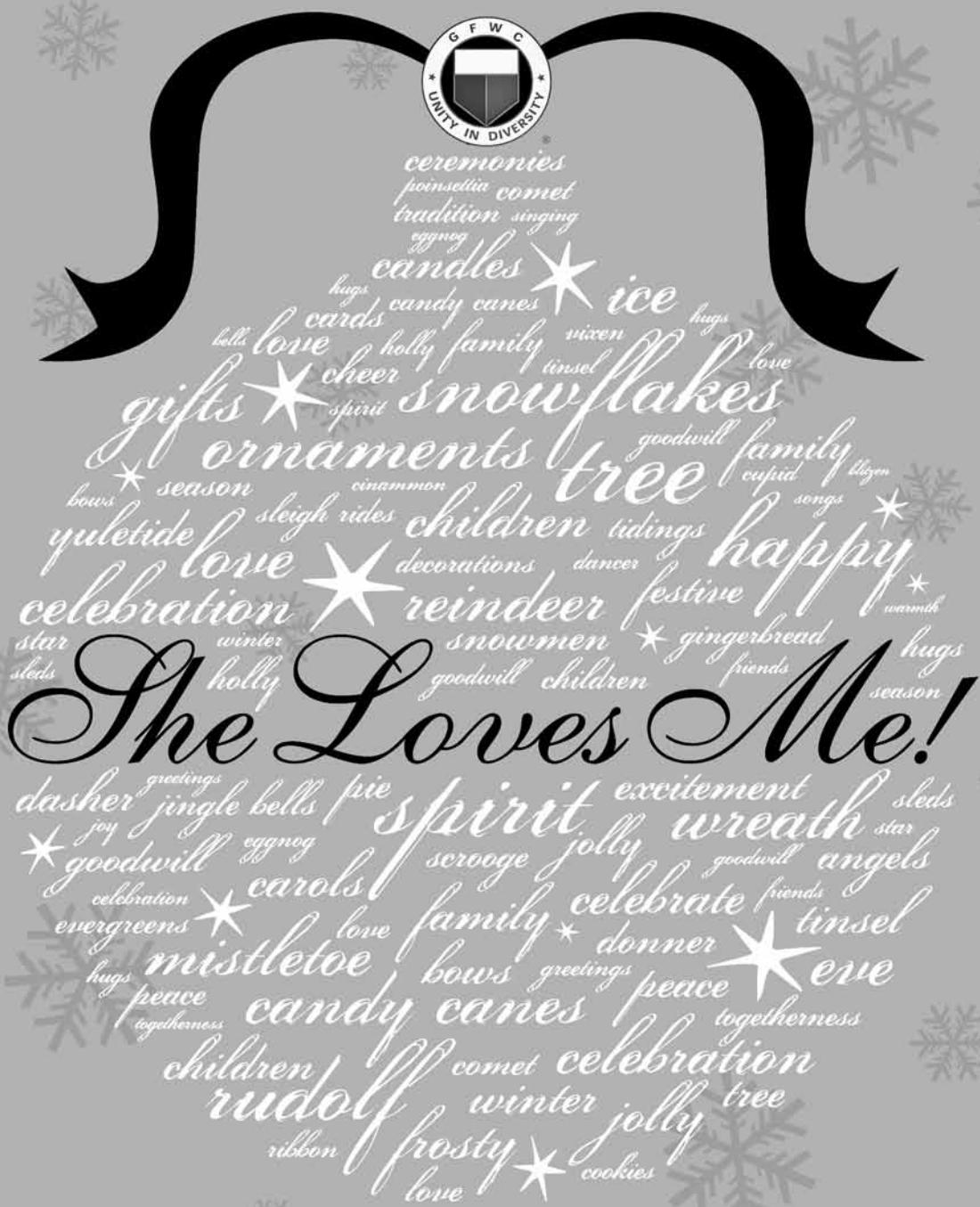




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NEXT ISSUE DEADLINES

Club and District Editors Please Note!!

Districts Reporting for the SPRING 2014 issue:

Eastern Shore and Baltimore

Districts Reporting for the FALL 2014 issue:

Western and Southern

ALL Articles and Information for the SPRING 2014 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by January 5, 2014.

District Editors should contact the clubs in their districts about District deadlines for submitting articles. Please follow the instructions of your District editor for submitting copy and be prepared to meet her deadlines.

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION: Any Club Project or Activity which is scheduled through the end of June 2014 may be submitted for inclusion.

 Email Articles & Photos to: MdClubwoman@verizon.net

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

Dear Federated Friends,

Another busy club year has begun. It was good to see everyone at our GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting on September 17, 2013 in Chesapeake City. The weather was sunny and bright, and the Chesapeake Inn is such a beautiful place, with floor to ceiling windows offering a great view of the harbor. For a change of pace, we were entertained by a Dean Martin impersonator. If you closed your eyes, you almost thought old Dino was there!

I have received and accepted many invitations to visit all the Districts and attend Junior meetings. I am truly blessed to be able to have these experiences and I will carry these memories with me for the rest of my life.

Maryland was well-represented at the Southeastern Region Annual Conference in Winston-Salem, NC from November 1-2, 2013. We enjoyed informative meetings, delicious dinners, inspirational speakers... and shopping. We were proud to see our own Mary Thompson elected President of GFWC Southeastern Region for 2014-2016.

On December 4, 2013, many clubwomen will travel to GFWC Headquarters to celebrate the season at GFWC's Annual Holiday Open House. I look forward to enjoying a festive evening with Federation friends, old and new.

As 2013 nears its end, your Executive Committee is working very hard to give you a superb February Board of Directors Meeting at Snyder's Willow Grove in Linthicum, MD. Be sure to mark your calendar for February 18, 2014!

December is always such a busy, fun-filled time of year. This holiday season, our clubs and members will touch the lives of so many people. I wish you and your family the best of holidays. Stay warm my friends, and remember... She Loves Me!

In Federation Friendship,

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

Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



Mary Walton
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs

clubwomen provide them. Food pantry shelves empty out—we fill them again. All of those fleece blankets will be used to warm the people they were given to. The piggy pillows sewn and stuffed by us will be leaned upon. Socks will be pulled on and women will choose to finally step away from the abuse and into a much brighter future. I just love what we do!

We are truly “sowing the seeds of change” by doing not only what work that needs to be done, but also “living each day, trying to accomplish something.” And those collective “somethings” are powerful indeed. I am so grateful and proud to be a member of GFWC.

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy the bountiful blessings of the season, and that you find yourself surrounded by friendship, love and the wonderful sense of belonging that is the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

I can’t wait to see the powerful changes we bring about in 2014 and I am happy you’re there with me making it happen!

In Federation Friendship,

A handwritten signature of the name "Mary".

Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs

Dear Federated Friends,

It's always somewhat surprising to me when the warmth of summer gives way to the chill of fall. I know it's coming, and I look forward to the crisp air and blue skies, contrasted by the colorful leaves, but somehow it sneaks up on me just the same. Suddenly we're pulling out our sweaters and jackets, preparing for the holidays—shopping for Halloween candy, Thanksgiving turkeys, and gifts for families and friends. The scent of pumpkin spice and the taste of crisp apples immediately bring this season to mind!

In 2013, Maryland clubwomen once again had a huge impact on their communities. With the colder weather comes the need for mittens, caps, scarves and coats—our



JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

September 14, 2013 in Cumberland, MD

The Maryland Juniors gathered for Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland, MD. The clubwomen of the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland did a phenomenal job hosting the meeting, providing a beautiful setting and an absolutely delicious lunch. The sky was blue, the sun was shining, and we were grateful for the time we got to spend together. *Thank you ladies!*

During our Junior business meeting, we received greetings from GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon. Babs gave us lots of good information about the events which will occur during her upcoming administration. I didn't count, but the word "spa" was mentioned on several occasions—it sounds like the 2014 GFWC International Convention is going to be a good balance of work and play!

The Service Project for the day was called a "Parade of Projects." We collected quite a few baskets filled with non-perishable items, four backpacks filled to the brim with school supplies, and dozens of pairs of socks for the "Step Away From Abuse" project. The bulk



Members worked together on a "Parade of Projects" at Junior Fall Conference.

of the items collected were given to Cumberland's Union Rescue Mission, a husband-and-wife effort that operates without state or federal funding. The rest were taken to the Family Crisis Center in Cumberland.

Although the audience was small, we had a great meeting, successful fundraising efforts, and a delicious Italian meal for lunch. After the meeting, the wonderful leftovers were sold to attendees for a dollar a plate (no need to make dinner)! This brought in \$40.00 for host club and all unsold food was donated to the Union Rescue Mission.

Once again, a group of women, over the course of four hours, had a huge impact on their community. Love it!

Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



Junior Fall Conference Attendees



Mark Your Calendars!

Mid-Winter Rally Saturday, February 22, 2014

We will hold a Day of Service with the Boys and Girls Club in Westminster.

More information will be included in the CALL, which will be out in early January.

Mid-Winter Rally is open to ALL Maryland Clubwoman.
We'd love to have you!

DEADLINES...

For Submitting Proposed Resolutions & Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws

Proposed GFWC-MD Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee Chairman on or before **January 15, 2014**. Resolutions may be presented by the executive committee, the resolutions committee, a district, a federated club, or a chairman of a program, division, or committee of The Federation.

Mail to: Barbara Pillote
Resolutions Committee Chairman
3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., Apt. 517
Silver Spring, MD 20906-7616

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before **January 1, 2014**.

Amendments may be proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club.

Mail to: Bette Brust
Bylaws Committee Chairman
104 Mina Drive
Middletown, MD 21769-7847

MEMBERSHIP

Problems & Solutions

PROBLEM: *Cliques—How can we make each member feel she is essential and valued by the club?*

SOLUTION: Have planned strategies to mix-up members, such as colored candies to assign seating, or different colored name tags. Mixing up members may be uncomfortable at first, but it gets easier as time goes on and leads to new friendships and a more cohesive group.

PROBLEM: *Burnout—How can we prevent clubs from taking on too many projects, causing member responsibility overload? How can we deal with individual members who just can't say "no," leading to overload and burnout?*

SOLUTION: Convince members that they can't possibly do everything, and that it is not necessary to do something just because "it's always been done that way." GFWC's flexibility allows and encourages clubs to reevaluate programs, change focus and pick projects that reflect member needs, interests and club size. Remember that it's just as important to "play" as it is to "work." Make time to have fun and relax together as a club.

PROBLEM: *Quality vs. Quantity—Should membership success be measured by the number of paid members?*

SOLUTION: Sheer numbers are not the standard for judging the success of any organization, however, "quality" produces "quantity." Enthusiastic officers who can excite members to engage in projects that make a difference in their communities will attract "quality" members in "quantity." Members who know they are personally benefiting from club membership, as well as positively contributing to the well-being of their communities, will attract "quality" members in "quantity." Recruiting quality members should be an on-going commitment of every GFWC clubwoman.

Mary Beth Strickler, Chairman

GFWC-MD BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

The February Board of Directors Meeting will be hosted by Southern District on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Snyder's Willow Grove in Linthicum, MD. (Directions will be included in the official Call).

Our Guest Speaker will be author Mervin A. Savoy, who co-authored "A Piscataway Story: The Legend of Kittimuquinn," which is the first in a series of "Piscataway Stories."

The modern day Piscataway Indians live in Southern Maryland near the present town of La Platta. They have a rich tradition and culture. The book tells the story of Kittimuquinn, the progenitor of the Piscataways. The book is intended for school children, ages 10 to 12 years. The text is written in poetry and accompanied by a generous amount of original black and white pictures of Piscataway life and history. The book is currently being used in Maryland public schools to teach children about the Native American heritage of their area of the state.

Since 1980, Mrs. Savoy has held the position of Tribal Chair of the



Mervin A. Savoy, author

Piscataway Conoy Confederacy & Subtribes, the largest indigenous tribe residing in the state of Maryland. She has won many honors, including the Baltimore Times Distinguished Woman Award, Outstanding Citizen Award, Woman of Achievement Award, Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year, Torchbearers Award, and Certificate of Recognition for Improving Minority Achievement, to name a few.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE...

Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

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

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

A contribution to the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund is an investment in the next 100 years of The Maryland Federation. Please send all contributions to the GFWC-MD treasurer. *Make your check payable to MFWC Treasurer and write the fund name in the memo line.*

Barbara Nunnari, Chairman

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

November 1-2, 2013 at Marriott Winston-Salem in Winston-Salem, NC

The Southeastern Region Annual Meeting was held November 1-2, 2013 in Winston-Salem, NC. The Region Theme—TEAM, “Together Everyone Achieves More”—was echoed throughout the conference, with 199 members in attendance. The keynote speaker for the opening session was Dr. Rosemary Thomas, a fourth generation clubwoman who now lives in Maryland’s Western District. She commented that we should ask ourselves, “What can we do for Federation—Not what can Federation do for us!”

Nominating Committee Chairman Jane Carver gave her report and the following Southeastern Region Officers were elected as presented for the 2014-2016 administration: Mary Thompson, President; Kathryn Sowers, Vice-President; Mary Jo Thomas, Recording Secretary; Della Gowan, Treasurer.

Following lunch, a memorial was presented for SER Honorary President Peggy Moffit. GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon was introduced and she encouraged all members to attend the GFWC International Convention in Arizona to enjoy the meetings and her installation. Babs’ enthusiasm was contagious and we are proud that she is one of our Maryland girls.

The GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention report was given by Rita Lynch. The Juniors’ Special Project: Advocates for Children report was given by Cathy Jo Canterbury.

Reports were presented by SER State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs. The Washington, DC group gave an interesting radio skit highlighting projects. Kentucky ladies highlighted a “Pink Connection Project” for Breast Cancer Awareness. Our Maryland President Beverly Death and Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton presented a



Photo: Melanie Stevens

The GFWC Maryland Delegation

report on the Piglet Pillow Project for cancer patients, and dating violence awareness and prevention for teens. North Carolina reported on a “Paint A Pinky Pink” project to create awareness of violence against women, and child deaths caused by tipping televisions and furniture.

“Tips and Tools” workshops were held after recess, including GFWC Partners Heifer International, March of Dimes, and Operation Smile. Information for all of these programs is on the GFWC website.

At the evening banquet, The Honorable Pat Convoy, Governor of North Carolina, gave an amusing talk. He emphasized that the women on his staff and elected to state positions were not chosen just because they are women—but because they are capable people who happen to be women. Dinner music was provided by pianist Freddy Casstevens. After the dinner Jennie Award Nominees were introduced: Ginger Robertson, GFWC Virginia; Sally Carter, GFWC

West Virginia; and our GFWC Maryland nominee Anne Forrester. The speaker for the evening was GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister. President Laister invited all members to visit GFWC Headquarters at any time, and especially during the holiday season when an Open House will be held on December 4, 2013.

A 50/50 drawing was held and \$279.50 was won by Jennie Sue Pearson from The Frederick Woman’s Civic Club. She donated \$100.00 to the Domestic Violence Scholarship fund. After recess, the North Carolina delegation hosted a reception in the President’s Suite, and a Pajama Party was sponsored by the GFWC SER Juniors.

The morning session began with an entertaining skit presented by the GFWC Dream Team, with chairmen of Leadership, Membership, Public Relations, and Communications, featuring a “spa” experience.

The Shot@Life presentation by Emily Flattery was very informative about the epidemics of polio and measles that still affect areas of our world. Walgreens offered flu shots to GFWC members for \$10 during the day, and for every shot given they donated a vaccine. Gifts to speakers during the conference were donations to Shot@Life in their names.

An enlightening presentation on Women’s Heart Truth was given by Mary Jo Thomas of West Virginia and Tricia Wagman of Maryland.

The additional SER State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs—from Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia—gave their reports.

After recess, more “Tips and Tools” Workshops were held including GFWC Partner UNICEF—presented by the Frederick Woman’s Civic Club, Inc. President Nancy Wynne

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YOU HAVE TO ENTER TO WIN...

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

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and Western District President Mary Snyder.

The Speaker for North Carolina State Night was Daisy Rodriguez, Director of Childhood Hunger Programs for the Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem. A donation of \$2,500 was presented to Ms. Rodriguez for the food bank.

Closing remarks were given by GFWC Director-Elect of Junior Clubs Cathy Jo Canterbury, GFWC Treasurer Deb Strahanoski, and GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon. Then GFWC Tennessee President Sandy Linderman and Director of Junior Clubs Candace Turnham extended an invitation to the 2014 Southeastern Region Meeting in Kingsport, TN on November 6-9, 2014.

The Junior Pledge was led by GFWC North Carolina Director of Junior Clubs Crystal O'Neal, and "A Collect for Clubwomen" by GFWC North Carolina President Wendy Carriker. All sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth," then the 2013 Southeastern Region Meeting was adjourned.

Kaye Shoemaker
GFWC-MD Recording Secretary

The Community Improvement Program Award!

CONTEST IDEAS:

- Every club is capable of creating a Community Improvement project.
- Almost any project can be turned into a Community Improvement project.
- Projects should address a specific need within the community.
- Establish partnerships to address your community's need, assist with leadership development and raise your club's and GFWC's profile within the community.
- Deem your project as an ongoing community effort that lasts as long as the community need remains.

CONTEST RULES:

- Projects MUST be accomplished during the program period: January 1, 2012-December 31, 2013.
- Club entries must be sent to State Chairman, postmarked no later than March 1, 2014.
- All entries must include completed Community Improvement Contest Entry Form.
- Project notebooks containing narrative description(s) and supporting materials must not exceed 7 lbs. in weight nor measure more than 15"x 20".
- Clubs and State Federations must adhere to deadlines and important dates.

- All monetary awards must be used to further the community improvement initiative.
- Each state's first place entry—which is sent to GFWC—becomes the property of GFWC and will not be returned. The national winners' entries will be housed in the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center.
- Projects involving 2-6 GFWC clubs qualify as joint entries and must adhere to the following:
 - Only one entry form shall be submitted, with all club presidents signing the single form.
 - Clubs involved in joint entries are not eligible to submit individual club entries.
 - Joint entries selected as national winners send one representative to the GFWC Annual Convention.
- Clubs that have previously won this national award must submit an entirely different project entry for consideration in 2014. Winning projects that have been expanded will not be considered.

DEADLINE:

March 1, 2014 — CLUBS should send entries to State Contest Chairman:

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

GFWC MARYLAND CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS 2013 (MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BASED ON 2013 DIRECTORY INFORMATION)

CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS 18 & UNDER	CATEGORY 2 MEMBERS 19-30	CATEGORY 3 MEMBERS 31-60	CATEGORY 4 MEMBERS 61 & OVER
Centennial*	11	Greensboro	20
Charles Co	13	Joppatowne	29
Chinese League	9	Laytonsville	19
Cumberland Jrs	18	Metropolitan	28
Emeritus*	14	Perry Hall	29
Greater Fallston	12	Pocomoke Jrs	19
Myrtle*	7	Sandy Spring	20
Southern Lights*	6	St. Mary's Co	30
STARS Jrettes	10	Total Clubs	8
Western MD Comm	9		
Wicomico	18		
Total Clubs	11	Total Clubs	9

**Past Presidents' Club*

**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**



GFWC LEADS APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please conceal applicants identity during selection deliberation

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:

(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held:

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved:

List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested:

Are you willing to:

- Cover costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes No
- Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? Yes No

Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members, to:

*Bernadette Simon
612 Fairmount Road
Linthicum, MD 21090-2814
Email: bsimon1234@yahoo.com*

"12 STEPS FOR PERFECT REPORTING" 2012-2014

Guidelines for Club Reporting Covering Club Activities from January 1 to December 31, 2013

POSTMARK DEADLINE
JANUARY 25, 2014

1 Appoint a Reporting Chairman — Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2012-2014 GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects, to help make your reporting easier and your Reporting Workshop run smoother.

2 Schedule a Reporting Workshop, or a series of Reporting Workshops.

3 Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:

A. Reporting Guidelines

- GFWC Club Manual for 2012-2014
- GFWC-MD Reporting Guidelines for 2012-2014
- Reporting Packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
- The "12 Steps for Perfect Reporting" Guidelines

B. Reference Materials

- Club Minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
- List of Club Donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
- Club Newsletters
- Copy of Previous Year's Club Reports

C. Supplies

- Large Tablet of Paper & Markers
- OR- Pads of Paper & Pens/Pencils
- Refreshments to Reward your Hardworking Members! Make it fun!

4 Preparation — Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service Program or Special Project and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you begin to "brainstorm."

5 BRAINSTORM — As a group, go through your Reference Materials (*see above*), call out your various club projects and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program/Project.

6 Review GFWC Reporting Guidelines received from GFWC-MD (*available for download at www.gfwc.org*)

7 Write Your Narrative Reports — Typed Narratives must not exceed TWO (2) pages. Be sure that all of your Narratives for each Community Service Program/ Special Project have the proper heading. (*See Sample Reports received from GFWC-MD.*)

- **Large Clubs** — You may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service Program or Special Project, which could take their list of projects and write the report.

- **Small Clubs** — You may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Community Service Programs or Special Projects and write the reports.

8 Proofread & Revise — Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions.

9 Complete the Maryland Statistical Report Form — Fill out ONE (1) Maryland Statistical Report Form (*at right, or download from GFWC-MD website at www.gfwcmd.org*). ONE (1) person should complete this form, most likely your Reporting Chairman or Club President. If your club wrote Narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each Narrative onto the Report Form. Be sure to include an "X" mark to indicate each Narrative attached. The Report Form becomes the cover sheet for ALL your Narratives.

10 Complete the Maryland SPECIAL Report Forms — For STATE recognition of work done for Save the Bay, TREE-Mendous Maryland and Women's Health Issues.

11 Copy Your Reports —

- **Generals** — **FIVE (5) Complete Report Packets**
- **Jrs/Juniorettes** — **SEVEN (7) Complete Report Packets** (ONE Maryland Report Form + Narratives + Special Forms)

12 Mail Your Report Packets by the Postmark Deadline of January 25th as follows:

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to State President:
Beverly Death, 105 Circle Road,
Pasadena, MD 21122-6603

Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Dean of Chairmen:

Brenda Bennett, PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843-5399

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to YOUR District Dean of Chairmen:

Western: Susan Krichten, 108 Elaine Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157-6906

Eastern Shore: Cynthia Dykes, 1407 W. Sandy Acres Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804-9319

Baltimore: Dawn Donovan, 20 Hallview Court, Baltimore, MD 21236-4731

Southern: Jeannine Dufrene, 556 Maynadier Lane, Crownsville, MD 21032-2136

Montgomery: Jennifer McLaughlin, 16301 Gales Street, Laurel, MD 20707-2719

Jrs/Juniorettes — **ALSO Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:**

Mary Walton, 2669 Glenwood Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048

PLUS... ALL Clubs — **File ONE (1) Complete Report Packet in Your Club Archives** — This is your club's history!

GFWC Maryland Statistical Report Form

Club Name	Number of Members	District
(Please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> General Club <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Club <input type="checkbox"/> Juniorette Club	Reporting Year <input type="checkbox"/> 2013	
Club President's Name	Phone #	Email
Address / City / Zip Code		

GFWC & GFWC-MD SPECIFIC PROJECT REPORTS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC Signature Project Partnership:						
Prevent Child Abuse America						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC Juniors' Special Project Partnership:						
Emergency Medical Services						<input type="checkbox"/>
INMED Partnerships for Children						<input type="checkbox"/>
March of Dimes						<input type="checkbox"/>
ARTS						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC CSP: Arts Partnership:						
American Mural Project						<input type="checkbox"/>
CONSERVATION						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC CSP: Conservation Partnership:						
ACTrees						<input type="checkbox"/>
EDUCATION						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC CSP: Education Partnership:						
ESO						<input type="checkbox"/>
Hugh O'Brian Youth Programs						<input type="checkbox"/>
HOME LIFE						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC CSP: Home Life Partnership:						
Canine Companions						<input type="checkbox"/>
Easter Seals						<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside Knowledge						<input type="checkbox"/>
The Heart Truth						<input type="checkbox"/>
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC CSP: International Outreach Partnership:						
Heifer International						<input type="checkbox"/>
Operation Smile International						<input type="checkbox"/>
United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life						<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. Fund for UNICEF						<input type="checkbox"/>
PUBLIC ISSUES						
Community Service Projects						<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC CSP: Public Issues Partnership:						
Kettering Foundation						<input type="checkbox"/>
Sew Much Comfort						<input type="checkbox"/>
USO						<input type="checkbox"/>

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Enclosed
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS					<input type="checkbox"/>
LEADERSHIP					<input type="checkbox"/>
LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY					<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMBERSHIP					<input type="checkbox"/>
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER					<input type="checkbox"/>

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed
Club Fundraisers					<input type="checkbox"/>
GFWC Endorsed Fundraising Projects:					
Uncle Al's Pecans					<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's Bean Project					<input type="checkbox"/>
Flower Power					<input type="checkbox"/>
It Takes Two					<input type="checkbox"/>

POSTMARK BY: JANUARY 25th

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete this form to include total statistics for each Special Project, Community Service and Partnership Project, and Advancement Area.
- Narratives are optional, but they will enhance chances of recognition and are necessary to be considered for GFWC club awards.
- If you submit a narrative description of your project or activity, please mark an "x" in the "narrative enclosed" box for the program area and attach the narrative to this Statistical Form.
- Narratives may not exceed two (2) pages and must be typewritten and single-spaced.

All General, Junior and Juniorette Clubs:

Mail the Statistical Form and narratives to:

- (1) copy to: Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President,
105 Circle Road, Pasadena, MD 21122-6603
- (2) copies to: Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD Dean of Chairmen
PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843-5399
- (1) copy to: Your District Dean of Chairmen (see names/addresses below)
- (1) copy for your club files.

Junior or Juniorette Clubs will also need to mail:

- (2) copies to: Mary Walton, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs
2669 Glenwood Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048-1957

District Dean of Chairmen:

Western:

Susan Krichten
108 Elaine Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157-6906

Eastern Shore:

Cynthia Dykes
1407 W. Sandy Acres Dr.
Salisbury, MD 21804-9319

Baltimore:

Dawn Donovan
20 Hallview Court
Baltimore, MD 21236-4731

Southern:

Jeannine Dufrene
556 Maynadier Lane
Crownsville, MD 21032-2136

Montgomery:

Jennifer McLaughlin
16301 Gales Street
Laurel, MD 20707-2719

GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES

GFWC Contests offer Recognition & Cash Prizes for You, Your Club & State

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Domestic Violence Fundraising	Non-Monetary	January 25, 2014
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP) AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Arts CSP	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Arts Partnership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Conservation CSP	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Conservation Partnership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Education CSP	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Education Partnership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Home Life CSP	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Home Life Partnership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Home Life - Canine Companions	Non-Monetary	January 25, 2014
International Outreach CSP	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
International Outreach Partnership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
International Outreach - PlanUSA Global Women's Fund	Non-Monetary	January 25, 2014
International Outreach - UNICEF	Non-Monetary	January 25, 2014
Public Issues CSP	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Public Issues Partnership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
ADVANCEMENT AREA AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Endorsed Fundraisers	Non-Monetary	January 25, 2014
Leadership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Membership	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Communications & Identity	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 25, 2014
Community Improvement Program	1st-5th Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2014
CONTESTS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Media Campaign Contest	\$50.00 in each of 4 Categories	March 15, 2014 (to GFWC)
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2014
"A Year in Pictures" (Calendar Photography Contest)	Non-Monetary	May 15, 2014 (to GFWC)
"GFWC Volunteers in Action" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2014
"The World in Pictures" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2014
Poetry Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2014 (to District)
Short Story Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2014 (to District)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2014 (to GFWC)



FOR GFWC CONTESTS ONLY

*Unless otherwise indicated,
Members or Clubs Must Submit
Entries for State judging prior to
entering GFWC Contests.*

After the State judging, GFWC Maryland Chairmen will submit winning entries to GFWC for National judging.

Your Club May Be A Winner!!
Please see your GFWC Club Manual for complete details on all Contests and Awards. Entry Guidelines vary greatly!

GFWC also awards a certificate to one State Federation, in each membership category, for each of the GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects.



Be sure to check out the **GFWC Club Manual** for complete details on additional **Awards and Opportunities**:

The JENNIE Award

One clubwoman from each of GFWC's eight regions will be honored with The JENNIE during the 2012-2014 administration.

GRANTS

Club Recruitment Grants
(funded by GFWC)

District Club Building Grants
(funded by GFWC)

Literacy Grants
(funded by Procter & Gamble)

For more information see the appropriate section of the GFWC Club Manual, or go online to www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers

MARYLAND CONTEST DEADLINES

Competition Can Be Rewarding

CONTEST	DEADLINE	SEND ENTRY TO
Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award	3/1/14	Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President 105 Circle Road Pasadena, MD 21122-6603
Member & Youth Short Story & Poetry Contests	3/1/14	Catherine Cash 10017 Quinby Street Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173
Art & Photography Contests	3/1/14	Debbie Spinnenweber 14602 Viewcrest Road, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
Needle Art Contest	3/1/14	Mary Thompson 105 Jenkins Drive Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
Youth Art Contest	Prior to 3/25/14	Your District President. For info contact: Leslie Bertram, 8346 Bear Creek Drive Baltimore, MD 21222-4938
Newsletter Contest	3/1/14	Josephine Miller, Editor, MD Clubwoman 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

PLEASE NOTE

ALL OTHER CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM & SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 25, 2014.

Club Reports will be mailed to State Chairmen.



CELEBRATE A WOMAN... ONE OF YOUR OWN!

Rules For "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" Award 2013

1. Nominees must be members in good standing of a club of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
 2. Ineligible members are: the current executive committee of The Federation, honorary GFWC-MD presidents, former recipients of the award, and members of Junior clubs. (Juniors have an Outstanding MD Junior Award for which they compete.)
 3. Only one nominee per club may be submitted.
 4. The Cover Sheet must include: the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee; the name of her club; the signature of the club president; and the date. In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee and the name of her club must be omitted from the narrative.
 5. Narrative must be 500 words or less, explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of the award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in The Federation with emphasis placed on club sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. As background, mention may be made of club involvement over the years, and any district and state activities which might indicate a continuing interest in The Federation. Only club related accomplishments will be considered. (Please no dates.)
 6. A committee of five, to judge the entries, shall consist of two honorary presidents of The Federation, two members of the current executive committee of The Federation, and a former recipient of the award. The Federation president shall appoint the committee and name the chairman. The committee shall select the recipient at a meeting called by the chairman by April 1. A suitable plaque shall be purchased and presented to the "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" at the annual meeting of The Federation. The winner will also be submitted to the GFWC Jennie Award Committee for consideration on the national level.
 7. The committee chairman will notify nominees of the date and time of the award presentation.
 8. To be eligible, entries must be received by March 1, 2014. Send to the current president of GFWC Maryland:
- Beverly Death
105 Circle Road
Pasadena, MD 21122-6603**
- Carolyn Morrison, Chairman*

GFWC MEMBER SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

- Authors must be dues paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 - December 31).
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
- By submitting your manuscript to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Please remember to include a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver with all entries submitted. (*Creative Arts Waiver is on last page of GFWC Club Manual.*)

Member SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

Member POETRY CONTEST RULES:

- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

DEADLINES:

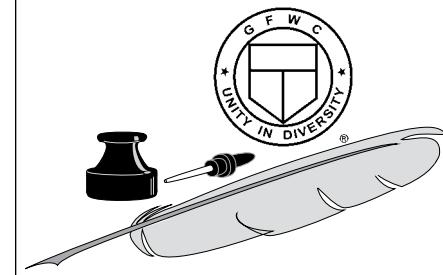
CLUBS—February 1, 2014. Send member entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT—Postmark by March 1, 2014. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash
10017 Quinby Street
Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173

REMINDER:

Please follow all rules carefully. Check your manuscript for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.



GFWC YOUTH SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

- Youth authors may enter one manuscript for club contests on the local level.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 - December 31).
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be the original works by the authors.
- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
- By submitting your manuscript to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Please remember to include a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver with all entries submitted. (*Creative Arts Waiver is on last page of GFWC Club Manual.*)

CATEGORIES: Category 1: Grades K, 1 & 2 Category 3: Grades 6, 7 & 8
Category 2: Grades 3, 4 & 5 Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Youth SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

Youth POETRY CONTEST RULES:

- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

DEADLINES:

CLUBS—February 1, 2014. Send youth entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT—Postmark by March 1, 2014. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash
10017 Quinby Street
Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173

REMINDER:

Please follow all rules carefully. Check your manuscript for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.



MARYLAND ART, NEEDLE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibit at the GFWC Maryland Convention, April 5-7, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All Artwork must be identified as **Original or Interpretation of Other Works**. All Photography entries must be identified as **Film or Digital**. All Needle Art must be identified as **Original, Rendition/Collective or Commercial**.
2. All Art and Needle Art entries must have been completed within the past two (2) years. **All Photography entries must have been taken during the contest year.**
3. No item previously exhibited and judged at GFWC Maryland State Convention may be entered.
4. Any club member is eligible. Entry cards must be submitted by mail. Please include the name, address and phone number of the individual submitting the entries, and total number of entries included, along with the entry cards.

5. **All Artwork** must be framed. **No Art Entry will be Accepted Without a Secure Frame.**
6. **All Photography** entries must be 8" x 10" and mounted on rigid board. **NO MATTES OR FRAMES.**
7. Five or more pieces constitute a competitive class. **No Awards Will Be Given unless Three or More Individuals Enter a Class.** If insufficient entries are received the class may be eliminated and the entries will be placed under "Miscellaneous" for judging.
8. **All Photography** entries will be judged at convention and awards will be presented. The first place winners in each category will be entered in the **GFWC Photography Contests** (see rules at right).
9. Judging will be by qualified judges and their decisions will be final. **Ribbons will be awarded.**

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The maximum number of entries accepted per person are as follows:
Art: THREE (3) items/class
Needle Art: THREE (3) items/class
Photography: ONE (1) item/class
No joint entries will be accepted.
2. **All Entry Cards must be postmarked by March 1, 2014.**
3. **Make TWO Entry Cards for EACH Entry.** (Copy the Sample Entry Card below and attach to 3 x 5 cards.)
Mail ONE Card to the appropriate chairman for **Art & Photography Entries** or **Needle Art Entries** as listed below. Attach the **Second Card** to the back of the entry.
4. **Entry Cards** should be mailed to the appropriate chairman as follows:
Art & Photography:
Debbie Spinnenweber (301-729-2258)
14602 Viewcrest Drive, SW
Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
Needle Art:
Mary Thompson (301-743-5493)
105 Jenkins Drive
Indian Head, MD 20640-1938
5. **Exhibits Will Be Covered By Insurance For Fire And Theft Only.** All due care will be used in handling articles, but the insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for \$10.00 (ten dollars).
No Single Item Will Be Insured In Excess Of \$500.00.
6. All entries will be received on the lobby level of the BWI Airport Marriott on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration will close at 11:30 a.m.
7. **Exhibit Hours will be announced in the convention program.**
8. Entries should be picked up at the close of the Monday, April 7, 2014 business meeting on the lobby level of the BWI Airport Marriott. Neither The GFWC Maryland Federation nor the BWI Airport Marriott will be responsible for any article left after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7th.
No Exceptions To This Rule.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS for NEEDLE ART only:

ORIGINAL – A unique design and composition, which is entirely the product of the stitcher's own mind and hands.

RENDITION/COLLECTIVE – A unique arrangement of known motifs or combination of designs with significant originality in color, spacing and placement. Computer generated charts that have been created with the stitcher's input are included.

COMMERCIAL – Works using a designer's pattern for needlework. Included: charted or painted canvas, printed graphs, kits and minor alterations thereto.

Entry Deadline — March 1, 2014

SAMPLE ENTRY CARD

Make **TWO COPIES** for **EACH ENTRY** and attach to 3 x 5 cards.

MARYLAND ART, NEEDLE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Club Name _____	District _____
Exhibitor's Name _____	Phone # _____
Address _____	Zip _____
Category # _____	Value Of Entry _____
Description (Title if any) _____	
For Art ONLY (Check ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Totally Original <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
For Photography ONLY (Check ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Film <input type="checkbox"/> Digital
For Needle Art ONLY (Check ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> Rendition/Collective	



ART CATEGORIES:

Abstract A-1 (*all media*)

Oil and Acrylic

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

Pastel A-4 (*all entries*)

Portraits A-5 (*all media*)

Sculpture and Mixed Media A-6

Watercolor

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

Miscellaneous Art A-9

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES:

GFWC CONTESTS (*see rules below*)

"The World in Pictures"

Living Things – Color A-11

Living Things – B&W A-12

Scenes – Color A-13

Scenes – B&W A-14

Still Life – Color A-15

Still Life – B&W A-16

"GFWC Volunteers in Action" A-17

NEEDLE ART CATEGORIES:

Beadwork N-101

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Canvaswork N-102

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Counted Thread N-103

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Sampler N-104

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Cross Stitch N-105

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Embroidery N-106

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Heirloom Sewing N-107

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Miniature N-108

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

**THREE Categories
Back by Popular Demand!**

Crocheting N-109

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Knitting N-110

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Quilting N-111

A-Original
B-Rendition/Collective
C-Commercial

Rules for GFWC Photography Contests

CONTEST RULES:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: Contest name; photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo; arrow indicating top of photo.
- **8 x 10 inch prints are required.**
No electronic submissions.
- **All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 inch rigid board with overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch.**
- **NO Mattes, Frames, or Hangers.**

- Photos may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photos may be black & white or color.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- **Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (download at www.GFWC.org).**
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Photos will not be returned.

DEADLINES:

CLUBS must send Entry Cards to their **STATE Art & Photography Contests Chairman** for state judging, postmarked by **March 1, 2014**.

**"The World in Pictures"
has THREE Categories in
each of TWO Classes!**

"The World in Pictures"

Photos should capture the beauty of the world and people around us in THREE (3) CATEGORIES:

- **Living Things:** adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife.
- **Scenes:** city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather.
- **Still Life:** abstract (any assemblage of objects, either an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments.

TWO (2) CLASSES per CATEGORY:

- **Black & White**
- **Color**

"GFWC Volunteers in Action"

Provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography. Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.

"A YEAR IN PICTURES" CALENDAR CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: Contest name; photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; title and brief caption giving location, date, and

other notes about the photo; arrow indicating top of photo.

- **8 x 10 inch prints are required.**
No electronic submissions.
- **All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 inch rigid board with overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch.**
- **NO Mattes, Frames, or Hangers.**
- Photos must be horizontal/landscape.
- Photos must be in color.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
- All entries will be considered.
- Judges will look for photos particularly suitable for calendars, such as photos relevant to months or seasons.
- The same image may be submitted to

multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.

- **Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (download at www.GFWC.org).**
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Photos will not be returned.

DEADLINE: Each GFWC CLUB may submit ONE (1) photo directly to GFWC Headquarters by May 15, 2014.

MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:

All students from the sixth grade through the twelfth grade are eligible. Entries must be submitted through a local GFWC-MD Woman's Club and judged at a District level before going on to GFWC-MD State judging.

Work will be judged in two classes:

Art: Class 1 - Grades 6, 7 & 8
Class 2 - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Photography/Computer Art:
Class 1 and Class 2

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:

- All entries should be **Original**, done by the student between 3/1/13 & 3/1/14.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create new compositions are accepted but judged considering age appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer enhanced photography and graphics. Copyright rules must be applied.

- Work may be of the following media: oil, lead pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed media, photography/computer art. If necessary, the work should be sprayed with a fixative.
- Entries must have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core. Maximum size not to exceed 24"x36" in its entirety, including computer graphics. Canvas may be stretched or mounted. No Frames or Glass.
- Each entry must have an Entry Card securely attached to the back with the information as given on the sample below. Each card **must** have the student's name, personal email and home address, zip code, phone #s, grade, school, and type of media. **Entries without cards will not be judged. Entries with school information rather than personal information will not be judged!**

AWARDS:

- **Local Level:** Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion.
- **State Level:** GFWC Maryland offers two (2) First Place, two (2) Second Place, and two (2) Third Place Awards in the High School Class 2 Division; and one (1) First Place, one (1) Second Place, and one (1) Third Place Award in the Middle School Class 1 Division.

DEADLINE:

All **District** winning entries must be received by **District President(s) prior to March 25, 2014 for the State Contest.** Judging of artwork will then take place. Winning artists will receive their awards at the GFWC-MD State Convention, April 5-7, 2014 at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel, where the original works will be displayed.

Contact Leslie Bertram at 410-282-9313, or lbertram@hotmail.com, with any questions concerning the state contest.

◀ **SAMPLE ENTRY FORM CARD:**
Please copy the sample at left and attach to back of each entry.

CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements:

- Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact (30%)
- Presentation (30%)
- Design (30%)
- Adherence to rules (10%)

CONTEST RULES:

- Only one newsletter issue per club may be submitted.
- Newsletter must have been printed and dated during the reporting year.
- Front page of newsletter must prominently display official GFWC emblem and mention of membership in GFWC.
- Newsletter entries must include the contact information for at least one

member, defined as an email address, phone number, and/or mailing address.

- All entries must be printed and sent via postal mail.
- Envelope must be clearly marked **GFWC Newsletter Contest**.

COVER LETTER MUST INCLUDE:

- Club president's name and contact information
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
- Number of members in the club
- Approximate circulation
- An essay of no more than 250 words describing the club's approach to utilizing its newsletter.
- Clubs with electronic newsletters must submit printed copies.

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize creativity and outstanding achievement in producing a club newsletter.

DEADLINES:

STATE CONTEST—

CLUBS must submit entries to **STATE Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 1, 2014**.

GFWC CONTEST—

CLUBS may submit entries directly to:
GFWC Newsletter Contest
1734 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2990

Must be postmarked by **March 15, 2014**.

GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- Only one website per club may be submitted.
- Website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org.
- Website must include contact information for at least one member, defined as email address, phone number, and/or mailing address.
- Website may continue to be updated after contest deadline date.

• Subject line of submission email must read **Website Contest Entry**.

SUBMISSION EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- Club name
- Website address
- President's name & contact info
- Name and contact information of person submitting the entry
- Number of club members
- 250-word essay describing purpose of website & club's approach to maintenance

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in website implementation and maintenance.

DEADLINE:

CLUBS must submit entries via email to **PR@GFWC.org**. Submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on **March 15, 2014**.

GFWC MEDIA CAMPAIGN CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Interaction and engagement from campaign audience
- Use of multiple forms of media
- Professionalism and quality
- Creativity
- Relevance to topic
- Reference to GFWC
- Resources invested—time, money, etc.
- Quantitative results (new members, new Facebook likes, dollars raised, new Twitter followers, legislation passed, number of event attendees, etc.)
- Qualitative results (positive feedback from attendees, quality of messages posted in relation to campaign, etc.)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

• Clubs may submit ONE media campaign PER CATEGORY:

Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment, and Special Events.

- Submit each campaign separately.
- The media campaign must take place during the reporting year.
- All campaign materials must reference GFWC and the sponsoring club.
- Campaign materials must include a medium (website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, YouTube video, etc.) and contact info for additional information.
- Entries may be sent via postal mail or email.
- Envelopes must be clearly marked, or subject line of submission email must read: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**.

COVER LETTER OR BODY OF EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- Club president's name and contact information
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
- Number of club members
- **CATEGORY NAME**

- 500-word essay including: Goal; Budget; Target audience; Strategies and tactics; Key messages; and Post-campaign measurement and analysis (Did you meet your goal, stay within budget, reach your audience, and feel campaign was successful?)

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in implementing a successful and effective media campaign in each of Five Categories.

DEADLINE:

CLUB Entries must be postmarked or emailed no later than **March 15, 2014**.
Mail to: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**
1734 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2990
Email to: **PR@GFWC.org**

SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

Volunteers Touch Many Hearts

GFWC Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour

The Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour began its club year with our traditional "Meet and Greet" Potluck Luncheon, where we laid out plans for the coming year.

In October, we were delighted to welcome Bob Johnson from the Fort George G. Meade Museum. He has served as director there since 1987, and has 33 years experience in museums and historical resource administration. He spoke about POWs, including the encampment at Fort Meade during WWII. Accompanying him was Barbara Taylor, exhibits specialist at the museum. Her background is in zoology and scientific illustration. When her husband was transferred overseas, she found work as an artist, painting murals and building exhibit backgrounds. Her expertise includes animals and war.

At our Community Bazaar on November 23rd, we will be providing lunch and holding a Bake Sale. All profits go to our charities. Our November meeting will be our Day of Service. We will be stuffing Comfort Dolls for the Sheriff's Office to be given to children involved in domestic disputes, evictions, or custody battles. It comforts the children to hold onto a soft doll.

Other projects include:

- Preparing 40 lunches for the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis.
- Sheets for Hospice—Collecting single sheets for hospice patients needing care in their home.
- Operation Paperback—One of our members collects donations of paperback books, packs them in sturdy boxes for shipment to troops overseas and in VA hospitals.
- Collecting 2014 calendars for troops overseas and in VA Hospitals.

At our December Holiday Luncheon, we will be awarding a \$10,000 scholarship to a deserving nursing student attending Anne Arundel Community College. We're excited and looking forward to a very busy and successful year.

GFWC Charles County Woman's Club, Inc.

It's been another quiet year for the Charles County Woman's Club, if you don't count surgeries (of all kinds) and physical therapy.

We continue to meet at a local restaurant early for breakfast! Everything is accomplished and all the members have more of the day for their other activities, like tutoring, art classes, and helping at the new Hospice house, to name a few.

In January and February we made "Linus Blankets"—too much talking and not enough tying to get done in one sitting! Blankets were donated to the State Police. It was suggested that the blanket with "Grumpy" on it (one of the seven dwarves) should go to one officer in particular!

March found us hosting the annual Youth Art Reception at the Board of Education, with over 135 attending. Artwork was displayed throughout the Central Office facility, so students, parents and teachers would have the opportunity to view all the artwork and enjoy the early evening event with cookies and punch.

Our September speaker was Delegate Peter Murphy who spoke about Health Care and the choices that will have to be made by everyone.

We collected food throughout the year for the local food bank. Also collected were pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore, and lots of magazines for Jude House, which they use in class assignments.

We have been very active at the elementary school that we adopted.

We enjoy helping out during the Book Fairs and Santa's Secret Shop, and we look forward to their Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon held in November. Members also tutor students at least once a week, sometimes more.

Members are active at the local Senior Centers, attending classes or playing bridge. We volunteer with the firehouse auxiliary, help with community affairs, serve on planning commissions and help at Catherine Foundation and Hospice. We may be a small club, but we try to stay active and involved!

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.

Even though the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights does not meet during the summer, the club presented its Concerts in the Park series. Members also filled backpacks for needy school children and visited the airport to welcome home returning servicemen and women. Club president Sandra Blankenship was chosen as Maryland's LEADS candidate at the GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, FL.

In keeping with the president's theme, "Come Fly with Me" was the subject of our Opening Tea. The clubhouse was decorated with airplane memorabilia and pictures. Many worthwhile charities, such as Shot@Life, Ecuadent, and Operation Smile, were introduced. Guest speaker Karen Greenfield, one of only two female aerobatics pilots in Maryland, received a standing ovation after talking about her accomplishments. New members were initiated, HOBY Ambassadors spoke of their experiences at the seminar and members contributed undies and socks for children.

In September, our Evening Group hosted a party with representatives from Miche and Longaberger who



Sandra Blankenship (left), Linthicum Club President and Maryland's LEADS Candidate, with GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister at GFWC International Convention.

donated a portion of their sales to the club. In addition to members selling hotdogs at the Linthicum Community Fair, club member Shirley Beck was named Honorary Co-Mayor of Linthicum for her contributions to the community.

Local author Erika Robuck talked about her new book, "Call Me Zelda," at the clubhouse which was decorated in a glitzy "Great Gatsby" theme for the October meeting. Since it was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, breast cancer survivor members were recognized. At the evening meeting, Joann Davis, chairperson of the board for Journey Partners spoke on her partnership mission trips to Zimbabwe. "Birthright Bash" was another evening get-together where club members brought gifts for newborn babies and a volunteer for Birthright spoke.

Daniel C. Toomey, author and historian, spoke at the November meeting on "The War Came by Train." This is a five-year exhibit at the B&O Railroad Museum commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Decorations at the clubhouse had the Civil War and train themes. The November evening meeting featured a local caterer who presented helpful aspects of party and holiday planning.

Back by popular demand for our December meeting, a musical program will feature performances

by the children and grandchildren of members. Two major fundraisers will be held—our annual Holly Mart and Winter Wonderland Gala. The clubhouse is always transformed for the gala and is a sight to behold.

"Everybody's Birthday Party!" is the theme for our January meeting. Members will bring re-gifted items to exchange and celebrate everyone's birthday with cake and ice cream. For the evening meeting, Paul Hall, a member's husband, will speak on "F. Scott, the Good Doctor, and Me." Mr. Hall was a long-time friend of Dr. James R. Duke who owned the house that F. Scott Fitzgerald rented while his wife Zelda was treated at a local clinic. Both Mr. Hall and Dr. Duke had a great fondness for Fitzgerald and his works.

"Keepsakes of our Mothers" is the title of our February evening meeting. Members will share keepsakes, stories, and photos of family members and friends that have special meaning to them.

Our annual Prayer Breakfast in March will feature an inspirational speaker and talented vocalist. "In Honor of Women's History Month" is the theme of the evening meeting. A member of the Maryland Commission for Women will speak about the Commission, including the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and Women of Tomorrow.

The club's Annual Meeting will be held in April where we will hear of all our accomplishments for the past year. This year's meeting will also include a fresh flower show. April is also the time for our annual Youth Art and Writing Awards Ceremony. The evening meeting will feature a practicing astrologer with the topic, "So You Think You Know Your Sign," discussing sun signs and future expectations.

All of our committees are very active. The day and evening literature committees meet monthly for book discussions. The Beautification

and Garden Committee's meetings feature speakers and trips. They make items for the Holly Mart and handle upkeep of the clubhouse grounds and community garden triangles. The Arts and Crafts Committee makes creative craft projects and takes local trips. The Community Health and Volunteer Services Committee has numerous on-going projects including: filling backpacks for needy children; collecting food for Christmas baskets, underclothes and socks for the homeless and personal hygiene items for Omni House; preparing dinner for parents and children staying at St. Casimir Home; and securing items for the bake table to benefit Sarah's House. The Hospitality Committee prepares delicious lunches for the general meetings and takes fun trips. Our Education Committee's many projects include the poetry and short story contest, lunchtime book discussions at an elementary school, participation in Recognition of Excellence luncheon for over 500 students, representing the club on the North County Business Advisory Board, mentoring students and many other activities. The Good Will Committee reaches out to new members, as well as those who are ill, need a friendly contact, or a ride to meetings or doctor visits. They provide meals, rides, visits, calls—all kinds of good will. The International Issues Committee collects items for the Ecudant Foundation—toys, stuffed animals, children's clothing and blankets, cereal, etc. The chairman volunteers as a medical missionary to Ecuador.

As it has done yearly since 1940, in May the club closes out its year with its annual luncheon. Then the Performing Arts Committee takes over and presents the season of Concerts in the Park. For more information on meetings and activities, check out our page at www.gfwcmd.org.

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Severn Town Club, Inc.

The Severn Town Club of Annapolis will begin a new club year with a heavy heart. We lost Evie Renz who has not only been our treasurer for 7+ years, but a treasured friend to all who knew her. Her dedication to Arden House, a shelter for abused women, was over the top. She cared deeply for the plight of these women and their children. She was in charge of the project for many years, visiting the House monthly, bearing gifts, staging theme parties, purchasing gift cards from donations received and putting bags together with personal toiletries and other necessities, just to name a few things she did for them. Evie co-chaired, and later chaired the Holly Ball. She worked tirelessly on the Silent Auction for all the years she has been a member. She pounded the pavement, visiting and revisiting merchants, restaurants and anyone she thought might give a donation. Her winning smile and decorum made it almost impossible for many to say no. Her expertise with a computer gave us spreadsheets,



Severn Town Club President Linda Saksa (right), with other members and guests, enjoying Afternoon Tea.

tickets, bid sheets, basket descriptions and so much more. The Severn Town Club will this year celebrate the 50th Annual Holly Ball and it is dedicated to the memory of Evie Renz, with our love!

Finding a Treasurer to replace Evie proved a challenge. We are deeply grateful to a relatively new member, Karen Tolzman, who stepped up and stepped in. Severn Town Club women have that extra special quality of being counted on to volunteer whenever needed.

We ended the club year with Afternoon Tea at Moulin de Paris. It was a special treat and a lovely end to a most successful club year.

Plans for the Holly Ball have been underway since early summer. Since this is our 50th year for this event, the committee has been scouring the archives for memorabilia. We encourage all clubs to preserve their memories, along with minutes and photographs, because many years later, someone might want this valuable information. It was indeed a challenge for this year's committee to fill in all the gaps.

We invite you to go to our website, www.severntownclub.org, and consider attending the Holly Ball on November 22, 2013 at the Westin Annapolis Hotel. We will have a fabulous orchestra, along with a Silent and Live Auction. The Anne Arundel County Library Foundation will be the main recipient of profits.



In Memory of...
Severn Town Club Member Evie Renz

We kicked-off the new club year with a cocktail party at our membership chairman's home, where new and prospective members joined us for a social get-together. They were given an overview of what we are all about. At our September meeting, we will introduce our HOBY leaders who will relate their experiences. New members will be welcomed and installed at a Pot Luck Supper. In October, a representative from the Anne Arundel County Library Foundation will discuss how the funds they will receive from the Holly Ball will be used.

Continuing our club's commitment to Arden House, a few members offer monthly assistance to these abused women and their children. This is a highlight of our club's activities and we are very proud of what we have accomplished. We have also donated appliances and other household items when asked. This is an on-going project. Unfortunately, it seems there will always be a need for our assistance.

We are looking forward to yet another great year of service to our community and making GFWC proud to have us on their "team."

Southern Lights

Southern Lights held their second meeting of the 2013 club year after the semi-annual meeting of the Southern District. Our first meeting was in the fall of 2012 at Snyder's Restaurant in Linthicum Heights.

Although we are small in number and have a limited amount of business, we do enjoy getting together. We decided to send our monetary contribution to SER for the reception. At our next meeting in the fall, we will review our bylaws and discuss any current issues.

Southern Lights members are all Past Presidents of the Southern District. We are here to serve, to help and to encourage, so give us a call!

WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

Volunteers—Helping Hands, Helping Others

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District

The GFWC Centennial Club consists of past presidents of the Western District. They are also active club-women in their local clubs. An amazing 90% of our members continue to volunteer for our District, our State, for Southeastern Region, and even on our GFWC Board of Directors. While we only meet twice a year, these meetings are filled with service projects.

We have sent toiletries to a local Army National Guard Unit in Egypt, and collected books for the USO United Through Reading Military Program. Books were also collected for Dr. Seuss—Read to the Children, so these children could have a book to take home. We collected and assembled four baskets full of personal hygiene and toiletries, which were then returned to shelters in the four counties in Western District which have clubs.

In October, our members returned to New Windsor, MD to volunteer at the SERRV warehouse. Members gathered to unpack huge boxes of Fair Trade items, inspect, count, and repackage the items for sale. Beautiful arts, crafts, clothing and even household goods can be purchased at their store or online to aid families and villages around the world. Our members are truly committed to "Living the Volunteer Spirit."



Centennial Club Members volunteer at the SERRV warehouse in New Windsor.

GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.

The Civic Club of Oakland has had a successful year with lots of worthwhile, fun activities. Since we have a unique calendar, no meetings were held in January and February. Our first meeting of the year was March, when we heard presentations from the non-profit agencies in Garrett County. A rating system was used by the membership to award funds to each presenting agency. This is our way of distributing our funds in a fair and equitable way.

Our fundraising activities this year included the raffle of a one-week stay at a condo in Ocean City, MD, donated by one of our members. The raffle was held on July 4th at The Creamery, our local ice cream parlor, where the rain let up just in time to draw the winning ticket.

Since our club is over 100 years old, we have been focusing on local history and the women who have made a difference in our community. Co-President Sandy Hill, while researching our past, found an original copy of the cookbook published by our fledgling club in 1914. It has been reprinted for sale as a fundraiser. They are being sold by several shops in the area, as well as our members. The book includes recipes—calling for butter the size of a walnut—and ads from local businesses of the era, with some names very familiar to those living in Garrett County today.

Our main fundraiser, the Autumn Glory Antique Show and Sale, was a success due to the hard work of the many members who participated in the set-up of the sale, worked in the kitchen where we served lunches and baked items, a quilt raffle, and the cookbook sale. This event is hard work and fun in equal proportions. Members working together get to know one another and they



Oakland Club Co-President Sandy Hill selling reprints of their club's "Maryland Cook Book," originally printed in 1914.



Oakland member Anne Forrester is recognized as Maryland's Jennie Award Nominee at the Southeastern Region Meeting. Left to Right: Anne Forrester, SER Jennie Award Chairman Hope Royer, and Past SER President Bette Brust.

form lasting friendships during the three-day festival.

Our year has been rewarding and worthwhile, and we are excited to welcome five new members who have joined us in 2013. Our club is growing and changing for the better.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

The Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. (FWCC) is off to an exciting start this year. We received a Partner Award for Creativity from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF at the GFWC International Convention in Florida. Last year, club members worked with a local preschool for "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF. This effort raised over \$700.00. FWCC led a "Tips and Tools" workshop at the Southeastern

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Frederick Club President Nancy Wynne (3rd from left) receives UNICEF Partner Creativity Award at GFWC Convention.

Region Meeting based on this effort. We will repeat the project this year with four preschools!

We have an ambitious Plan of Work for the coming year. Each Community Service Program has built their work to include "something for everyone." We continue to publicize Arts Alive, highlighting upcoming area events. In October, we visited the studio of the artist P. Buckley Moss in Waynesboro, VA. We are selling White House ornaments to fund our Youth Art program.

Most of our CSPs focus on children —reading at the local elementary school, food drives for homeless children, filling Salvation Army Holiday Stockings, and donating clothing and gift cards to a local domestic violence shelter. Steiner House has become the drop-off for donations to this shelter. Club members staff this location two times a month, freeing the shelter's staff to focus on their core mission.

In November, we will go to the SERRV Center in New Windsor, MD for a day of service. We will also hold a Basket/Cash Bingo to raise funds for our programs. We sold geraniums in the spring, and winter pansies and coupon books in October. We planted a tree in a local park, collected funds to support phone cards for our troops, and plan to hold a Flag Day Ceremony to highlight our newly restored and lighted flag.



Frederick Club members visit the studio of artist P. Buckley Moss (5th from left) in Waynesboro, VA.

In December, we will again be on the Museums by Candlelight Tour in the Frederick Historic District. As always, Steiner House will be regally decorated, with neatly trimmed grounds, restored oriental rugs and —thanks to fundraising and generous club members—an updated kitchen and powder room.

Throughout the fall and winter we are planning our largest fundraiser, the 53rd Annual Mardi Gras Ball, to be held on March 1, 2014.

We work hard, but we play hard too. Along the way we gather in large and small groups to get our work done and to form the strong friendships and alliances that have defined our club for the past 102 years. We have a book club, a Secret Sister program, and an active Sunshine program to support our members. We are blessed with strong members, a beautiful historic clubhouse, and strong community support.



Left to Right: JWCC Past-President Terry Harvey, International Night speaker and Terry's father Fred Harshberger, and JWCC President Joyce Race.

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

The Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland (JWCC) kicked-off their new year with International Night. Members tempted their taste buds with a variety of culinary dishes from around the globe. The speaker for the evening was a 91-year-old World War II veteran, who captivated everyone with his memories of growing up in the depression era and serving his country in the war against the German regime. He shared pictures and articles collected during the war that reflected on the battle fought by our brave men and women. A new member was also welcomed at this meeting!

In September, the Cumberland Juniors hosted the GFWC-MD Junior Fall Conference, welcoming Juniors and Generals alike to Cumberland on a bright and beautiful Saturday. GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon was the guest speaker. Instead of a single project, the Maryland Juniors decided to do a variety of projects. Backpacks for children were filled with items including notebooks, rulers, pencils, pens, writing tablets, crayons, and colored markers. Socks were placed in ziplock bags, with a message of encouragement for women to "step away from abuse." These were donated to the Family Crisis Center. Baskets were filled with toilet paper, feminine articles, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, etc. These baskets, along with extra food and unopened bread, butter, desserts and beverages from the luncheon, were taken to the local Union Rescue Mission where they were gratefully accepted and brought smiles to the faces of the residents.

At our November meeting, the club will hold its traditional Holiday Auction. Beautiful handcrafted items, along with certificates for baked goodies, will bring bids fit for an auction house. Members

also volunteer their time to the local March of Dimes "Ladies Night Out" and "Festival of Trees." The Cumberland Juniors have been an integral partner with the March of Dimes for many years. Other items on the agenda include Santa's Workshop, a gift card raffle, Innisbrooke Giftwrap, and the GFWC Endorsed Flower Power.

GFWC Western Maryland Community Club

The Western Maryland Community Club (WMCC) began its new club year with a planning session in August. Meetings were scheduled and projects were planned for the year, including our 2013 "Holiday Raffle" for Retired Longaberger Baskets. Last year this project raised \$1096.00, allowing our small club to support a number of community service projects.

This fall, we've collected School Supplies for the Salvation Army After School Program, Pull-Tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and Box Tops for Education. We adopted a Social Worker for the year, with members donating clothing, linens, and personal items, to help fill "Dawn's Closet" and directly benefit those in need. We sewed Pink Piglet Pillows in support of Western District's Day of Service Project for breast cancer patients. And we helped a family in need with the purchase a flock of chickens through Heifer International.

In October we celebrated all the "good" we do in our community with "A Gathering of the Good Witches." (Glinda the Good Witch was in attendance.) We participated in GFWC Advocates for Children Week with the GFWC Pillowcase Project. We purchased colorful kids pillowcases and filled them with small toys, books, stuffed animals, pajamas, etc. The pillowcases were tied with ribbon and a tag was



"A Gathering of the Good Witches"—WMCC members participated in GFWC Advocates for Children Week at their October Meeting and Halloween Party with the GFWC Pillowcase Project.

attached that read, "In The Whole Wide World, There's Only One YOU," including our club's name. The pillowcases were donated to our local domestic violence shelter.

In November and December, we will donate Art Supplies for the Art Program at Friends Aware, Inc.—a local organization that provides supports to persons with developmental disabilities. We'll support the Salvation Army Children's Christmas project by filling Christmas Gift Bags for children of varying ages, and the Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program by writing messages of appreciation in cards to be distributed to military personnel. Members will collect calendars for residents at a local Nursing Home, and wrap Christmas gifts for donations at the Toys for Happiness Booth at the local mall.

"Bonnie's BINGO" continues to be a regular fundraiser. And 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!

Our club newsletter "VolunCheer" serves to inform and educate our members on an array of subjects. And our "WMCC HOTLINE!" continues to keep our members informed and stay connected.

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Westminster began its season with our annual potluck picnic in August. Guest speaker was Dr. Dona Hobart, head of the Center for Breast Health at Carroll Hospital Center. Dr. Hobart is a home town girl and daughter of clubwoman Janice Hobart and her husband Donald. Her talk lifted our spirits and made us grateful for the strides against breast cancer and for the hospital's services.

Our program committee continues to bring us dynamic and inspirational speakers. At our spring luncheon, we were honored to have former astronaut Mary L. Cleave, PhD, PE, an environmental engineer who retired from NASA as the associate administrator for science in 2007.

The featured speaker at our October meeting was Walter Hughes of Rotary International, whose topic was "Eradicating the Guinea worm disease in South Sudan: Expanding our Vision." Hughes travels to Africa to provide wells as a source of clean water to villages, thus wiping out parasites such as the Guinea worm.

Our club's community service projects continue to work on long-standing programs, as well as investigate new ways to serve.

The highlight of the Arts Community Service Project, in partnership with the Carroll Non-Profit Center and the Community Foundation of Carroll County, is its ongoing exhibits by local artists at the Non-Profit Center. Each exhibit features as many as ten artists.

Community Outreach continues its 20-year tradition of volunteering at SERRV where they unpack, price and repack items for shipment to the SERRV International Gift Shop in Wisconsin.

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Public Works Department, maintains a perennial garden at historic Belle Grove Park.

Education organizes a Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration. Community partner Random House donates books, and volunteer readers from the woman's club and other community groups read aloud to the children in the selected classrooms. Each child is allowed to choose a book to keep.

Home Life collects gently-used business clothing and conducts mock interviews with MOSAIC clients to help them practice job interview skills. Mosaic provides services, including vocational, to individuals with mental illness.

Public Issues organized a luncheon for those involved in moving Access Carroll—a non-profit organization offering free health care to uninsured, low-income Carroll County residents—to its new headquarters.

Through ornament sales and a silent auction at our holiday luncheon, the Fundraising Committee is the major source of club funds, enabling each community service project to make donations. The club just presented its 10th and 11th ornaments in its annual series depicting Westminster's important buildings.



Woman's Club of Westminster members prepare to march in Westminster's 146th Memorial Day Parade.

Our Beneficiary Committee donated funds to the Rape Crisis Center for the year 2012-13, and this year will donate the same amount to Access Carroll.

This is an exciting time for our club as we approach the installation of our own Babs Condon as the International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We exceeded our goal in fundraising for Babs' installation through generous donations from clubwomen and friends, Bridge for Babs, and a raffle of a week's vacation at the Condon home at Deep Creek Lake.

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

The Junior Woman's Club of Westminster had a busy summer and is excited for fall. We participated in National Night Out for the second year. We set-up in a beautiful local park with many other civic groups. Our club provided entertainment, games, face painting and food. What began as a very rainy day, turned into a pleasant evening and many of the area families ventured out to share an evening of family fun and support for their local community to battle against crime.

Along with the "back to school" drives of area stores, we held our local Kids' Consignment Sale to support families looking to find

that bargain for their kids' school needs. Families could find gently used clothing, backpacks, shoes, and even that "must have" toy. We took a big step this year by incorporating a new electronic checkout system that proved to be a great success. At times a long line would develop, but with the new system that line was eliminated in just moments. Many customers expressed their appreciation of the quick checkout and our consignors liked the ease of the new system. The sale was a great success and is our largest fundraiser, which allows us to support many local charities.

Our annual Halloween Parade was a fun-filled and entertaining evening full of scary costumes and precious children. We are privileged to be the ones to judge all those who participate, and we partner with our local American Legion who supplies the monetary prizes for 20 categories. It is a great evening for our members to spend time together at a family event.

We received a \$50 membership grant from GFWC and are excited to use it as part of our "GFWC—Girl Friends Wine Club." We wanted to find a way for our members and friends to have a relaxing evening together to discuss many other topics that affect us. We often have so much business to conduct at a meeting that we lose site of other matters around us that



Members of the Woman's Club of Westminster all dressed in red for Heart Health Month in February 2013.

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we would like to debate or problem-solve. This is also an opportunity to participate in fun games to see who has that competitive nature in our group. We look forward to using it to grow deeper bonds with our current members and bring in new members in a friendly, relaxed environment.

GFWC STARS Junioresse Club of Westminster

Our goal in the STARS Junioresse Club is to help our community when possible. Each spring, we fill hundreds of Easter eggs with chocolates and other goodies, to hide for the local Boys and Girls Club members. The kids really enjoy this activity!

Not only do we help with fun holiday activities, but we also like to garden. Last spring we became aware that our local children's visitation center (where estranged parents in dual custody situations bring their kids) was a bare brick house with no landscaping. We decided it would make a great conservation and beautification

project. With the help of some of the Westminster Juniors, we purchased and planted over 300 plants along the sides and front of the visitation center. What was once an ugly bare building, became an explosion of color and beauty all summer long.

To spread awareness of domestic violence in the community, we set out many colorful pinwheels in Belle Grove Park (on Green Street in Westminster) to draw attention to the signs. We would like thank the Westminster Juniors for their help!

Our current number of members is lower than usual, so we always welcome new members and invite others to help out with events. We hope to have some girls join us soon with our upcoming Annual Santa's Workshop scheduled for Saturday, December 7th.

Being a Junioresse is something to be proud of. We earn lots of service hours and enjoy having the opportunity to help out in our community. We encourage you all to spread the word that we always welcome guests, and we love what we do!



Westminster clubwomen participating in Junior Fall Conference Day of Service—(L to R): STARS Co-President Hannah Utermahlen, Juniors Tricia Wagman and Carol Horne, and Junior Co-President Julie Mathias.



Local kids enjoyed games sponsored by the Westminster Juniors at Westminster's National Night Out.

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