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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

Dear Federated Friends,

As we came through the many storms and trials of this past winter, I knew you were very busy with your volunteerism. You reported diligently on your great works by the January 31st deadline, and I enjoyed reading every one of your reports.

I was pleased to see so many of you at our February 19th GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Baltimore District at Columbus Gardens.

Soon the air will become a little warmer and it will be time to start tending gardens and planning trips. GFWC Maryland has a wonderful trip planned for you at the BWI Airport Marriott, which I know you are looking forward to!

The 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention is coming up and an exciting one it will be. This year we are trying something new—the 2013 Convention will be a day and a half in length. April 20th and 21st will be jam-packed with awards, entertainment, a reception, and socializing with all your Federation friends. I hope to see you there.

The Official CALL to 114th Annual Convention is included in this issue of "The Maryland Clubwoman." Everything you need to know is in the Special Convention Pull-Out Section on pages 9-20, including the schedule of events, registration form, meal reservation form, and hotel reservation form, as well as Junior Day information.

A reminder... the date for GFWC International Convention will be June 30th through July 2, 2013 and it will be held in Hollywood, Florida. The details are on page 5 in this issue. Plan to join us!

In Federation Friendship,

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

Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs

Happy New Year to my Federation Friends!

It's hard to believe we're in the year 2013. A common question I've heard is, "where did 2012 go?!" Well, I can tell you where a significant portion of it went—volunteering in our local communities! Thousands of hours, thousands of dollars, lots and lots of items collected and distributed—as women, we are resourceful, but as women united, we are powerful indeed. In all the go-go-go of it all, we must remember to take a few moments to reflect on the things we accomplished in 2012 and celebrate the part we played in making someone's life a little easier, a little less stressful, and a whole lot brighter!

And now, we turn toward the future and find more opportunities to get involved. Community improvement is such a wonderful platform for making a difference in the lives of others—and also for promoting your own club in the process.

As the economy continues to struggle, more and more people not only need help, they are also looking for non-monetary ways to contribute.

Work by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Civil Society Studies has shown that, even conservatively estimated, the value of volunteer work in countries throughout the world is roughly double the value of contributions of cash or other valuables by individuals, corporations, and foundations put together. To those who don't volunteer, that's probably a surprise, but to us, my fellow clubwomen, it's merely validation of what we've known all along—volunteers are worth twice as much as donors!

As Theodore Roosevelt said, "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Springtime is the perfect time to get outside, roll up our sleeves and get to work on outdoor projects. Perhaps there is an elderly person who would appreciate having the garden weeded, flower beds prepared, mulch laid? What about sprucing up a community park? It's amazing what we can accomplish when we are joined together, a common purpose at hand. If you have club T-shirts, wear them with pride. With more members, we can accomplish more projects, touching even more lives than we have in the past.

I would dearly love to hear about what your club is doing in your community—please share with me so I can share with others!

Have a wonderful Spring and I hope to see you all at the 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention in April!

In Federation Friendship,


Mary Walton

GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



MID-WINTER RALLY

Held February 2, 2013 in Westminster, MD

Thirty-three GFWC clubwomen—ages 12 to 88—attended the Junior Mid-Winter Rally on Saturday, February 2, 2013. The meeting was hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster at the Westminster Riding Club. It was an honor to have in attendance GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon, who brought greetings from GFWC, and GFWC-MD President Beverly Death, who brought greetings from GFWC Maryland. It was also an honor to be joined by GFWC-MD Recording Secretary Kaye Shoemaker, Western District President Mary Snyder, Frederick Woman's Civic Club President Nancy Wynne, and several other wonderful FWCC members.

Lunch consisted of delicious homemade soups, quiches, wraps and salad, as well as lots of yummy desserts. A special thank you to the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster for such a wonderful, tummy-warming lunch on a cold February day!

It was thrilling to see Juniorettes, Juniors and Generals all gathered together for a day of learning, service and Federation fellowship. Our guest speakers from the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County—CEO Janice Kispert and Outreach Coordinator Bryna Clark-Braverman—presented information about safe relationships and signs to watch for when a relationship becomes more controlling and potentially more dangerous.

An interactive role-playing game was held, helping all attendees observe how simple statements can be potentially indicative of a dangerous relationship—crossing the line between loving and caring into jealous and controlling. It was eye-opening to hear different accounts from fellow clubwomen of abuse and unsafe behavior.



Janice Kispert (left), CEO of Carroll County Rape Crisis Intervention Service, with GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton.

No individual is immune to an abusive relationship, regardless of age, sex, income, race—we're all equally susceptible.

Several dozen new sports bras, packages of underwear, lotions, lip balm, journals and other toiletries were collected from those in attendance. The GFWC STARS Juniette Club of Westminster decorated 26 paper bags to package the donated items for distribution to rape victims. When a victim of sexual assault is processed at the hospital, their clothing is cut off and held as evidence. Much of the time, these victims have had everything, emotionally and physically, taken from them. To be able to give them back something, in particular undergarments and toiletries, in a beautifully decorated bag, can make such an incredible difference in their lives. Thank you, generous clubwomen, for all of your donations!

The Maryland Juniors are grateful for the support of the Junior membership, and also the GFWC Maryland officers and members of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club.

MEMBERSHIP

Pump Up Your Members in Spring

Wherever you go, you're bound to meet someone with whom you can talk and share information about GFWC and your club. Direct them to your club website and the GFWC website—www.GFWC.org. Prospective members are everywhere:

At the Office: Invite a co-worker who has expressed interest in a project you are working on to accompany you to a meeting. Keep her special interests in mind at all times, and point out a program that may interest her.

At Social Gatherings: Neighbors, friends, friends of friends, and even former members are all people to talk to about your club and the projects members are undertaking. Follow-up with a phone call or email. Forward the lead to your club's membership chairman.

At Community Meetings: Meetings of other organizations provide opportunities to discuss your GFWC club and to share information about your projects. When working in collaboration with a person from another agency or group that is involved in a community service project, discuss other projects your club and GFWC are involved in, and invite that person to your next meeting.

At Local Schools: Teachers, administrators, and parents of students who have benefited from, or participated in, club-sponsored programs, projects, or scholarships are likely candidates. This is also a good place to recruit members for Juniette and collegiate clubs.

While Traveling: Wear your GFWC pin and emblematic apparel and start a conversation with the person sitting next to you. She may not be from your town, but you can tell her about GFWC, share a GFWC tri-fold brochure, and offer to help her locate a club where she lives.

Mary Beth Strickler, Membership

2013-2014 GFWC-MD DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

2013-2014 GFWC-MD DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please use this form to update your Club or Individual Listing in the GFWC-MD Directory.
Return to the Registration Table at GFWC-MD Convention, or mail by May 15, 2013 to:

GFWC-MD Directory Chairman, Mary Thompson
105 Jenkins Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640-1938 • Phone: 301-753-9146

GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Gregg
3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921-2334 • Phone: 410-395-28898

Help us keep The Federation Directory up to date!
PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

TREASURER

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

ADVISOR/DIRECTOR

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

OTHER: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

INDIVIDUAL LISTING—POSITION(s): _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____



GFWC ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

122ND GFWC ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2013
THE WESTIN DIPLOMAT RESORT & SPA • HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA



Villa Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

Federation, Friendship, FUN! at the 2013 GFWC Annual Convention

TOURS

NEW! GFWC VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Friday, June 28

Make an impact at Convention through a specially-crafted GFWC volunteer activity aimed at combating hunger. Feeding South Florida works to feed the hungry by distributing food and groceries through its network of 600+ organizations, educating the public about hunger, and engaging the community in the fight to end hunger. Feeding South Florida yearly provides over 30 million pounds of food and grocery products throughout the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties. Attendees will receive a tour and educational session of the facility and the organization, followed by a sorting project.

BRUNCH AT THE PEACOCK GARDEN CAFÉ AND VILLA VIZCAYA MUSEUM & GARDENS TOUR

Saturday, June 29

Begin the day with a delectable brunch at the Peacock Garden Café, a 130 year-old family restaurant surrounded by luscious gardens and wildlife. Following brunch, attendees will visit the Villa Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, a beautiful estate providing a window to Miami's storied history, graced by the villa since its completion in 1916, and to the Italian Renaissance, represented in the Museum's architecture. Its art and furnishings portray 400 years of European history.

EVERGLADES ADVENTURE

Friday, June 28

Experience one of North America's Natural Wonders. The largest subtropical wilderness in the United States, the Everglades is a rare and beautiful place of up to 1.2 million acres of grasslands, and is a wildlife haven with more than 40 species of mammals, 50 species of reptiles, 300 species of fish, and 350 species of birds. Attendees will experience a thrilling professionally-narrated fan boat ride encountering breathtaking panoramic views, lush vegetation, tranquility, and wildlife. Tour also includes a nature show, access to the walking tour with vista platforms, and a stop at Gator Island. After the tour, you can visit the gift shop to find your perfect souvenir.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa

3555 South Ocean Drive
Hollywood, FL 33019
Phone: 954-602-6000
Toll-Free: 1-888-627-9057

Book your GFWC group-discounted room—\$139 per night (+ applicable taxes) for king or double-bedded rooms—by calling 1-888-627-9057. You **MUST** mention that you are with the 2013 GFWC Annual Convention in order to receive the group-discounted rate. Rates are available from June 27-July 5 and may vary depending on room type and occupancy. GFWC's room block is not accessible through outside agents. Call the hotel directly, or visit GFWC's room block page located on our website at www.GFWC.org/Convention.

Convention attendees will receive:

- 20% discount on golf and spa services
- Complimentary access to WestinWORKOUT® Fitness Studio
- Free in-room Wi-Fi

Trouble with your reservation? Call 954-602-8700 during office hours Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. eastern time.

STAY TUNED!

Be on the lookout for information regarding registration, exhibiting, advertising, sponsoring, and raffle donations—all coming soon!

Sign up for *News & Notes* to receive the latest Convention updates by visiting www.GFWC.org.

Check our website at www.GFWC.org/Convention.

2013 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION DATES

June 28 | Tour and Volunteer Activity

June 29 | Tour, Board of Directors Meeting, LEADS, GFWC Florida State Night Banquet

June 30-July 2 | Convention Program

GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION... Speakers



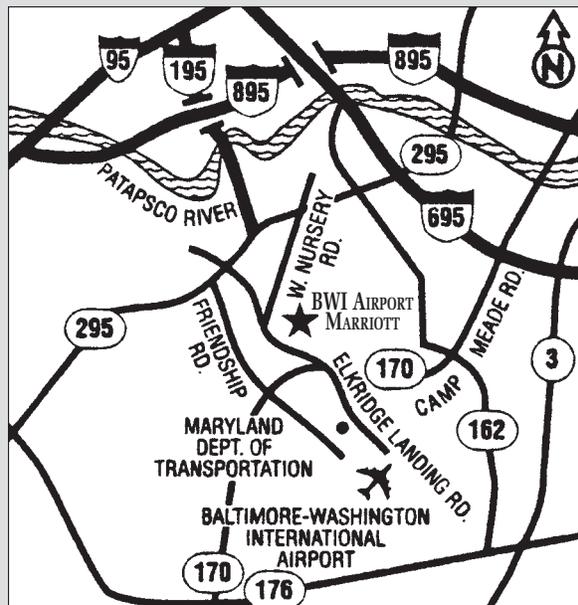
Sharon Love, Co-Founder of the One Love Foundation, will speak at the “Unity” Luncheon on Saturday. Sharon co-founded the One Love Foundation in May 2010, with family and friends, to honor the memory of her daughter, Yeardeley Reynolds Love, a former University of Virginia student-athlete who was killed by her ex-boyfriend. Through education and technology, the One Love Foundation is working to end Relationship Violence. Prior to becoming involved with the foundation full-time, Sharon worked in the Baltimore County school system for 28-years, serving as an interpreter and tutor for deaf children. Since launching the foundation, Sharon has served as an ambassador for the Violence Against Women Act, and spoke out against Relationship Violence at the White House in February 2012 as a special guest of Vice-President, Joe Biden. In September 2012, the One Love Foundation launched its “Be 1 for Change” initiative in conjunction with the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and Bloomberg School of Public Health. The long-term campaign is designed to raise awareness and change attitudes about Relationship Violence throughout the U.S., and included the creation of a first-of-its-kind free/anonymous danger assessment mobile application. Sharon is a life-long resident of Maryland, and currently lives in Cockeysville.

Dr. Pamela Ouyang, Director of the Johns Hopkins Women’s Cardiovascular Health Center, is the guest speaker at Sunday’s “Women of Distinction” Luncheon. Dr. Ouyang specializes in cardiology, internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. She has more than 35 years of experience as an M.D., receiving her medical degree from St. Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical College in London (known as Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry), and completing residencies at Johns Hopkins and Pennsylvania Hospitals. She completed her fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Johns Hopkins. Her expertise includes cardiology, cardiovascular disease, cardiovascular medicine, heart disease, ischemic heart disease, preventive cardiology, stress testing and women’s health.



Dr. Ouyang is Board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease.

THE 114TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS, INC. APRIL 20-21, 2013 AT THE BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT BALTIMORE, MD



From Baltimore:
Take Rt. 295 S.
(Baltimore-Washington Pkwy). Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn left*

From I-95:
Exit onto I-195 E. to Rt. 295 N. (Baltimore-Washington Pkwy). Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn right at top of ramp*

From Washington, DC:
Take Rt. 295 N.
(Baltimore-Washington Pkwy). Take W. Nursery Rd. exit, turn right at top of ramp*

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

GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION... Highlights

She Loves Me!

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to **114th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.** at the BWI Airport Marriott, April 20-21, 2013. We have a new, shortened Convention format this year, which promises to be fast-paced and exciting—so don't let your club president be the only one to attend and have all the fun! **Be sure to read through the Special Convention Pull-Out Section (pg. 9-20) and make note of the time changes for many activities.**

On Friday, April 19th— Plan to arrive on Friday and join us for a Pajama Party at **Federation Fun Night**, hosted by the Maryland Juniors. It will be the perfect opportunity to catch-up with your Federation Friends—and enjoy our signature Mudslides—before our busy one-and-a-half day Convention begins.

Juniorette Fun Night will also be held on Friday, featuring a Pizza & Pool Party, followed by a Pajama Party and Games.

On Saturday, April 20th— Join the Maryland Juniors at 9:00 a.m. as they celebrate their accomplishments at **"Sowing the Seeds of Love" Junior Day**. All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend this energized meeting, and help support the Juniors' Day of Service Project for **"Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County"** (details on page 20).

The 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will officially kick-off with the **"Unity" Luncheon** at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. **Youth Art Awards** will be presented and our featured speaker will be **Sharon Love from the One Love Foundation**. GFWC Signature Project, Juniors' Special Project and Membership Awards will be presented and the afternoon will conclude with the presentation of the **2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award**.

Saturday evening's **"Celebrating Membership" Banquet** at 6:00 p.m. will be highlighted by the Parade of Presidents and the District Presidents' reports. Dinner music will be provided by **The Bill Edwards Trio**, who are happy to once again be performing for the GFWC-MD Convention. Their musicians are members of the Crabtowne Big Band, based in Annapolis, and have well over a century of combined music-making experience.

Immediately following the banquet, members will gather in the President's Suite, as the Five District Presidents host a **Reception honoring the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all Nominees, the Honorary Presidents, and all Club Presidents**.

On Sunday, April 15th— The **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. A brief Board of Directors Meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m., then Convention will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. The morning session will be a whirlwind of Community Service Program reports and awards.

Sunday's **"Women of Distinction" Luncheon** will honor the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and the Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Pamela Ouyang, Director of the Johns Hopkins Women's Cardiovascular Health Center**. More reports and awards will follow, including member Art, Photography and Needle Art Awards.

Throughout Convention, be sure to visit the Art, Photography and Needle Art Exhibits. Take time to check-out Maryland Fundraising, or shop with some of our favorite vendors, including Rock On Jewelry by Claire McCardell and Magic Bubble Shirts by Sharrin Jones. And everyone's invited to join Christy Swiger for some fast-paced **BINGO!** (See convention program for details.)

The 2013 GFWC Maryland Annual Convention promises to be action-packed—with good food, great fellowship, and fabulous Federation activities. You definitely won't want to miss it!

"Sweet Dreams" Federation Fun Night

Hosted by the Maryland Juniors

Friday, April 19, 2013

8:00 p.m. in the President's Suite

\$5.00 per person

ALL Maryland Clubwomen are invited to a PAJAMA PARTY!

Wear your most comfortable PJ's and bring either brand-new underwear or a brand-new sports bra to donate to the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County.

Come relax and share some quality time with your wonderful Federation friends, and enjoy Maryland's signature drink, a Mudslide, and other delightful refreshments.

Be sure to add Federation Fun Night to your Meal Reservation Form!



*All Members
are invited to attend a*

Reception

Hosted by the Five District Presidents

*Honoring
the Outstanding
Maryland Clubwoman
and All Nominees,
the Honorary Presidents,
and all Club Presidents*

Saturday, April 20th

*in the President's Suite
immediately following the banquet*



HOBY UPDATE

The HOBY program is alive and strong in Maryland. Our award-winning seminar will again be held Memorial Day weekend (May 23-26) at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. We expect over 200 high school sophomores to experience a weekend full of leadership activities, workshops, and service. The weekend focuses on three types of leadership: individual, group, and societal.

This year the seminar has been extended. Through the generosity of Mount Saint Mary's University we are able to offer an additional day for our activities. Of course, all of this would not be possible without the support of civic organizations such as GFWC-MD. Your continued support has made all of these yearly seminars possible. I'm proud to say that The Maryland Federation has continued to support the HOBY program for over 25 years!

If your club would like to donate, sponsorships are \$175.00, but any amount is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to another great seminar—thanks to the generosity of our club members!

Anne Yakaitis, HOBY Chairman

IN MEMORY OF...



Margaret Stewart

1915 - 2012

**EASTERN SHORE
DISTRICT PRESIDENT
1980-1982**

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS

REGISTRATION:

Pre-Registration Fee is \$10.00 On-Site Registration Fee is \$15.00

A Registration Fee will be charged for all attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Everyone attending **MUST** register and pay the Registration Fee. **The Pre-Registration Fee of \$10.00 MUST BE MAILED to the Credential Chairman, Diane Raycob, by March 15, 2013, along with the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13 of the Special Convention Pull-Out Section).** An On-Site Registration Fee of \$15.00 will be collected for anyone not Pre-Registered. You will receive your badge upon arrival at the annual convention. No one will be admitted to the meetings without a badge. Members who belong to more than one club must decide which club they will be registered under.

Registration Desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 20, 2013: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 21, 2013: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:

You will NOT receive CREDENTIAL CARDS in the MAIL as in previous years. ALL ATTENDEES MUST use the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13 of the Special Convention Pull-Out Section). Even if there is some doubt whether you can attend, you need to complete the form and **mail it to the Credential Chairman, Diane Raycob, by March 15, 2013.**

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

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

Club Delegates:

Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form (on page 13) and mail to the Credential Chairman Diane Raycob. If your club has alternate delegates, please send their name(s) separately. The number of Club Delegates to which your club is entitled is based on the number of club members who have paid their dues by February 1, 2013. You are allowed to appoint one (1) Club Delegate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Junior & Juniorette Clubs:

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

Voting Members:

“The Federation and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs delegates will be based only upon those members whose dues shall have been paid by February 1.” Standing Rule 2a (pg. 84). “The voting members of The Federation shall be the members of the board of directors and the accredited delegates. A voting member shall have but one vote, although entitled to vote in either of several capacities. No delegate shall represent more than one club.” Article VI, Section 2 of The Federation Bylaws (pg. 78).

Non-Voting Members:

All non-voting members must still register.



**OFFICIAL CALL
TO
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
114TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"She Loves Me!"**

APRIL 20-21, 2013 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

The Executive Committee of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. extends a very special invitation to **ALL Maryland Clubwomen** to attend the 114th Annual Convention. The Call to Convention has been published in this issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman*, so EVERY club member will have the necessary information. **PLEASE NOTE: Credential Cards will NOT be mailed. Please use the Registration & Credentials Form on page 13 of this Call.**

In This Issue You Will Find:

- 1) ***All General Information pertinent to the Convention.***
- 2) ***Registration & Credentials Form***—mail to Diane Raycob, Credential Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Registration Fee of \$10.00 MUST BE MAILED no later than March 15, 2013, along with the Registration & Credentials Form.
On-Site Registration Fee will be \$15.00.
- 3) ***Room Reservation Form***—mail directly to the BWI Airport Marriott.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 15, 2013.
Room Rates will more than double after that date!
- 4) ***Meal Reservation Form***—mail to Joyce Race, Reservations Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 15, 2013.
Reservations mailed after the deadline **MUST** include a \$10.00 Late Fee.
Submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member.
Please use this form for ALL MEALS and Federation Fun Night.
- 5) ***GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form***—mail to Jo Miller, Convention Club Treasurer.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for GFWC Convention Club Reservations is March 15, 2013.

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

Beverly Death, President
Dorothy Gregg, Corresponding Secretary

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 114TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

"She Loves Me!"

APRIL 20-21, 2013 • BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, BALTIMORE

The 114th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, from April 20-21, 2013. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend. See page 5 of this issue for a map and directions, or visit: www.marriott.com.

CREDENTIALS: Credentials cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call) and mail to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 15, 2013**. Mail to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763.

REGISTRATION: Registration desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 20, 2013: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2013: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. This fee helps pay for the speakers, programs and all printed materials distributed during the convention. Everyone attending **MUST** register. **NOTE: Pre-Registration Fee of \$10.00 MUST BE MAILED** to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 15, 2013, along with the Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call). **On-Site Registration Fee will be \$15.00**. Make checks payable to: *MFWC Treasurer*. Mail to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Meal Reservations **MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 15, 2013**. **Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee**. For each member attending, submit **ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form** (page 17 of this Call), along with a check or money order. Make check payable to: *MFWC Reservations Account*. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form. Mail to: Joyce Race, 44 Linden Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-2114.

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

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Make room reservations directly with BWI Airport Marriott. Mail or Fax the BWI Airport Marriott Reservation Form (page 15 of this Call), or call BWI Airport Marriott at 410-859-8300 (direct) or 800-228-9290 (toll free). **To get the special room rate of \$129.00 Single/Double (+ 13% tax), you MUST identify yourself as being with GFWC Maryland. Make room reservations promptly as the hotel will only hold our rooms until March 15, 2013. ROOM RATES WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE AFTER THIS DATE.** GFWC Maryland must occupy a specific number of rooms each night to avoid high rental fees for meeting rooms. **Please help us SAVE Federation money and plan to stay both Friday and Saturday nights!**

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

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

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

All entries MUST be received from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. No pictures will be accepted without wire and screw eyes, or if insecurely framed. **A Signature will be Required for All Entries When Checked-In on Saturday and Checked-Out on Sunday.**

Entries may be picked up in the exhibit rooms **only after adjournment of the meeting on Sunday, April 21. No Exceptions To This Rule!** Neither The GFWC Maryland Federation nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 21. Exhibits will be covered by insurance for fire and theft only. All due care will be used in handling articles, but insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for ten dollars (\$10). No single item will be insured in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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



CONVENTION AGENDA

"She Loves Me!"

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:00-10:30 p.m. — Juniorette Fun Night.

All Juniorettes are invited to a Pizza & Pool Party until 8:00 p.m. Then off to the suite for a Pajama Party and games.

8:00 p.m. — Federation Fun Night in the President's Suite.

ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship, sponsored by the Maryland Juniors. *(see details on page 7)*
Please use Meal Reservation Form. *(casual attire)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon — "Sowing the Seeds of Love" Junior Day.

All GFWC Maryland members are invited to attend the energized Junior Membership Annual Meeting. **"Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County" Day of Service Project.** *(see details on page 20). (business-casual attire)*

FORMAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1:00 p.m. — "Unity" Luncheon.

Presentation of Youth Art Awards. Speaker: Sharon Love, One Love Foundation. GFWC Signature Project, Junior Special Project, and Membership awards. The Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. *(business-casual attire)*

5:45 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

6:00 p.m. — "Celebrating Membership" Banquet.

District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during the Parade of Presidents. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Dinner Music: Bill Edwards Trio. District Presidents' Reports. *(cocktail/formal attire)*

Reception immediately following the banquet, in the President's Suite. Honoring the 2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all Nominees, the Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation, and all Club Presidents. Hosted by the five District Presidents.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 a.m. — GFWC Convention Club Breakfast.

For ALL who have attended a GFWC International Convention.
Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.

8:45 a.m. — Board of Directors Meeting. *(business-casual attire)*

9:00 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes. Community Service Program awards. *(business-casual attire)*

12:30 p.m. — "Women of Distinction" Luncheon.

Honoring the 2012 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and the Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation. Guest Speaker: Dr. Pamela Ouyang, Director of the Johns Hopkins Women's Cardiovascular Health Center. Art, Needle Art and Photography awards. Special and Standing Committee Reports. *(business-casual attire)*

Adjournment



SPECIAL NOTICES

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB

Join fellow GFWC International Convention attendees at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 21 for breakfast. Share stories, laughs and plans for the 2013 GFWC Convention in Hollywood, Florida. **Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.**

FLOWERS

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

PHOTOGRAPHS

International Convention Photography is unable to attend our Convention this year. Please remember to bring your own cameras to capture all the fun memories.

2013-2014 GFWC MARYLAND DIRECTORY UPDATE

Attention: CLUB PRESIDENTS, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors — A special form is included on page 4 of this issue for reporting any Directory Changes. *Please fill out and return forms to the Registration Table at GFWC-MD Convention, or mail to the GFWC-MD Directory Chairman, Mary Thompson, 105 Jenkins Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640-1938, no later than May 15, 2013.*

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A Medical Emergency Information Form is included on page 18 of this Call. This form should be filled out by each member attending convention and returned to the Reservations Chairman, Joyce Race, 44 Linden Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-2114, along with your Meal Reservation Form.

GFWC MARYLAND FUND-RAISING

Gold to Green Recycling Fundraiser. Bring all your old gold, white gold, platinum or even sterling silver jewelry. You will be paid "GREEN" cash for whatever "GOLD" you would like to get rid of. Our gold buyer will work with one person at a time. She will separate your items by karat weight (i.e. 10k, 14k), and pay you in cash based on the total weight times the current payout rates, which will be posted. She can remove most stones and return them to you. Our State Fundraising Account will receive 10% of whatever she pays out. Simply bring your items in a bag or box with your name on it, and we will assist you from there.

BINGO MANIA! Join Christy Swiger for some fast-paced Bingo—and Lots of Fun! *(see convention program for details)*

We will also be offering our popular **50/50 Boards**, and the outstanding **District Basket Raffles**, which are always filled to the brim with terrific items. A variety of additional items will be on sale throughout the convention.

EXHIBITORS

Some of our favorite **Convention Exhibitors** will be on hand—be sure to visit!

Advertise your favorite club fund-raising project by including information in the Convention Packets. Send all information to The Federation Arrangements Chairman, Patti Jo Green, 42 Liberty Street, Westminster, MD 21157-4937 **no later than March 15, 2013.** Materials received after this date will NOT be included in the packets. Please send two hundred (200) copies if you want the material in all of the packets or sixty-five (65) if you want the information included ONLY in the Club Presidents' packets.

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM
DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2013

CLUB NAME: _____

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2013) _____ Circle One: General / Junior / Juniorette Club

District: _____

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: Pre-Registration \$10.00 / On-Site Registration \$15.00

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

CLUB DELEGATES ATTENDING:

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

Club President Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

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

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

State Officers, District Presidents, Community Service Program/Special Project Chairmen, Special/ Standing Committee Members, and Honorary State Presidents.

Name: _____ Position: _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Name: _____ Position: _____

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2013 Total Registration \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail Form and Check to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763

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

Phone: 410-893-7534 E-mail: draycob@verizon.net

BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2013

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

Function dates: **April 20-21, 2013**

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

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI: _____

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

Phone #: _____ Sharing room with: _____

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

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

Arrival Date: _____ Approximate Arrival Time: _____

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

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

American Express Carte Blanche Diners Club Visa/MasterCard Check

Credit Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2013

Mary Thompson, President
Shirley Wales, Vice-President

Jo Miller, Treasurer
Christy Swiger, Secretary

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, April 21, 2013 ★ 7:30 a.m. ★ Total Cost: \$30.50*

Have you ever attended a General Federation Convention? If the answer is YES, then you are eligible for membership in the GFWC Convention Club. One meeting annually, no projects, lots of FUN!! Join fellow GFWC Convention attendees to share stories, laughs and plans for the 2013 GFWC Annual Convention in Hollywood, FL. **Remember to bring something from a previous GFWC Convention.**

Dress: Your choice, formal or casual.

* Total Cost of \$30.50 includes \$30.00 for Breakfast + \$.50 for GFWC Convention Club Dues.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Mail Form and Check to: Jo Miller, 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502-9602
(Make checks payable to Jo Miller)

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 15, 2013

**Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 15, 2013.
Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.**

*For example: If you plan to attend all meals, plus Fun Night your total will be \$134.00.
If you mail your Reservation Form after March 15, 2013, your total will be \$144.00.*

— PLEASE NOTE —

SUBMIT ONE (1) MEAL RESERVATION FORM PER MEMBER

Reservation must include Check and Name of Member for whom reservation is being made. Make Check Payable To: MFWC RESERVATIONS ACCOUNT. Please do not ask for refunds. ONLY Vegetarian, Diabetic, or Seafood Allergy food substitutions can be made. (Make advance arrangements with Reservations Chairman.)

Date – Function	\$ / Meal	Vegetarian or Diabetic
Friday, April 19 – Federation Fun Night\$ 5.00		
Saturday, April 20 – Luncheon\$ 35.00		
Saturday, April 20 – Banquet\$ 53.00		
Sunday, April 21 – Luncheon\$ 41.00		
TOTAL		<i>NOTE: SEAFOOD will be served. Please specify if you have an ALLERGY to SEAFOOD.</i>

TO INSURE PROPER SEATING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

Name: _____	Office: _____
Club: _____	District: _____

If reservation is for a State Officer, District President or Honorary President, please list below:

Name: _____	Office: _____
Club: _____	District: _____

If reservation is for a Member, please list below:

Name: _____	Office: _____
Club: _____	District: _____

Mail Form and Check to: Joyce Race, 44 Linden Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-2114



MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Your Name:
Address:
Phone #:

Who should be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Are you staying in the hotel? _____

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

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

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

Do you have any allergies to food or medication? _____

If yes, please list: _____

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

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

Authorization for emergency treatment: _____

Medical insurance company & policy number: _____

Coverage verification phone number: _____

Return Form to: Joyce Race, 44 Linden Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-2114





OFFICIAL CALL TO JUNIOR DAY
AT
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
114TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Sowing the Seeds of Love"

APRIL 20, 2013 (SATURDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

Junior Day at the 114th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, on Saturday, April 20, 2013. ALL members of The Maryland Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

CREDENTIALS: Credentials cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call) and mail to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 15, 2013**. Mail to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763.

REGISTRATION: A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Everyone attending **MUST** register. No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge. **NOTE: Pre-Registration Fee of \$10.00 MUST BE MAILED** to the State Credential Chairman **no later than March 15, 2013, along with the Registration & Credentials Form** (page 13 of this Call). On-Site Registration Fee will be \$15.00. Make checks payable to: *MFWC Treasurer*. Mail to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763.

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ART, NEEDLE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY, and YOUTH ART EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Exact locations will be designated after entry cards have been received. Open hours will be announced in the Convention program. **All Art, Needle Art & Photography entries MUST be received from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20.**

FUNDRAISING: Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables for GFWC Tumblers (in Red, Apple Green, Blue and Purple), and "GFWC: You are the Sole of the Federation" Shoe Bags.

THINGS TO BRING TO JUNIOR DAY:

- 1) Your club's banner
- 2) Two Quarters for Felicia the "Federated Pig"
- 3) Silent Auction item—
Theme: "Sowing Seeds"
- 4) Donations for Junior Day Service Project to support the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County.



JUNIOR DAY AGENDA
“Sowing the Seeds of Love”

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS: Reports of the Director of Junior Clubs, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer. Voting for the 2013-2014 Junior Budget.

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

AWARDS: Membership, Fundraising and Club awards.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS: All nominees will be introduced and the names of the winners will be announced for: Juniorette of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Outstanding Maryland Junior, Babs Condon Award, and the Outstanding Junior/Juniorette Club of the Year.

DAY OF SERVICE: The Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County. When a victim of sexual assault is processed at the hospital, their clothing is cut off and held as evidence. Much of the time, these victims have had everything—emotionally and physically—taken from them. To be able to give them back something, in particular undergarments, can make such an incredible difference in their lives. **Please bring either brand-new underwear or a brand-new sports bra to donate to the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County.**

ADJOURNMENT — Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables.

LUNCHEON: 1:00 p.m. — “Unity” Luncheon
Formal Opening of the 114th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention.
Presentation of Youth Art Awards. Speaker: Sharon Love, One Love Foundation.
GFWC Signature Project, Junior Special Project, and Membership awards.
The Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award.

SPECIAL NOTICES

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT: Federation Fun Night will be held **Friday, April 19th** in the President’s Suite. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship, sponsored by the Maryland Juniors *(see details on page 7)*. **Please use Meal Reservation Form.** *(casual attire)*

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET: Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during the Parade of Presidents. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Dinner Music: Bill Edwards Trio. District Presidents’ Reports. *(cocktail/formal attire)*



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



Volunteers—Helping Hands, Helping Others



Mary Snyder, President
Born and raised in Broadway, VA, Mary came to Western Maryland via Prince Georges County, then Montgomery County, and finally to Frederick in 1976. She and her husband wanted to raise their son Michael "in the country." Mary has an administrative background with the FBI, NASA, HEW, and retired from the Frederick County Health Department in 2008. Mary joined the Frederick Junior Woman's Club in 1980, then joined the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. in 1986. She served as Mardi Gras Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, President 2002-2004, Treasurer 2008-2012, and currently as Trustee. During her presidency, the club committed to a CIP Project, the Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County. At the 2004 GFWC Convention, the club received 5th place for their project after only two years of work. Prior to her installation as Western District President, Mary served as Treasurer and First Vice-President. She also served GFWC-MD as Membership Chairman 2011-2012. Mary's theme is "Volunteers—Helping Hands, Helping Others" and her project is Supporting Awareness of Learning Disabilities in memory of her son Michael. Mary and her husband David live in Jefferson, MD.

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District

The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District meets twice a year. Our members are all past Western District Presidents, so we only gain one member every two years. We are proud to have GFWC-MD Honorary President 2010-2012 Jo Miller, and the 2011 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, Anne Forrester, as members of our club. Officers for 2012-2014 were installed in May: Carol Horne, president; Debbie Spinnenweber, vice-president; Sally Marks, secretary; and Anne Forrester, treasurer. Our members supported the GFWC Sock Project in May—29 pairs of socks were given to the Frederick Woman's Civic Club for donation (they graciously allow us to hold our meetings at Steiner House). At the February GFWC-MD Board of Directors meeting, we held a service project to collect Dr. Seuss books in honor of Dr. Seuss' 109th Birthday. We donate to Youth Art, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award, "The Maryland Clubwoman," Bettie M. Sippel, 1734 Society, WHRC, GFWC-MD Website, Tree-Mendous Maryland, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation. At the GFWC-MD Convention in April, we were honored to receive an International Outreach Award for our project with SERRV. Our members will continue to offer support and guidance to the clubs of Western District.



Centennial Club members gather for lunch at their favorite restaurant—Gladchuk's—after their May Meeting.



Miss Maryland, Garrett County resident Joanna Guy, draws the winning ticket for the Oakland club's Quilt Raffle.

GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.

The Civic Club of Oakland held its 41st annual Antique Show and Sale during Autumn Glory weekend in October of 2012. This is the major fundraiser for the club. Under the direction of Jackie Johnson and Kathy Lyons, more than 29 dealers from five states set up booths in the Community Center in Oakland. Club members also made soup and baked goods. The "Civic Club Kitchen" with Master Chefs Betty Ellington and Flo Royer, and many assistant chefs, served soup, sandwiches, and homemade baked goods over the three-day period.

The other major fundraising event during this time was the Quilt Raffle. Anne Horowitz led this event by organizing teams to sell raffle tickets at several different venues over a period of four months. The final drawing for the beautiful Amish made quilt was held on Sunday during the Antique Show. The current Miss Maryland, our own Garrett County resident Joanna Guy, was present to draw the winning ticket. During the fall months, the Civic Club helped support Joanna's candidacy for Miss America. At the January competition, Joanna placed 5th out of 54 contestants! We are very proud of our hometown girl!

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WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

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Annually, during the general membership meeting in March, up to 27 non-profit organizations from Garrett County apply for a 2-3 minute time slot to make a brief presentation to the Civic Club members regarding the goals of their organization.

These groups may bring handouts, pamphlets, and other brochures that outline their programs. Each member present then votes on the distribution of the funds earned at the Antique Show and Quilt Raffle. Each non-profit receives some funding from the Civic Club with the highest vote getters receiving the most money. Using this method, every Civic Club member has the opportunity for input as to the distribution of funds.

Plans are already underway for the Antique Show and Sale for 2013. Come on up to Mountain Maryland for Autumn Glory Weekend. We'd love to see you all here!

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

"Opening our Doors to Service," the theme for this administration, is what sets us apart from other civic organizations in Frederick. Our members donate an average of 15,000 hours each year to make Frederick a better place to live. To recognize the history and accomplishments of our club, we created a logo depicting the front door of our historic clubhouse, Steiner House, that we purchased 50 years ago.

Building on a century of service, we are reaching out to the community and our members by embracing social media. We developed a new website—www.fwccinc.org—which links to the GFWC and GFWC-MD websites. A new member, who is an artist, created a folk art banner of Frederick for the website and our club logo. Our website provides the

proud history of GFWC at the national, state and local levels. We use it to publicize our events, meetings, community service programs, and to connect to our community sponsors and to attract new ones. We are also on Facebook!

The 52nd Annual Mardi Gras Ball, our largest annual fundraiser, was February 9, 2013. This year our charity is Hospice of Frederick County, so we combined a night of revelry and partying for good causes, including preservation of Steiner House and local scholarships. This year we added a Taste of Gourmet food from Frederick restaurants, along with traditional dancing, and jazz band music to our traditional presentation of the Mardi Gras Royal Court, and a silent auction.

We established a Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. Scholarship Fund with the well-respected Community Foundation of Frederick, to streamline the application and award process while allowing our Scholarship Committee to maintain control.

Increasing membership is a big focus and we've added eight new members in the past year. We held an orientation meeting to tell them about the club and for us to learn more about them. Members also get to know each other better through the Secret Sister program.

Our monthly meetings have themes that tie into the Community Service Programs. Recently we learned about the services of the Frederick County Public Library System and The Community Foundation of Frederick, and were entertained at our holiday meeting by the chorus from the local elementary school where our members serve as tutors and provide family support services.

To accommodate the different family and work situations of our members, we hold both daytime and evening meetings. We have an active Book Club and a Bunko Group that donates its fees to the scholarship



The Frederick Club's Steiner House recently took its place among other historic landmarks as a participant in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's This Place Matters program.

fund each year. Our Community Service Program groups have many ongoing activities. Here's just a few of our recent efforts: established a monthly book club at a local nursing home and held Bingo Parties there; rang bells for the Salvation Army and worked with a local pre-school to Trick or Treat for UNICEF; supported our military with telephone cards; helped with registration and raised over \$600 in pledges for a local Breast Cancer walk; supported the Interfaith Housing Alliance; provided volunteer services and trips to local artisan studios and evenings at the Weinberg Center viewing silent movies; received conservation tips in our newsletter; supported domestic violence awareness with volunteer time and donations for the local shelter's holiday gifts program; worked to end child abuse through Friends of the Child Advocacy Center; and sold over 200 White House ornaments, earning \$1000 to support the Youth Art Program.

Our new Steiner House logo reflects our commitment to promoting this historic landmark built in 1807 by literally "opening its door to the public." Recently Steiner House took its place among other historic landmarks as a participant in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's This Place Matters program. We were featured in the Frederick

County Tourism's Candlelight Museum Tour in December. Steiner House was beautifully decorated and our members used prepared scripts to tell about the history of each room as visitors toured the house. We plan to have Steiner House open for Bell and History Days in Spring 2013.

We are off to a great start and look forward to expanding our membership, programs, and services, while we have lots of fun!

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

The GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland has been very busy. At our September 2012 meeting, we hosted our annual International Night with a guest speaker, Sasha Vasic, who came from Bosnia. Mr. Vasic spoke about living in Bosnia during the Bosnian War, how he fought with the Serbs, and his gratitude to the United States for welcoming him and his family and the many opportunities they have been given here.

The club enjoyed hosting the Western District Board of Directors Meeting in October, and collecting books for an organization that works with individuals with developmental disabilities. The speaker for the day was from that organization—he was “wowed” by the volunteer efforts put forth by the members of Western District and the many, many books they had donated.

November saw the club holding their annual Christmas Auction, and helping to host the March of Dimes “Ladies Night Out.” This event featured a silent auction with items donated by area businesses and statewide businesses and organizations with enough diversity to tickle the fancy of the ladies attending. Some last minute hovering over certain items lent an air of friendly sportsmanship to the bidding. The event is always a huge

success and worth every minute spent to help plan and work the event, as it is for a great cause—helping to raise money for research to stamp out birth defects. Members also hosted a Santa's Workshop where they entertained children with crafts and letter writing to Santa. The day ended with a surprise visit from Santa!

In December, members enjoyed our Annual Ornament Exchange—no stealing of ornaments there! Members also wrapped presents for Toys for Happiness and filled children's Christmas bags for the Salvation Army, so that children less fortunate could have a magical morning on Christmas.

Members of the Junior Woman's Civic Club continue to focus on public and international issues, carpooling, conservation, newsletters to keep members updated and informed, and providing volunteer efforts to help enhance the lives of people in their communities.

GFWC Western Maryland Community Club

The GFWC Western Maryland Community Club began its new club year with the installation of officers for 2012-2014: Debbie Spinnenweber, President; Peg Gillum, Vice-President; Mary Ruddell, Secretary; and Jo Miller and Bonnie Boswell, Co-Treasurers. Membership is a top priority for our small club and we're pleased to report that we gained three new members in 2012. This year we created the “WMCC HOTLINE!” to keep our members informed and stay connected. Our club newsletter “VolunCheer” also serves to inform and educate our members on an array of timely subjects.

To support our local Domestic Violence Center, our club donated \$225.00—including \$100.00 won by the club at state convention—for the purchase of a baby bed.



Western Maryland Community Club members (L to R) Mary Beth Strickler, Debbie Spinnenweber, and Mary Ruddell making Linus Blankets for the local Domestic Violence Shelter.

Members supported the “GFWC Sock Project” by donating 100 pairs of socks to the Domestic Violence Shelter, and the club made five no-sew “Linus Blankets” at our September meeting for the shelter.

We conducted our first major fundraiser this year, a “Holiday Raffle” for Retired Longaberger Baskets, raising \$1096.00 to support a number of community service projects. Our annual donations include: HOBY, Save the Bay, Youth Art, WHRC, 1734 Society, Bettie M. Sippel, and the GFWC-MD Website. Each member donates \$2.00 at every meeting to support Operation Smile—we originally planned to donate a penny a pound, but no one wanted to divulge their true weight! And “Bonnie's BINGO” continues to be a popular monthly fundraiser.

Members donated used Greeting Cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children for their “Recycled Card Program,” and collected Grocery Coupons for the Military, and Box Tops for Education. Members donated Art Supplies for the Art Program at Friends Aware, Inc.—a local organization that provides supports to persons with developmental disabilities. We adopted a Social Worker for the year, with members donating clothing, linens, and personal items, to help fill “Dawn's Closet” and directly

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benefit those in need. And members collected 21 calendars which were donated to residents at a local Nursing Home, after one member expressed her dismay that the calendar displayed in her Aunt's room was from a funeral home.

In lieu of traditional Jingle Gifts, members brought Toys to our December meeting, which we donated to Toys for Happiness. Members also wrapped gifts at the Toys for Happiness Booth at the local mall for Christmas. We supported the Salvation Army Children's Christmas project by filling Christmas Gift Bags for children of varying ages, and supported the Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program by writing messages of appreciation in cards which were distributed to military personnel.

WMCC members held leadership positions on both the District and State levels. We're proud to have GFWC-MD Honorary President 2012-2014 Jo Miller as a member of our club, as well as the entire staff of "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine. We look forward to seeing all our Federation Friends at GFWC-MD Convention!

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Westminster began its club year with an annual potluck picnic in August, held at the home of Lura Griswold who has been a member for over 50 years.

During the summer, the program committee chose speakers and programs for the coming year geared towards our theme "Uniting Our Voice for Leadership and Equality." The Yearbook Committee published our 2012-13 handbook, including pertinent information to guide us on our way. Our chairs and co-chairs met with their members to set their



Westminster club members volunteering as docents at the decorator show house (clockwise from right): Nancy James, Sandy Ferguson, Norma Jean Swam, Dawn Thomas, Barbara Humbert, Nan Sanders, and Kathy Rittler.

goals and plan their activities for the next two years. The Conservation Committee worked through the summer to keep a local park pristine for the community.

At the beginning of the school year, the Educational Committee, in collaboration with a local community service program, helped raise funds to cover the cost of numerous filled backpacks for a "Back to School" program. The honorable Susan Krebs, State Delegate from Carroll County, spoke at our first general meeting in October about using our voice for policy and women's health. Arts Committee members served as volunteer docents at a downtown Westminster church's decorator show house throughout October. On the last Monday of the month, members of the International Outreach program worked to prepare craft goods made by people in third world countries for retail sale. The Home Life Community Service Program gave out information at the November meeting on the importance of accurate, current information for breast cancer prevention. The Public Issues Program assisted a non-profit medical care service in their move to a much needed larger facility.

A holiday luncheon and silent auction was held at our December meeting for over a 100 members and guests. Entertainment was

provided by the Never Too Late Band. We are looking forward to the continued planning, promoting, and implementing of our community programs in 2013. This includes fundraising for our own Babs Condon as she prepares to become the 50th GFWC International President.

Our committees were busy throughout the year, meeting the GFWC's mission and goals. We are grateful for their selfless time and effort. The GFWC Woman's Club of Westminister, with more than a 100 members, meets at the Non-Profit Building in Westminister on the 2nd Tuesday, September-May, at 12:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminister, Inc.

The Junior Woman's Club of Westminister is proud to report another strong year of service to our community! We have been busy with new ideas, and some tried and true activities that have prospered and grown over the years.

It was an exciting 2012, as the Westminister Juniors celebrated our club's 60th anniversary. We honored this anniversary at one of our summer monthly meetings with a toast, club trivia and refreshments. It was great for both new and long-time members to re-visit our club's roots and remember what being a clubwoman is all about!

We introduced monthly "treasure hunts" for school supplies, personal hygiene items, jean jackets for BACA (Biker's Against Child Abuse), comfort items for breast cancer surgery patients, and pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We have storage bins for donations at each meeting, and members are reminded to bring their "treasures" in our club newsletter. Our Home Life committee has been giving monthly health updates on issues ranging from breast cancer awareness to depression awareness and prevention.



Members of the Junior Woman's Club of Westminster hold 75 lbs. of pull-tabs collected for Ronald McDonald House.

We gathered for our "social" meeting at a member's home in August. Members were encouraged to bring family and friends so they could learn about our club and the work we do! Our summers are always spent planning for our biggest event, our Kid's Consignment Sale, which celebrated its 21st anniversary this year. We had another fantastic sale, bringing in thousands of dollars to use for the betterment of our community. We are also thankful to the consignors who decide to donate their un-purchased items. This allowed us to donate a large truck-load of children's clothing and toys for distribution to needy families.

Also in August, we organized an event in conjunction with National Night Out, which is designed to bring the community together while raising awareness for crime and drug prevention. The event was held at a local park where we had pizza and refreshments, as well as music, games and face painting.

As fall came around, we continued our efforts to remain active in our community by participating in the annual Fall Fest. At this weekend-long event, non-profit organizations can rent a booth space. Several of our members worked together at a booth offering a lollipop game for children, while making club information available for interested community members. This was successful in helping to raise club awareness, as a photo of our booth was featured in the local newspaper.

At our October meeting, members were asked to bring fleece to make no-sew blankets. We collect these blankets year-round to give to breast cancer surgery patients, however, it was a lot of fun to make them as a club activity, as a reminder to all members that a small gesture of comfort can make a difference. Later that month, several members participated in events during the week of October 21-27. Books, mittens and treats were collected, and events were organized for each night in honor of GFWC's Advocates for Children week.

Our November meeting is always a special one, as it is our annual Barter Dinner. Every year, members are asked to bring a donation to "barter" for their meal. This year, they were asked to bring either a grocery store gift card or a monetary donation. We are proud to say that the club collected just over \$600, which was used to purchase holiday dinners for our local Carroll Hospice in honor of a former club member who passed away. Also at this dinner, members chose an angel from the Salvation Army gift tree. They then purchased gifts for their chosen angel, and brought them to our Holiday party in December, in time for the Salvation Army to distribute them to needy families.

As always, the Westminster Juniors are hard at work to serve their community in every way they can. We look forward to another year filled with smiles and success, and wish you all the same!

GFWC STARS Juniors Club of Westminster

Fifty-eight children attended the STARS Juniors Club's 17th Annual Santa's Workshop this year (a record number), where 16 different new and original crafts were offered. After singing a few Christmas Carols and watching us in our holiday play, "How the Grinch Stole

Christmas," the children filled the three hours of the workshop making gifts for family and friends.

We've been lucky to add five new members since school began, and hope that several more girls, who are busy with winter sports right now, may join us soon!

We loved it when our Western District President Mary Snyder and her friend Jennie Sue Pearson came to watch us in action at our Santa's Workshop, and we thank the members of the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster for all their help with this awesome event!

In February, we once again hosted a tea party at Carroll Lutheran Village, where we offer to give the residents hand massages and paint their fingernails. You should see the colors some of them choose!

It's lonely being the only Juniors Club in GFWC Maryland, so we'd like to challenge more clubs to sponsor a Juniors club—to help girls in middle and high schools in your area earn their service hours. Each of us earns between 20 and 40 hours of service a year in our club. We'd be happy to give you more details and ideas on how to start your own Juniors club. Just email Chatgirl2013@yahoo.com, or thecuriousthingaboutdancers@yahoo.com.

See you at convention in April!



Kids enjoying making Kiley Alcorn's craft at the STARS Juniors Club's Santa's Workshop.

Volunteers Touch Many Hearts



Bernadette Simon, President

Bernie joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights in 1998 and has served as President (two terms), First Vice-President, and Recording Secretary (two terms), and has chaired numerous committees. Bernie is also a member of Southern Lights where she currently serves as Vice-President. For Southern District, Bernie is serving her second term as President and has served as First Vice-President and Education Department Chairman. For GFWC Maryland, she serves as LEADS Chairman. Bernie attended Seton High School and the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore. She retired from the Food and Drug Administration where she worked as a Consumer Affairs Specialist, Consumer Affairs Officer and Writer-Editor. Originally from Baltimore, Bernie now lives in Linthicum where she is active in community organizations such as the Linthicum Community Fair Committee, the Linthicum Centennial Committee, the North County Business Advisory Board and St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. She was named the Honorary Deputy Mayor of Linthicum in 2011 and was the recipient of the Pastor Gilroy Award in 2012. Bernie's theme is "Volunteers Touch Many Hearts."

GFWC Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour

The Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour held a Day of Service in November. Our members prepared 40 lunches and delivered them to The Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis.

The Bag Ladies filled 60 bags with coloring books, project books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gloves, Kleenex, toys and pencils. The bags were picked up by the First Grade Reading Teacher from Georgetown East Elementary, a school with a large percentage of disadvantaged children. The bags were given to the children as presents the week before Christmas. The club received special thanks from the children which began with "Dear Lovely Ladies...."

The Comfort Doll members sewed and stuffed 25 Comfort Dolls which were delivered to the Sheriff's Office, to be given to children involved in domestic disputes, custody battles, eviction, etc.

At our Holiday Luncheon, we were happy to award our \$5,000 Nursing Scholarship to Elizabeth Amoss, a married mother of two, who was doubting she would be able to continue her education in the nursing field.

In January we held our Re-Gifting Auction where members bring unwanted gifts, household items, artwork, household accessories and anything of value to be auctioned. It was very successful, realizing a profit of \$815.00. As always, all profits go to our charities.

On February 12th we had our second Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch where we served Sausage, Pancakes, juice and coffee for \$5.00. Last year we profited almost \$300 for our charities.

GFWC Charles County Woman's Club, Inc.

The past year has been fairly quiet for Charles County Woman's Club. We started meeting at a local restaurant early for breakfast! Everything is accomplished and all the members have more of their day for other activities, such as tutoring and art classes. Our October speaker was the Director of Parks and Recreation, Tom Roland. His PowerPoint presentation gave us the opportunity to see where all the parks are located in the county—more than we had realized. P&R has been very helpful in working with us to plant myrtle trees on the grounds of the County Court House, in memory of six clubwomen who passed away this past year.

In December, members decorated the Christmas tree for Hospice. This is the final year for this event after 25 years. The 4-1/2 foot tree was lovely. We also gathered toys together for the Christmas Connection.

We collected food throughout the year for the local food bank. We also collected tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore and lots of magazines for Jude House, which they used in class assignments.

We worked on "Linus Blankets" again in January—easier to have a project than schedule a speaker and have the weather mess it up.

We have been very active at our adopted elementary school. We enjoy helping out at their Book Fairs and Santa's Secret Shop, and are fortunate enough to be asked to attend their Annual Thanksgiving luncheon held in November. We also have a few members who tutor students at least once a week, sometimes more.

Members are active at the senior centers, attending classes or playing

bridge. We volunteer with the firehouse auxiliary, help with community affairs, and serve on planning commissions. We may be a small club, but we continue to stay active and involved!

GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club

The GFWC Chesapeake Woman's Club has one fundraiser a year—Bingo, with the profits going to the areas in this report.

Our membership supports GFWC and The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. where ever possible. This past year we donated \$25.00 to "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine, \$50.00 to Bettie M. Sippel, and \$25.00 to the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award. Twenty-five dollars was also donated to Youth Art.

We made a \$100.00 donation to NCEON, our food bank in North County. We also donated \$100.00 to the Mountain Road Library, where we meet once a month, September through June.

We had a speaker from Partner's In Care, an organization that helps elderly and/or infirm people stay in their homes, and donated \$50.00 for the cause. We also had a speaker from SPCA, and the club gave a donation of \$50.00 plus an assortment of dog toys and blankets.

Donations were made to the Kronen Foundation and Hospice of the Chesapeake.

We support the Arden House, a domestic violence shelter. Special attention was given this year, because, among the residents, there was an 18-month-old child who had nothing. Two members, along with their church, gathered clothing and took the items to the shelter. As a club Christmas project, 15 First Night Kits were sent to the Arden House. These kits contained pajamas, toothpaste, comb, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, slippers and socks. Throughout the year, members get together to make and donate dinners to this organization. Clothing is collected all year long, and sent to the Arden House for "Dress for Success."

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.

In addition to its daytime and evening monthly meetings, the Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights has been focusing on service projects. The meetings are educational and informative venues for our members, but our service projects benefit the community and beyond.

In August, the members of the Community Health and Volunteer Services Committee (CHVS) filled 16 backpacks with school supplies for children in need at the two local elementary schools, Linthicum and Overlook Elementary Schools. Members received a list of required supplies, and the name of a boy or girl who would receive a backpack, and then went shopping!

September featured two service projects. The first project was held at our Opening Tea, the start of our new club year, where members collected socks and underwear worth approximately \$313 for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. They were distributed to the same elementary schools as the backpacks. These emergency supplies were much appreciated!

At the end of September, the club participated in the community-wide Linthicum Community Fair. The club had a hot dog/soda/water booth where food was sold to the hungry crowd. Twenty percent of the proceeds were donated to NCEON, the North County Emergency Outreach Network which is a local food bank, and to H.O.P.E. (He Opens Paths to Everyone), a local provider for the homeless and emergency services. The day was sunny and warm, and a great time was had by all! A record number of hot dogs was sold.

In October, CHVS hosted a "Bedtime Party" where members

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Members of the Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights help welcome home the troops at BWI Airport, in conjunction with Operation Welcome Home Maryland.

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attended a fun evening party with wine, finger food, yummy desserts and door prizes. The gifts brought to the party were for the residents of Arden House, a shelter providing crisis intervention services for women who are victims of domestic violence and their children. Arden House is the only domestic violence shelter in Anne Arundel County and is open 365 days per year. The shelter is confidential and provides a variety of support services. These women were the beneficiaries of the party, and 44 gift bags containing pajamas, robes, nighties, etc. were presented to Arden House!

Collecting non-perishable seasonal food items to fill Christmas baskets for NCEON was the focus during November and December. Enough food was collected to fill 16 grocery bags for the baskets, so those less fortunate would be able to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner!

One member, who is chairman of the International Issues Committee, is a nurse who travels to Ecuador every year as a volunteer with the Ecuadent Foundation, which is based in Cockeysville, MD and is dedicated to providing free surgical and dental care to the poor children of rural Ecuador. Members supported her by collecting items for her to take on her medical mission trip. New or gently used toys that do not require electricity or batteries, stuffed animals, magic markers, and small toy cars, summer-weight children's clothing, boxes of rice baby cereal, pudding cups, and knitted or crocheted children's blankets were collected and sent by sea crate to Ecuador.

Another collection of socks and underwear was held in January for the homeless men and women who are housed during the winter in area

churches. Each participating church houses selected homeless clients for one week, providing beds, breakfast and dinner. The club's contribution provided needed supplies for these homeless men and women.

All year long, members of the CHVS and Good Will Committees sent thinking of you, get well, and holiday cards (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, etc.) to shut-ins, members who are ill, and those who do not regularly attend meetings. Cards are also sent to residents of nearby Heart Homes, a facility for assisted living and Alzheimer's patients. This caring touch means a lot to the recipients!

In March the club held a Bake Sale to benefit Sarah's House, a supportive housing program, offering emergency and transitional housing for homeless families in Anne Arundel County. A large, community-wide fundraiser is also held in March when the Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc. held its Annual Prayer Breakfast. A much-anticipated ecumenical event, our 36th Annual Prayer Breakfast featured a spiritual, uplifting message, beautiful music and a delicious, homemade breakfast! The funds raised from this breakfast benefit Sarah's House, H.O.P.E. and The Fouse Center, a transitional home for homeless men who are working to change their lives. Since 2001, the center has helped men who suffer from substance abuse, mental illness, health issues or unemployment by providing shelter and services for anywhere from six months to a year. The breakfast was held at the Linthicum Heights United Methodist Church, which graciously provide their fellowship hall and kitchen for the club's use.

One of the most heart-warming projects the club undertakes is

sponsored by the Public Issues Committee. Three or four times a year, a group of club members travels by Light Rail to the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport to welcome home the troops in conjunction with Operation Welcome Home Maryland! Hundreds of sailors, airmen, soldiers, Coast Guard and Marines return from the War on Terror every week through the gates of BWI Airport. Since March 2007, Operation Welcome Home volunteers have greeted over 800 flights and more than 180,000 service members. Volunteers help decorate the lobby with patriotic signs and banners. They also package "goodie bags" for the troops, many of whom are hungry, thirsty, and tired from their travels and will be waiting for a connecting flight. When the troops arrive through the doors of the International Arrival terminal, they are cheered, hugged, offered a "goodie bag" and thanked for their service. It is truly an inspiring and emotional "welcome home" for these deserving troops and for the club members!

Severn Town Club, Inc.

The Severn Town Club ushered in the Holiday season in Annapolis with the 49th Annual Holly Ball. The event took place at the Westin Hotel where 212 guests danced the night away while enjoying dinner and a Silent Auction of over 90 items. Of those 90 items, there were 49 theme baskets, valued between \$100 and \$900. Contents of the baskets were mostly donated by members and their creativity made the presentations very attractive. Over \$40,000 was raised to benefit Light House Homeless Shelter of Annapolis, as well as other local charities. The Annual Holly Ball 2013 will mark 50 years for this time-honored tradition here in

Annapolis. Members are gearing up for that and hope to make it better than ever.

During the year, Severn Town Club enjoyed outstanding programs each month, provided by our Vice-Presidents, Julia Fegley and Rose Brice. We began the year with a Cocktail Party, welcoming new and potential members. We welcomed seven new members so far this year. It is gratifying to know that they joined because we must be doing something right! In October, a presentation by the Light House Shelter helped members to realize the importance of the service they provide to the community and thus, they became our major beneficiary of Holly Ball 2012 funds.

Our HOBY scholarship recipients addressed members and made us proud to be their sponsors. They truly are leaders of the future.

A very popular meeting takes place in January at a member's home where a soup and salad luncheon is provided, pot-luck style, along with a Book Exchange.

In Spring we will sponsor a Fashion Show at Nordstrom's which should attract a great, fashion-wise crowd. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

An on-going project we are most proud of is our affiliation with the YWCA's Arden House, a shelter for abused women and children. For the past several years, each month, a few members visit the house with members' donations of clothing, cosmetics, gift cards and many other essentials. For the most part, they arrive at the house with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Members, at times, play games such as bingo, or hold parties at Halloween, Valentine's Day and during the holidays. Arden House is very dear to the hearts of the Severn Town Club. Members continuously

collect items which they bring to meetings each month for delivery to Arden House. Our chairperson Phyllis Peters and her assistant Grete Unhjem are dedicated to this cause, and we are most grateful to them and all of our members who contribute.

We began a new year with heavy hearts, remembering the families of the dear children who lost their lives to a mad man. We also remember those families who lost their homes and all their possessions to hurricane Sandy. Those of us who lost power for a few days, or even weeks, suffered great inconvenience but can surely put it into perspective, considering what might have been. Please join the Severn Town Club in prayer for those families. "There, but for the grace of God, go we...."

The Severn Town Club looks forward to continuing to use our helping hands throughout our community.

Southern Lights

Southern Lights members are all Past Presidents of the Southern District. We meet two times a year, usually over lunch, where we enjoy getting a chance to talk to one another without having to sit at the head table. Each of us is also a member of another woman's club (that's right, we belong to more than one club), where we participate in community service projects. As Past Presidents, we have all "been there and done that" and are willing to offer this knowledge to other clubs in the Southern District. Southern Lights members are "on call" at all times... to answer questions, lend a helping hand, or be the shoulder to lean on when the need arises. We are here to serve, to help and to encourage, so give us a call!



Left to Right: Severn Town Club's Holly Ball Boutique Chair, JoAnn Kidwell, with member Joan and Bill Kvetkas.



Left to Right: Severn Town Club members Carolann Marone, Holly Ball Reservations Chair Anne Mercer, and Grete Unhjem.



Severn Town Club member Pudy Palmer (left) and Holly Ball Ticket Chair Ann Moynihan.



A sampling of the more than 75 Silent Auction items up for bid at the Severn Town Club's Holly Ball.

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- June 30-July 2, 2013 *122nd GFWC Annual International Convention*, Hollywood, Florida.
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- September 17, 2013 *GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting*. Location to be announced.

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