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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Julie Gibbs
GFWC Maryland President*

Dear Federated Friends,

As I sit at my desk working on the “to do” list, I begin to feel the excitement and anticipation of fall activities for GFWC-MD clubwomen. I assure you, the list is getting smaller because of the efforts of our dedicated members.

I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing, put-your-feet-up, lazy summer. Did you find time to read a good book? Did you enjoy the fresh vegetables from your garden? I hope the shutterbugs are taking lots of pictures of Maryland during their travels. Did you have time to pamper yourself a little? I know you did find time to have fun with family and friends because this is what summer is all about!

Now that you are reenergized, are you ready for a fast and furious fall together in federation? Put on your tennis shoes and roll up your sleeves because we have much to accomplish with so little time—but we can do it!

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Solomons, MD. The program emphasis is the Conservation Department and what better place to be than the Southern District. The tour of the Calvert Marine Museum Center will be the highlight of the afternoon. A group picture in front of the Drum Point lighthouse is a must.

But before the afternoon tour, this president will have the honor of presenting the awards received at the GFWC International Convention in Cleveland, OH. We can do it—and we did do it! Congratulations GFWC-MD—to club presidents for their vision and leadership, to chairmen for creating the projects and programs, and to members for their dedication and participation. Together we made a huge difference in so many lives. Also, thank you state chairmen for compiling all the club reports and submitting a terrific accounting of all the work that GFWC-MD had done to GFWC.

On October 30th, GFWC-MD will host the GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Meeting in Bethesda, MD. After a year in planning, the fog will lift and the beacons will guide clubwomen to Maryland from Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. Please do not miss this opportunity to attend the GFWC-SER Meeting and show your pride in GFWC Maryland.

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Kent Island, MD, and the program emphasis will be the Public Affairs Department. The Eastern Shore District is planning a red, white and blue, with stars and stripes, themed meeting. A service project for the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan is also planned for all to participate in.

Forever Friends In Federation,

Julie

*Julie Gibbs
GFWC Maryland President*



FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Joyce Race
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs

GFWC Federation Sisters,

What did Alice in Wonderland say? "I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!" It seems as if one thing is almost over and it is time for the next thing to begin!

The 110th GFWC Maryland Convention began with Junior Day on April 25, 2009. It was fun and exciting. I was so thrilled to see all of you and share the day with you. The skits performed by the Junior and Juniorette clubs were great. How creative all of you are! We conducted the business of the day and then got down to the fun stuff—we presented the Junior Rookie of the Year award, Outstanding Maryland Junior Clubwoman award, and the Babs Condon award. All the nominees are winners for all they do for their communities. My sincere congratulations to everyone—job well done! Throughout Convention, I kept hearing about all the good things the great federated clubs of Maryland have done for their communities. Hearing your club's

name called for awards was "icing" on the cake. I am so very proud of each and every one of you and the many awards your clubs earned. Do you ladies EVER sleep?!

This year, the Youth Art Awards were presented at Junior Day. I am constantly amazed at the talented youth we have. It was a pleasure, and certainly a wonderful experience, to share the day with the young people who had winning entries and came with their families for the afternoon. Talking with them and seeing their art was inspiring. I believe presenting the Youth Art Awards at Junior Day is the beginning of another great tradition for GFWC Maryland.

After State Convention, it was time to gear up for the 118th Annual GFWC International Convention in Cleveland, OH, June 11-15, 2009. It was a whirlwind five days, but worth every minute. From start to finish, the speakers, workshops, and sharing ideas with clubwomen from all over the country had me looking forward to every minute.

I was honored with an award for second place in Category III for Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs. Let me set the record straight—I did not win the award—it was each and every one of you who earned the award, through your volunteer work, tireless dedication, and giving from your heart unselfishly to better your communities.

In my "Recipe for Success," my main ingredient is... YOU!!

Joyce
Joyce Race

GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs



GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

The 110th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention April 25-27, 2009 at the BWI Airport Marriott

GFWC clubwomen from all across the state of Maryland gathered in Baltimore this year for the **110th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Club, Inc.**, held April 25th-27th at the BWI Airport Marriott.

"A Recipe for Success" was the theme as **Junior Day** opened on Saturday morning. The Maryland Juniors celebrated their accomplishments! Special Junior awards were presented including the **Outstanding Maryland Junior, Rookie of the Year, the Babs Condon Award and the Outstanding Juniorette**. One of highlights of Junior Day this year was the presentation of the **Youth Art Awards** by Youth Art Chairman Jeannine Dufrene. It was a pleasure to have the winners and their families join attendees for the Sundae Bar and a little socializing.

Saturday evening brought the **"Passionate About Purple" Banquet** and the **Official Opening of the 110th Annual Convention** by GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs. Following the Presentation of Colors by the **Navy League Cadets**, Brenda Bennett led the singing of "America the Beautiful."

During our wonderful dinner, we were treated to music by **The Amaryllis Chamber Players String Quartet**, who played a most entertaining program. The speaker for the evening was **Carole Alexander, Executive Director of the House of Ruth Maryland**, who spoke on Domestic Violence Awareness. For their report this year, the Staff of "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine hosted the game show, "Are You As Smart As a Staff Member?"—with "wonderful"



GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs.



GFWC Maryland's LEADS Candidate Sharon Quinter (left) with Youth Art Chairman Jeannine Dufrene.



Federation Fun Night—
(L to R) Western District President Anne Forrester and GFWC-MD President-Elect Jo Miller, with LADYBUGS on their feet?



The Presentation of Colors by the Navy League Cadets.



The Amaryllis Chamber Players String Quartet entertained at the "Passionate About Purple" Banquet.

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CONVENTION REPORT**

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prizes! This was followed by Special Committee Reports and Awards.

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

President Julie Gibbs chaired a brief Sunday morning Board of Directors Meeting, after which Convention reconvened. Federation business included the approval of the Budget for 2009-2010. Then the Officers miraculously turned into LADYBUGS for their creative Officers Report—all fluttering their wings and flying as fast as they could fly to get their jobs done for Julie.

Department Awards were then announced and the morning's activities concluded with the presentation of the **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award to Jo Barker, GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.** (see pg. 7).

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

Attendees at the **"LADYS of Honor" Luncheon** were saddened to hear that the Glen Meadows Chorus was unable to entertain, but members joined in an impromptu sing-a-long led by Barbara Lowery and Accompanist Bonnie Andrews.



Some of the nominees for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award... And they are ALL Winners!



The Stars Juniorettes processing for the "Silver & Gold" Banquet.



(L to R) Debbie Spinnenweber and Barbara Nunnari enjoying the District Presidents' Reception.



Moonstruck—Malcolm and Carol Russ at the "Silver & Gold" Banquet.



The Eastern Shore District Report—Yes, there is a live person in that lighthouse!



Federation Friends (L to R)—Sharon Quinter, Babs Condon, Trish Wagman, and Carol Horne. (Sorry ladies, but they have too many titles to list them all!)

Following lunch, a very animated group attended **“BINGO MANIA”** led by none other than Christy Swiger. Those who weren’t playing Bingo, shopped for fabulous jewelry (among other things) at the Exhibitors’ booths, or enjoyed the fun gift items at the **“Ladybug Boutique”** and **“Lighthouse Loft,”** presented by Maryland and SER Fundraising. Members also viewed the Arts, Crafts & Photography Exhibits, which were excellent—a wonderful display of the talent of our members and students.

That evening, our lovely ladies of The Maryland Federation enjoyed light refreshments as they attended the **District Presidents’ Reception**. Then, Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents all processed for the **“Silver & Gold” Banquet**. Dinner music was provided by **Moonstruck—Malcolm and Carol Russ**, who were very entertaining as they strolled through the banquet hall, encouraging the ladies to sing along. Little did I know, when I requested a song from “Fiddler on the Roof,” that we would be

treated to an absolutely amazing “Fiddler on the Roof” medley!

Our “entertainment” for the evening continued with wonderful reports from the five District Presidents. From the “bus tour” presented by Western District President Anne Forrester, to Eastern Shore District President Ruth Loomis’s incredible “lighthouse,” each report was unique and very creative. After a report on the GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting planning by Barbara Nunnari, our members retired for the evening.

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

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



GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs (right) with Baltimore District President Barbara Weldon.

The **“Tea Time in the Garden” Luncheon** featured **ESO Speaker Marcia Talley**, the Agatha and Anthony award-winning author of “Dead Man Dancing” and six previous novels featuring survivor and sleuth, Hannah Ives. Personable and entertaining, she spoke about the Annapolis-based settings of her murder mysteries, as well as the real people who she decided to “knock-off” (in print)! If you didn’t stay for the last day of Convention, you missed a real treat!

President Julie Gibbs conducted the final business of Convention. Drawings were held for the 50/50 Raffle and District Baskets by Debbie Spinnenweber, Christy Swiger and Joyce Williams. Kaye Shoemaker drew for the Vendor Doorprizes.

Final reports were given by the Credentials, Registration, and Reservations Chairmen, and the Convention Committee was presented.

After The Collect for Clubwomen, the 110th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention was adjourned.

Debbie Spinnenweber

JUNIOR DAY 2009

A "Recipe for Success"

Activities began for the Maryland Juniors on Friday, April 24, 2009. Bells were rung for Federation Day as our GFWC Maryland clubwomen checked into the BWI Marriott that evening. Juniorette Fun Night was also held that evening with a pool party, pizza, games, and lots of fun. Their laughter was contagious!

Junior Day began bright and early on Saturday, April 25, 2009, with laughter, warm hugs, and clubwomen catching up on friendships. The thought for the day was inspiring and our wonderful GFWC Stars Juniorette Club of Westminster led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Just seeing their faces uplifted, looking at our flag, made us all so proud to be an American.

Julie Gibbs, our gracious state president, brought greetings from GFWC Maryland. GFWC Second Vice-President Babs Condon brought greetings from GFWC International. Maryland is blessed to have these two wonderful officers representing our state. Members of the GFWC-MD executive committee, past directors of Junior clubs, state committee members, and our beautiful state honorary presidents made Junior Day 2009 one to remember.

Business was conducted in a timely fashion and then on to club reports.



Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race (left) with the Outstanding Juniorette award winner, Hilary Utermahlen from the Westminster STARS.

Club presidents were challenged to come up with an innovative and creative report. Little did we know just how talented our state clubwomen are! The reports were fun, entertaining, informative, and just plain G-R-E-A-T! In their own recipes for success, these Junior and Juniorette clubs cooked up delicate, tasty morsels of volunteerism that truly benefitted their communities.

With a total of 171 Juniors and 38 Juniores, these clubwomen donated 13,102.5 hours, completed 369 projects and committed a whopping \$77,899.57 to their communities—WOW!

Business included the adoption of the 2009-2010 budget, the presentation of the Junior Special project award, and the awarding of the

Outstanding Juniorette, Rookie of the Year, Outstanding Maryland Junior, and the Babs Condon Achievement Award.

Junior Day festivities continued with the presentation of Youth Art Awards. This was a new tradition for Junior Day and one which, I am sure, will be part of Junior Day for many years to come. GFWC-MD Youth Art Chairman Jeannine Dufrene presented the awards. It was wonderful to see the projects and admire the art of these very talented young artists. We enjoyed having the opportunity to speak to the winners, especially when they explained how they did their projects or where they got their ideas—Fascinating!

To "round-out" the day, the Youth Art winners and their families, as well as all clubwomen attending, enjoyed a Sundae Bar for dessert!

Saturday evening, Maryland Juniors hosted "Federation Fun Night" in the president's suite with wine, mudslides, soda, snacks, and a little surprise gift for everyone. In honor of domestic violence, the room was decorated in purple. If you missed the mudslides, you really missed it!

Junior Day's "Recipe for Success" would not have been complete without its main ingredient... our fabulous GFWC-MD Clubwomen!

*Joyce Race
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs*



The Sundae Bar was enjoyed by all.



Celebrating 50 Years of Youth Art—The 2009 Youth Art Contest winners received their awards at Junior Day. The GFWC-MD Youth Art Contest was started by Irene Wilson of the Woman's Club of Linthicum, and continued by Lou Nau of the Woman's Club of Glyndon, then Jeannine Dufrene of the Severn Town Club.

ENDORSEMENTS...

For 2010-2012 GFWC Maryland Officers

Please remember to submit all endorsements for candidates for office in The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs to the chairman of The Federation nominating committee, postmarked on or before November 1, 2009. Please also send a duplicate copy to the candidate's district representative on The Federation nominating committee.

GFWC-MD Nominating Committee Chairman:

Anne Forrester

1203 Alexander Lane

Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550-1445



**Mark
Your Calendars!**

JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

AT

**LYNNHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
POCOMOKE, MD**

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

OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN



Jo Barker (center) receives the 2008 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award.

Jo Barker, nominated by the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc., was named the 2008 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman at the GFWC-MD April Convention.

The following nomination was submitted by her club:

This Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman nominee is truly an outstanding clubwoman. She is a dedicated and reliable worker in her local club and enjoys attending District and State meetings to share in the valuable work of the Federation but also to nourish many friendships.

This nominee chairs two committees in her local club. She is co-chairman of the evening group, which she organized a few years ago to encour-

age membership among young working women unable to attend the regular daytime meetings. She also chairs the Performing Arts Committee which has the responsibility of putting on the summer concerts in the park series, sponsored by our club. She contacts the artists and makes most of the arrangements for the concerts. This concert series is in its 27th year and is well attended and much loved as part of summer in our community.

This nominee contributes to the high quality of general membership monthly of the local club by serving as Chaplain. In this role, she focuses the meeting with prayer and thoughts of members who are ill or otherwise in need. In addition, she

always relates a timely or seasonal story which amuses for members' food for thought. She has served for over ten years as Chaplain.

This nominee also does the drudge work of the MFWC report writing. She has done this task for 15 years. She calls committee chairmen together to brainstorm the hours and activities worked and guide these chairmen through report writing.

This nominee recruits clubwomen to serve brunch or lunches for the prayer breakfast, holiday lunch and club meetings.

This nominee assumes responsibility when asked. She attends most board meetings. She will serve on the board for two years if elected in the upcoming election. She is a past club president.

This nominee currently serves the district as co-chairman of Youth Art. She has held several district and state offices and chairmanships. She has been District first vice-president, second vice-president, arts department chairman and Chaplain. For the MFWC, she has served as records chair, arts in the community, literature and performing arts chair and arts chair.

This outstanding clubwoman is a most deserving recipient of this award and is unanimously nominated by her club.

SHORT, SHORT STORY CONTEST

She Has Gone To A Better Place

by Marlene Rollins

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

This worthy entry in the Short, Short Story Contest was this year's only entry. Regrettably, it was disqualified from judging, since it had been previously published.

Madge Baldwin was bone-weary—but sleep would not come. She and John had spent the weekend going from brownstone to brownstone with the real estate agent. John had accepted a position in financial planning at the World Trade Center. He'd set up and furnished his office with sturdy but attractive black leather sofas and handsome wingback chairs upholstered in bold black and gold stripes. And, finally, they'd settled on the house—a sturdy three story brownstone in Manhattan.

"I'm really moving to New York City," Madge repeated over and over—while her excitement grew—the theatre, the museums, the dining, the shopping.

Madge and John's dreams were coming true at last. The last thought Madge had before drifting off—"I'll go job hunting right away. I hope to use my degree in Historical Research!" The help wanted ad said: Needed, immediate opening for archivist intern—apply—Museum of National History.

And then in a year or two—children! Madge's joy was soaring!

On Monday John took the taxi to his office while Madge waited for the moving van to deliver their things from the New Jersey apartment.

Life was good! Madge and John loved to explore the city—meet for lunch—stroll through Central Park—ice skate at Rockefeller Center.

September came—mellow and sweet—with a hint of color in the leaves of the red maples outside the brownstone.

"John don't forget we have a dinner date with Rita and George at 7:00—meet me at the museum and we can taxi together to Tavern On The Green."

"OK honey, sounds great," John called back as he raced down the stairs to the waiting taxi.

Madge checked her desk calendar—September 11 already—she had a research paper due on the 20th. She felt very confident today and knew she looked good in her black "go from the office to dinner" outfit.

Something interrupted her pleasant thoughts—a disturbance outside—a noise—was it a siren?—then another and another....

Madge started to go to the window when her boss's somewhat anxious voice filled the intercom...

"Emergency, leave your area NOW—leave everything and make your way to the nearest exit. Follow the persons ahead of you—go uptown and try to get to your homes—GO NOW...."

It was much later when a very exhausted Madge reached the brownstone—she went inside and turned on the TV.

Reality set in hard and fast. The Tower where John had his office—a chaotic scene from HELL. A bomb or something had hit—clouds of smoke/flames/people running....

The phone rang....

Madge heard Linda saying—"I'm sure John will be along any minute."

"What are you saying?" wailed Madge. "No more talk—I've got to catch the train—We'll sort it out"—Linda answered.

John was not along any minute. Instead as the day wore on, and the news got worse and worse, Madge's heart was in her throat.

Again, the phone rang....

"Madge Baldwin?, Office of Ben Johansen, it will be necessary for you to come to the City Morgue as soon as you are able."

"Oh, God, no—Madge lay down on her bed—please God, not John"—she couldn't think further—would wait for Linda to arrive.

But, yes, it was John—he'd been trapped in the stairwell—couldn't escape the fire—the flames came so fast and overtook the too many persons on the stairs.

Months had passed. Linda stayed as long as she could. Dr. Adams had given prescriptions for Madge's mental state, but nothing seemed to help—Madge simply didn't want to go on living the dream without John.

Linda came again when Dr. Adams and Rita said no one was answering Madge's door.

At the close of Madge's obituary, it was stated: "She has gone to a better place"....

POETRY CONTEST WINNER

In Remembrance

by Bonnie Andrews

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

What a beautiful day was dawning, bright sunshine filled the sky. Who would ever even think that thousands would soon die.

An airplane has hit the twin towers a special report did say and then before we knew it another was on its way.

How can this be happening in a New York City town, but lo and behold another in the Pentagon was down.

The news was devastating and it would still get worse because jetliner 93 was also way off course.

Now the third jetliner had gone down now which caused great people to know, that they had to stop those terrorists or more of our nation would go.

All you could see was rubble, black smoke, dust and fire, people were screaming and running, "get away and get out of the tower."

Police, fireman, and women helping wherever they can, disregarding their lives and safety to save their fellow man.

Into the building they went now looking for those who were still alive, "Get down those steps in a hurry, go now and you will survive."

Those firemen knew the battle had only just begun and many would never again see their wives, their daughters or sons.

And who could forget the picture of the flag being raised right there by a group of those proud firemen to show the world they cared.

We stood as US citizens on that black and fateful day; some sang songs of freedom while others bowed to pray.

Yes, many were heroes of 9-11 of last year; firemen, police and rescuers bravely disregarding fear.

The terrorists thought they had won now; those Americans are weak, but they hadn't counted on patriotism at its peak.

If you pass Memorial Park tonight on your way back home from here, take a look at the monuments for some of the heroes we hold dear.

Now the scene I see most clearly that's embedded in my mind is the raising of old glory and those who're left behind.

So let us all remember police, firemen and rescuers, common people standing tall. It's a tribute to our country united Americans one and all.

Some people may not realize it but yet we really know we have a special name for them and that is "heroes."

And we must thank our heroes who stand by us night and day and we know with his undying love "God will bless the USA."

PULL-TABS

Collecting for Baltimore's Ronald McDonald House

Maryland's only Ronald McDonald House (RMH) has been collecting aluminum pull-tabs since 1996. They take them to a local recycling center, where they are weighed and redeemed for cash per pound. This money goes directly into their main operating fund to support children and their families. Collecting pull-tabs for recycling is an environmentally friendly practice as well!

Thanks go to Jackie Hering, Jo Harp, and Sue Norris, who have graciously volunteered to co-chair this worthwhile project for GFWC Maryland!

How Can I Help?

Just start collecting! Pop pull-tabs off every soda, soup and food can. Be sure to get everyone in your family, place of business and community involved.

What Type Of Container Should I Use?

Please use containers that are easy to open and empty at the recycling center. Cardboard boxes and sturdy plastic bags are ideal. Please do not use water jugs or plastic milk jugs—they are very difficult to open!

How Can I Turn In The Pull-Tabs I Have Collected?

- Bring pull-tabs to any GFWC-MD State Meeting where they will be collected by the co-chairmen, who will deliver them to RMH.
- Deliver pull-tabs directly to RMH, or mail them in a package labeled "Pull Tabs." Address as follows:
Ronald McDonald House
Charities of Baltimore, Inc.
635 West Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
- Take your pull-tabs directly to a recycling center and mail a check or money order to RMH, payable to the Baltimore Ronald McDonald House.

GFWC PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT

Stepping Up!

Are you Stepping for the Roses? So far, 462 clubs and 2932 members are participating in the Step for the Roses program developed by AARP for GFWC clubwomen. GFWC clubs are embracing active and healthy lifestyles and improving themselves and their communities by adding walking fitness to their routines! Step for the Roses is just the newest addition to GFWC's strong arsenal of Focus on Health activities and resources, including grant and funding opportunities, and toolkits on a number of topics. Step for the Roses launched on February 14 and will conclude on August 1, but that doesn't mean you have to stop walking! Stay motivated and continue monitoring your progress. Invite potential club members to walk with you. And remember to report your walking success in the Focus on Health program under the Home Life Department. Read all about the Step for the Roses Program online at www.GFWC.org/StepfortheRoses.



Congratulations to Tricia Wagman!
Carroll Hospital Center's
2009 Registered Nurse of the Year

International Affairs

Heifer International has published a detailed article on food conservation, and how it can improve the quality of life around the world and save money. The article, "Waste Not, Want Not," by Ashley Michael, is available online at www.Heifer.org and recommends eating leftovers instead of throwing them away. Michael points out simple steps that can be taken to ensure quality for leftovers, including preparing, storing, freezing, and sharing them. The article also suggests donating leftover food scraps to local farmers and zoos, or starting your own compost pile, which will help strengthen the environment.

Home Life Program

The AARP Foundation is offering "Turning 65: A Guide for Women," a free booklet full of information about programs aimed at women 65 years and older. Questions about Social Security, health care, prescription drugs, and eligibility issues are fully explained. To receive your free copy, e-mail AARP at ScholarshipsForWomen@AARP.org.

Conservation

Did you know the kind of television or computer you use could have extra costs attached? A plasma TV uses 441 kilowatt hours and costs \$48.25 annually. By comparison, an LCD television uses 77 kilowatt hours and costs only \$8.42 per year. A desktop computer draws 255 kilowatt hours, costing you \$27.90 annually, but a laptop takes only 83 kilowatt hours and costs \$9.08 per year. The difference in energy usage and price covers almost every electronic device in your living room. For more information on going green read Real Simple's article, "High Tech's Hidden Cost" at www.RealSimple.com.

International Affairs

As many of you embark on program planning for your next club year, Plan USA has announced that it is important for states to reach a minimum requirement of \$1,000 in contributions to their Global Women's Fund for 2010, in order to qualify for the special state awards given in each membership category, being distributed at the 119th GFWC Annual International Convention in June 2010. At the 2010 Convention, Plan USA will hold a drawing from the clubs that have donated the minimum amount for an amazing once-in-a-lifetime trip for two club members from the winning club to visit the Global Women's Fund program in the Dominican Republic. But, the only way that this drawing will be held is if GFWC clubs around the country raise \$50,000 for this Fund. If you have any questions about this program or these awards, please contact GFWC Senior Director of Membership and Programs Michelle Marcoot at MMarcoot@GFWC.org or 202-347-3168.

GFWC-MD BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

The November Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by the Eastern Shore District, will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the Kent Island Yacht Club in Chester, MD (directions to be included in Call).

The department emphasis will be Public Affairs and the speaker for the day will be **Jack Lewis, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the State of Maryland**. Luncheon entertainment will be provided by **E.S.Q.** An afternoon **Service Project** for the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan is also planned.



Jack Lewis, Commander

Jack Lewis is Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, State of Maryland 2009-2010. Although Mr. Lewis was not eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars until his service with Operation Desert Storm in 1990, he was involved in helping veterans and their families on a local level. He holds many volunteer positions and served as National Chairman of the VFW Military Assistance Program, to ensure our military personnel and their families know about the program and get the help they need. Mr. Lewis retired from the National Guard in 2003 after more than 31 years. He was recognized by the White House with an invitation to meet with President Bush regarding the Iraq war issues and veterans concerns. Mr. Lewis has offered his talents of networking with many volunteer organizations. He was honored with receiving the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award for his work with the Holly Community, a facility for the mentally and physically challenged.



E.S.Q.—Faith, Tenor; Laura, Bass; Betty Ann, Lead; and Roni, Baritone.

E.S.Q. (Eastern Shore Quartet) has been together for almost five years. Their barbershop-style repertoire consists of sentimental ballads and lively up tunes. Barbershop music, a strictly American musical form, is sung a cappella with only four voice parts. Betty Ann Peters is the quartet's lead singer. Her sweet sound gives the group its musical character, and her enthusiasm energizes the quartet. She is also a certified director of Barbershop music. Tenor Faith Flynn colors each chord with her soaring high notes. Faith has taught music to elementary children and has also sung in many musical groups. Roni Gapetz sings the ever challenging baritone part with mellowness. She has a BA in music, has taught music to students K-8, and is the current director of the Ocean Bay Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines. Singing bass, Laura Masucci provides the musical foundation for each chord. Laura has sung in many choral groups from an early age and continues to do so. Music is an essential component of each member of E.S.Q. Together they offer a smooth well-blended sound that is sure to please.

Saturday, September 26, 2009

The September Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by the Southern District, will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Conference Center & Marina in Solomons, MD (directions to be included in Call).

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and the Call to Order will be at 10:30 a.m. Please note the Call to Order time is 1/2 hour later, to give everyone more driving time.

If you would like to reserve a hotel room, please call the Holiday Inn Select directly at 410-326-6311—use Group Code T-26. Room rate is \$109.00/night (\$120.99/night w/tax).

Conservation will be the department emphasis and the afternoon will feature a tour of the nearby **Calvert Marine Museum**—one of the premier museums devoted to the Chesapeake Bay. The FREE tour is approx. 1-1/2 hours for inside and outside exhibits, including a live otter exhibit and the **Drum Point Lighthouse**, which dominates the museum's waterfront.

The deadline for reservations is September 15, 2009. When making your reservations, please remember to state if you will be attending the tour of the museum in the afternoon.



Drum Point Lighthouse

Great News!

We have some CELEBRATING to do! To date, Maryland's membership has grown state-wide by a total of 105 new members. Twenty-four clubs reported 72 new Generals, 28 Juniors, and 5 Junioresettes. Congratulations to all—your hard work has really paid off! If your club hasn't reported new members for 2008 yet, please contact the GFWC Membership Chairman with their names and addresses.

If your club had success in getting new members, please let me know the methods you used. You can phone 301-831-9456 or e-mail: Michelestratmeyer@comcast.net. We'll pass your ideas on to other clubs and, hopefully, they will have further success.

So-o-o-o ladies... **FIVE More Would Be DIVINE in October '09.** Hopefully each club will set a goal of 5 or more new members. Then try something new for September or October—maybe a game night, or wine and cheese tasting party. Show your potential new members how your club is not only about volunteering, but about women having fun as well!

Hope you plan something wonderful to get new members interested and your club will enjoy themselves too!

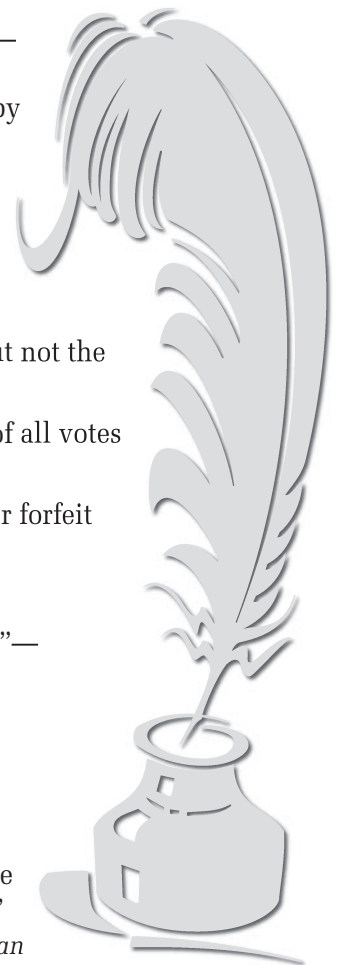
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Membership Chairman



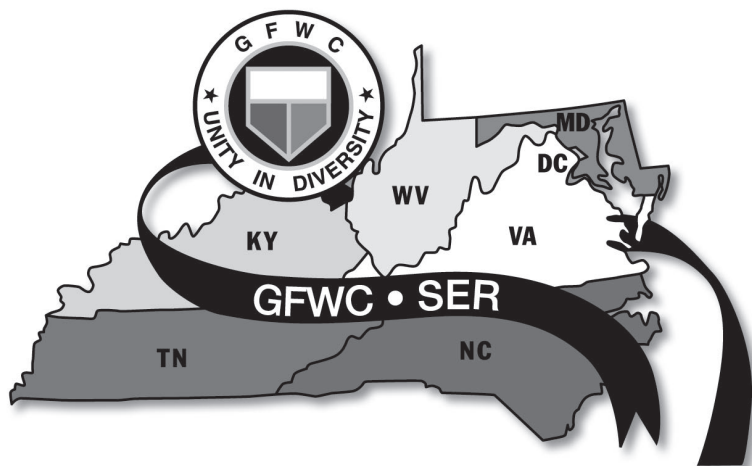
What Your Minutes Should Contain...

1. KIND OF MEETING: Regular, Annual and Special. At times note, this could be a committee meeting, board meeting or even an adjourned meeting.
2. NAME OF ASSEMBLY.
3. DATE OF THE MEETING AND THE PLACE if the club does not have a regular place to meet.
4. Whether the President and Secretary were present—or their substitutes.
5. Whether the minutes of the previous meeting were approved or dispensed with. If you dispense with the Reading of the Minutes remember, they must be approved at the beginning of the business at the next regular meeting, or they may be approved by a committee if the assembly agrees.
6. Minutes should contain the 4 following items from the Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Balance on hand at time of last report.
 - b. Total receipts since that date.
 - c. Total disbursements since that date.
 - d. Balance presently on hand.
7. Minutes should contain only highlights of reports given orally. If written reports are also given, only a record that the report was given is made in the minutes and a copy of the report is attached.
8. Minutes contain only a record of what is done—and not what is said. No personal comments, complimentary otherwise.
9. All "Main Motions" which were not withdrawn—and indicate whether they were adopted or lost. Include the count when votes are counted. A vote by general consent must be recorded.
10. All Points of Order and all Appeals—whether sustained or lost—will be included.
11. All other motions WHICH WERE NOT LOST OR WITHDRAWN are noted.
12. The name of the person making the motion—but not the name of the seconded.
13. If an election takes place, include a full report of all votes cast as shown by the teller's report.
14. Names of new members and those who resign or forfeit membership must be included in the minutes.
15. The hour of adjournment is included.
16. Minutes should be signed: "Jane Doe, Secretary"—and never "Respectfully submitted."
17. Corrections should be inserted in the margin with a carefully drawn line around or through the subject matter corrected.
18. After the minutes are approved, write the word "Approved" along with the date at the bottom of the page and sign your name and the word "Secretary."

Jo Rousseau, GFWC-MD Parliamentarian



GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



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Follow the Beacon to Bethesda, MD in 2009!

ALL MARYLAND CLUBWOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION ANNUAL MEETING

—WHEN—

Friday, October 30, 2009 to Sunday, November 1, 2009

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As “Keepers of the Light” for the 2009 Southeastern Region Annual Meeting, GFWC Maryland awaits your arrival at the Bethesda Marriott, October 30-November 1, 2009. It’s Maryland’s 375th Birthday and a special “Welcome to MD” Buffet Dinner is planned for Thursday evening. Be among the first 50 SER members to make reservations for an unforgettable tour of Washington National Cathedral, The Republic of China’s (Taiwan) Twin Oaks Estate, and Hillwood Museum and Gardens (*see page 15*). The agenda will include “Spooky Fun Junior Night,” motivational speakers, great entertainment, outstanding workshops, vendors with lots of good merchandise, wonderful fellowship, “The State Reports” and the business of the Region. Be sure to watch for the Official Call which will include a meal reservation form, registration form and the meeting agenda.

The GFWC-MFWC-SER Committee thanks you for your help in getting the word out!

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

HELP GFWC-MD
GET THE WORD TO
YOUR MEMBERS &
ALL WILL BE FINE
WHEN YOU ATTEND
SER 2009!



Bettie, Bette, and Betty (L to R) having a great time at the 2007 SER Annual Meeting in Virginia.

Spooky Junior Fun Night

at the Southeastern Region Annual Meeting

Don your favorite Halloween mask and enjoy music, prizes and treats at "Spooky Junior Fun Night." But if you don't wear your mask, you may find yourself in a Spooky Spotlight!

The form to sign-up for "Spooky Junior Fun Night" will be included in the Official Call to the SER Annual Meeting.



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Make checks payable to: MFWC / SER

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GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

GFWC-SER TOUR OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Friday, October 30, 2009 • \$60.00 Per Person • Limited to First 50 SER Members

Participants will be taken by bus to the **NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**, located on a landscaped 57-acre plot of land on Mount Saint Albans in Northwest Washington. The Cathedral is the sixth largest in the world, second largest in the United States. *(A behind the scenes tour will be conducted by Cathedral docent who is a GFWC-MD clubwoman.)*

Considered the largest privately owned estate in Northwest Washington, **The Republic of China's (Taiwan) TWIN OAKS ESTATE** is a Georgian Revival style mansion situated on 18.1 acres. It was built for use as a summer home in 1888 by Gardiner Greene Hubbard, founder of the National Geographic Society. *(Mrs. Margaret Yuan, Chinese Woman's League President and wife of Taiwan Representative to Washington will hostess luncheon for visitors.)*

Founded by American collector and heiress to the Post cereal empire Marjorie Merriweather Post, **HILLWOOD ESTATE, MUSEUM & GARDENS** in one of the premier art collector's museums in the United States. Encircled by woodlands, the 25-acre estate also provides visitors a tranquil oasis of luscious formal gardens. *(The first retrospective exhibition on Sevres porcelain in the United States will be on display during the tour. There is also a lovely gift shop.)*

Please photocopy the form below and submit **ONE per participant**.

Each registrant may attach a check to her form, or you may send one check to cover all registration forms included in the mailing.

Make checks payable to: GFWC-MFWC-SER

Mail to: Mary Thompson, 105 Jenkins Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640-1938

For questions, contact Mary direct at 301-753-9146 or e-mail mfwclady@comcast.net

GFWC-SER TOUR RESERVATION FORM

BUS DEPARTS FROM HOTEL AT 9:00 A.M. — RETURNS TO HOTEL AT 4:00 P.M.

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GFWC/SER/STATE/CLUB Position: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Make checks payable to: GFWC-MFWC-SER

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GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 118th Annual GFWC International Convention *June 12-15, 2009 in Cleveland, Ohio*



Cleveland, Ohio was the setting for the 118th Annual International Convention, June 12-15, 2009. Fifteen Maryland clubwomen made their way by plane and automobile to attend an exceptional International Convention under the leadership of our International President Rose M. Ditto, PhD.

Upon arriving at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, the Maryland ladies quickly learned that with only four elevators in the large hotel, if it stopped, get on! No matter which direction it was going! What a wonderful way to start our convention, meeting clubwomen from around the world, going whatever direction the elevator took us, but making new friends and landing always in the right direction. Four elevators could not deter the GFWC membership—who always knew the direction we are headed.

Several members arrived early to enjoy the Tour of Holmes County Amish Settlement and GFWC Ohio Memorial Forest Shrine. Others toured the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

At the GFWC Registration and Welcome Desk we were happy to see the smiling face of our own Bette

Brust (long days and tired feet for Bette). The theme for this convention was “A Vision of Possibilities.”

Early Friday morning our LEADS candidate Sharon Quinter started her long day of meetings and meals. Sharon was an outstanding LEADS candidate and proudly represented Maryland with her contagious smile and personality. This was an experience she will long remember.

The official opening of the 118th Annual International Convention was the Ohio Rocks with Enthusiastic Hearts and Hands State Night Banquet, Friday June 12, 2009. The Grand Ballroom was aglow with the excitement of the evening, with the Ohio Federation as an excellent hostess. The Federation was honored to have the Governor of Ohio to speak followed by dinner and “Dancing till you Drop” entertainment. One table even had special wine and bread to remember their first evening of the convention.

Saturday morning the GFWC Exhibit Center was open to see the many vendors and new information from GFWC. Being able to talk with the Staff of GFWC and meet the many organizations we support was great for old and new attendees.



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

The opening of the business session began at 9:30 a.m. with Maryland’s own GFWC officer, Second Vice-President Babs Condon being introduced. During the procession of officers, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race carried the Maryland flag, with GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs being presented for our state.

Keynote speaker for the morning was Meg Greene who spoke of The Girl Effect. She spoke about 600 million adolescent girls in developing countries that are largely invisible to the world. Included among these are girls affected by domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, and sex trafficking, to name a few. Thus by giving one of the 600 million girls a chance, you start the girl effect. Also presenting a welcome, was the Ohio state Lieutenant Governor.

Voting was held on proposed changes to GFWC’s Constitution and Bylaws and review of GFWC’s Resolutions. The session ended with guest speaker Kathy Becker, who spoke about GFWC Missouri’s five-decade Missouri Girls Town project.

The afternoon session’s Passion Luncheon featured Laurie Seligman, author, as guest speaker who inspired us to find and fulfill our heart’s desires. Then on to the many workshops.



The GFWC Maryland Delegation

Before heading down in the evening for our state photo, a surprise birthday party was held for our Director of Junior Clubs Joyce in Julie's suite. We won't tell how many years!

The Red Carpet was rolled out by the Juniors for the evening's Junior-General Banquet. It was a celebration of the partnership of GFWC Junior, Juniorette and General clubwomen, and recognition of shining stars and their accomplishments. Awards were presented for the GFWC Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children, and for State Director of Junior Clubs. The second place award in our category went to our GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Joyce Race.

Then on to the Rhinestone Cowgirls Fun Night, hosted by the GFWC Juniors. Cowboy hats and heel tapping was enjoyed by all into the wee hours.

Up early Sunday morning with the GFWC Chorus first performing at the Patriotic Breakfast. The business session began at 10:00 with renowned author Victoria Rowell as our guest speaker. A truly inspirational lady who spoke about her memoir, "The Women Who Raised Me."

Back to the proposed amendments to the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws, and proposed changes to the GFWC Resolutions, and a tribute to the late GFWC International Past President Maxine Scarbro (2000-2002).

Lunch was a working discussion time with "Lunch-N-Learn." An entertaining way to learn, meet people and enjoy lunch. Then back to the meeting hall to hear from Suzanna Metzger, "Learning Through Living." What a delightful lady who spoke of the true happenings in her life and what an impact it can have on everyone.

Then came the entertainment you'll wish you didn't miss, The Region Challenge Skits. Each region was given the same assignment with a

time limit to present what GFWC represents. You would never believe the imagination of these ladies. We laughed until we cried. But the best was last! The GFWC officers presented their own version of "The Simpsons." Ask Babs if she still has her red blankie. This was something I will forever remember from an International Convention. By the way, our region won the contest.

The evening held our Region Banquet where President Julie, Junior Director Joyce and MD-SER Chairman Barbara invited everyone to the Southeastern Region Annual Meeting in October. Sign-up for SER now to see the many exciting events that are planned. They have a fog horn you have to hear to believe.

Monday, our last day of convention for most, started early again with workshops and a business session at 10:15 a.m. Speaker for the morning was Stephen Powell, Executive Director, Mentoring USA and reports from the GFWC Region Presidents.

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws and proposed changes to GFWC Resolutions were presented. GFWC Nebraska gave their invitation to

the 119th GFWC Annual International Convention.

The Celebration of Service Awards Luncheon was the presentation of State Awards. There were many smiles from the Maryland clubwomen when our state was named and Julie and Joyce went forward to receive the awards. I am so pleased to announce that "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine won in our category in the new contest. All your hard work to get the necessary information to us helped to obtain this award.

All packed up, awards in hand, memories to hold forever, we approached the four elevators for the last time. What laughs we had every time we rode up and down, to see the look on strangers' faces when the doors opened to an elevator packed with GFWC ladies with a purpose. We had a meeting, workshop or meal to attend and the Federation ladies know how to accomplish anything they set out to do.

Hope to see every one of you in Nebraska. Wonder how many elevators their hotel has?

Jo Miller, GFWC-MD President-Elect



GFWC-MD President Julie Gibbs (right) with Gail VanVranger, founder of "Boatsie Boxes" Supporting Our Troops, and GFWC Ohio President Rose Logston. Gail collects items for our military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Maryland donated "cooling" neck bandannas and Goetz caramels for boxes sent from GFWC Convention. Maryland will be doing a service project to benefit "Boatsie Boxes" at the November Board Meeting.

The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up or Renew for 2010!

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

Now is the time to RENEW and update your club listing for 2010. The cost to RENEW a club listing is \$10.00. **Now is also the time to SIGN-UP for a NEW club listing and join us on-line!** The cost for a NEW club listing is \$15.00. Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your club meetings and special events for January-December of 2010. Your page can also include photos of club events at no extra cost, and each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website.

To join us for 2010, please complete the form below and mail to:
 Babs Condon
 GFWC-MFWC Webmaster
 1224 Martin Dr.
 Westminster, MD 21157-3812

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

Make all checks payable to:
 GFWC-MFWC Treasurer.

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

**www.gfwcmd.org
 2010 Web Page Sign-up**

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

Name of Club: _____

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

Please include the Date, Time and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from January through December of 2010. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.

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



BALTIMORE DISTRICT REPORT

Volunteers Working Wonders

The Woman's Club of Catonsville, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Catonsville, Inc. was organized in 1932. A group of Catonsville women, after attending a World Day of Prayer, stood in the historic church courtyard of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, talking... and the idea was born. After numerous phone calls and discussions, a favorable response was received by women who were interested in widening their cultural activities and promoting philanthropic interests. So... here we are today, 77 years later, in a beautiful clubhouse next to the St. Timothy's Church.

The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month, September to May. June is a busy month as Department and Committee Chairmen are planning next year's activities. The Craft Department will do quilting, knitting, jewelry and a project for a nursing home. Home and Arts will continue to read a book a month. The Program Chairman and her Committee have planned great programs for the

year, including "Exercise with a Belly Dancer" in September.

The Ways and Means Committee held two Card Party Luncheons and one Fashion Show Luncheon. The proceeds from these events help to fund our club's many charitable contributions.

During the year, the Education Department offers two courses, spring and fall, taught by adjunct professors from our local Community College. The spring class was "Our Fantastic Universe." These classes are held at the clubhouse and are open to the public.

Our Conservation Chairman was busy collecting and distributing magazines, stamps, greeting cards, and wool for nursing homes, and collecting pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Every month packing materials are recycled. Coupons from the Audubon Society were distributed to club members. This spring, the chairman helped to plant trees in Baltimore.

The programs chosen by the chairman and committee were entertaining and educational.

Two health lectures—one on hearing and the other on living better; a talk on Baltimore in the good old days; Catonsville High School Chorus; and country music, featuring local musicians, were enjoyed.

The Craft Department was busy doing counted cross-stitch sweat-shirts, "tea bag" note cards, jewelry and tiles. Many members entered the exhibits at the GFWC-MD Convention, winning ribbons.

Members of the Home and Arts Department continue to enjoy the reading program led by a librarian from the Catonsville Library. A book is selected every month and discussed the following month. A travel talk by a member, and a day at Toby's Dinner Theater were both entertaining and educational. At the final meeting in May, luncheon was followed by the reading of poems and inspirational writings. A collection of toilet articles was donated to be delivered to the Baltimore County Crisis Center in Dundalk.

All the members enjoy the lending library set up at every meeting by a member. The money donated goes for school supplies.



(L to R) Catonsville Woman's Club President Billie Jean Levely, with Terry Killon, and 25-year member Anne Kaufman.



Norma Perry (left), new member of the Catonsville Woman's Club, with President Billie Jean Levely.

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BALTIMORE DISTRICT REPORT

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The Membership Chairman has been busy. We have inducted five new members—one a month since January. New membership brochures were printed by a member. Cards are sent and calls are made to club members who are ill. A rose was presented to a member who was celebrating 25 years as a member of the club. Throughout the year, the club photographer is always “camera ready.”

The April Luncheon Meeting was attended by the Baltimore District President, Barbara Weldon.

May was our final meeting and luncheon. The hostesses featured “The Preakness”—horses and posters were everywhere. A delicious luncheon was served, a hat contest was held, a musical game was played and prizes were given—a grand finale for a grand year.

GFWC Woman’s Club of Dundalk, Inc.

I am pleased to report that the Woman’s Club of Dundalk is alive and kicking... we have had an extremely busy club year.

Our meeting programs have included a policewoman who gave us updates on the crime situation in our community, and how better to protect ourselves; a covered dish luncheon and boutique mini fundraiser; and a presentation from our local WMAR-TV weather woman, Emily Gracey, who gave an informative talk about her background and job duties. We also had an esthetician come and show us how to put on a pretty face using one of our lovely members as the model; and a local pharmacist who discussed how our members can and should manage their medications. In addition

we had several meetings just for members, so they could get to know more about each other; and a business meeting where members gave reports on their activities during the club year.

We had an ongoing project to provide useful items for a needy family during the Easter Holiday, back to school time and at Christmas. Items were donated by club members in the form of non-perishable foods, gift cards and cash. Two memorial services, one at Christmas and one at Memorial Day, were held by members to honor family members, at our Memorial Plaque Garden in the Dundalk Heritage Park.

Our main fundraiser was a bus trip to see the Radio City Rockettes Spectacular at the 1st Mariner Arena for the Holiday show. In addition, this year we added a raffle for a Mother’s Day Basket filled to the brim with items any mom would love... gift cards for salons, massages, restaurants, wine and cheese, a robe and slippers, and miscellaneous toiletries. It was determined that this basket’s value, with ALL items donated by club members, was over \$500.00.

Our Education Committee continued to volunteer at the local library and local schools, and run a book club. In addition, four scholarships were given to students at three local high schools and a community college. We were extremely fortunate again this year to be the recipient of a nice donation from a former student who had received a scholarship from our club back in the early 60s. The gentleman decided that our assistance at that time helped make him who he is today and wished to give something back.

Membership has been busy and is pleased to report that our club welcomed nine new members this year! There is an abundance of hope for clubs like ours and we will keep

giving of ourselves to make it a viable and successful organization for the betterment of our community and residents.

The Woman’s Club of Glyndon, Inc.

The Woman’s Club of Glyndon began the 2008 fiscal year with its 109th year of service, and 102nd year with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, with 91 members.

At the September meeting we welcomed the 2007 Literature Contest winner and ultimate 2008 winner of the GFWC-MD and GFWC Short Story Contest. We began fundraising with a Ride the Ducks Tour in the Baltimore Harbor. A committee was designated in September to investigate handicapped access to the clubhouse in conjunction with the School House Preservation concerns and guidelines.

Throughout the year the club serves a luncheon at each of its nine meetings, which include speakers, entertainment or special services. Some of this year’s programs include speakers on Women and Aging; Women in the Media; Senior Safety; and The History of Emory Grove. There was a Fashion Show; Holiday Music by Franklin High School Choir; and lunch at the Hannah More Center featuring a history of the Center.

In October the club began its fifth year supporting the Hannah More Center for victims of domestic violence. Members volunteered at local schools. A club party for members and guests was held at a nearby church. Several Glyndon club members attended the GFWC-MD Domestic Violence Awareness Weekend at the Beach.

A Virginia Diner Nut Drive fundraiser was sponsored in November. For the last seven years club mem-



Glyndon Club members attending the Baltimore District May Meeting at Sparrows Point Country Club. Standing (L to R): First Vice-President Judy Beck, Gloria Davidson, Lynne Maher, Recording Secretary Dot Hansen, and Mary Lou Hodges. Seated (L to R): President Kathy Shay, Luaine Carey, and Joyce Williams.

bers have made donations to the Coats for Kids Drive. The clubhouse received new gutters and downspouts, which complied with historic preservation guidelines. A grant was received from HGI to assist with the cost. Efforts to start the Art Contest were initiated in several schools and letters were sent to eleven schools to initiate the Literature Contest.

The last big event of 2008 was the Annual Charity Tea in December. All proceeds go to support the club's charities. For the 17th year, toiletries, combs, hand towels, etc. were collected. They were assembled into seventy bags and distributed to local nursing and assisted living homes. Afghans were distributed to the Veterans Hospital.

January 2009 began with various school supplies being collected and donated to the Baltimore District for their project in assembling lunch boxes full of supplies, of which two were returned to each club in February. Those given to the Glyndon Club were donated to Franklin and Reisterstown Middle Schools.

Three bedspreads and four bookcases were donated to the Hannah More Shelter.

As an International Affairs Project in February, members contributed items for First Response Disaster Kits, and assembled them following the February meeting. The kits were given to Church World Service in New Windsor for distribution worldwide. Items were collected to be donated to the Baltimore District to be used for door prizes at SER in October. Glyndon was proud to nominate a member for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award.

Members were requested to contact their senators to support domestic violence issues that GFWC was supporting. Members gave 322 clothing items for the Clothes Closet Project, which were donated to Baltimore County Social Services. In March we hosted our first Bingo party with Christy Swiger as the caller. Efforts continued to assess handicapped accessibility to the clubhouse. The club newsletter began a new feature, "Walk Down

Memory Lane," to highlight people, the clubhouse and events of our past. At the end of March the club sponsored a bus trip to Allenberry Playhouse.

April is a favorite meeting when the Literature and the Art Contest winners are invited to lunch and are given awards. Nine literature winners read their poems and short stories, and two art contestants showed their art projects. Members of the Ways and Means Committee presented "The Debate," which emphasized our clubhouse heritage, history and preservation responsibilities, while reviewing recent years of financial statistics highlighting our resource obligations. On the lawn of one of our members, we had our 2nd Annual Yard Sale.

The May meeting celebrated the 90th birthday of our oldest "Active" member. Twenty beautiful handmade quilts of all sizes and designs were displayed by the quilting members of the Linus Project, prior to their being donated to local area hospitals. A memorial service was held for the families and friends of members we lost over the past year. The largest spring event was held in May when we hosted Author Lois Szymanski, Franklin High School graduate and Westminster resident, as the featured speaker at the Book and Author Luncheon. We invited the Reisterstown Kiwanis to host a Co-Bingo event with us in the future. One of our members attended the first ever GFWC Federation Volunteer Vacation with Rebuilding Together, a partner project of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It was a week with other members rebuilding a New Orleans building. The club historian wrote an article, which will be sent, along with a picture of our historic clubhouse, to the "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine for inclusion in its series of articles, "This Place Matters."

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Some of the charities which benefit from our fundraising efforts are: Canine Companions, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Kennedy Krieger Institute, and Mission of Mercy; Franklin and Owings Mills High Schools with scholarships; and the Volunteer Fire Companies of Glyndon, Owings Mills and Reisterstown.

An important effort was membership and we are proud to have inducted five new members into the club this fiscal year. Including members lost, our club totals 94 valued and loved members. We look forward to the combined Glyndon and Kiwanis Co-Bingo event in the fall and the Annual Charity Tea in December.

GFWC The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston

The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston is pleased to announce that in the 2008-2009 administration we had 12 paid members. We only had 9 paid members for 2007-2008 and we are hopeful that we will add three more members for the 2009-2010 administration.

Since our adopted family for the past three years is now on their way to being self-sufficient, we were in touch, by a local church, with another family for the Christmas Holiday of December 2008. Our new mother has been battling AIDS for the last ten years. She has a 14-year-old son and a 10-year-old son, but was also taking care of her three-year-old niece. She was in the hospital for several weeks in November/December and wound up losing her apartment and having her furniture repossessed. The neighbors were keeping her dishes, pots and pans, linens, etc. but ultimately gave them away. She had nothing but

some clothes and three pots someone gave her. She was released from the hospital four days before Christmas and was staying with a sister-in-law who said they could only stay until the end of December. I quickly realized that the woman's club needed reinforcements. I went to my sorority, Chi Sigma-Alpha Lambda Chapter, to get their assistance for the Christmas gift giving. I knew the Greater Fallston Club could provide food for the holidays and perhaps a few gifts, but this family needed everything. The sorority came through with a van that was filled with gifts for the three children and even for our mother. The gifts were delivered just before Christmas to the sister-in-law's house. Our mother had never had a new coat in her whole life, but one was bought for her from a personal donation from a woman's club member. Other personal monetary donations from the woman's club bought our family \$250.00 worth of food, cleaning and laundry products, etc. to set her up in an apartment that the county helped her to get. A generous sorority sister put up \$450.00 to buy living room furniture, tables, lamps and a small TV set from the Treasure Chest at Oak Crest. A gentleman and his son from church, who both had vans, picked up the furniture and delivered it to her apartment. Members' personal donations bought two WalMart air mattresses for the two bedrooms and a quilt set for the one mattress. Donations came in of sheets, blankets and pillows. Church members provided brand new pots and pans, a toaster, dish set and glasses, as well as silverware and cooking utensils. We continue to assist her with shelf staple foods brought in at each club meeting. On Valentine's Day, when she received our Gift of Love Basket, like our other family mother, she just sat and looked at it for the first two

days. Our 10-year-old boy graduated from 5th grade in May and the school takes the whole class on a three-day camping experience. The club, via personal donations again, provided the sleeping bag and personal items for the campout. We have helped our mother with bus money to travel to Hopkins every day to get her medications.

At our June 2009 Annual Meeting, held at Oak Crest, this president named each member as an Outstanding Clubwoman for the 2008-2009 administration. Each member was given business cards with the GFWC logo on them, and their name address and phone number, made up by my husband. These cards were put in a small heart-shaped pillow that had a small plastic sleeve in front for a gift card that held the business cards and a little envelope that had the GFWC logo on a tie-tack pin.

We had several fundraisers to support the HOBY scholarship. New this year, was a Sunday afternoon at the Lorenzo Dinner Theater in Timonium that we co-sponsored with the Harford County Ladies Auxiliary of Hibernians. We realized a profit of \$150.00, which is enough to pay for the HOBY scholarship. We are having a RADA knife sale again. We also had one for Christmas 2008. In December 2008 we had a fundraiser, going to "A Country Tea" in Stewartstown, PA. We had a wonderful afternoon of tea, a petite lunch, dessert and a personal tour of the old house with different theme-decorated Christmas trees throughout the building.

For 31 years the Fallston Woman's Club has sponsored the Fallston Meals-On-Wheels route by scheduling and delivering meals to the homebound. We use other community volunteers to assist in the delivery of these prepared meals, but only our club has handled the

scheduling of two volunteers per day to take two meals, five days a week, to those in need in the Greater Fallston and surrounding area.

We have an extensive recycling program in our club with outside-the-club persons supporting our efforts as well. We save used eyeglasses, used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels, used greeting card fronts, and new this year, we are saving manufacturers' coupons, both current coupons as well as outdated ones, that are sent to our troops and their families overseas so they can use them in

the commissary in foreign countries. Company owners are redeeming all coupons, even if the coupon is outdated. We are especially grateful to Nancy Llewellyn, a member of the Glyndon Woman's Club, for her assistance with the saving of coupons, cancelled stamps and soup labels. Also supporting this recycle program is the Perry Hall Woman's Club. I believe the Joppatowne Woman's Club is going to start supporting this project as well. We have continued to spread sunshine in our little corner of the world these past 31 years.

portion of Shore Drive on Rumsey Island, or get the parents ready for the Fishing Derby. They also keep busy collecting old blankets, quilts, sheets and whatever is needed to keep the animals warm and comfortable at the animal shelters. They also make donations to Save the Bay and collect pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Joppatowne Elementary School gets full benefit from our Education Chairman and Committee. They tutor the children in reading; donate lots and lots of books and school supplies; and collect Campbell's food labels and box tops. They sponsor a scholarship program with Joppatowne High School, which has been very successful. The Education Committee also donates to HOBY.

Our Home Life Chairman and Committee keep busy donating time to Anna's House, which is a transitional home for women who have been in abusive relationships. This group put together a great Mother's Day dinner for these ladies and their children. They put smiles on the faces of our service men and women with the boxes they send to Iraq. Children jump with glee when they get to visit Santa at the yearly Breakfast with Santa, which is done in cooperation with the Friends of

The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.

The Joppatowne Woman's Club has been in the GFWC-MD Federation since April 1966 (43 years) and, like the Energizer Bunny, we are still going strong. With our members' enthusiasm, I don't see us slowing down any time soon. We have two new members, who I am sure will soon be getting into the swing of things with this infectious club.

Our Conservation Chairman and Committee cannot wait to get out their trash picker uppers, brooms, dust pans and rakes to clean up our



Betty Meidinger (right), Joppatowne Woman's Club's nominee for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, with GFWC Maryland President Julie Gibbs.



(L to R) Barbara Albers, Dottie Bishoff, and Betty Manthei of Joppatowne Woman's Club getting ready to deliver Mothers Day meals to the residents of Anna's House.



Joppatowne Woman's Club advertising their yard sale with their club banner.

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the Library at our local Joppatowne Library. We had a lawyer and a financial advisor attend one of our meetings, speaking on the topics of wills and estate planning.

Finance/Ways and Means put together a very, very successful Tea and Symphony fundraiser, with a local harpist playing background music and everyone drinking various assorted teas along with many varieties of nourishments. We sold Joe Corbi's pizzas and cookie dough. There is also a bus trip for an overnight stay in Cape May in the works for an October fundraiser. There will be a raffle for a December drawing. The winner will receive a 32" flat screen TV or \$400.00 cash, whichever they prefer. In conjunction with the Rumsey Island Yard Sale, we had our own tables set up with the Joppatowne Woman's Club banner in full view.

International Affairs distributed UNICEF boxes to club members, and also to some of the schools in the area. We observed World Food Day in October by not eating meat. We also had a program in October with two speakers from the International Red Cross who spoke about how our blood donations help worldwide. During our meeting in September, club members wore attire indicating where they traveled for vacation the previous summer months. We also contribute to CARE.

Community Affairs—we have two members, along with their husbands, who pack and deliver Meals-On-Wheels anywhere from four to six times a month.

Our Arts Committee put together a youth art show in conjunction with the Friends of the Library. We had 68 entries, beginning with the kindergarten class through the 5th grade. The entrants were from

various elementary schools in the Joppatowne area. They received ribbons and some received monetary awards. All entrants received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Joppatowne Woman's Club. Light refreshments were served.

Our parliamentarian was surprised when she was announced as a nominee for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award at the GFWC-MD Convention.

It is the hard work, fun and dedication of these ladies that make me proud to be their president.

Myrtle Club

M— Membership in the Myrtle club consists of 11 former presidents of the Baltimore District.

Y— Yearly, members participate in projects of GFWC-MD such as Youth Art, Save the Bay, and Domestic Violence Awareness.

R— Resolved to bring a ray of sunshine to children and their families who temporarily reside at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins, by providing seasonal door hangings in the Center.

T— "Take time for all things to grow calm, serene, gentle" is the motto presented to the members of a small club as they endeavor to fulfill the challenges presented to clubwomen.

L— Love for volunteer work through the years is exhibited by each club member.

E— Enjoyment in the fellowship of each member, as they meet together at the club's three meetings, is most important.

The Woman's Club of Perry Hall, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Perry Hall has had a great year! In the Spring, the community of Perry Hall opened a

new library, on March 9, 2009. Our club was instrumental with the opening of the first Perry Hall library in 1957. Our Fashion Show on April 30, 2009 was a successful fundraiser to help our charities in our community. In May, we participated in a great yard sale. This summer, in conjunction with the Perry Hall Improvement Association, we sponsored four free concerts for the Perry Hall community.

For the environment, our club donates to Tree-Mendous Maryland, Save the Bay; and a team of ladies does a road cleanup in our neighborhood four times a year. Year-round we donate to a consignment shop called Doves in Flight, which we support with men's and women's clothing, shoes, and pocketbooks. We sponsor a child in Guatemala through ChildReach. This year we sent him an Orioles baseball hat and two Orioles shirts. He corresponds with us, telling about his family and life in his country. Ten of our members serve a meal once a month at our local shelter, helping 140 women and children.

Our club presented a \$200.00 scholarship to a student of Perry Hall High School. We donate to the school's SADD program and we contribute money to their After The Prom Party. At the elementary school we have Reading Buddies with the children.

In July we have a booth at the Perry Hall Town Fair, and a booth of flowers for sale. The monies from the flowers will be added to our funds for the community. We attended a Paddle Auction with vendors of jewelry, Tastefully Simple, and Home Interiors, from which monies were raised.

We work year-round to raise funds and have been working hard since 1957! We enjoy helping the community and enjoy the friendships we have made.

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT REPORT

Volunteers of Today will be the Lights for Tomorrow

Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.

Members of the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. started the year with a Birthday Luncheon at The Kitty Knight House in Georgetown, MD to celebrate the 95th birthday of the club. We were honored to have as our guests Ruth Loomis, Eastern Shore District President, and Julie Gibbs, GFWC-MD President. After a delicious luncheon our membership chairman, Judith Cole, was delighted to install Frances Dixon and Rose Perrone as new members of our club. Then we were all entertained with the music of a local favorite, Ed McKeown, who shared his talent by singing a selection of show tunes, as well as inspirational songs. All of the attending past presidents were honored with a long stemmed yellow rose.

Our local club cooperates with the Cecil County Public Schools with the support for a Winter Arts Show which is held at the Cecil County Arts facility in Elkton. Members provided punch, cookies and other snacks for over 200 students and

parents who attended this show. Winners at this show were presented with a personal letter of congratulations from the club, as well as a monetary award for their achievement. The artwork of the winners of this show is taken to the Eastern Shore District Art Show in March. Winners of that show are then entered in the State contest at convention time in April.

Members from the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. attended the GFWC-MD Board of Director's meeting at Columbus Gardens. Everyone was interested in learning about the responsibilities of the committee for the centerpieces for the Southeastern Region Annual Meeting since the Eastern Shore District will be filling baskets for the Domestic Violence Awareness affair.

Representatives from three different law enforcement agencies were guests at the March meeting. After a delicious luncheon and entertaining conversation with the members, the officers were presented with the gift of comfort dolls made by our members. Sheriff Barry Janney spoke for

the group about the fact that the economic situation that we are facing today has tremendous consequences with the number of domestic violence responses answered by the law enforcement officials. The trauma faced by the youngest victims always works on the hearts of those involved with the response. He commended the women of our club for their efforts to increase the domestic violence awareness in the community and thanked all who were involved with the project for the beautiful comfort dolls. The dolls will be used by the Town of Elkton Police, the Cecil County Sheriff's Department and the MD State Police facility in Cecil County.

Fundraising is an ongoing project with the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. In April the club sponsored a card party at the Elkton Presbyterian Church. Chairman Margaret Boulden and her committee did a fabulous job with the food and arrangements, while 16 tables of attendees enjoyed the fun, fellowship and prizes of the affair. Fashions by Boscov's were raved about when the women of the club arrived



Members of the Cecil County Club presenting comfort dolls to law enforcement officers (L to R): D. Gregg; Sylvia Smith; Lt. Mathew Donnelly, Elkton Police Department; Lt. Steve Elliott and Stever Jurgens, Maryland State Police; Cecilia Krammer; Rose Milnor; Grace Pursley; Barry Janney, Cecil County Sheriff; Marie Rawlings; Bobbi Elko; and Nancy Clugston. Barbara Bowlsbey was project chairman.



Cecil County Woman's Club members join other Eastern Shore District members to prepare centerpieces for SER.

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at The Granary Restaurant in Georgetown, MD for the annual fashion show. Featured on the agenda, along with beautiful fashions from evening gowns to nightgowns, and a delicious luncheon, were doorprizes for everyone attending. All doorprizes were donated by Cecil County merchants in support of our efforts for our scholarship fund for deserving students from Cecil County. Stumpy Moore and Bobbi Elko were the driving force behind the successful event.

The annual GFWC-MD Convention at the BWI Airport Marriott was attended by Ruth Loomis, Dottie Gregg, Kaye Merrey and Stumpy Moore. Everyone enjoyed the delightful Stumpy Moore lighthouse, with Kaye Merrey as the lighthouse keeper, when Eastern Shore District President Ruth Loomis gave her annual report.



Club President Dottie Gregg cuts the cake for the celebration of the 95th birthday of the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.

The scholarship committee reviewed quite a few applications from county students before deciding on the entries of Hannah McCartan from Rising Sun High School and Catherine Elaine Burke from North East High School as the winners of this year's \$500 scholarship for each student. Both students and a member from their family attended the Annual Luncheon held at the Wellwood Club in Charlestown, MD.

Support for the Arts is strong in the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. At the Annual Luncheon in May we were delighted to present Dr. Nelson Fritts a check for Art Reach. One of our own clubwomen, Bobbi Elko, was delighted to learn that her painting had won a second prize ribbon at convention. Photographs taken by Rose Milnor and Dottie Gregg won ribbons in the photography contest at convention.

Clubwomen supported our own member, Ruth Loomis, as Eastern Shore District President, at the May meeting in Ocean City. We gathered with other District members after the meeting to fill baskets to be used at the Domestic Violence luncheon at the Southeastern Region Annual Meeting.



(L to R) Eastern Shore District President Ruth Loomis, Kaye Merrey, Stumpy Moore and Dottie Gregg are ready for the Domestic Violence Banquet at GFWC-MD Convention.

Summer is a busy time for members of the Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. Preparations are underway for the GFWC-MD Board of Directors meeting in September, the Southeastern Region Annual Meeting in October and the Eastern Shore District meeting in November.

In April, the members enjoyed a delightful presentation about international travel. Two members shared their travel experiences and Wayne Hill from a local travel agency invited all to explore the adventures abroad. Polly Gray related many of her adventures on a solo trip to Australia and Felicia Neat shared information about her trip to her native Poland. Everyone enjoyed the stories, as well as the music from those lands during the luncheon.

GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc.

The GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc. topped off 2008 with a \$500 donation to Heifer International for the purchase of a cow! Club members donated change, and dollars too, at each meeting to go for the Heifer program. Club member Charletta House would be proud of us for finishing her project after she moved to Alabama.



Membership Chairman Judith Cole installs two new members of the Cecil County Woman's Club.



Wicomico Woman's Club members receive their 25 year pin (L to R): Julie Gibbs, Jackie McCarty, Rosemary Slacum, Ethel Berry, Dorothy Close, and Jo Rousseau.

We don't hold a club meeting in January, but as you guessed, several of us were busy writing those 2008 club reports. It's great to start off the year knowing what your club was able to accomplish. It geared us up to get going for the 2009 year of club projects.

In February, a fantastic speaker presented the history of the White House. She is a close relative of a past club woman. Her Powerpoint and oral presentation filled us in on many unknown facts of the emerging changes in the building and its occupants.

In March, we once again sponsored the Annual Youth Art Contest. Two club members recruited artwork from students of five different schools. This month, our local club focused on history of the area by having a representative from the Adkins Historical Museum Complex as a speaker. She came dressed as an 1800's housewife and gave us some history of the area and about the Adkins Complex. She brought in several items and quizzed us on their use.

During the month, Dr. Seuss was sent birthday cards and one of our members, Eleanor Ryman, read his stories to those youth who are less fortunate than our own children.

April was a busy month. Barbara Nunnari, GFWC Women's History & Resource Center chairman, came as our guest and spoke on the Women's History & Resource Center. Our club sponsored a local sophomore to attend the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Workshop (HOBY). Seven club members attended the GFWC-MD Annual Convention, supporting Eleanor Ryman, our outstanding clubwoman nominee, and our own GFWC-MD President, Julie Gibbs. Club President Rosemary Slacum also presented a \$500.00 check to each of the five District Presidents. The money is from the proceeds of the "Weekend at the Beach" and is to be used by each district for domestic violence prevention.

In May, Julia Child arrived ready to cook up a storm. Mary Ann Jung, from "History Alive," performed Julia Child: Queen of Cuisine, and engaged three of our members in



New Members of the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club.

her act. The program pays tribute to the incredible energy, passion, and sense of playfulness with which Julia Child approached her greatest loves: her husband and her cooking. A delightful time was had by all. We also presented two \$500.00 scholarships to two high school seniors who are furthering their education. These funds were raised by selling Terri Lynn nuts.

The month of June found us relaxing in the park with our club picnic. Several of our members received recognition of volunteer service by receiving their GFWC 25-year pin. Our club president encouraged new members to begin a new members project. Plans for next year's projects will begin in July.

Fall will bring the monthly club meetings, club projects, State meetings, and of course, the GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Meeting. Several of our members are excitedly serving on a sub-committee and getting ready for the SER Meeting to be held October 30 to November 1, 2009. We hope to see all the Maryland clubwomen there!



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