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My Federation Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer with family, friends and club members. Our beautiful state has so much to offer with beaches, mountains and scenic spots. Now it’s time to get back into the swing of club work and make a difference throughout our state.

Maryland clubwomen always go above and beyond, and your reports showed that again this past year. At our April Convention, we had fun celebrating all of the accomplishments of clubs, with awards, speakers and great entertainment.

In June, several of us were “Rocking the Volunteer Spirit” as we headed to GFWC Convention in Memphis, TN. GFWC International President Babs Condon, GFWC Staff and the Federation of Tennessee planned a wonderful, fun-filled convention with interesting speakers, great entertainment, and an abundance of information as we celebrated 125 years of GFWC.

Maryland’s September Board of Directors Meeting will be hosted by Western District on September 15, 2015. I hope to see everyone there! Our speaker will be the Director of Operations from the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP) of Frederick County. We will also be asking members for some “change” towards a donation that day. Your “change” can make a difference in the lives of these students.

Remember to make your hotel reservations for the GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting on November 5-7, 2015. More information and the “official” call will be forthcoming.

I would like to give a huge “thank you” to everyone for your support during this past year. You’ve attended meetings, donated, offered encouragement, and shared your love, wisdom and understanding. For this, I am humbled and grateful and will cherish the memories for years to come. GFWC Maryland members are the best!!!

We have a busy year ahead of us, with hosting SER in November 2015 and GFWC International Convention in June 2016. I look forward to this year as we continue “Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism” together.

In Federation Friendship and Love,

Brenda Bennett
GFWC Maryland President
Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

Writing this letter in the heat of summer, I have to wonder where the past year went, and where the next year might take us. In the blink of an eye it’s fall. Kids are returning to school with a different view of life than when they left in June. A new year… a fresh start… new things to learn… and the excitement of the unknown. It is not unlike our club life. Every year we look forward to a fresh new start, with new things to learn, and definitely some excitement of the unknown.

I want to thank every clubwoman and club that supported Advocates for Children this past year. At GFWC International Convention in Memphis, TN, I was awarded the Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs award for our size category. My report was based on all of the projects completed by Maryland Juniors throughout the year and during Advocates for Children week. I am so proud of all of you and was honored to accept the award.

The Juniors will begin their new year with Junior Fall Conference, hosted by the Pocomoke Juniors on October 24, 2015. The Pocomoke ladies will pick a worthwhile charity for us to assist. More information will be distributed when it becomes available. Come join us for a terrific day and enjoy the Eastern Shore!

This Fall will also bring the GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting in November, which will be hosted by GFWC Maryland. They say “it takes a village to raise a child,” and it will take many Maryland clubwomen to put on the conference, so please think about how you can help. There is so much planned… come early to take a tour with us and stay for a great weekend!

As you can see, our clubwomen will be busy this fall. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months. In addition to the meetings noted above, I would love to attend your district meetings or maybe help with a club project. Please let me know what’s on your calendar. Have a great fall!

In Federation Love,

Sandra Mattocks
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs
The 116th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention
April 25-26, 2015 at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, MD

The 116th GFWC Maryland Annual Convention was held at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, MD on April 25-26, 2015. “Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism” was the theme as attendees gathered to renew friendships and celebrate clubs’ accomplishments.

On Saturday, April 25th, Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, welcomed everyone to Junior Day. During the “Wrapping Our Wings of Love” Luncheon, Ashley Perkins from Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) was the guest speaker.

Saturday afternoon, clubwomen enjoyed the Discover Annapolis Trolley Tour. We met in the hotel lobby around 2:00 p.m. and rode on the trolley for an hour tour of the streets, marinas and points of interest in Annapolis.

That evening, President Brenda Bennett welcomed all attendees to the official opening of the 116th Annual Convention at the “Let’s Fly Together” Banquet. Everyone looked fabulous and comfortable in their “blue jeans and bling.” Festivities began with the Presentation of Colors by the young members of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. We were entertained during dinner by the Bill Edwards Trio. A proclamation from the State of Maryland, signed by Governor Hogan, was read. GFWC International President Babs Condon gave greetings from GFWC Headquarters. Alison Prost from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation was the speaker for the evening. Special Committee Reports and awards were presented and “The Maryland Clubwoman” staff presented their annual report. Other reports were given by Maryland and SER Fundraising, along with SER-MD 2015.

Following the banquet, members enjoyed fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes at “Night Owl Bingo.” Many thanks to Christy Swiger and her helpers (hospitality committee) for a fun time.

On Sunday, April 26th, we began the day with the GFWC Convention Club Breakfast, and convention reconvened at 9:30 a.m. President Brenda Bennett gave her report and thanked everyone for their support and encouragement during this administration. This was followed by the “Rockin’ Robin” skit, written by President-elect Reno Eitel and presented by the GFWC-MD officers.

Before the luncheon, this year’s Youth Art Contest winners were introduced and given their awards. It’s always a treat to see the artwork and photographs which display the talents of these young people. Youth Art and Community Service Program awards were presented.

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The 2014 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award was presented to Norma Jean Swam, member of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc. Norma Jean was a special guest at the “Leaders of the Flock” Luncheon along with the Honorary Presidents of the Federation. Angeline Haines, presented a beautiful resolution for Mary Thompson, Honorary President 2004-2006 and SER President 2014. GFWC International President Babs Condon spoke on the upcoming GFWC Convention in Memphis, TN and the celebration of GFWC’s 125th Anniversary. Carol Moore, “Wonder Woman of Humor,” gave a motivational and humorous look at life.

The District Presidents gave their reports at Sunday evening’s “We’re All a-Twitter” Banquet. As always, the District Presidents were very creative with their reports. Club anniversaries & 50-year members were announced. Chairmen for the Special & Standing Committees gave reports and awards. Final reports were given by the Credentials, Registration, and Reservations chairmen. The Collect for Clubwomen was recited and the convention was adjourned. Immediately following the banquet, a reception was hosted by the District Presidents.

Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD President

Members enjoyed shopping with some of our favorite vendors.

Honorary Presidents of the Federation attending the “Leaders of the Flock” Luncheon.

“Wonder Woman” Carol Moore had us all in stitches, as she spoke on the many stressors in our lives.

GFWC International President Babs Condon spoke about GFWC’s 125th Anniversary Celebration.
GFWC Maryland ventured to a new venue for our Annual Convention this year—the Annapolis Sheraton Hotel. Maryland Juniors kicked-off the weekend with a Fun Night to help raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Members gathered in the Junior Suite, played some games, enjoyed some snacks, relaxed, and helped raise $1500. I was so surprised and grateful—Thank you!

Junior Day was held on Saturday, April 25th at the 116th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention. With the theme, “Wrapping Our Wings of Love,” it was a day of celebration and fellowship. Andrea Lilly, Pocomoke Junior Club President, started the festivities with the Thought for the Day. Sarah Walton, STARS Club President, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Junior Pledge was led by Carol Bonella, Cumberland Junior Club President. Attending members of the GFWC Maryland Executive Committee, the GFWC Maryland Honorary Presidents, and the past GFWC Maryland Directors of Junior Clubs were recognized. We are so appreciative of your support and leadership, and the mentoring you continue to give.

It was an honor to have GFWC International President Babs Condon and GFWC Maryland President Brenda Bennett attend the meeting and bring greetings. Babs also blessed us by filling-in as the Junior Parliamentarian.

Patti Jo Green, GFWC-MD Junior Membership Chairman, led us in a membership building exercise. We shared lots of information about our club lives—how long we have been a member, why we joined, what our favorite projects were, etc. We all learned new things about each other!

Club reports and skits were presented. You should join us next year to see what our creative club presidents have in store. Club awards were given for each reporting category.

A tribute to Joyce Race was presented by Tricia Wagman, Junior Advocates for Children Chairman. Joyce was a wonderful Clubwoman, Club President, past Western District President and past Director of Junior Clubs.

Special Junior Awards were given to the following clubwomen: Sarah Walton, Juniorette of the Year; Rhonda Layton, Rookie of the Year; Susan Krichten, Outstanding.

As requested by GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, Junior Day attendees donated many items to send to the children at St. Jude Children’s Hospital. A big box of toys, books, crayons and thoughts of encouragement were given to the hospital at the GFWC International Convention in Memphis, TN.

At the Junior/General Luncheon, Ashley Perkins, HOBY Maryland, gave a terrific presentation on how she was introduced to HOBY in high school and how it has changed her life. She also discussed what the organization has done to produce wonderful leaders in our society, and concluded by getting us all on our feet to participate in a HOBY cheer. So how many of you know about a “moose drinking juice?” Ask anyone who attended the luncheon and maybe they will teach you the cheer.

Nabi Akinshegun, Chevy Chase Junior Club President led us in reciting The Collect and Junior Day was adjourned.

We have been “Wrapping Our Wings of Love” around every club project for the past year and this was a great day for celebrating our accomplishments. Make plans to join us for the 2016 GFWC Maryland Convention and join in the fun!

Sandra Mattocks
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs
Audrey's ESO Corner

At that time I urged everyone to read it, whether for the first or the third time. The newly released sequel, Go Set a Watchman, sold 1.1 million copies (hardcover, e-books, etc.) within the first week of release. Scout returns home, for whatever reason, to find Atticus to be a bigot and a racist. What’s that all about? I guess we have to read the book. Maybe we’ll forgive, but we’ll never forget.

As a gift, I received It’s a Long Story by Willie Nelson and David Ritz. I so love Raggedy Willie. Like Johnny Mercer (whose story we reviewed in 2011), Willie has written some of the best music of our time—"Crazy," "Funny How Time Slips Away," "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," and "On the Road Again" (which Bill and I sang every February on our way to Key West), to name just a few.

Each club has a school or two they support. Why not form a kids reading club? There are wonderful books on the children’s reading list from Katie Couric’s The Brand New Kid to Maurice Sendak’s Where the Wild Things Are. Whether you read to or with a class, a monthly visit to a school for an hour of reading is time well spent.

Winter is the best time for reading not summer (there’s too much activity at the beach). I’ll read some new releases—Bill O’Reilly’s Old West; bestseller Girl on a Train and Lucia St. Clair Robson’s, Devilish. And for good measure, I’ll add in some old favorites—Ann Patchett’s Bel Canto; F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Great Gatsby; Pat Conroy’s The Great Santini and Death of Santini. So many books; so little time!

Ever wonder at the amount of knowledge we absorb while enjoying a good novel? A story can break your heart—Sarah’s Key, Song Yet Sung and South of Broad; Bossypants will make you laugh out loud; others will give you pause to say, “I didn’t know that.” The
Norma Jean Swam, nominated by the GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc., was named the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2014 at the GFWC-MD Annual Convention. Following is the nomination submitted by her club:

“Living the Volunteer Spirit” aptly describes our nominee for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman. Her life, talent, time, skill base, dedication, leadership and integrity all exhibit this spirit within our club, our community and in the GFWC commitment of service to others.

The contributions of our nominee in the calendar year 2014 include but are not limited to:

- Chair of Flea Market Fundraiser
- Co-Chair of Fashion Show and Tea Fundraiser for the Scholarship Committee
- Co-Chair of Arts Community Service Program
- Organized Art Shows at Carroll Nonprofit Center
- Hostess and support worker at the installation of Babs Condon as GFWC International President

Her assistance in problem solving club issues was exhibited when she suggested a plan to utilize former club officers to provide support to fill a vacant vice-president position. One member serves for one month to support and fill the vacant position and support our president.

Utilization of talent, experience and inclusion of others has characterized her leadership style.

This candidate has been a club member for 12 years and has served as both vice-president and president of our club. She has served on the Public Affairs, Education, Home Life and Conservation Community Service Programs and her committee work included Beneficiary, Fundraising and Bylaws Revision. She also chaired the District Education Committee, co-chaired District meetings and luncheon, chaired the State LEADS Committee, and attended two GFWC International Conventions, two GFWC Southeastern Region Meetings, and numerous District and State Meetings. In addition, she has visited and supported other clubs in our District and has led by example in our club and elsewhere. Her inexhaustible energy in all projects has enhanced and enriched the lives of others she serves.

This nominee has been our “go to” member when there was a needed assist in club activities, such as fundraising, community outreach, membership orientation, and other services. She is “Living the Volunteer Spirit” in our club, community, state and at GFWC Headquarters with our new GFWC International President Babs Condon. When we consider an “Outstanding Clubwoman” she meets and exceeds the criteria for the award. We nominate her with enthusiasm, as one who demonstrates in word and deed what GFWC seeks to do through volunteering to meet the diverse needs and challenges of the 21st century.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron—continued

books in this “review” contain betrayal, love and hate, persecution, bigotry, racism, animal cruelty, the Gay Rights Movement, extreme sex, child abuse, intolerance, etc. Not to mention traveling through history—both at home and abroad. In short, sometimes you’ll laugh; sometimes you’ll cry; and, more often than not, you’ll hum along with Willie.

ESO suggests each state put together its own reading list. In a flash, some wonderful Maryland authors came to mind: Tom Clancy, Leon Ursis, Upton Sinclair, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Dashiell Hammet, Edgar Allen Poe, Nora Roberts, Lucia St. Clair Robson*, Laura Lippman, Ann Tyler, James Michener, Marcia Talley—just to name a few. You have your work cut out for you. Help put together our Maryland Reading List.

* This is a purely personal point of view but if I had my way #1 on the Maryland list of recommended reading would be Lucia St. Clair Robson’s Mary’s Land—historical fiction at its best. “Lucia breathes life into facts and humanity into history with her unique ability to create extraordinary characters.”

Each night before you sleep enjoy a few selections from Walt Whitman’s Leaves of Grass and know that all is right with the world.

In closing, keep in mind what Christopher Robin said to Winnie the Pooh: “Promise me you’ll always remember: you’re braver than you believe and stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.”

Until next time…
Audrey Batchelor (Severn Town Club), ESO Chairman (410-571-6771)
ATTENTION Club Treasurers!

ALL Donations are requested by December 1, 2015, but are accepted any time before April 1, 2016. For recognition at the 2016 Annual State Convention, donations MUST be received three (3) weeks prior.

Submit to GFWC-MD TREASURER:
These are the only donations made through the State Treasurer. Submit your check, along with completed
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ENDORSEMENTS...

For 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers

Please remember to submit all endorsements for candidates for office in The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. to the chairman of The Federation nominating committee, postmarked on or before November 1, 2015. Please also send a duplicate copy to the candidate’s district representative on The Federation nominating committee.

GFWC-MD Nominating Committee Chairman:
Barbara Weldon
6507 Sharon Road
Baltimore, MD 21239-1522

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. will hold its September Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. The meeting will be hosted by Western District at the Best Western Catering & Conference Center in Westminster, MD. Directions are included in Call.

The speaker will be MaryLynn Hinde, Director of Operations for SHIP of Frederick County. With a history of excellence in non-profit organizational management, MaryLynn Hinde is a leading community advocate and organizer in Frederick County. A recipient of the 2015 Gov. William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award, MaryLynn was recognized for “her ability to improve the community by directly providing aid to those most vulnerable in society.” A resident of Frederick city since 2004, MaryLynn has served as a leader within several local human service organizations including Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP) of Frederick County, On Our Own, Frederick County Coalition for the Homeless, and Housing First Now Frederick. Prior to her move to Frederick, MaryLynn worked for the South Florida chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the San Antonio (TX) chapter of The Komen Foundation, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Delaware Valley chapter. MaryLynn currently serves at Director of Operations for SHIP of Frederick County where she is responsible for daily management and coordination of the organization including interaction with Frederick County Public Schools and referring human service organizations, volunteer recruitment, advocacy activities, educational forums, sponsorship solicitations and fundraising.
GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

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Anchors Away to Annapolis Maryland
All Maryland Clubwomen Are Invited to
The GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Conference

—When—
Thursday, November 5, 2015 to Sunday, November 8, 2015

—Where—
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—Room Rate—
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—Meeting Highlights—
The meeting will be hosted by GFWC Maryland and we have an exciting conference planned! Highlights include the Maryland State Night Banquet, inspiring speakers, great entertainment, vendors with lots of good merchandise, wonderful fellowship, the State Reports and, of course, the business of the region.

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

More Details in the Call • Save the Date • Make Plans to Attend!
On June 15, 2015 at the GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, TN, The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs invited GFWC members from around the globe to come to Baltimore for the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention.

The convention will be held at the beautiful Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 700 Aliceanna Street on June 27-29, 2016 (Pre-Convention, June 24-26, and Post-Convention, June 30-July 1, 2016).

As The Federation host for the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention, our responsibilities are many, as are our opportunities for “Living the Volunteer Spirit.” If a GFWC Maryland member has never attended a GFWC Annual Convention, NOW is your opportunity!

Christy Swiger, Special Events Fundraising Chairman, has been selling lovely nautical items, raffle tickets, and the convention “crab” pin at GFWC Maryland meetings, SER Conferences, and the GFWC Annual Convention. Members who have attended the meetings have generously supported our fundraising efforts and we are most grateful to each of you.

The sales of merchandise and raffle tickets, however, will not earn enough funds for GFWC Maryland to host this special event. Therefore, all GFWC Maryland Federation Clubs and Districts are asked to step forward and be as generous as possible with a monetary donation. Please mail your contributions to: Janet Morgan, Special Events Treasurer, 601 Dunberry Drive, Arnold, MD 21012 by the extended deadline of October 15, 2015.

Many GFWC Maryland volunteers will be needed to successfully host the GFWC Annual Convention. Duties include: greeting members, assisting with tours, placing table centerpieces, directing members to appropriate locations for meetings and workshops, serving as a doorkeeper or table hostess; and generally being ready, willing, and able to assist wherever needed. Be sure to watch for a sign-up form and/or an email address to volunteer.

Every session, every meal function, and every workshop at a GFWC Annual Convention has inspiring speakers, awards, and information to bring back to your club and share. It is our hope, that every GFWC Maryland clubwoman will make a special effort to attend the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD.

Barbara Nunnari
Special Events Chairman
The 2015 GFWC Annual Convention was held in Memphis, TN, June 13-15, 2015. Eighteen Maryland ladies were in attendance as GFWC International President Babs Condon, one of our own, presided over the convention.

During the pre-convention time, several ladies enjoyed volunteering at St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen, and tours of Graceland (Elvis’s home), St. Jude Children’s Hospital, the National Civil Rights Museum, Rock ‘N’ Soul Museum, and a Riverboat tour. There were so many activities even before convention began.

The evening prior to convention Babs was Honorary Duck Master for the Duck March at the Peabody Hotel. If you have never attended the march, it is a sight to see! GFWC International President Babs made us proud as she performed her Honorary Duck Master duties, making sure all the ducks were put safely away for the night.

Directly after the Duck March, President Babs threw out the first pitch at the Memphis Redbirds game at Auto Zone Park.

It was up early the next morning for LEADS representative, Rosemary Slacum. GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett and Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, along with first-time convention attendees, were also up and out early.

Convention began with An Evening of Hope, presented by GFWC of Tennessee—a gathering of old and new friends, with the ladies of Tennessee making sure everyone was welcomed to their state.

We were up early again the next day (I did not say we got a lot of rest) with breakfast for the Past State Presidents and LEADS Graduates. Jo Rousseau serves as president of the Past State Presidents.

The business session began at 9:30 a.m. with Tricia Wagman announcing the processional. Welcome remarks were given by Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton and U.S. Congressman Marsha Blackburn (TN). The Presentation of the Convention Program was given by Carol Horne. Ron Culberson was the speaker for the morning—a very interesting speaker who had us all laughing with “Do It Well, Make It Fun.” President Babs introduced representatives from St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. A check was presented to the hospital and Babs announced that we would be partnering with St. Jude. Our pre-convention visit to St. Jude was a very humbling experience. The hospital is a place for families to take their children for much-needed treatment at no cost. The halls reflect the warmth and love for the children. Danny Thomas’s dream will go on forever, because of the generosity of so many people.

Several awards were then presented before breaking for lunch. Congratulations to GFWC Maryland and GFWC Southeastern Region!

The speaker for the History in Pictures Luncheon was John McPherson. Awards were given for Photography. After lunch several workshops were held.

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Evening brought the Junior Awards Banquet with our own GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks receiving an award for Outstanding Junior Director. It was a proud moment for Sandra and GFWC Maryland.

The evening concluded with Junior Fun Night—Boogie for Babies, with entertainment from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio Instructors.

The business session on Sunday began with President Babs calling the session to order. A memorial for Alice C. Donahue, GFWC International President (1988-1990) was presented. Proposed amendments to GFWC Bylaws, and proposed changes to GFWC Resolutions were presented. More awards were given before adjourning for lunch.

Region Luncheons were held, with GFWC-SER President Kathryn Sowers presiding. It was a time for fellowship with members from our region—and for President Brenda, Junior Director Sandra and 2015 SER-MD Chairman Barbara Nunnari to invite members of our region to SER in Annapolis, MD.

The Sunday Awards Banquet was sponsored by Shot@Life. “The Maryland Clubwoman” magazine won in our category—had to toot our horn!

Monday morning workshops were held prior to the business session. Of course, there were more changes to Bylaws and Resolutions, followed by the business, awards and Rock ‘N’ Raffle winners.

The Partner Luncheon was held with Rosemary M. Thomas, Ed.D., Chief Operating Officer, presenting the Headquarters Report, and the conclusion of Bylaws and Resolution changes, followed by awards.

Monday evening was the grand 125th Anniversary Celebration Gala. And what a Gala it was—with GFWC sisters, good food, cake, champagne and confetti everywhere! President Babs knows how to throw a party! I have attended many GFWC Conventions, but I must say that this was the BEST! It was a once in a lifetime experience.

Location—Memphis, TN, home of St. Jude Hospital, Elvis and jazz. Many ladies were able to enjoy the sights, great meals and music outside of the hotel.

Meetings—Informative. Run in a timely manner, but with some lightheartedness, and many smiles and laughter.

Banquets & Luncheons—Tennessee was an outstanding hostess.

Friendship—Old and new friends are always made during GFWC conventions. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Awards—GFWC Maryland was honored with several awards—way to go Maryland Clubs and Sandra. You would have loved the smiles on President Brenda’s and Junior Director Sandra’s faces!

LEADS—Rosemary represented our state with her grace and smile.

GFWC Board Members—Our ladies did an outstanding job for GFWC and made GFWC Maryland shine.

GFWC-MD SER and GFWC Annual Convention—Busy ladies were selling items and inviting everyone to SER and the GFWC Annual Convention in 2016.

And Saving the BEST for LAST… GFWC International President Babs Condon did a job like no one else, with outstanding meetings and a fabulous Gala. President Babs’s convention contained everything you would want and more. We knew she would do a great job, but WOW!

Now that you’ve heard what you missed, mark your calendar for the next GFWC Annual Convention, June 27-29, 2016 in Baltimore, MD. Since it’s in Maryland, there will not be a lot of traveling, so don’t let this convention pass you by! Let the GFWC Maryland ladies show President Babs our support by attending her final convention. Hope to see you all at the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention.

Jo Miller, GFWC-MD
Honorary President, 2010-2012
Volunteering for Change

GFWC Woman’s Club of Cecil County, Inc.

The Woman’s Club of Cecil County, Inc. has been busy this past year and like so many facets of life, we wonder where the time went.

Our committee chairmen provided us with interesting and informative programs throughout the year. At the October meeting we heard speakers from the Domestic Violence Rape Crises Center and Elkton Police. We learned some of the warning signs of domestic violence and were reminded to contact law enforcement without hesitation to answer any questions or report instances.

In November a spokesperson from Severn Trent Services discussed water conservation, water quality and treatment issues. Our club was invited to tour the local water facility which we plan to do at a later date.

Bohemia Manor High School Choir came to our December meeting and entertained us with seasonal music and helped us write postcards to returning military personnel. We write welcome home cards throughout the year for service men and women returning to the USA through BWI airport.

At our January Birthday Luncheon we honored four past presidents. In January we also supported the Cecil County Arts Council by hosting a reception table for the Winter Art Exhibit to honor and present awards to local art students. Cecil County had eight winners at the district level and one state winner.

A Walgreen pharmacist explained the Shot@Life Program at our February meeting. We were reminded of the importance of getting our own vaccines, as well as how we can help save children’s lives around the world.

March brought the Army National Guard to our meeting. We were honored to have the first female in the state of Maryland to attain the rank of Sgt. Major as our speaker. She was accompanied by the founder of For the Love of a Veteran, Inc. Both of these women gave insight on the needs and ways of helping our military personnel.

April’s guest speaker was the former Cecil County Register of Wills who spoke on the probate process. Club members learned how and where to get answers for estate planning.

Our Annual Luncheon was held in May, at which time we honored our 1st Place State Winner in High School Photography and presented two high school scholarships to Molly Paige Clewer and Rebecca Kathryn Davis from North East High School. Club members were informed that three GFWC-MD award certificates were given to our club at the convention: Arts Community Service Program, Public Issues Community Service Program and Epsilon Sigma Omicron. Membership milestones were announced. We are honored to have two members with 50 years service and ten members with 25 years service. We were proud to install one new member at this meeting.

Our club was represented at GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meetings, Junior Fall Conference, Eastern Shore District Board of Directors Meetings, Southeastern Region Meeting, Youth Art District Show and GFWC-MD Annual Convention during the year. Club members hold both District and State offices.

Five members attended the GFWC-MD Annual Convention. We were proud to have Bernice “Stumpy” Moore as our nominee for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman.

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Dottie Gregg and Betty Juergens entered the GFWC-MD photography contest and won ribbons.

Special projects included:
Comfort dolls made and distributed to local Domestic Violence Center and Elkton Chief of Police.
Socks were collected and given to the Domestic Violence Center.
A family was adopted at Christmas and presented with food and gifts.
Trial size toiletries are being collected as an ongoing project for military personnel.

The Education Chairman and committee formed a book club for club members. Nine members meet the last Friday of each month at a local restaurant to discuss a previously selected book.

The Ways and Means Committee led the following fundraisers which proved to be fun and successful:
• 50/50 at each meeting
• Two card parties held with a third planned for July
• March Cakeless bake
• Tax Time Fun Game for members
• Spring Fashion Show
• Ecobeco – Quick Home Energy Checkup
• Redner’s Markets
• Save-A-Tape Program

Our club focuses on Education and Art. In addition to the two $500 high school scholarships, one scholarship is also given to Cecil Community College. Throught donations we support the 1734 Society, Men’s Shelter, Domestic Violence, Boys and Girls Club, Special Olympics, Cecil County Library, Smile Train, CARE, Save the Bay, Arts Council, Art Reach, Very Special Arts, Cecil County Choral Society, Betty M. Sippel Fund, and Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman.

Our members are committed to volunteerism as evidenced by their 7,136 volunteer hours in 2014. Cecil County Public Library, local schools, garden clubs and Union Hospital are just a few of the organizations that benefit from our volunteering. We have profiled our club on the Volunteer Cecil website. This website is a matching system for nonprofits, businesses and other organizations in Cecil County to register their volunteer needs. Hopefully our club will be able to assist in more of these local volunteer needs. We have posted our card parties and fashion show event on this site to invite others to our fundraisers.

On May 18, 2015 five members traveled by train to Washington, DC to visit GFWC headquarters.

We were delighted that President Condon was available to chat with us. We enjoyed lemonade and cookies while learning of President Condon’s recent travels. A tour of the beautiful facility and the history of GFWC was a delight to our members. It was a great day!

We look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm and the goal of “Living the Volunteer Spirit.”

GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club, Inc.

The Wicomico Woman’s Club had an active spring and we are now looking forward to the fall. In March we had our Youth Art Contest Show with Art Judge, Kate Cashman. In addition to judging, she also explained how the artwork was judged. We have been busy collecting books for our “Let’s Read” Project, donating books to the Veterans Home in Quantico, MD and collecting children’s books for the Village of Hope. We continue to collect school supplies to help local schools, manufacturer’s coupons for military and veteran families, labels and box tops, Campbell Soup labels for education, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and baby items for the Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center.

Left to Right: Jean Harrington, Libby Keefer and Phyliss Crabtree receive 25-year pins from Cecil County Club President Juergens.

Cecil County Members (L to R) Dottie Gregg, Evelyn Gregson, Toni Rader, Diane Zalewski, and Betty Juergens visit with GFWC International President Babs Condon at GFWC Headquarters.

Grace Pursley congratulates new Cecil County Club Member Jeanne Carman and her sponsor Cenza McGinnis.
What fun we had in April at our 94th Birthday! We wrapped birthday gifts for our Chinese Auction Gift Exchange. At the end of April, seven members of our club made their way to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs Annual Convention. It was our pleasure to receive seven awards at the convention! Congratulations to our own Rosemary Slacum who was selected as Maryland’s LEADS candidate at the GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, TN.

In May, we all tried our hand at painting as we had “Tickled Pink” come to our meeting. While we all tried our best, our club president, Jackie McCarty, got more paint on her clothes than she did on the canvas—such talent! A donation of $150 from this art challenge went to the Wicomico County Public Library to benefit the Bookmobile. We presented two $500 scholarships to area high school seniors. We also presented a $100 scholarship to the Vintage Girls Camp sponsored by the Adkins Historical Museum Complex in Mardela Springs, MD.

We decided to end our current year with a picnic, and what better way to do it than to go to Layton’s Chance Winery in Vienna, MD. Needless to say, we all enjoyed the picnic lunch and wine tasting. Also in June, three of our club members attended the 2015 GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, TN. In September we will be holding a board meeting to plan our upcoming year. We are looking forward to hosting the Eastern Shore District meeting in October.

Celebrating 125 Years of Volunteer Service—Wicomico Club Members attending the 2015 GFWC Annual Convention (L to R): GFWC-MD LEADS Representative Rosemary Slacum, GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett, and GFWC-MD Honorary President and Parliamentarian Jo Rousseau.

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flea market and sold our scholarship raffle tickets. Speakers included an insurance expert who spoke on important issues for older citizens, and we were very fortunate to have “Traffic Jam” Jimmy who spoke on his life and times on TV. We also enjoyed the wonderful music of a local two-man jazz ensemble.

Our Program Committee is earnestly working on ideas that will help educate our current members and encourage prospective members to join our club.

Interest in our club has been on the rise and we will continue to update our club sisters all over Maryland of our success.

The Woman’s Club of Glyndon, Inc.

As in years past, the activities and projects of the Woman’s Club of Glyndon were as diverse this year as the interests and talents of our club members. They worked tirelessly and with unceasing enthusiasm to make each undertaking successful and, equally important, fun. Thinking of the wide spectrum of both the abilities of our members and of the club’s pursuits brings to mind the vibrant color range of the rainbow.

Starting at the top of the rainbow is the color red. Red signifies courage and passion. The club took a courageous leap in deciding to partner with a local elementary school to serve as a “gap” resource filling needs of individual students not covered by other funds. Within days we helped a family displaced from their home with bus fare and meals. Since then, we have provided food, Christmas presents, winter clothing, snacks, money for field trips and backpacks for students in need.

Orange is the next color and represents creativity. In order to sustain a sizeable budget, which included maintaining our historic clubhouse, much creative fundraising had to be done. The Ways and Means Committee never ceased to rise to the challenge and still managed to put “fun” in fundraising. From raffling off both a flag flown over Fort McHenry and a cruise on the Pride of Baltimore, to a wine tasting dinner, to a tea featuring author/columnist Michael Olesker, to a swing dance, to a yard sale, to a fashion show, to a Flower Power bulb sale, with a restaurant fundraiser thrown in for good measure, the members fervently supported each event.

Creativity abounded in this year’s Youth Art Contest. Each of the nine winning students, including family members and art teachers, was invited to attend an Awards Luncheon. One student’s oil painting won first place at the State level.

Wisdom, order, warm and cheery describe the color yellow. To maintain orderliness and a warm friendly atmosphere while serving tea and a petite luncheon to 90 ladies is an undertaking requiring quite a bit of wisdom. Yet for the 74th year, the club pulled it off beautifully. The Charity Tea was a sellout, the clubhouse looked lovely decorated for Christmas, and most significant, we raised $3000 for local charities.

To bring cheer and warmth to the guests at Sarah’s Hope at Hannah More Shelter, the Blanket Brigade met monthly to create 60 beautiful fringed blankets for the children.

In addition, through Project Linus, sixteen handmade quilts were created by members and donated to local hospitals to comfort seriously ill or traumatized children. Three quilts were given to TAPS for children who lost a loved one in service to our country.
four to ten at a meeting. Six tickets were bought for members and friends to attend and support the Joppatowne Woman’s Club Tea on May 9, 2015. We also share in their Summer Crab Feast, held in August. We continue to support the Perry Point Veterans facility. Plans to go there in November and December of 2014, as well as February 2015, had to be shelved until May 22, 2015 because of snow. Another deterrent for our members was the fact that our president’s husband, John Tilley, was in five different hospitals eleven times from August 2014 to January 27, 2015 when doctors finally figured out what the problem was and successfully operated on his heart at St. Agnes Hospital.

Our trip to Perry Point produced a van and a car filled with used men’s and women’s clothes, and a huge box of chocolates donated by one of the ladies who attends our meetings when she can. We met at the home of a charter member, who prepared a continental breakfast for the five members going to the veterans facility. We filled white plastic shoe boxes with items donated by members that the veterans could enjoy in their hospital rooms. We tied the boxes with a red ribbon, a blue bow and put heart stickers on the top as our “Gift of Love.” We concluded the day with a late lunch on the way back to Fallston.

The color green suggests balance, health and nature. The club continued collecting and recycling aluminum with the proceeds donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Our efforts of conservation were further encouraged by the Bureau Chief of Waste Management for Baltimore County, a speaker at one of our monthly meetings.

Striving for balance and health and also in appreciation for the members residing at Carroll Lutheran Village, we held our January meeting there. The speaker had us up and moving with her interactive talk on “Achieving and Maintaining Wellness.” The stimulating discussions each month by Book Club participants kept our minds active as well.

Blue, the fifth color, is associated with understanding, communication and responsibility. Through Plan USA, in addition to financial support, we communicated with our sponsored “daughter” in the Philippines by writing letters.

Acknowledging our civic responsibility, donations of food were given to both a local food pantry and shelter.

Recognizing responsible students and understanding the roadblocks of financing a college education, the club once again awarded two scholarships to deserving students.

**GFWC The Woman’s Club of Greater Fallston**

Most of us have seen the TV commercial about the Timex watches that just “keeps on ticking.” Well, that’s how our president feels, as she is still ticking—and she has never stopped for 35 years, out of 37, as the president of Greater Fallston.

Snow played a big part in our life during the 2014-2015 administration. Our Christmas party became both a Valentine’s Day and a Christmas party celebration.

Our club struggles with recruiting members, so we invite our friends to share dinner with us for a fun time with no commitments. Our membership is thirteen, and we usually have

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Since April is “National Autism Awareness Month,” and their color is blue (like Heart Month is red), members were asked to wear blue to the meeting. Those who wore blue received a raffle ticket, with two winners each receiving a blue bag which contained blue items. When the club voted to make a $60.00 donation to the Autism Society, one of our friends who attended the meeting donated an additional $40.00. This project is important to our club, because one of our members has a seven year old grandson who is autistic.

We have sponsored a HOBY 10th grade student at the Fallston High School ever since the Maryland Federation began supporting HOBY about 30 years ago. We have the student come to one of our meetings every other year.

We do a lot of fun things like a swim party and luncheon at the home of our president’s daughter. We even go to the “Tea by Two” tea room in Bel Air sometime in Spring or Summer. At our last meeting in June each year, the president asks the girls if they want to dress up for a little party. We do a Silly Clothes Contest, Hoe-Down with crazy Ear Ring Contest, Innovative Silly Clothes Contest, Hoe-Down Outfit and this past June, a Hat Contest for the most original hat, prettiest hat and goofiest hat. The prizes are always silly but usable. This June 2015, even the hostess of the Silver Spring Mining Company restaurant had on the silliest hat and won that category—and she even wants to join our club.

We had our 37th Birthday Celebration on March 10, 2015 at the Olive Garden restaurant in the White Marsh Mall area. We also celebrated St. Patrick’s Day and Easter at the same time. Many of the programs at our meetings are presented by the club president because our membership is too small to invite someone from “outside.”

Every second Wednesday of the month, our club supports the making of 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at Oak Crest retirement facility that are given to the homeless and poor of Baltimore the next morning. Of those, 400 go to The Helping-Up Mission, and the rest go to various shelters in downtown Baltimore. Each month, our members and friends donate about twenty jars of smooth peanut butter and grape jelly for the sandwiches. The bread is also donated. The president has taken her granddaughter Megan Scarry and her brother Ben to this function since they were the ages of 14 and 10. Megan is now in her first year of college, but Ben still goes if his school activities permit. The senior residents at Oak Crest love having the younger ones come out to help. One of our members, the late May Wilson, had moved to Oak Crest and got us involved with this worthwhile ongoing project.

For all of 2014 we helped one of our own members in her recovery from a horrible car accident. We supplied her with cooked dinners for over a month, then shelf staple foods and paper products every month through 2014, so she would have the monies to keep up her mortgage payments on her first-ever house and feed her three grown children. We’re happy to say that our member has now returned to work full-time and the family is now self-sufficient. And yes, we still have volunteers who do Meals-on-Wheels even though we do not manage the Fallston route anymore.

We believe that spending time with children and adults who are in need, is more important than spending money, especially for a small club with limited funds and stamina.
Education—We sponsor a student for the HOBY program, continue tutoring reading at the Joppatowne Elementary School and give a $2,000 scholarship to a graduating student at the Joppatowne High School. This committee collects Campbell’s soup labels and education labels from many food products, and collects receipts from a local grocery store’s “Save-a-Tape” program, from which our club receives a percentage.

Finance/Ways and Means—The chairman of this program is one of our newest members. She has taken on this responsibility, like a queen bee leading her hive. We have had two very successful fundraisers and are taking on our third. We had a Cash for Christmas raffle where the winner received $500.00. We had a bingo with Christy Swiger doing her thing, and now we are having our 6th Annual Tea. Each committee member prepares enough food for their two homes. When comforts were requested, this committee was right on top of it. Members collected 17 slightly used handbags for Handbags for Hope, which is a fundraiser for Harford Family House, a transitional home for families. We held a Brunch with Santa at out local library and made a donation to a program called “Wheels for Work.” A representative from this organization spoke at one of our meetings. It was a very worthwhile and interesting program.

Home Life—This committee will be delivering homemade meals to Anna’s House, which is a transitional home for women and children. Each committee member prepares enough food for their two homes. When comforts were requested, this committee was right on top of it. Members collected 17 slightly used handbags for Handbags for Hope, which is a fundraiser for Harford Family House, a transitional home for families. We held a Brunch with Santa at out local library and made a donation to a program called “Wheels for Work.” A representative from this organization spoke at one of our meetings. It was a very worthwhile and interesting program.

International Outreach—Our new chairman and her co-chairs have made contact with a couple of international companies, one of which is The Root Collective, an online shop with a variety of cute shoes, handbags and jewelry. The founder, who lives in Towson, works with artisans in Guatemala to get their products to America. They give back 10% of the profits to non-profit organizations in their communities. SERRV has connections with artisans and farmers worldwide. This is a 65 year old organization that is helping to break the cycle of poverty.

Myrtle Club

M – is for the MEMORIES of all the clubwomen who have been members of this club from its founding in 1885 as an assembly of the Knights of Labor. After a short time, the members realized this was not where they belonged as the Labor organization was mainly political.

Y – is for the YEARS that followed. After being unaffiliated for a time, the club joined the Pennsylvania Women Workers and through them the National League of Women Workers. When the Maryland
Federation of Women’s Clubs—the idea for which was first discussed in the Myrtle Club rooms—became a fact in 1899, the Myrtle Club was one of the 19 charter members. The General Federation of Women’s Clubs had been organized and held its first convention in April 1890. Some 10 years later, March 1900, the first annual meeting of the MFWC was held. The Baltimore District was not organized until 1921. The Myrtle Club met at 312 St. Paul Street, and revised their bylaws in 1889 to say: “The object of the club is the cultivation of sisterly feelings and mutual helpfulness among working women; the formation of classes for study; social enjoyment.” Throughout the YEARS these have been our guides and our members now are former presidents of the Baltimore District.

R – is for the RESPONSIBILITIES we’ve taken on to feed the hungry, cover truck loads, support the Arts, help our schools, hospitals and libraries, Save the Bay and fight against domestic violence, among other individual endeavors.

T – is for the TIME taken to contribute and deliver food, personal items and cleaning supplies to TURN-AROUND; to make tray favors for Meals on Wheels; and to provide and change the door decorations for the residents at the Believe In Tomorrow House at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

L – is for the LOVE shared throughout the years as we say GOODBYE to some and welcome others to follow in their footsteps.

E – is for our ETERNAL gratefulness for the people we have met over the years; for the worthwhile causes we have supported; for the comfort and caring we have nurtured; and for having been clubwomen throughout the ages!

The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall, Inc.
The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall has had an interesting beginning this year with fundraising and new ventures. With quite a few new members in our club it seems a bit of “Oomph” has been injected into our activities.

As we have done in the past few years, we have served a hot, nutritious meal to the clients of the Eastside Family Shelter. A new summer menu was served this past June, which was a hit with the clients. We served hotdogs, fruit salad, a green salad, and freeze pops for dessert. Thanks to the organization of our Home Life chairman we have established a “Meals on Wheels” route. At the time of this report we have four clients on our route in the Carney/Parkville area.

In May, Perry Hall High School had their scholarship awards assembly. With the help of a school counselor, a graduating female student with plans to attend a community college was chosen for the $1000 Woman’s Club of Perry Hall/Hilda Micari Memorial Scholarship. Hilda Micari’s estate donated funds that were designated for education. Last year we split the monies between 2014 and 2015.

At each General meeting we “Pass it On.” Members bring books and puzzles for other members to take for a small donation. We have learned that doing puzzles and reading helps keep our members minds sharp. Lastly, one member made a weekly visit to an elementary school in Baltimore to help a child improve their reading skills.

Once again the WCPH participated in the Youth Art contest. This year there were five winners with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and two honorable mention awards given. The same top three winners won the same awards at the Baltimore District Youth Art Show. We are very proud of the students’ talent, and the willingness of the middle school teachers to allow students to participate in this event.

We continue to participate in the SWAT clean-up of Belair Road in Perry Hall. We have four scheduled days to walk the street and pick-up debris left behind. Our Conservation chairman continues to collect not only the pull tabs, but all kinds of metals that members have saved for recycling. Monies that are collected go directly to our Charity fund.

We have a very full plate in the upcoming months of 2015. Our Fundraising chairman and her committee have been busy arranging several opportunities for us to raise funds for our club’s charitable activities. In June we participated in Camp Chapel DM Church’s Flea Market. With item donations from members we earned $235! They have collected generous donations from area restaurants for our “Week of Dinners” raffle. The winning ticket will be announced at our Federation Friendship Dinner on October 22, 2015. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes! Boscov’s has been great to the community, and once again has offered a Savings Pass opportunity with great door prizes and 25% off a customer’s purchases. In September we will enjoy Wine Tasting and a “Pot Luck” dinner at a member’s home.

Our members have been meeting every 2nd Wednesday for Lunch Bunch. In June they enjoyed High Tea at Tea By Two in Belair—a very special event. At the end of our May General Meeting a few members got together at DeSantis for a “drink” and a bite to eat. And on October 22, 2015 we will host our Federation Friendship Dinner at Betucci’s in White Marsh.
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, as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it will be kept up-to-date by our State “Webmaster” Dawn Donovan. Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!

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Please include the Date, Time and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from September 2015 through August 2016. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.
Mark Your Calendars!!

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October 24, 2015  Junior Fall Conference, Location to be announced, Pocomoke, MD.

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