerous donations.

In January, we held a successful reporting workshop that earned us eight awards for our accomplishments. We are very proud that, while we were close for several years, this year we reached our goal of buying a cow for our International Outreach Program for \$500.00.

In February, our new Membership chairman gave us a boost by adding two new members. Later, she also brought in a member who transferred from another club, as well as another new member. We nominated our Outstanding Clubwoman of the year; a relatively new member with lots of enthusiasm and willingness to work for the club.

Our speaker was a Certified Diabetes Educator for Apple Drugs who gave an informative presentation on diabetes. We donated fabric to an 11-year-old girl to help in her project to make blankets for the homeless. Our president attended the GFWC-MD meeting and distributed funds from our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention project.

In March, our club hosted the Eastern Shore District Meeting in Ocean City. Our speaker was an artist, and had taught art for many years. For entertainment, we invited a grandmother from the Hibernian Society who read to us her grandson's winning story of his trip to Ireland. We made "welcome home" bags for returning veterans and



*Wicomico club members celebrating 90 Years in Federation!*

veterans at the homeless shelter. We sent cards to the airport for returning veterans. We donated books to veterans and prisoners, as well as non-perishable food to two shelters in our community.

April was our Celebration of 90 Years in Federation! We had a birthday party attended by many members who had been members of Wicomico's Junior Club. Former Presidents and 25-year members were recognized. We were delighted that our Eastern Shore District President Dottie Gregg attended and gave greetings. Our program for the event was "Fashions of Yesteryear."

We were honored to have the Hon. Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. as keynote speaker, who presented a Proclamation to the club in appreciation for our 90 years of service to the community. We also received Proclamations, Resolutions and Citations from the Mayor of Salisbury, Maryland House of Delegates, the Maryland Senate, and the State of Maryland. Our members are honored and deeply appreciative of the recognition we received.

In April, seven club members attended GFWC-MD Convention. We received eight awards: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention; Fundraising; International Outreach; Leadership; Membership; Public Affairs; Public Issues; and Women's History & Resource Center.

In May, our program was Conservation and our speaker was Christy Hallman of the Lower Shore Land



*Hon. Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. presents a Proclamation to the Wicomico club in honor of their 90 years of service.*

Trust. We also installed new officers for 2011-2012. In June, we held our club's picnic at the Salisbury Zoo.

In September, Eastern Shore District hosted the GFWC-MD Board of Directors meeting in Ocean City on September 20, 2011. Our club secured the speaker, George M. Hurley, whose topic was the History of Maryland Military. Our project for the meeting was ditty bags for female military. We partnered with the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City to deliver eight large boxes filled with these ditty bags. Their president and vice-president were guests at the meeting. They reported that they dropped off the ditty bags to MC Veterans in Baltimore, the Abused Women's Shelter in Salisbury, Home of the Brave in Berlin, MD, and the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Ocean City.

Wicomico Woman's Club continues to participate in all GFWC programs. In addition, we continue to contribute to the TreeMendous Maryland Program by planting trees for our deceased members. We share our bounty of food and monetary donations with our homeless shelters; Manufacturers' coupons for military families; Scholarships, as well as labels and boxtops for our Education program; Watches for the Arts program.

We are committed making a better life for members of our community, to continue our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Program, and our dedication to our Veterans.

## ***Involvement + Enthusiasm = Community Success***

### ***GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.***

While celebrating our 70th year in the Federation, the Woman's Club of Dundalk has continued to be busy with its many projects. Our planning committee works hard to make our meetings interesting, informative and fun. Our emphasis for last year and this year is to recruit new members. Last year we welcomed seven new, gracious and hardworking ladies to our club and the goal for this year is at least six ladies who would like the honor of joining a prestigious club such as ours.

Our projects are many and varied. At the May Baltimore District meeting, we were honored to receive eleven awards for our many projects. In June we held our Federation Friendship Luncheon at the Sparrows Point Country Club where 45 members and guests were able to see the display of awards. Present were many Federation guests, and current and former District Presidents. The musical entertainer took us down memory lane with a sing-along of old-time favorites.

We do many service projects throughout the year. Some members volunteer at North Point Library every Thursday, holding a baby boosters reading group for very young children. Our book club has also become very popular. Our members are dedicated to helping the community, especially helping the elementary schools, and working at supper tables at local churches. Some donate time and goods to our neighborhood crisis center. They collect and donate pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House and Bostops for Education.

Our club sponsors an Annual Youth Art Show and Contest at North Point Library at which over 100 works of art from our local middle and high

schools are displayed. The chairman for this program also chairs the GFWC-MD Youth Art Program for Baltimore District. Students win ribbons and cash prizes for their efforts. In March 2012 it will be Dundalk Woman's Club's pleasure and honor to host the GFWC-MD Youth Art Program. The children's artwork brings many visitors to the library and has become a favorite.

During the year we made over 50 ditty bags for our homeless veterans. We collected many necessary items to fill the bags, as well as candy and snacks. Everyone enjoyed doing this so much that we have started a collection for next year and plan to make more than we did in 2011.

Our Mother's Day Basket Raffle was a huge success and since everything was donated to fill the basket, valued at \$500.00, we were able to net \$800.00. Our next big fundraiser is December 8, 2011. We will visit GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC, followed by lunch and a tour of ICE! at National Harbor. Our Scholarship Raffle for cash prizes will also be drawn on December 8, 2011. The monies raised supports our many endeavors, but most of all we are proud to donate a scholarship of at least \$500.00 to one student from each of our four local high schools. We also provide back to school



*Glyndon club members delivering Ditty Bags to the Baltimore VA Hospital (L to R): Joan Poling, Baltimore District President Mary Lou Hodges, Jane Hillyard, and Glyndon Club President Judy Beck.*

supplies for families in need, and we adopt a family at Christmas. Our ladies receive a wish list and make every effort to fill it, along with groceries, clothing, and gift cards for shoes, haircuts and supermarkets.

Our programs for the coming year are varied and interesting, with visits from a Rescue and Protection Dog Service, and from detectives who will teach us how to stay safe. Programs are also planned on planting a winter garden, recycling art from the Chesapeake Bay, and much more.

We are a proud group of women doing good things for our community, and we look forward to being around for many years, and with many new members who will continue to do good work.

### ***The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc.***

In 2011, The Woman's Club of Glyndon remained the wonderful group of dedicated, energetic women it has been since 1900. It was an awesome responsibility to live up to the standards set by our members of the past 110 years, but our current members were certainly up to the task.

Spring of 2011 saw the club gearing up its support of the GFWC-MD "Ditty Bag" project. In April, the club honored two female World War II veterans at its meeting. Both spoke about their wartime experiences. They were so pleased to have been asked, since neither had ever been asked to speak about this before, and the club members responded enthusiastically. What a wonderful day for us all! At the end of the meeting we assembled ditty bags. Later, four members of the club personally delivered 55 ditty bags

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to patients at the Baltimore VA Hospital. We were warmly received by the patients who were delighted to be remembered and thanked for their service. This project certainly reached far beyond its original goal.

Preservation of our 123-year-old club house always has to be a focus of our club. For several years we have been seeking the answer to the problem of handicapped accessibility to the clubhouse. This year we finally came up with a viable plan for a ramp. Since the building is an historical landmark, it took us almost a year to get the project approved. It is now almost completed. We have received two grants for the project, but the majority of the funds needed have come from our fundraising and contributions of our members. Preserving our clubhouse and updating its facilities are essential to our continued success.

In an effort to reach our community and abroad, the club donated over \$5,000 to various causes. Local high school students received scholarships. Our fire departments, the library, Canine Companions, Heifer International, Mission of Mercy and Believe In Tomorrow were beneficiaries of our donations, to name a few. Our Ways and Means Committee was constantly at work raising funds. Our members, like their sisters of yesteryear, keep on giving and giving!

### *GFWC The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston*

Greetings from the Greater Fallston Woman's Club. As I write our club's article, I am counting the hours (9) until my husband John and I leave for a nine day visit to Israel on Saturday morning, September 17th. The invitation was from Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

There are fifty individuals in our group who will spend seven days being briefed and learning all about Israel's educational system, their military strength, financial and economic stability, and agriculture endeavors. All branches of the Israeli government are located in Jerusalem, including the Knesset (Israel's parliament), and we will spend a day at the Knesset learning about their form of government. We will also be informed on the core issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—especially the borders of Israel since the 1967 Six-Day War. Ultimately, President Simon Peres will install the group as the "Israel Goodwill Ambassador Counsel" for Israel. We will also go on an archeological dig, dine on the Sea of Galilee, visit some religious shrines, the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and if we so desire, be baptized in the River Jordan as Christ was baptized by John the Baptist. We are the first group to do this trip, but others will follow beginning January 2012. It is an opportunity to show America's support of Israel.

The Fallston club has been involved in our State President's emphasis of helping our disabled veterans via "Ditty Bags." It is amazing how many ditty bags are being prepared by our women's clubs, with the project flowing over into other organizations. Six of our club members also belong to the Harford County Division of the Ladies Ancients Order of Hibernians (LAOH). Our Fallston club made 15 ditty bags at the Oak Crest Retirement facility for our February "Gift of Love" for disabled veterans at Perry Point Veterans Hospital. One of our members, Mae Wilson, resides at Oak Crest and enlists other residents to help with filling the bags. Another member, Thelma Graziano, is the president of the Harford County LAOH, and together we made 18 ditty bags for Perry



*Joppatowne member Betty Meidinger (center) receives the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award from GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and OMC Chairman Carolyn Morrison at GFWC-MD Convention in April.*

Point for the July 4th holiday. More ditty bags will be made at our respective October meetings for Veterans Day. A thank you card is put in each ditty bag thanking the person who receives it for answering the call to service. As president of the Fallston club, I received three phone calls from female veterans at Perry Point who loved the items in her bag. We make the ditty bags for both male and female veterans, indicating this on a note attached to the bag.

On the second Wednesday of every month—including the summer months—we plug into a program at Oak Crest to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the less fortunate in Baltimore. We donate jars of smooth peanut butter and grape jelly every month, and help in the making of 800 sandwiches in an hour. There are Scout groups who help, as well as my Chi Sigma Sorority sisters. Of the 800 sandwiches, 400 go to soup kitchens in Baltimore areas. The other 400 are delivered to the Helping Up Mission on Baltimore Street. Twenty club members joined an Oak Crest bus trip to tour the Mission. We had lunch there, prepared by men who receive training as cooks to help them find jobs after leaving the facility. Some of us thought we would probably have peanut butter



*Joppatowne members Barbara Ledford, Education Chairman; Dorothy Bishoff, President; and Barbara Knapp receive certificates and plants from children at Joppatowne Elementary School to thank them for serving as reading tutors.*

and jelly sandwiches, but we were served a delicious full course meal including pumpkin pie for dessert. They can sleep 400 men every night. The linens on all of the beds used are washed every day by another group of men who are being trained. It is a really great program that helps those men living on the streets to get their lives back. Several of the men who graduated from the program have become paid staff at the facility.

Our club partnered with the LAOH for a fundraiser in May at the Dinner Theatre in Hunt Valley where we saw "Jesus Christ Superstar." We were blessed that the Glyndon Woman's Club donated a quilt so that we could raise monies selling raffle tickets over many months at different functions. This is really a special woman's club, to help our two small groups try to raise funds for the eradication of "Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy." Our Thelma Graziano has a 10-year-old grandson with this disease for which there is no cure yet. Those afflicted with it have not lived beyond the age of 23. This is a genetic disease with the gene being passed down by the mother to 99% of male children.

We continue with our recycling of things like greeting card fronts, pull tabs, cancelled stamps, etc. Again we must thank the Glyndon

Woman's Club, in particular Nancy Llewellyn, who saves recyclables for us and sees that they are brought to us at District and State meetings.

We thank the Joppatowne Woman's Club for inviting our club to join them in August to have crabs at the Winter's Run Crab House. What a fun night! Betty Meidinger asked if my husband John would be a guest speaker at one of their Joppatowne meetings, speaking of course about our trip to Israel.

### *GFWC The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.*

The GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc. is very proud that the honor of Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2010-2011 has been bestowed upon one of its members —Betty Meidinger. Congratulations Betty! You certainly deserve it. She has also been nominated for the Jennie Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

Our Arts Department has plans, once again, to do some one-touch painting. Some arts and crafts will be taught by club members and there are plans to visit local art museums.

Conservation is always busy with collecting pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House; items for the animal shelters; and old cell phones and eyeglasses. They give out hints on how to Save the Bay and conserve power and water in our homes.

Our elementary school here in Joppatowne will once again have members doing tutoring in reading. Members collect books, help with the school fair and mail handouts. A scholarship is provided for a high school senior and discussion is in the works about helping the high school band with uniforms and instruments. The club also sponsors a high school teen to be the recipient of the HOBY Award.

Home Life is always busy with Anna's House, Habitat for Humanity, and furnishing information on courses available at Harford Community College for those 55 and over. On October 1, 2011 four members participated in the Walking to End Alzheimer's walk. They obtained sponsors to help reach the club's goal of raising \$500.00 for research for a cure for Alzheimer's.

The club's Finance/Ways and Means chairmen and committees had another very successful Afternoon Tea in May and are already planning for the next one. They sold chocolates at Easter and are planning bus trips and other sales promotions in the future.

International Outreach will be having a speaker come to one of our meetings and talk about his experiences on a recent trip to Israel. We will also observe a no-meat day and will collect contributions for UNICEF and CARE.

Public Issues will continue with the "Ditty Bags" for the homeless veterans and send contributions to the Meals-on-Wheels program. We have members, along with their husbands, who pack and deliver Meal-on-Wheels. The chairman for Public Issues has only been a member of our club since 2009 and she is doing a great job.

We use a telephone tree to inform members about other members and their families who are sick, or in the hospital, new births, graduations and other items of interest.

Our club is not always all work and no play. We have some members who get together once a week to play cards at one member's home. We have our annual summer social crab feast in August and go out to lunch on members' birthdays. We all truly love the Federation and our Federation sisters.

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### *Myrtle Club*

Since our last article in “The Maryland Clubwoman” magazine, the Myrtle Club is pleased to announce that one of its members was named Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman —Betty Meidinger.

With sadness, we have to report the loss of another one of our members —Edna Jean McCaslin. Edna Jean was a GFWC-MD Honorary President, 1994-1996.

While our membership consists of only ten members, who are all former Baltimore District Presidents, we continue to work for and support GFWC and MFWC. We collect items at each meeting for the domestic violence program, we made 100 tray favors for Meals-on-Wheels, and we furnished door decorations for the Believe in Tomorrow Children’s House at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

We joined the Federation in 1899 and continue to have a long and proud history.

### *The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall, Inc.*

The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall meets every fourth Tuesday of the month between September and May at the Quail Run Assisted Living community room.

At the Eastern Regional Resource Center we serve a ham dinner to the clients every second Tuesday. We provide the Ham and, when available, paper products, cookies and fruit. This volunteer job helps the Center meet its goal of feeding so many homeless individuals.

Four times a year, our members clean litter from one mile of Belair Road. This project is part of the State Highway Administration’s “Adopt a Highway” Program to



*Perry Hall club members (L to R) Debbie Babikow and Skip Stinemire man the flower sale table at a club Fashion Show.*

promote cleanliness and pride in the community.

For the tenth year, the Woman’s Club of Perry Hall, in collaboration with the Perry Hall Improvement Association and the Perry Hall Recreation Council, raised funds, promoted and organized free concerts for the community. Concerts included: the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphonic Band and Shades of Blue. Over 1200 people attended.

Our club continues the tradition of awarding a scholarship to a deserving Perry Hall High School senior. This year, at the Awards Assembly, we presented a \$2000 scholarship.

Out in the community our club has supported the Perry Hall Easter Egg Hunt; sent goodie baskets to the White Marsh Library, Perry Hall Fire Station, and White Marsh Police Precinct; and participated in the Perry Hall Town Fair where we had a booth to inform the community about the Woman’s Club of Perry Hall with our brochures and information board.

In December the club fulfilled a pledge which was made in 2000 towards the restoration of the Perry Hall Mansion. A check for \$10,000 was presented to the Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion. All of our members participated in the various efforts to raise the funds.

Fashion Shows and dinners have been a major part of our fundraising efforts. Activities at the show include a bake table, 50/50 raffle, flower sale, and basket raffles. The monies raised are used to help us with our commitment to the community, and to help start new projects.

Our club, along with the Friends of Jerusalem Mills, hosted a Quarter Auction in November at Rosedale Gardens. Several vendors auctioned their products to benefit both clubs. The amount earned was split 50/50.

For the fifth year in a row, our club has participated in World Food Day. Over 70 non-perishable items and canned goods were collected and donated to the Eastern Regional Resource Center. Our club continues to support Adelmo Jimenez Junoz through ChildReach with a yearly fee of \$348. Adelmo is a 12-year-old boy living in the volcanic region of Guatemala. Correspondence, pictures and gifts are sent to Adelmo. It can take up to five months to receive correspondence.

One of our members volunteers at the Perry Hall Elementary School to listen to first grade students practice their reading skills. Our general meetings are a source of information, education and social discourse. Some topics this year were: “Sending Out Cards” using a computer program; Taking Care of Our Heart, and Storytelling. Also, a newsletter is sent out once a month to inform our members of upcoming events.

In May, the club sponsored a “Thank you Tea” for the residents of Quail Run Assisted Living, to thank the Center for allowing us the use of their facilities for our general meetings. Club members made a variety of finger sandwiches and desserts for the residents and staff.

We continue to be an active club and hope our endeavors continue to help and support our community.

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- April 14-16, 2012**     ***GFWC Maryland 113th Annual Convention,*** BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD.
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