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Dear Federated Friends,

I hope you had wonderful holidays with family and friends, as did the Michael Death family. I enjoyed reading every one of your club reports. Your achievements and volunteerism made me so proud. Keep up the good work—you make GFWC Maryland shine!

I was pleased to see many of you at the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting on February 18th at Snyder's Willow Grove. The fellowship, reports and our speaker, author Mervin A. Savoy, were magnificent!

The 115th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will be held April 5-7, 2014, at the BWI Airport Marriott. Everything you need to know about convention is in the Special Convention Pull-Out Section on pages 9-20 of this issue. Your executive committee and chairmen have worked hard to make this a convention you will be proud of—packed full of awards, entertainment, receptions, and federation fun. This is an election year and I want to send my congratulations and best wishes to the 2014-1016 administration. Convention will be a time of celebration and new beginnings. I hope to see you there!

GFWC Maryland also has two more reasons to celebrate during the next two years, with Babs Condon as GFWC International President, and Mary Thompson as Southeastern Region President. I send them both my heartfelt congratulations!

Many thanks to everyone who helped make my two years as your state president successful and very happy. I am blessed to be associated with such a wonderful, caring group of women. You have given me many fond memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. God Bless!

In Federation Friendship,

Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President
Happy New Year to my Federation Friends!

2104—can you believe it?! I feel like I just left the sunny shores of Florida and the 2013 GFWC Annual International Convention, yet I find myself making arrangements to attend the 2014 Annual International Convention in Arizona! We could sure use some of that dry heat here in Maryland, couldn’t we? I hope that everyone survived the bitter cold, snow and ice—spring, we are anxiously awaiting your return!

The time for indoor work is coming to a close and the urge to get outside and do something is growing greater every day. What a wonderful time in our communities, filled with opportunities to get involved—be it starting (or rejuvenating!) a community garden, helping clean and spruce up the homes of those who cannot do it themselves, stocking the larders at our food banks and shelters, and generally working with our fellow clubwomen to better our communities and the lives of those who live in them.

Speaking of conventions... I hope to see you at our 2014 GFWC Maryland Annual Convention—the 115th!—where we will meet with one another and celebrate our accomplishments, as well as forge new and strengthen old friendships. GFWC Maryland has a long, rich history of making a difference in our state, and we have had lots of fun over the years. It’s wonderful to spend time together with women from other parts of our state, enjoying the bond we have in GFWC. We will be having a mini LEADS Seminar during Junior Day, led by our own Babs Condon, GFWC President-elect. You don’t want to miss this opportunity to grow your leadership skills!

We will also be installing our new GFWC Maryland Junior Officers, as well as the new GFWC Maryland Officers, in addition to lots of other fun things planned for convention. Make sure you read through the Special Convention Pull-Out Section on pages 9-20 of this issue and, most importantly, REGISTER! I would love to see you there!

“Effective volunteer leaders are the ‘keys’ by which we unlock volunteer hands and minds.” —John M. Knibb

In Federation Friendship,

Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs
LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT with GFWC-MD

Recognize and Celebrate the Leaders in Your Club with A LEADER’S TOOL KIT!

A LEADER’S TOOL KIT:

1. TACK A leader must always be “tackful” (tactful).
2. CLOTHESPIN A leader never hangs someone out to dry!
3. PAPER CLIP LEADERS MUST KEEP IT ALL TOGETHER!
4. TOOTHPICK Leaders must be able to pick apart problems and find solutions, as well as pick out the good qualities in people!
5. SAFETY PIN Leaders must know how to hold it all together.
6. NAIL FILE Leaders understand that everyone has rough edges.
7. RUBBER BAND Remember to stretch your mind as you grow.
8. TISSUE Leaders sometimes need to dry someone’s tears.
9. CANDY KISS Everyone needs a hug, a kiss and words of encouragement!
10. ERASER Leaders know that everyone makes mistakes.
11. PENNY Leaders understand the value of members’ contributions, thoughts and ideas.
12. STRAIGHT PIN Leaders should always get to the point.
13. FLOWER Remember that every flower that ever bloomed had to get through a lot of dirt to get there!
14. M&M’s THE OFFICIAL GFWC MEMBERSHIP CANDY!

Mary Beth Strickler
Membership Chairman

Protocols, like many customs, can change with time. However, manners, common sense, and courtesy remain the same. It is good practice for each organization to adopt rules of protocol that best suit its needs. Following are some common courtesies for GFWC meetings and functions.

- Honor all deadlines for reports, registrations, etc.
- If you cannot attend a meeting at which your presence is expected, notify the officer in charge.
- Cell phones and electronic devices should be off or in silent mode.
- Pay attention; refrain from whispering and restless behavior.
- If you must leave the room, use the door at the rear of the room.
- Do not leave the room while a speaker is presenting.
- Do not re-enter the room while a speaker is talking.
- Do not walk between the Head Table and the audience.
- Never approach the Head Table from the front.
- Stand and applaud when the president enters the room to honor the office, but ONLY at the beginning of a meeting or in a processional... not every time she is presented.
- Wear your name badge on the right; pin on the left (over your heart).
- Wait for the presiding officer to lift her fork to begin eating.

TOP TEN Reasons to be a part of GFWC Maryland (drum roll please...)

1. Build stronger communities to live and work in and enjoy.
2. Be a part of a prestigious worldwide volunteer organization.
3. Have a voice in influencing public policy.
4. Make and keep wonderful sole sisters.
5. Gain knowledge of parliamentary procedure, protocol and how to conduct a meeting.
6. Experience and train for professional positions.
7. Develop trained leaders.
8. Develop skills in communication and public speaking.
9. Learn about projects, programs and people who work to create change or provide a service in your community.
10. Develop creativity within the individual clubwoman.

Mary Beth Strickler
Membership Chairman
**Hotel Reservations**

*Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa*
5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Road
Chandler, Arizona 85226
Phone: 602-225-0100

Special GFWC Rate and Amenities: $119/night, 20% discount on golf and spa services, complimentary in-room Wi-Fi, complimentary entrance to the fitness center at Aji Spa, and complimentary shuttle service to Aji Spa, Wild Horse Casino, Phoenix Premium Outlets, Koli Equestrian Center, and Whirlwind Golf Club. Call the hotel directly at 602-225-0100 or visit [www.GFWC.org/Convention](http://www.GFWC.org/Convention) for online reservations. When calling, be sure to mention GFWC to receive the group rate. All reservations must be made by May 26, 2014.

The GFWC room block is not available through outside agents; you must call the hotel directly, or use the GFWC online reservation link. Cancellations are accepted, without penalty, up to 24 hours before check-in. All reservations require a one night's stay deposit.

**Registration**


**Stay Tuned!**

Visit [www.GFWC.org/Convention](http://www.GFWC.org/Convention) for all the latest information regarding the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention.

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**Tours Teaser**

**Grand Canyon Day Trip**
*Wednesday, June 18*
Experence the American west at its best. One of the Natural Wonders of the World, the Grand Canyon stands unchallenged as nature’s most remarkable work of art, and as the foremost scenic attraction in America. Experience the Grand Canyon through guided scenic walking and driving tours, followed by a break for lunch at the Canyon Café, and a shopping trip to the Navajo Nation Trading Post.

**Sedona Day Trip**
*Thursday, June 19*
A vista of unforgettable sites unfolds before you from the moment you enter Sedona. Often called “Red Rock Country,” Sedona is one of the most spectacular sites in Arizona. Teeming with artists and artisans, boutiques, galleries, food emporiums, New Age metaphysical shops, specialty stores, and one-of-a-kind shops—Sedona has so much to discover.

**Musical Instrument Museum**
*Thursday, June 19*
The MIM celebrates music as a sustaining human gift and wellspring of global culture, collecting and displaying musical instruments from every country in the world. More than 3,000 musical instruments and objects are displayed in five major Geo-Galleries. Wireless headsets allow guests to hear each instrument’s unique sound and the stories they have to tell.

**Heard Museum**
*Friday, June 20*
The Heard Museum is renowned throughout the nation for its collection of Southwest Indian artifacts. It is one of the oldest cultural centers in downtown Phoenix. The house, built in 1929, was originally made to house the vast Southwest Native American collection of Dwight and Marie Heard. Over the years the museum has grown immensely and now includes over 75,000 pieces.

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**AT A GLANCE**

**Pre-Convention** | June 18-20, 2014
- Tours, LEADS, 2012-2014 Board of Directors Meeting, GFWC Arizona State Night Banquet

**Convention** | June 21-24, 2014
- Convention Program, 2014-2016 Installation Events

**Post-Convention** | June 25-26, 2014
- 2014-2016 Board of Directors Meeting
All GFWC Maryland Clubwomen are encouraged to attend the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention in Chandler, Arizona. The opening ceremonies will be Saturday, June 21st and the Installation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 24th, just prior to the close of the convention.

Reserve your room for the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention today by calling the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa directly at 602-225-0100, or visit www.GFWC.org/Convention for online reservations. Convention Registration will be available soon.

During the April 5-7, 2014 GFWC Maryland Convention, members who are going to the GFWC Convention in Arizona will have the opportunity to meet with the chairmen listed at right for an informative session on the many opportunities available to help with the 2014 Installation. All GFWC Maryland clubwomen who attend GFWC Convention will have an assignment for the Installation—if you desire and we know you are coming.

Please notify Tricia Wagman of your arrival and departure dates, and your desire to help:
Email: trishwagman@gmail.com
Phone: 410-876-7421 (h) or 410-871-6842 (w)

ALL GFWC Maryland attendees shall be asked to wear either a formal black dress or a formal black pants outfit for the Installation evening—with a watermelon pink Pashmina shawl. The shawls will be available for purchase at the State Convention for $10 each.

New Officer Hostesses:
Tricia Wagman – chairman + 11 others
This group will be assigned to the newly elected GFWC Officers to assist and escort them throughout the evening of the Installation.

Decorations Team:
Tin Tin Nu Raschid – chairman + 10-15 others
This group will work to create and place all decorations for the Installation evening (banquet, ceremony and reception).

Backdrop & Program Book:
Debbie Spinnenweber – chairman + ?
This team creates a backdrop for the Installation and creates coordinating program books for the evening (approximately 650-800 books).

Arrangements:
Carol Horne – chairman + ?
This team will assist Carol to insure that everything runs smoothly throughout the evening.

GFWC Maryland Hostesses:
Joyce Race – chairman (all others)
This team will work with Joyce Race and will be accessible to all attendees throughout the Installation evening—answering questions, assisting with seating, etc.
**LEADS SEMINAR**

GFWC Maryland will hold its first ever LEADS Seminar following the Junior/General Luncheon on Saturday at Convention. The Seminar will be led by GFWC President-elect Babs Condon.

Don’t miss this opportunity to stretch and grow your leadership skills. This not only benefits your club, but it also benefits you personally in all aspects of your life!

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to help club members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve a higher office and serve with distinction.

Make Your Reservation for the Junior/General Luncheon & LEADS Seminar on the Meal Reservation Form!

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**GFWC President-elect Babs Condon**

will conduct a LEADS Seminar following Saturday’s Junior/General Luncheon. Babs is a third generation clubwoman, who has been active in two different Westminster clubs for 30 years. On the national level, Babs has held two GFWC chairmanships and has been a member of the GFWC Executive Committee for six administrations. She served as the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs (1998-2000) and has worked and learned all about GFWC through the various offices of Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Second Vice-President, and First Vice-President. In her current role as GFWC President-elect, she serves as the liaison to the Region Presidents. At the close of the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention, Babs will be installed as the 50th GFWC International President.

Babs has lived in Westminster for most of her life—except for five years of college and grad school. While a retired teacher, she still enjoys teaching and sharing her love of volunteering, and continues to do so as the advisor and mentor for the GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster for the past 20 years. Married to Jerry—the boy next door and her best friend for 35 years—they are the proud parents of two grown sons, with two adorable grandchildren named Tyler and Natalie, and are excited to meet their newest grandchild this coming spring. Babs eats, lives, and breathes GFWC—and is happy to share her love and knowledge of our amazing organization with anyone who will listen. She cannot wait to lead our members during the 2014-2016 administration as we celebrate 125 years of outstanding volunteer service to our communities.

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**FEDERATION FUN NIGHT**

The Bill Edwards Trio will provide dinner music at the “Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism” Banquet on Sunday evening. The Trio is happy to once again be entertaining our members at GFWC Maryland Convention. Their musicians are all members of the Crabtowne Big Band based in Annapolis and have well over a century of combined music-making experience.

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**“Night Owls Bingo”**

Saturday, April 5, 2014 after the Banquet

$20.00 for 10 Games

Add’l Sets of Bingo Cards @ $5.00

FREE Gift for Advance Reservations

ALL Maryland Clubwomen are invited to join Christy Swiger for an evening of fun, fellowship and fabulous prizes!

Pay at the Door

Checks or Cash

RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON YOUR MEAL RESERVATION FORM!
THE 115TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF  
THE GFWC MARYLAND  
FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS, INC. 
APRIL 5-7, 2014  
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.

Rosemary Thomas, EdD,  
Vice-President for University  
Advancement at Frostburg State  
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She Loves Me!

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On Friday, April 4th— Juniorettes will gather for Juniorette Fun Night, featuring a Pizza & Pool Party, followed by a Pajama Party and Games. A Junior Gathering will also be held in the President’s Suite at 9:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 5th— Join the Maryland Juniors at 9:00 a.m. as they celebrate their accomplishments at “Sowing the Seeds of Leadership” Junior Day. All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend this energized meeting and the Junior/General Luncheon, followed by Maryland’s first LEADS Seminar led by GFWC President-elect Babs Condon (details on page 6). The 2014-2016 Junior Officers will be elected and installed.

On Saturday Evening— All Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather for the District Presidents’ Reception at 5:00 p.m. The official opening of the Convention will be the “Women of Leadership” Banquet at 6:30 p.m. —highlighted by the parade of Club Presidents. Dean Martin Impersonator Eric Richardson will entertain, followed by the District Presidents’ reports. Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to join Christy Swiger for some fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes at Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls BINGO!” (details on page 6).

On Sunday, April 6th— The GFWC Convention Club Breakfast meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. A brief Board of Directors Meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m., then Convention will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. You really need to be there to find out what other clubs have been doing this past year when the Community Service Program awards are announced. The program will feature the presentation of the Youth Art Awards and the 2013 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award.

Following the morning session, a Reception for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all Nominees will be held in the President’s Suite immediately following the morning session.

The “Celebrating Leadership” Luncheon will honor the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland. Guest speaker will be Rosemary Thomas, EdD, Vice-President for University Advancement, Frostburg State University. A Phoenix Workshop will be held from 2:30-3:15 p.m. for all Maryland clubwomen planning to attend the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention. After recess, the polls will open for the Election of the 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Officers.

On Sunday Evening— The “Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism” Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner music by the Bill Edwards Trio. The 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Officers will be installed by GFWC Southeastern Region President-elect Mary Thompson.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to the President’s Suite for a Reception Honoring the 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Officers.

On Monday, April 7th— Convention will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. with more reports and awards, including member Art, Needle Art, and Photography Awards. Following the “Living the Volunteer Spirit” Brunch, final business will be conducted, prize drawings will be held, and the 115th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will adjourn.
OFFICIAL CALL
TO
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS, INC.
115TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
“She Loves Me!”
APRIL 5-7, 2014 (SATURDAY-MONDAY)
BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT, 1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21240

The 115th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, from April 5-7, 2014. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend. See page 7 of this issue for a map and directions, or visit: www.marriott.com.

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 15 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, Credentials Chairman. PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Registration Fee of $10.00 MUST BE MAILED no later than March 1, 2014, 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 1, 2014. Room Rates will more than double after that date!

4) GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form—mail to Jo Miller, Convention Club Treasurer. PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for GFWC Convention Club Reservations is March 1, 2014.

5) Meal Reservation Form—mail to Betty Manthei, Reservations Chairman. PLEASE NOTE: Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 1, 2014. 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.

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
Junior Day at the 115th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc.
will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, on Saturday, April 5, 2014. ALL members of The
Maryland Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS: Reports of the Director of Junior Clubs, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Junior Secretary, Junior

REPORTS OF CLUB PRESIDENTS: The Director of Junior Clubs will introduce the Junior and Juniorette
Club Presidents for their reports. Club reports are limited to seven minutes. Please make your report fun
and informative.

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

LUNCHEON: 12:00 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon

LEADS SEMINAR: GFWC Maryland’s first LEADS Seminar will be led by GFWC President-elect Babs
Condon, our 2014-2016 GFWC Leader (see details on page 6).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2014-2016 Junior Officers will be installed.

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: “Spring is in the Air”

The Director of Junior Clubs’ room will be available for any
Junior wishing to change clothes for the Saturday or Sunday
evening banquets. Room number to be announced at Junior Day.
CONVENTION AGENDA
“She Loves Me!”

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
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.

9:00 p.m. — Junior Gathering. All Juniors are invited to gather for some fun and fellowship in the President’s Suite.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
9:00 a.m. — “Sowing the Seeds of Leadership” Junior Day. All GFWC Maryland members are invited to attend the energized Junior Membership Annual Meeting. (business-casual attire)

12:00-4:00 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon & LEADS Seminar. LEADS Seminar will be led by GFWC President-elect Babs Condon, our 2014-2016 GFWC Leader. Installation of 2014-2016 Junior Officers.

5:00-5:45 p.m. — District Presidents’ Reception. The five District Presidents cordially invite all GFWC Maryland members to join them for a Reception, in the President’s Suite, to honor all Club Presidents.

6:00 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6
8:00 a.m. — GFWC Convention Club Breakfast for ALL who have attended a GFWC International Convention. Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.

9:15 a.m. — Board of Directors Meeting. (business-casual attire)

9:30 a.m. — Convention Reconcvenes. Community Service Program awards, Youth Art Contest awards, and the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. (business-casual attire)

Reception immediately following the morning session, in the President’s Suite, for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and All Nominees.

1:00 p.m. — “Celebrating Leadership” Luncheon. Honoring the 2013 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation. Speaker: Rosemary Thomas, EdD, Vice-President for University Advancement, Frostburg State University.

2:30-3:15 p.m. — Phoenix Workshop. Led by GFWC President-elect Babs Condon for all Maryland clubwomen planning to attend the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention.

3:30-4:30 p.m. — Election Polls open.

6:15 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers and District Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

6:30 p.m. — “Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism” Banquet. Dinner Music: Bill Edwards Trio. Installation of the 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Officers by GFWC Southeastern Region President-elect Mary Thompson. (formal attire)

Reception immediately following the banquet, in the President’s Suite, to honor the 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Officers and their families and guests. All GFWC Maryland members are invited. Hosted by the members of Eastern Shore District and the GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club.

MONDAY, APRIL 7
8:30 a.m. — Convention Reconcvenes. Art, Needle Art and Photography awards. Special and Standing Committee Reports. (business-casual attire)

9:30 a.m. — “Living the Volunteer Spirit” Brunch.

Adjournment

Board Meeting immediately following adjournment for all incoming 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Board Members, including Club Presidents.
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. This fee helps pay for the speakers, programs and all printed materials distributed during the convention. Everyone attending MUST register. 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.

The Pre-Registration Fee of $10.00 MUST BE MAILED to the State Credentials Chairman no later than March 1, 2014, along with the Registration & Credentials Form (page 15 of this Call). On-Site Registration Fee will be $15.00.

> Make check payable to:  MFWC Treasurer
> Mail to:  Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763

Registration Desks will be open as follows:
- Saturday, April 5, 2014: 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 6, 2014: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Monday, April 7, 2014: 8:00-9:00 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:  

Credential Cards WILL NOT BE MAILED. Please complete the Registration & Credentials Form (page 15 of this Call) and mail to the State Credentials Chairman no later than March 1, 2014.

> Make check payable to:  Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763

ALL ATTENDEES MUST use the Registration & Credentials Form. Even if there is some doubt whether you can attend, you need to complete the form.

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Members, including Club Presidents and Honorary State Presidents: Fill out the Registration & Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials Chairman, Diane Raycob.

Club Delegates: Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials 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, 2014. 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 and mail to the State Credentials 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.

MEAL RESERVATIONS:  

Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 1, 2014. All Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a $10.00 Late Fee.

For each member attending, submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form (page 19 of this Call), along with a check or money order. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form.

> Make check payable to:  MFWC Reservations Account
> Mail to:  Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447

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 other representative. Please notify your District President of your attendance or substitute. On the Meal Reservation Form, please indicate if you are a Club President or representative.
ROOM RESERVATIONS:
The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 1, 2014. Room Rates will more than double after that date! Make room reservations directly with BWI Airport Marriott. Mail or Fax the BWI Airport Marriott Reservation Form (page 17 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 $122.00 Single/Double (+13% tax), you MUST identify yourself as being with GFWC Maryland. GFWC Maryland must occupy a specific number of rooms each night to avoid high rental fees for meeting rooms. Please help The Federation SAVE money and stay for all 3 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 Monday. You may check-out on Sunday evening or Monday morning.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
Election Polls will be open from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 for the election of the 2014-2016 GFWC Maryland Officers. In order to vote, delegates must register before the start of the meeting Sunday morning.

Report of the Nominating Committee: “It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. At least eight weeks prior to the election, the chairman of the nominating committee shall send the list of nominees, designating the clubs which they represent, to the president of The Federation for inclusion in the call to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, except for the director of junior clubs, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained.” —ARTICLE IV, Section 2, paragraph 2 of The Federation Bylaws (page 77)

The GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the 2014-2016 administration:

President: Brenda Bennett, Eastern Shore District
President-elect: Reno Eitel, Baltimore District
Vice-President: Dorothy Gregg, Eastern Shore District
Recording Secretary: Barbara Weldon, Baltimore District
Corresponding Secretary: Bernadette Simon, Southern District
Treasurer: Karen Wasik-Saunders, Montgomery County District
Director of Junior Clubs: Sandra Mattocks, Western District

Proposed by the GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee
Rosemary Slacum, Chairman

ART, NEEDLE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS:
Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Exact locations will be designated after receipt of entry cards. 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 5. 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 Monday.

Entries may be picked up in the exhibit rooms only after adjournment of the meeting on Monday, April 7. No Exceptions To This Rule! Neither GFWC Maryland nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4 p.m. on Monday, April 7. 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).

YOUTH ART AWARDS:
Youth Art Contest winners will be honored and awards presented during the Sunday morning business session on April 6th. Please return All YOUTH ART ENTRIES to the students’ schools ASAP after the close of Convention!
SPECIAL NOTICES

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT: Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls BINGO!” will be held immediately following the banquet on Saturday, April 5th. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to join Christy Swiger for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes (see details on page 6). Please use Meal Reservation Form to RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB: The Deadline for GFWC Convention Club Reservations is March 1, 2014. Join fellow GFWC International Convention attendees at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 6th for breakfast. Share stories, laughs and plans for the 2014 GFWC International Convention in Chandler, AZ. Please use the GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form and mail to the Convention Club Treasurer.
> Make check payable to: Jo Miller
> Mail to: Jo Miller, 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

FLOWERS: Arrangements have been made with “Petal Pusher Florist” to supply corsages, room and table bouquets. Clubs who wish 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: Joel from International Convention Photography will be on hand to take pictures.

2014-2016 GFWC MARYLAND DIRECTORY: Attention Club Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurers & Directors! A special form is included on page 29 of this issue for reporting 2014-2016 Club Officers for publication in the GFWC Maryland Directory. Please complete the form and return to the Registration Table at GFWC-MD Convention, or mail to the GFWC-MD Directory Chairman, no later than May 15, 2014.
> Mail to: Mary Thompson, 105 Jenkins Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640-1938

MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A Medical Emergency Information Form is included on the reverse side of the Meal Reservation Form (page 20 of this Call). This form should be completed by each member attending convention and returned to the State Reservations Chairman, along with your Meal Reservation Form.
> Mail to: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447

GFWC MARYLAND FUNDRAISING: Gold to Green Recycling Fundraiser. Our Gold Buyer will be joining us on Sunday, April 6th. 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.

We will also be offering our popular 50/50 Boards, and the 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!

CONVENTION PACKETS: Advertise your favorite club fundraising project by including information in the Convention Packets. Send all information to The Federation Arrangements Chairman no later than March 1, 2014. 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.
> Mail to: Patti Jo Green, 42 Liberty Street, Westminster, MD 21157-4937
REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM
DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2014

CLUB NAME: __________________________________________________________

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2014) _________ 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: __________________________
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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: __________________________
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Name: __________________________ Position: __________________________
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Name: __________________________ Position: __________________________

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2014

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
Official Call to The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. 115th Annual Convention

**BWI AIRPORT MARRIOTT RESERVATION FORM**

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2014**

Name of group: The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc.
Function dates: April 5-7, 2014
Room rate: $122 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)

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**GFWC CONVENTION CLUB RESERVATION FORM**

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2014**

Mary Thompson, President
Shirley Wales, Vice-President
Jo Miller, Treasurer
Christy Swiger, Secretary

**GFWC CONVENTION CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING**

Sunday, April 6, 2014 ★ 8:00 a.m. ★ Total Cost: $30.00*

*Total Cost of $30.00 includes $29.50 for Breakfast + $.50 for GFWC Convention Club Dues.

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 2014 GFWC International Convention in Chandler, AZ. Also on the Agenda (you know the one): Election of Convention Club officers.

Remember to bring something from a previous GFWC Convention. Dress: Your choice, formal or casual.

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 1, 2014

Reservations must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2014. Reservations mailed after the deadline must include a $10.00 late fee.

For example: If you plan to attend all meals your total will be $228.00.
If you mail your Reservation Form after March 1, 2014, your total will be $238.00.

— 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 or diabetic food substitutions can be made. (Make advance arrangements with Reservations Chairman.)

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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: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447
**MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM**

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**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: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447
Bringing Sunshine to Others

GFWC The Woman’s Club of Cecil County, Inc.

This past year has been monumental for the members of the Woman’s Club of Cecil County. Members enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Chesapeake Inn in Chesapeake City to celebrate the club’s 100 years of service. Organized in 1913 as The Woman’s Club of Elkton, the club name changed as the focus expanded to the entire county and reflected its membership in GFWC.

Guests at the luncheon included: Elkton Mayor Joseph L. Fisona, GFWC-MD President Beverly Death, and Eastern Shore District President Rosemary Slacum. Mayor Fisona presented a certificate of Special Recognition for 100 years of Outstanding Community Service to President Dottie Gregg. Past-Presidents in attendance were honored for their service. A delightful women’s a cappella group entertained.

Harry Mayer, Regional Emergency Coordinator for FEMA presented a program on the work of emergency management personnel when answering calls after national disasters. Members learned much through his presentation of personal experiences and photos included in his slide presentation. Groups like our club contribute much to aid in this work. Joyce Bowlsbey, County Council Representative, spoke about the Impervious Tax, known as the rain tax. Councilwoman Bowlsbey has spoken to our group before, but this time she joined our club!

We have been learning about art therapy for children and adults with disabilities through presentations by Shelia Murphy from the Upper Bay Counseling Program. Members have donated many art frames for patients to frame their work. It has been rewarding to be connected to many in our county through this program.

Members participated in a hands-on activity on home gardening during our April meeting. Our speaker was a local businesswoman who shared hints on container gardening. Members went home with containers and plants to beautify their garden area. We also learned how to be conservative and economically responsible with a presentation entitled Decorating with Repurposing Objects We Already Had. Our speaker, Kathleen Fisher, demonstrated how to decorate and down-size by repurposing objects for new jobs. Some members decided to take advantage of services offered by her new business.

Once again we hope to frequent local establishments to support our local economy.

A local resident, Betty Luzetsky, shared her expertise on designing and crafting Ukrainian eggs. Members were not only impressed with her artistic skill with the creation of these delicate works of art, but awed by the beauty of the eggs.

Our club members are involved in a broad spectrum of activities. Our club supports state and local projects. Members made Pig Pillows for cancer patients, which were given to the GFWC-MD chairman, as well as distributed to patients at local hospitals. At Christmas time toys and assorted gifts were purchased for six children from two families. Food was supplied to the food kitchen for holiday dinners for the needy. We have been fortunate that our own members are remembered with cards, phone calls or visits by our Sunshine Lady. This is an important aspect of keeping members aware of the concern we have for all of them.

The Arts have always had a strong support from our club. We cooperate with the Cecil County Arts Council to support the Cecil County Public Schools Winter Art Show. Members provide refreshments for about 225 students and parents, as well as award ribbons and monetary awards for the winners in each category. Winning artwork is transported to the Eastern Shore District Art Show, and to the GFWC-MD Youth Art Contest at convention. Last year, one of our students was a state winner. She brought her artwork to our annual meeting to display and she explained how she turned a photo she took of a homeless man on her class trip to New York City into a winning entry.

We are proud of the educational support we provide through scholarships to Cecil County residents. One scholarship goes to Cecil College...
and two are awarded to graduating seniors from county high schools. Last year both students and their parents attended our annual meeting. We were delighted to present their awards and hear of their plans for the future.

We work hard for our fundraising activities and we know how to put FUN into fundraising. Our Annual Fashion Show is anticipated by all. Fashions are supplied by Boscov’s. Our card parties provide community members a chance to socialize, enjoy a good lunch, and participate in card or other board games. Of course, everyone is anxious to see what kind of door prizes are there for choosing. Probably our easiest fundraising activity is our Cakeless Bake—no cooking, no mess... just send a check, please!

One of our own, Ruth Loomis, was selected as the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman! We were so proud. Our members serve our Federation in a number of ways— as a GFWC-MD officer, Eastern Shore District officers, and committee chairman. This club enjoys and benefits from federation activities. This has been a busy year for our club and our members are busy planning interesting activities to continue our work.

**GFWC Junior Women’s Club of Pocomoke City**

As we welcome the New Year and prepare for our wonderful Miss Pocomoke Pageant, I would like to reflect on the Pocomoke Juniors’ accomplishments for the past year. Since our last Miss Pocomoke Pageant and GFWC-MD Convention we have been very busy with Family Reading Day, Relay-for-Life, Cypress Festival, Brand Name Bingo, Downtown Christmas Celebration, Santa

**GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club, Inc.**

Since our last report, the Wicomico Woman’s Club has been eagerly busy accomplishing its goal of “Reach(ing) Out and Touch(ing) Someone’s Hand.” We continue to collect school supplies for our local schools at every meeting. We also continue to support the local after school program, Stop the Violence in Wicomico County, by collecting

![Members of the Town and Country Club of Greensboro celebrating 75 years of service.](image)
healthy snacks at each meeting for the children. We also collect labels/box tops and pull tabs for educational programs and coupons for the military. Each month, we also make a monetary donation to the organizations our guest speakers represent.

In January 2013, as we do every year, several members met to compile our club reports, which always makes us proud come convention time in April.

Our February guests were the director and staff of the Women’s Prevention and Wellness Program at the local hospital who spoke on women’s heart health. We remembered a recently departed member with a resolution. It is important as we strive to secure new members, to remember and honor those who have passed and helped make us what we are. We also selected our nominee for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, a longtime, very active club member. Later in February, several members attended the GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting in Perry Hall.

March found us holding our local youth art contest with the winning entries going on to compete at the Eastern Shore District (ESD) contest. Our guest speaker was the director of the local Humane Society for which we had collected items and contributed funds to their efforts for animals in need. Later that month, several members attended the ESD art contest where entries were chosen to go on to compete at the GFWC-MD Convention in April.

April found our club celebrating our 92nd Birthday with entertainment from a local group, The Folk Heroes, who played a variety of instruments and sang several songs. We also voted to sponsor a local girl in need for a day camp to be held in July. Later in April, several members attended GFWC-MD Convention in Baltimore where we were honored and proud to receive seven awards.

At our May meeting, we held a Kentucky Derby Party as a fundraiser and everyone had a great time. We also honored a member who had her 100th Birthday earlier this month. She is special to us all and is one of our best nut sellers. The money from these sales fund our two scholarships awarded to high school seniors each year in May. Later that month, several members attended the ESD Board Meeting in Galena.

In June, nine members carpooled to Wye Island State Park for a picnic/field trip. We had a delicious box lunch and enjoyed a presentation by the park ranger. We saw some of the trees we have planted over the years from our gifts to Tree-Mendous Maryland. We presented the ranger with a check from the club. It was a beautiful day of nature and fellowship. Later that month, two members attended the GFWC International Convention in Florida.

Several of us met in August to plan the 2013-2014 club year and decided to change the venue for our meetings to a local restaurant. In September, several members carpooled to attend the GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting in Chesapeake City, which was hosted by Eastern Shore District. It was a beautiful day and lovely venue on the water.

In October, our speaker was the executive director of the Village of Hope who discussed the work of this transitional housing facility. We also remembered with resolutions three members who had passed away over the spring and summer. Later that month, several members attended the ESD meeting at a vineyard and winery in Felton, DE. A good time was had by all.

In November, three members attended the SER meeting in Winston-Salem, NC and again our club significantly contributed to the GFWC scholarship program for working women. At our November meeting, our guest speaker told us about the recently opened Veterans’ Support Centers of America, which provides housing for homeless veterans. We had supported the prior organization that was the genesis of this one and plan to continue to assist them.

Again this year, several of us rang bells for the Salvation Army. At our December meeting, we entertained ourselves with games and song, and used our funds to help those in need. We were able to buy gift cards for the residents at the Village of Hope, and we put together gift bags for the residents of the Veterans’ Shelter. We also voted to buy a grocery gift card for a local outreach organization, HALO.

The Wicomico Woman’s Club continues to participate in all GFWC programs. We collect in-kind and monetary donations for local shelters. We strive to support local organizations in need as they work to assist the less fortunate. We give yearly to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and sponsor a student for HOBY. We also donate to Tree-Mendous Maryland and in memory of members who have passed throughout the year. We give our change and small bills at each meeting to support donations to Heifer International and most years we are able to make a significant contribution. We also support CARE and UNICEF. Though relatively small in numbers, Wicomico Woman’s Club is big in heart, dedicated to those in need, proud of our past accomplishments and looking forward to a fruitful future.
Volunteers... Caring and Sharing

GFWC Woman’s Club of Dundalk, Inc.

The Woman’s Club of Dundalk continues to thrive with our energy and our devotion to service.

We endeavor to offer interesting speakers throughout the year, including doctors, local historian, floral designer, author, veterans’ advocate, family healthcare advocate, arts projects, and entertainers for holidays and special luncheons. Our talented members offer baked goods, quality handmade crafts and gift baskets for raffles at every meeting.

Our club celebrates the lives of beloved members of our community through wreath ceremonies at Memorial Day and at Christmas. At each ceremony, members and families gather at the memorial garden at Heritage Park in Dundalk where recitations and remembrances are shared, then a seasonal wreath is placed atop the memorial, which remains until the season changes. Donations are accepted for engraving, which are handled by our Conservation department. The memorial garden is maintained by our Beautification committee.

Every November our club enjoys a fun “Boutique” meeting where members donate items for sale, and additional items for raffles and auction, and a “bake shoppe.” Sales are brisk and lots of laughs are shared, especially when remaining items are auctioned. Items that do not sell are donated to a local charity.

 Twice annually, in April and October, our club members donate clothing and accessories appropriate for job interviews and office attire, to “Suited to Succeed,” filling a van that our chairman delivers directly to this worthwhile charity.

 Twice a year our club participates in a community year-end sale sponsored by our local historical society. The sale offers our members the opportunity to purge their attics and cupboards, and all proceeds from sales go to our club. Seasonal leftovers are donated to the historical society for their Christmas shop, which provides a means for children to purchase items inexpensively for gift-giving during the holidays.

 Our members generously give to a needy family at Christmas time. Every year we locate a family through one of our local elementary schools. We collect gift cards, pantry items, clothing, toys and sundries, even a stroller or crib, if needed. Members donated more than 30 dozen cookies to a local group that hosts a Christmas parade and visit with Santa on Dundalk’s old town Main Street. Members enjoyed a luncheon and Christmas show as a club fundraiser.

Domestic violence issues are addressed through our donations to our local Family Crisis Center. Our members give pillows, underwear, socks, toys, diapers, cleaning goods, games, books and more to the center for its transient residents.

February marks our Youth Arts month, featuring our Youth Art & Photography Exhibition at our local library. Middle and high school students share their creativity with our community, fostering a sense of pride throughout our many neighborhoods. Member enjoy preparing the display, which often numbers around 100 pieces! Our club has hosted Baltimore District Youth Art judging for several years, and our chairman serves at both District and State levels.

In March our Ditty Bags project continued to benefit local veterans; our local Vet Center distributed 75 bags to veterans through their office and veterans services.

For more than two years our club has collected empty pill and vitamin bottles for a mission project that provides medicines for victims of natural disasters in the Caribbean.

Our annual Scholarship Raffle provides an excellent foundation for our Scholarship fund, which supports scholarships for graduating seniors at four area high schools and one for the Community College of Baltimore County. Our hardworking chairman introduced new ideas to spur community participation. We also support a HOBY student.

In time for Father’s Day, we held a “Crabby Daddy” crab bucket raffle,
offering crabs from a local crabber, gift certificates from local grocers and a beverage shop, crab mallets, spices, crab chips and goodies in a bucket.

Throughout the year, members volunteer at our library, read to elementary students, provide books and magazines for the pediatric unit at a local hospital, collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and more. Even during the summer, when our club takes a break from meetings, members stay busy by volunteering at various events in our community and throughout the state. We also compete at the Maryland State Fair, and one member is a judge.

In November we lost our club treasurer unexpectedly; however, true to form, members stepped forward who can fill this very important void.

Ours is a vibrant and engaged community. We welcomed one new member in 2013, and hope to add more in 2014.

*The Woman’s Club of Glyndon, Inc.*

Active, engaged and committed are just three adjectives that aptly describe the members of the Woman’s Club of Glyndon, Inc. In the time span that this article covers, we have raised over $50,000 which includes part of the funds raised in a Capital Campaign for the specific purpose of installing a ramp to our building and modifying the bathroom to accommodate the handicapped. We have hosted our 72nd and 73rd annual Charity Teas which included our clubhouse on their Holiday House Tour which allowed us to sell crafts and baked goods; Tea at Two featured author Anne Weller Dahl who spoke on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Fashion Shows and a Luncheon have proved to be our biggest fundraisers and on May 10th this year we will be featuring clothing from Chico’s. Gift basket raffles, plus purses and jewelry sales, also contribute to the profits. Our second most profitable fundraiser came about through the generosity of one member who donated an official Ravens leather jacket that we had autographed by MVP Joe Flacco—this event brought in over $4000.

Activities that keep members busy include tutoring in two local elementary schools, attending monthly Book Club discussions, supporting an 8-year-old girl in the Philippines through Plan International, making blankets for Project Linus, representing us at the Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Coordinating Council monthly meeting, obtaining Raven T-shirts for “Sew Much Comfort,” coordinating a Youth Art Contest, collecting used cell phones for domestic violence victims, and attending the graduation ceremonies at two high schools to present scholarships. It took us a few months but we finally established a club project that has found wide appeal among members: we formed a Blanket Brigade to construct “No Sew Throws” for our local shelter—Sarah’s Hope at Hannah More. Fifty blankets, along with 50 pairs of slippers, were delivered to the shelter as part of their Holiday Gift Packages for residents. By gathering together in an informal setting, it affords the opportunity to get to know each other and share in the camaraderie of the worthwhile endeavor.

In order to educate and entertain, our programs vary from the annual holiday concert by the Franklin High School Honors Choir to the Baltimore SUN and London Times political cartoonist, Kevin Kallaugher (KAL). Programs included authors David Faulkner (The Oyster Wards of Maryland) and The Oyster Navy), Eleanor Randrup and Katharine Kenny (Courageous Women of Maryland); Pets on Wheels brought two four-legged ambassadors; local historian Anne O’Neill spoke of Glyndon past; local historian Anne O’Neill spoke of Glyndon past; Carrie Engle of Valley View Farms discussed the disease affecting impatients and answered gardening questions. The appearance of Kimberly Lacks and her mother was one of the most well-attended meetings; they provided details about the book “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” (Kim’s grandmother) and the follow-up to what occurred after it was published.

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At our December meeting, 2nd District Baltimore County Councilwoman Vicki Almond spoke about issues in her district and the county in general. Speakers scheduled for the remainder of the year include Dr. George Thomas, geneticist; Theresa Moore of the Valleys Planning Council; Anne Weller Dahl on the life of A.A. Milne; and Annelise Montone of the Flag House Museum.

As we have twelve members who have been residents of Carroll Lutheran Village for the past two years, we held the January meeting at that location. Last year we were pleased to also have as our guest Bea Velazquez, a member of the Chula Vista, CA Women’s Club who was here visiting family.

One of our proudest achievements is taking First Place in the state Newsletter Contest. For ten months of the year this publication keeps members up-to-date on our activities, plus State, District and Federation news.

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

The GFWC Woman’s Club of Greater Fallston has only eleven paid members for 2013-2014. Although we are small in numbers, we continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

We have rallied to the aid of one of our members who had a car accident in May 2013 by providing shelf-staple foods, fresh vegetables and meats for her family of five. She is still in rehab due to many severe injuries, but she is doing better. She had been our Adopted Family for many years, went to a Community College and made the Dean’s list studying how to do Medical Records and work in a hospital office. After she had a job and was able to save for her house, she became a member of the Greater Fallston Club. It was much better to help our member get back on her feet, than picking a stranger to help. We feel we have had a successful year in doing something to help our own.

For the third year we have helped raise funds for the “Federation to Eradicate Duchenee’s Muscular Dystrophy” (FED - a 501c organization). Our Corresponding Secretary, Thelma Graziano, has a 12-year-old grandson with this disease. The fundraising is to provide monies for research. We do not run this event, but participate to the ability of our small club. Ten of us attended the fundraiser in 2012, for which we bought and donated a framed picture of one of the Baltimore Ravens, Ray Lewis. It was raffled off for $200.00. Four of our members went to the Glyndon Woman’s Club Charity Tea in December. We thank the Glyndon Woman’s Club who donated a quilt for us to raffle to raise funds for FED in 2011-2012. The November event raised over $50,000 for the third straight year.

In November 2012 and December 2013, we provided Ditty Bags for Veteran’s Day and filled plastic shoe boxes for Christmas for our disabled veterans; those men are now in Perry Point Hospital. We also have taken used clothing for both men and women for their “Clothes Closet.” The veterans are allowed to shop there for free.

Since HOBY was introduced to GFWC Maryland about 27 years ago, Greater Fallston has supported the program by sending a Fallston High School 10th grade student to the four-day HOBY Conference. The recipient is then invited to be a guest speaker at one of our club meetings, along with a parent. They are guests for dinner and the student is given a gift for being the guest speaker. This year’s winner is currently trying to speak to 10th graders at other schools in Harford County about applying for the HOBY Scholarship.

We continue to have an extensive “Recycle” Program in our club with outside-club persons supporting our efforts as well. We collect used eyeglasses, used postage stamps, Campbell’s Soup labels, used greeting card fronts, and pull tabs from soda cans. The pull tabs are turned into cash and the cash is donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore.

We continue to support the project of “Feeding Feral Cats.” Treasurer Rachel Hairsine has a stepdaughter named Mikee who works near the old Fort Holabird. A colony of feral cats is located in the wooded area near her building. Feral cats are unsocialized cats who have never lived with a family. Mikee found a company to neuter the cats and give them shots for rabies. She and her husband have been paying for food for the cats, but needed help. Club members have been donating dry and canned cat food to assist them. We also save Omaha Steak Styrofoam containers. Mikee cuts a hole in them for the cats to go into for shelter in bad weather.

We had our Annual Swim Party and Luncheon in July, and a Crab Social in August 2013.

We suggested a bus trip fundraiser to the Antietam Battlegrounds to Baltimore District President Barbara Weldon. The trip included a late lunch at The Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, then back to the Battlegrounds at dusk for the spectacular display of 24,000 candles to commemorate the sacrifices of all those Americans who died in a three-day period of fighting in the Civil War. The approved trip was co-chaired by Club President Bobbi Tilley and Thelma Graziano. It was held on the first Saturday in December, which is the only day of the year this observance is held. The profit was about $2500.

Greater Fallston has continued to spread sunshine in its little corner of the world these past 35 years, which was celebrated on March 12, 2013.
The Joppatowne Woman’s Club, Inc.

Our club of 20+ members continues to improve our community through many projects.

One of our current projects is the design of a new polo shirt decorated with our club’s name and flower. We hope to have these completed by Spring 2014. We will be able to wear these out and about to promote our club. We also have taken a couple of cultural “field trips” to Havre de Grace. We did some antiquing and visited the local decoy museum (plus lunch, of course).

Through good weather and bad, our members have picked up trash and other questionable items from Shore Drive in Joppa. We have done this at least twice a year for decades, as members of the State Highway Administration’s Adopt-a-Highway Program, to promote pride and cleanliness in the community.

The Joppatowne Woman’s Club continues to read weekly with students at the local elementary school. These “lucky” students get one-on-one time for 30 minutes to read aloud. We do this year-round. We also gave two high school students a $1000 scholarship for their continued education and have sponsored a HOBY student. The HOBY student from Bel Air High School was our program speaker in November 2013.

Twice since September 2012, we have donated over 40 gently-used purses to the Harford Family House for an auction. We also donated bathroom items for a family in Bel Air who received a brand new home through Habitat for Humanity. Several members have given their time, energy and charitable donations for the autumn Walk to End Alzheimer’s. And our Brunch with Santa was held at the local library for children who have read a number of books. There are two seatings to accommodate all the children.

Because of GFWC’s new affiliation with Shot@Life, we had a speaker from this organization at our club this year. We have made over $200 in donations to UNICEF and made dresses from pillowcases for small girls in third world countries.

We collected personal items for the veterans at the Perry Point VA Medical Center. Members brought various toiletries, small games, and outer wear to our general meeting, and our members delivered the items soon after the meeting. We also made Valentine’s cards for the veterans, turned-in old cell phones to be reconfigured for the military, and collected Halloween candy for our soldiers overseas.

We have great fundraising success with our raffles, wrapping Christmas presents at Boscov’s, and our annual tea. Our next tea will be held on May 3, 2014 at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. You should not miss it! Because of our great efforts, we established an ad hoc committee to explore other avenues to disburse club funds. As a result, we gave $1000 each to Meals on Wheels, the Joppatowne Trinity Lutheran Church food pantry, and Harford Community College as a scholarship for a woman returning to the workforce.

You will find us in the July 4th parade, the local newspaper “The AEGIS,” at the Harford County Volunteer Expo, giving “classes” at Boscov’s about our organization, and on the Harford County website. We give out contact information attached to pens with flowers and our monthly newsletter whenever we can. We will continue to give to our community and at the same time, have a blast doing it.

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 (MFWC)—an idea 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 orga-
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nized and held its first convention in April 1890. MFWC held its first annual meeting in March 1900. Baltimore District was not organized until 1921. In 1889, the Myrtle Club met at 312 St. Paul Street and revised their bylaws 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 are now former presidents of 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 TurnAround; 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; for the worthwhile causes we have supported; for the comfort and caring we have nurtured; and for having been clubwomen through the ages!

The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall, Inc.

The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall, Inc. meets every fourth Tuesday of the month, September thru May, at Rosedale Federal Bank in Perry Hall.

At the Eastern Regional Resource Center we serve Chicken Fried Rice every second Tuesday of the month to the temporary residents who live there. We provide the chicken, onions and rice—and when available, paper products, cookies and fruit. This volunteer job helps the Center meet its goal of feeding so many homeless individuals.

Four times a year, members clean litter from a half mile section of Bel Air Road. This project is part of the State Highway Administration’s Adopt-a-Highway Program to promote cleanliness and pride in the community.

For the eleventh year, The Woman’s Club of Perry Hall collaborated with the Perry Hall Improvement Association and the Perry Hall Recreation Council to raise funds, promote and organize free concerts for the community. Concerts included: the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphonic Bank, and “Ain’t Misbehavin’.” More than 1350 people attended.

Our club continued the tradition of awarding a scholarship to a deserving Perry Hall High School senior. This year, a young woman who plans to attend a community college here in Maryland will receive a $2000 scholarship.

Out in the community, our club has sent goody baskets to the White Marsh Library, Perry Hall Fire Station, and White Marsh Police Precinct.

We have raised funds for our club’s charities by: wrapping gifts at Boscov’s; selling tickets to Boscov’s for discount prices and raffles; donating items to be sold at a flea market; holding a Mary Kay cosmetics party; and saving pull tabs from aluminum cans and recycling them for cash.

Since October 2001, we have been “caring” for Adelmo Jimenez Junoz through ChildReach. Adelmo is a 15-year-old boy just finishing his second year in high school; he was just three years old when we “adopted” him. We will be sending Adelmo postcards and pictures of interesting places here in the United States. It can take up to 5 months to receive correspondence.

Author C.J. Miller spoke to our club about her experiences as a Harlequin Romance novelist. She currently has three books published and brought a few autographed copies for us to purchase. Debra Chenowith of the Baltimore County Police Fraud Department spoke to us about phone fraud, and Valerie Couric of Black Sheep Acupuncture spoke about the benefits of acupuncture. Our own member, Shirley Wales, spoke to us about Parliamentary Procedure and conduct during a meeting.

Our club hosted a Youth Art contest using student submissions from the Perry Hall Middle School. We provided a cash award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Our 1st and 2nd place winners went to the Baltimore District Youth Art Contest held at Baltimore County Dundalk Library, and took 1st and 2nd place.

Our new member started up a Lunch Bunch. Members meet every second Wednesday of the month at a different restaurant. It’s never the same bunch twice, and we get to know more about each other.

We started saving and donating “Labels for Education” to benefit the Maryland School for the Blind.

A newsletter is written during the club year to keep our members informed of club activities, birthdays, news and dates to remember. We also maintain our website with GFWC-MD.

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

Members of the Woman’s Club of Perry Hall attend their Christmas get-together at Pappa’s Restaurant.
ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS!!

2014-2016 GFWC-MD DIRECTORY FORM

Use this form for Reporting 2014-2016 Club Officers. The new 2014-2016 GFWC-MD Directory will be prepared using the information you supply.

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2014

Please fill out this form and return to the GFWC-MD Registration Table at Convention, or mail this form no later than May 15, 2014 to:

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Mark Your Calendars!!

April 5-7, 2014  GFWC Maryland 115th Annual Convention, BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD.

June 21-24, 2014  2014 GFWC Annual Convention, Chandler, AZ.

June 24, 2014  Installation of Babs Condon as 50th GFWC International President, Chandler, AZ.

July 1, 2014  Maryland Clubwoman Magazine DEADLINE
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September 16, 2014  GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting. Location to be announced.

Remember — Ring Your Bells at 10:00 a.m. on April 24th for Federation Day