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Mary Ellen Laister
GFWC International President

My Dear Fellow Club Members:

It was with great humility and a very humbling experience that I was installed on June 17, 2012, in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the 49th International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The theme of the 2012-2014 administration is ***Remember the Past to Step into the Future***. Our Federation is rich in history and accomplishments. The history has been set in stone on the administration that has just closed. Today, we are opening a new chapter in our GFWC history and we are on page one. Our only limitation is ourselves and now the sky is the limit.

The *Club Manual* has been delivered to your clubs with a new exciting look, which is very professional, very user friendly, and contains lots of new information. The *Club Manual* was

written by the 2012-2014 GFWC chairmen and committee members, in conjunction with our professional staff at GFWC Headquarters.

The "dreaded club reporting" that every club woman is afraid to tackle has been revamped into a very simple system. This was initiated at the GFWC Board Orientation in Alexandria, Virginia, in November 2011. A mixture of GFWC Officers, Region Presidents, State Presidents, chairmen and committee members worked together to improve the reporting system. Refer to the printed Club Manual or refer to ***www.GFWC.org/ClubManual*** for more information.

The main focus of this administration will be Public Relations, Membership, and Leadership. We will present interactive workshops at all eight Region Conferences. We are going to provide the tools so that you will successfully increase your membership during this administration—and into the future.

We are electrified and excited by you, the clubwoman.

Yours in Federation,

Mary Ellen Laister
GFWC International President

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*Rebecca "Becky" Weber
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Fellow GFWC Clubwomen:

TEAMWORK is the battle cry for the 2012-2014 GFWC Juniors. As members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, we have the power to change lives, improve communities and enrich our own lives. Generals, Juniors, and Juniores all have one strong common thread—our willingness to share of our time, talents and expertise. Every clubwoman is dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

In addition to sharing our compassion, enthusiasm and commitment, GFWC clubwomen need to unite to tackle the "membership challenge." The future of our remarkable organization is in our hands. The time is NOW to use our resources and energy to revitalize the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

As Director of Junior Clubs, it is my goal to encourage strong and energetic Junior leadership, as well as work on effective strategies for the transition of members from Juniores to Juniors to General Clubs.

International President Mary Ellen Laister and I look forward to working with you in our quest to unite all clubwomen in accomplishing our vision of more members and more clubs! Now more than ever, we need to UNITE, DIVERSIFY, and MULTIPLY, while living each day trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist!

In Federation Friendship and Love,

Becky Weber

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

Dear Federated Friends,

In April 2012, I was honored to be installed as president of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. I am so happy and thankful for all your support. It has been quite a journey to get here, but you were there for me and I shall be eternally grateful.

Our symbol for the next two years will be the lovely Daisy. And remember the young-at-hearts game "She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not?" Our theme for this administration will be "She Loves Me!" through your volunteerism with GFWC Maryland. So many people and organizations have been helped because of your generosity and caring spirit. Ladies... you are terrific! You should be proud

of yourselves, and I am proud to be part of our GFWC Maryland Federation.

Our special project for the next two years will be Women's Health Issues, concentrating on heart health. Life is good and we need to take care of ourselves, so we can be here to enjoy it!

It was great to see everyone at the Summer Workshop. The day was full of informative and inspiring information. A special thank you goes out to all those who spoke... and to those who listened and took what they heard back to their clubs.

Please join us for the September 18th Board of Director's Meeting in Westminster. This meeting will feature our "Marketplace of Ideas" where state chairmen will showcase materials for the GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects.

I wish to thank all the GFWC Maryland Honorary Presidents for your continued guidance and support. Ladies, I applaud you... because no one can do this job alone.

Together with Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, we will work hard to do our best for every clubwoman in Maryland during the next two years. I look forward to seeing and talking with all of you—Generals, Juniors, and our energetic Juniores, they are our future! Just remember... "She Loves Me!"

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

Beverly Death
GFWC Maryland President

FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Mary Walton
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

I am so honored and excited to be serving as your State Junior Director for the 2012-2014 administration! Our new GFWC International President, Mary Ellen Laister, announced at the GFWC Convention in Charlotte this year that she would like to focus on Leadership, Public Relations and Membership during her two-year term. I, in turn, wish to focus on all of those things, but mostly Membership—by attracting new members through fun, engaging projects that truly help our community, and by making ALL members—both current and new—feel the Federation love that I know we all have for one another and our communities.


Junior clubwomen are strong and can do miraculous things when banded together—my goal is to increase our membership

so that we can do even more things to improve our community and have a positive impact on those that surround us in everyday life. Our ranks include working women, single mothers, wives, retired women, grandmothers, widowers—women with lots of time and women with little time, but all jumping in where they can to make things better.

As we move from the lushness of summer, to the cool crisp blue sky offset by the green leaves changing to browns, golds and reds, there comes a feeling of preparing for winter. Thinking of those less fortunate than us, I urge all of you to get involved in projects that directly support those in need throughout your community while promoting your club. Look to www.gfwc.org for project ideas, and look for ways to serve those in need in your community. Time is a precious gift that we can all give and a gift that can have massive cumulative effects! Grab a friend, neighbor or co-worker (or all three!) and have fun while making a difference—you never know, you might be bringing your club's newest member.

I look forward to attending Junior club meetings, and meeting each and every one of you over the coming months as we continue to reach out and serve our communities!

In Federation Friendship,


Mary Walton
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



YOUR NEW GFWC-MD TEAM...



Beverly Death and Mary Walton

Beverly Death

President, 2012-2014

Bev was born and raised in Baltimore City and attended Southern High School. She worked for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for 33 years and is now retired. Bev is a member of both the GFWC Chesapeake Women's Club and the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc. For Southern District, Bev has served as corresponding secretary and is currently serving her third term as recording secretary. For GFWC Maryland, Bev has held the offices of recording secretary, second vice-president, vice-president, and president-elect. Bev and her husband Michael have been married for 42 years and have lived in the Pasadena area of Anne Arundel County for 39 years. They have one son Darren, a lovely daughter-in-law Mindy, and four grandchildren—Andrew 15, Daisy 12, Annabelle 6 and Gideon 3. She and her husband love to go boating, dancing and antiques.

Mary Walton

Director of Junior Clubs, 2012-2014

Mary was born in Nuremberg, Germany while her father was in the Army. She split her time between Maryland and Germany for 15 years, eventually staying in Maryland, where she's been since 1980. In 1999, she moved to Carroll County with her husband, Aaron, and gave birth to their daughter, Sarah, one month later. Looking for a way to help her community and meet other women, she joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster in 2004 and was the 2005 recipient of the "Outstanding Maryland Junior" award. She has served her club on many committees through the years and is the immediate past Recording Secretary. Mary is extremely excited to serve the Maryland Juniors for the next two years and looks forward to helping "grow" the Maryland Junior membership. Her theme will be "Together, We are Sowing the Seeds of Change."

DONATIONS

ATTENTION Club Treasurers!

ALL Donations are requested by December 1, 2012, but are accepted any time before April 1, 2013. For recognition at the 2013 Annual State Convention, donations MUST be received by April 1st.

Submit to GFWC-MD TREASURER:

- ★ "The Maryland Clubwoman" Magazine
 - ★ Youth Art Fund of MFWC
 - ★ Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award
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Brenda Bennett

President-Elect / Dean of Chairman

Brenda has been a member of GFWC Maryland for over 25 years. She joined the GFWC Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke in 1986, and the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc. in 2006. As a Junior, she served her club as secretary, vice-president, and president 1992-1994. Brenda served the Maryland Juniors as International Affairs chairman, associate director of junior clubs, and director of junior clubs 2004-2006. For the Eastern Shore District, she served as junior director, department/program chairman, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and president 2006-2008—she is currently Credentials chairman. For the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., she has served as corresponding secretary, program chairman, and yearbook chairman. Brenda served GFWC-MD as arrangements chairman, corresponding secretary, and most recently as vice-president/dean of chairmen. She was born in Annapolis, lived most of her life on the Eastern Shore, and currently resides in Pocomoke with her son, Robert. Brenda is employed full-time at The Breakers Hotel in Ocean City, but still finds time to volunteer. She enjoys reading, music, movies, and spending time with friends.



Reno Eitel

Vice-President

Reno joined the Maryland Federation in 1992 as a member of the Woman's Club of Dundalk and has served that club as president, first vice-president, second vice-president, treasurer, and governor. In 2005, she joined the Joppatowne Woman's Club in which she has held the offices of first vice-president and treasurer. Prior to being elected president of the Baltimore District for 2006-2008, Reno held the offices of corresponding secretary, second vice-president, and first vice-president for the District. She served GFWC-MD as Treasurer for the 2008-2010 and 2010-2012 administrations, and has been a long-term member of the GFWC-MD Strategic Long Range Planning Committee. Reno resides on Rumsey Island in Harford County and is married to Les Eitel.



Kaye Shoemaker

Recording Secretary

Kaye Shoemaker has been married to her husband Donnie for 49 years and has two daughters, one son, and four lovely granddaughters. She is a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Frederick, and Urbana Homemakers Club, along with her busy GFWC-MD life. Kaye joined the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. in 1998 and has served her club as president, secretary, finance committee member, and docent for Steiner House tours, as well as chairing several programs and events. She is very dedicated to the club's activities with the center for abused children. Kaye has served Western District as recording secretary, and held several chairmanships. Kaye was the 2009 recipient of the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. She has served GFWC-MD as the Convention Exhibitors chairman for six years. Kaye attends all Western District and State meetings, and has attended several Southeastern Region Meetings and GFWC Conventions. Kaye is very appreciative to GFWC for the opportunities to serve her expanded community, and for the wonderful sisterhood she shares with so many GFWC friends. She is honored to serve as the GFWC-MD Recording Secretary for 2012-2014.

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Michelle Stawinski

Corresponding Secretary

Michelle has been involved in Federation work since joining the University Park Woman's Club in 1999, serving as the club's president from 2004-2008. Her Federation work continued while she served as an officer for the Montgomery County District. She proudly served as District president, 2010-2012. She is excited to continue her work by taking on new challenges as GFWC-MD corresponding secretary. Michelle has also been a practicing attorney in Maryland since 1999, serving clients all across the State. She opened her own law firm in 2007. She has been involved with providing pro bono legal services throughout her career, most recently volunteering her services to the women's clubs of Maryland in sorting out issues of compliance with state incorporation laws. Her most important work, however, is raising her daughter, Alexandra Ursula. Alexandra has attended various women's clubs activities and loves meeting everyone. She is looking forward to attending District meetings, as well as University Park meetings, and perhaps the occasional GFWC-MD meeting. Look for her to be an active member in the future!



Janet Morgan

Treasurer

Janet has been a GFWC clubwoman since 1988 when she joined Severn Town Club. She has served Severn Town Club as president, treasurer, and chairman for Holly Ball, finance committee, and conservation department. She was Southern District president 2000-2002. Other GFWC-MD positions include membership chairman, recording secretary, records chairman, finance chairman, and YES, Treasurer! She was the 1997 recipient of the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award. Originally from Arlington, Virginia, Janet moved to Baltimore in 1977. A job at T. Rowe Price inspired her to earn an MBA in Finance from Loyola College. She currently works as the Investment Manager for Anne Arundel County. When not working for either the County or the Federation, Janet and her husband Jim enjoy international travel. Their goal has been to visit all seven continents and by the end of 2012—only Antarctica will be left to conquer.



GFWC Maryland Officers, 2012-2014: (L to R) Beverly Death, president; Brenda Bennett, president-elect; Reno Eitel, vice-president; Kaye Shoemaker, recording secretary; Michelle Stawinski, corresponding secretary; Janet Morgan, treasurer; and Mary Walton, director of junior clubs.

GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

The 113th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention April 14-16, 2012 at the BWI Airport Marriott

“Maryland Volunteers Make a Difference!” was the theme for the **113th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Club, Inc.**, held April 14-16, 2012 at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore. Clubwomen from all across the state of Maryland were in attendance.

“Celebrating Leadership” was the theme on Saturday morning as **Junior Day** was called to order by Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler. The Maryland Juniors celebrated their accomplishments with creative club skits. **Irene McElwee, Emergency Services Director for Food Link, Inc.**—and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, 2001-2004—presented information on the organization for the day’s Service Project. **Special Junior Awards were presented:** Carol Horne, Outstanding Maryland Junior; Paula Harrison, Rookie of the Year; Hannah Utermulhan, Outstanding Juniorette; and the



The Navy League Cadets

GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc. as Outstanding Junior Club. One of highlights of Junior Day was the presentation of the **Youth Art Awards** by GFWC-MD Chairman Jeannine Dufrene. **Junior Officers for 2012-2014** were elected and installed by Carol Horne, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs, 1996-1998. A reception for the new Junior Officers followed the meeting.

Saturday evening’s festivities began with the **District Presidents’ Reception**, hosted by the five District Presidents in the President’s Suite. Our lovely ladies of The Maryland Federation enjoyed delicious refreshments, socializing with some old friends, and meeting some new ones.

Members then gathered for the **“Welcome Home” Banquet** and the **Official Opening of the 113th Annual Convention** by GFWC Maryland President Jo Miller. Officers, District Presidents, Club Presidents, and our special GFWC guest, GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon, processed with music provided by Bonnie Andrews. Following the Presentation of Colors by the **Navy League Cadets**, Brenda Bennett led the singing of “America the Beautiful.”

We were entertained during dinner by the accomplished **Harpist Janet Holland**. Then we enjoyed the heart-warming stories of speakers **Anne Church and Jane Helweick from “Operation Welcome Home Maryland.”** Their organization makes sure that troops returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait have the welcome home they deserve when they arrive at BWI Marshall Airport.

Our “entertainment” for the evening continued with lively reports from the five District Presidents. Each was



GFWC-MD President Jo Miller (right) with GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler.

unique and very creative as they highlighted their District’s many programs and projects. District and Club Anniversaries were then recognized, GFWC 50-Year Member Pins were presented. And just when you thought the evening was winding down, the staff of “The Maryland Clubwoman” presented a rousing round of “Are YOU as Smart as a Staff Member?” which proved that competition was alive and well in GFWC Maryland!

The evening’s festivities then continued with **“Sweet Dreams” Federation Fun Night, hosted by the Maryland Juniors** in the President’s Suite. Generals and Juniors, alike, gathered for an evening full of fun, food, fellowship... and mudslides! What a great way to end our first busy day of GFWC Maryland Convention!

Sunday began early—7:15 a.m.—for those who attended the **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** and meeting led by President Janet Morgan. I understand that a great time was had by all.

President Jo Miller chaired a brief

Sunday morning Board of Directors Meeting, after which Convention reconvened. Federation business included the approval of proposed amendments to the Bylaws and a new Standing Rule, and the approval of the Budget for 2012-2013. Then our GFWC-MD Officers highlighted their accomplishments with “The Academy of American Angels Awards,” where every time a bell rings, an Angel gets its wings.

Next on the agenda was the much-anticipated Community Service Program Awards for Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues. The morning concluded with the presentation of the **Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award to Anne Forrester, GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, Maryland, Inc.** (see pg. 12).

Immediately following the morning session, a Reception was held in the President’s Suite for the Honorary Presidents of The Federation, the

Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, and all nominees.

At the **“Honoring Our Leaders” Luncheon**, we were treated to some down-home humor by Dave Elliott, columnist for The Frederick News-Post—he has some very entertaining chickens! Norma Jean Swam then presented the **GFWC-MD LEADS Candidate, Cynthia Dykes, GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club, Inc.** This was followed by the presentation of the GFWC-MD President’s Special Veterans Project Awards by Bobby Andersen, who commended all clubs for their participation.

Memorial Resolutions were read by Barbara Pillote for Lorraine Volberg, Honorary President 1968-1970, and Edna Jean McCaslin, Honorary President 1994-1996. Following the Report of the Nominating Committee, the meeting was in recess.

Everyone visited the Election Polls, then a very animated group attended **“All American Bingo”** led by none other than Christy Swiger and

Mindy Chacon. Those who weren’t playing Bingo shopped for fabulous jewelry (and more) at the Exhibitors’ booths, bid on Ditty Bags or Silent Auction items, or visited with the “Gold Lady” presented by GFWC-MD Fundraising. Members also viewed the Arts, Crafts & Photography Exhibits, highlighting the talents of our members and students—they were excellent!

On Sunday evening, Officers and District Presidents processed for the **“She Loves Me!” Banquet**. During dinner, we enjoyed **Music**

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2010-2012 GFWC-MD Executive Committee (L to R): Joyce Race, Western District President; Dottie Gregg, Eastern Shore District President; Bernie Simons, Southern District President; Mary Beth Strickler, Director of Junior Clubs; Jo Miller, President; Mary Lou Hodges, Baltimore District President; Michelle Stawinski, Montgomery County District President; Barbara Weldon, Recording Secretary; Debbie Spinnenweber, Corresponding Secretary; Beverly Death, President-Elect; Reno Eitel, Treasurer; and Brenda Bennett, Vice-President. Not in photo: Bette Brust, Parliamentarian.



Two Generations of Clubwomen—Our special GFWC guest, GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon (right), with her mother Barbara Peck, GFWC-MD Honorary President, 1996-1998.



The GFWC-MD Officers’ Report... Every time a bell rings, an Angel gets its wings.

GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

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by Bill Edwards. Following dinner, everyone enjoyed our **Keynote Speaker, GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon**—we all learned something new about GFWC!

Special Committee Reports and awards were presented, then President Jo Miller made a special presentation to Angie Haines for her 65 years of service, and to Bobby Anderson for her many years of service—both amazing ladies! Western District President Joyce Race, acting on behalf of all GFWC Maryland clubs and members, presented a “thank you” gift and check to a tearful President Miller.

GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon conducted the **Installation of the 2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers**—Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, Treasurer Janet Morgan, Corresponding Secretary Michelle Stawinski, Recording Secretary Kaye Shoemaker, Vice-President Reno Eitel, President-Elect Brenda Bennett, and President Beverly Death. Babs summoned all Honorary Presidents in attendance to come forward. Each took the new president’s pin, offered words of encouragement and/or advice, and passed the pin to the next. President Jo Miller had the honor of presenting the pin. Beverly thanked everyone for the support she has received and said it was an honor to serve as President of GFWC Maryland.

Following the banquet, members gathered in the President’s Suite for a **Reception to honor the 2012-2014 GFWC Maryland Officers.**

Convention reconvened on Monday morning with the announcement of the member Arts, Crafts and Photography award winners—quite a talented bunch! Special and Standing Committee Reports were

given, then all enjoyed the **“Angels Final Flight” Brunch**... even though our ESO Speaker cancelled!

Drawings were held for the 50/50 Raffle Boards, Silent Auction items and District Baskets by Christy Swiger, Mindy Chacon and Joyce Williams. Kaye Shoemaker drew winners for the Vendor Doorprizes, and Bobby Andersen announced the Ditty Bag winners. Jo Miller gave her President’s Report, thanking all

members for their hard work and accomplishments. Barbara Peck then presented a wonderful written history for this administration. After final reports were given, the ceremonial “passing of the gavel” from Jo Miller to Beverly Death took place.

All attendees then recited The Collect for Clubwomen and the 113th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention was adjourned.

Debbie Spinnenweber



Installation of the GFWC-MD Officers for 2012-2014 (L to R): Mary Walton, Director of Junior Clubs; Janet Morgan, Treasurer; Michelle Stawinski, Corresponding Secretary; Kaye Shoemaker, Recording Secretary; Reno Eitel, Vice-President; Brenda Bennett, President-Elect; and Beverly Death, President.



Our 2012 Youth Art Contest winners, with GFWC-MD Youth Art Chairman Jeannine Dufrene (left), and Frederick Club Youth Art Chairman Barbara Lowery (right).

JUNIOR DAY 2012... "Celebrating Leadership"

Junior Day was held on Saturday, April 14th at the 113th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention. The "Celebrating Leadership" Junior Day meeting was an enthusiastic celebration of Maryland Juniors' Accomplishments. The day began with an inspiring message from Tricia Wagman, Junior Special Projects: Advocates for Children chairman. Club achievements and activities were highlighted through creative club skits.

Irenee McElwee, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs 2001-2004, and Emergency Services Director for Food Link, Inc.—a hunger relief and food rescue organization in Anne Arundel County and four counties on the Eastern Shore—shared information about this organization. The service project focused on helping Irenee replenish the five baby pantries throughout Anne Arundel County with various

supplies. Maryland clubwomen continued those efforts through donations of baby sleepers at "Sweet Dreams" Federation Fun Night.

In addition to the numerous Junior and General clubwomen in attendance, we were pleased to welcome seven GFWC-MD Past Directors of Junior Clubs. Carol Horne, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs 1996-1998, installed the Junior Officers for 2012-2014: Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, Junior Secretary Patti Jo Green, and Junior Treasurer Becca Wagman.

Special Junior Awards were presented to: Hannah Utermulhan (Westminster STARS), Outstanding Juniorette; Paula Harrison (Chevy Chase), Rookie of the Year; Carol Horne (Westminster Juniors), Outstanding Maryland Junior; and the GFWC Junior Woman's Club

of Westminster, Inc., Maryland, Outstanding Junior Club award. GFWC-MD Youth Art Chairman Jeannine Dufrene continued the celebration with her presentation of the Youth Art Contest awards. These young, talented artists shared their thoughts and inspiration for their award winning pieces.

Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler congratulated and thanked all Junior clubwomen for their volunteer efforts and shared the following 2011 statistics: 157 Junior members donated 13,121 hours (increase of 2,441 hours from 2010), completed 291 projects (increase of 50 projects) and committed a whopping \$91,579 (increase of \$20,565) with an additional \$19,173 (increase of \$9,159) attributed to in-kind donations.

*Mary Beth Strickler
Director of Junior Club 2010-2012*

LOTS & LOTS OF DITTY BAGS!

Dear Club Members,

I want to thank each and every member of each and every club that helped make "The Universal Ditty" such a success. I hope that those of you who enticed other groups to join in will share this letter or pass on my thoughts of appreciation to them as well.

YOU DID IT ALL... "MAKE'EM AND TAKE EM" could not have been better. I will begin working on all the wonderful stories, pictures, news articles, and interesting data immediately. I will put it together and send each and every club a copy. So much to tell... I hope I will be blessed with the ability to put it all into words.

Even the Auction—although many clubs did not participate—was successful. With the small number of "Ditty Bags" we were still able to present a nice check to our President. Yes, every Ditty found a home!

It has been my deepest pleasure to have been your chairman. We have shared so many successful projects... I treasure each and every memory. I will carry each and every one of you in my heart forever. I hope somewhere along the line I will be able to attend a meeting or have some small contribution to offer in the days ahead. Good Luck to the new administration.

**With Much Love,
Your Ditty Bag Lady (Bobby Andersen)**

 **Mark
Your Calendars!**

**JUNIOR
FALL CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012

**AT
LYNNHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
POCOMOKE CITY, MD**

**HOSTED BY
GFWC JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB
OF POCOMOKE CITY**

**—SERVICE PROJECT—
COLLECTING DONATIONS
FOR THE FOOD BANK,
WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SHELTER
AND THE LUNCH PROGRAM**

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

OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN



Anne Forrester (left) with GFWC-MD President Jo Miller.

Anne Forrester, nominated by GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc., was named the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2011 at the GFWC-MD Annual Convention in April.

Following is the nomination submitted by her club:

Our GFWC club proudly endorses a member of good standing as our Nominee for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award 2011.

As a second generation clubwoman, she joined our GFWC club in 1996, having moved to our County from the Baltimore/Washington area. She has been an active member of our club ever since and has helped to promote Federation volunteer activities to our members.

Her leadership skills were evident as she was elected club president, 2000-2002. During her term, MFVC instituted a Ditty Bag for Veterans project. Our club was credited with playing an important role in the success of the project. Also, cycling safety was an

important community event, as well as an on-going youth art show exhibit held at our local Library. The club earned a Safety Sense grant from GFWC for its project "Safety Smart Seniors." After working with a local Community Fire Department, a safety brochure was developed for seniors.

In 2008, our nominee, in recognition of outstanding service to our club and the community, was selected as Clubwoman of the Year.

She is currently serving as parliamentarian on our Executive Board, and has outstanding organizational skills and knowledge to act as an executive mentor guide to the president. She has served as chairman of the Bylaws committee.

Our nominee served as Western District president from 2008-2010, when a special fundraising project was undertaken. She currently is corresponding secretary of Western District. On the GFWC-MD Board, our nominee serves as a Western District representative member of the Strategic Long Range Planning committee. She is Reservations chairman for GFWC-MD, and serves with excellence as well as with accuracy and integrity.

She has outstanding leadership qualities and has helped to train newer members—helping them to succeed at the local level, as well as in GFWC Maryland activities.

Our nominee has a BS and M.Ed in Elementary Education from Frostburg State University, where she and her husband Don have established a scholarship in memory of their daughter, Shannon.

Our nominee is devoted to Federation excellence and takes her GFWC-MD roles with eagerness to please, and enthusiastically works well with those around her.

MEMBERS HONORED AT GFWC-MD CONVENTION



Angie Haines (2nd from right) was recognized for 65 Years of Service.



Barbara Weldon (center) received her 50-Year Pin from GFWC.



Bobby Andersen (center) was recognized for her Many Years of Service.

SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER

Back In Time

by Joyce A. Race

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

Our daughter was always an independent person, even as a very young child. I had always brushed her hair and helped her pick out her clothes. Then, at five years old, she decided to choose her clothes to wear each day, combed her hair the way she wanted it, and knew just where she was headed at any given moment. By the age of six, she had made the rounds of the neighborhood and met the neighbors and introduced herself. I was known as "Lorrie's mom." Last year, she had to have neck surgery. Still the independent woman, she immediately started answering her cell phone and giving her own recovery updates within

minutes of being taken from recovery to her room in the hospital. I was amazed at this person who seemingly had everything under control. I stayed the night and slept in her room, just in case she would need me for something. The morning after her surgery, before the doctors came to see her, she bathed herself and applied some makeup to her face. Then, she turned to me and quietly asked me if I would brush her hair for her. I picked up the brush and lovingly stroked her hair. For one fleeting moment, as I felt the strands of her silky hair between my fingers, my daughter was five again and I was transported back in time.

MEMBERSHIP: THE "SOLE" OF THE FEDERATION

New Recruitment Seasons Focus on Seasonal Shoes...



SUMMER • Kick Up Your Heels
June, July, August
(Report due August 28)



FALL • Lace Up Your Shoes
September, October, November
(Report due November 28)

The theme of the 2012-2014 GFWC Membership Team is **Membership: the "Sole" of the Federation**. This plays on the double meaning of the homonyms "soul" and "sole" to stress that GFWC membership is vital, active and fun! *What GFWC member doesn't love shoes?!*

Every GFWC member has friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members who deserve a chance to be a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an organization that continues to change lives for a better community.

Help your club recruit members and get recognition for your efforts all year long. *Report your successful recruitment events and your new members to GFWC-MD Membership Chairman Mary Beth Strickler at sylvan@lavalecenter.com.*



WINTER • Dig Out Your Boots
December, January, February
(Report due February 26)



SPRING • Pump Up Your Membership
March, April, May
(Report due May 28)

GFWC MARYLAND BOARD MEETING

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2012

The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will hold its first meeting of the new administration on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. It will be hosted by Western District, Inc. at the Best Western Westminster Hotel & Conference Center in Westminster. Directions are included in Call.

This meeting will feature the "Marketplace of Ideas." State chairmen will provide information on the new GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects for club presidents to take home to their club chairmen. There will be ample time for viewing displays

and asking questions about the programs and projects.

The GFWC Maryland Directories for 2012-2014 will also be available. ***Club Presidents... this is a perfect opportunity for you to invite a new club member to a Board of Directors Meeting!***

POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

The Pianist

*by Celeste Riddle
GFWC Woman's Club
of Linthicum Heights, Inc.*

He plays
And oh, the Magic he imparts!
His head inclines; his entire being
charges with energy,
Absorbed,
In the exquisite mastery of notes.
Arched fingers transform into
long and supple serpents:
Poised, eager to strike!
And boasting little minds of their own
They race across the keyboard—
Skipping, dancing, impetuously demanding
Rich, resonant tones, pulsating with excitement!
And then, with the slow, honeyed sweetness
of a lover's kiss
They caress and coax
A haunting melody-
Filled with longing...
Enchanted, unaware, I have become
Caught, entwined
In the silky strands of music.
The Sorcerer
Has woven his spell.

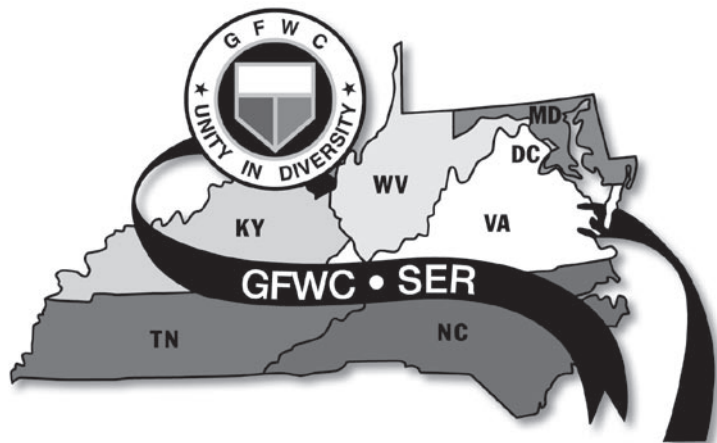
*This is dedicated to my son, Paul,
about whom this poem was written.*

I Am One

*by Joyce A. Race
GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club
of Cumberland, Inc.*

I am one.
I am many.
I am made up of many nationalities,
Yet, I am one united.
I am mountains, valleys, deserts,
lakes, rivers and ponds.
I am bustling cities and quiet, rolling country sides.
Yet, I am one.
I am the smoking stacks of industries,
the silos of rural farms,
Yet, I am one.
I am the thousands of different faces
passed on a busy street.
Yet, I am one America.
I am many doors of opportunity,
Yet I am one haven of freedom.
I am the fireman, the policeman, the single mother.
The rich, the poor, the young, the old.
Yet, I am one country united.
I am many.
I am one.

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA • KENTUCKY
MARYLAND • NORTH CAROLINA • TENNESSEE
VIRGINIA • WEST VIRGINIA

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

—WHEN—

Friday, November 2, 2012 to Saturday, November 3, 2012

—WHERE—

Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016-2025

—ROOM RATE—

\$129.00 per night (plus tax)

—RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: OCTOBER 6, 2012—

Call 540-985-5900 or Make Your Reservation Online at

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/ROASWDT-FWC-20121101/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The meeting will be hosted by GFWC Virginia and they have an exciting conference planned!

SPEAKERS—

- GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister
- The Appalachian Regional Commission
- The United Nations Foundation on Shot@Life

OTHER ACTIVITIES—

- Recognition of the 10th Anniversary of LEADS
- Virginia State Night Banquet
- State Photos
- State Reports

WORKSHOPS—

- Leadership/Membership/Communications & PR, presented by GFWC Chairmen & Committees
- “Where in the World is Reporting Now,” presented by GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon
- Club & State Officers—President’s Workshop, facilitated by GFWC President Laister & SER Officers
- Club & State Membership Chairmen, facilitated by GFWC Membership Chairman Beverly Lassiter
- Club & State Community Service Program Chairmen, facilitated by State Chairmen

**LOTS OF GOOD FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUNDRAISING!
MORE DETAILS IN THE CALL • SAVE THE DATE • MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 121st Annual GFWC International Convention June 14-17, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina



GFWC North Carolina welcomed 1,100 Federation sisters to the Tar Heel State for the 121st Annual GFWC International Convention, held June 14-17, 2012. Their members made everyone feel right at home in the “Old North State.” During Wednesday’s State Night Banquet, GFWC North Carolina State President Sharon Greeson gave the official Tar Heel Toast, which was adopted by the state assembly in 1957. Mike Cross dazzled the crowd with his sing-song tales of Carolina lore.

The 2012 GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) occurred on Wednesday with representatives from 43 states and the District of Columbia. It was a full day of interactive presentations on GFWC’s organizational structure, communications resources, conflict management tools, leadership develop-

ment, and membership recruitment and retention. Congratulations to Cynthia Dikes for representing Maryland and earning the new title of 2012 GFWC Miss Maryland.

The Convention opened on Thursday in grand style with the parade of states and a special welcome from The Honorable Bev Perdue, Governor of North Carolina who bestowed Honorary Tar Heel designations to GFWC International President Carlene Garner, Director of Junior Clubs Kathy Ferrara, and President-Elect Mary Ellen Laister. AT&T North Carolina President Cynthia Marshall brought the delegation to its feet with her motivational speech, where she asked each attendee to look at their hands, and posed the question, “These are the hands that shape the world and shape reality. What are you going to do with your hands?” The audience boogied to “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” to demonstrate our collective ability to improve communities.

The U.N. Foundation’s Elizabeth Gore gave a moving presentation about the power we have, as an



Left to Right: GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon, GFWC-MD President Jo Miller, GFWC International President Carlene Garner.

organization, to change the world. She challenged GFWC members to raise money to vaccinate 7,500 children around the world by the 2013 GFWC Convention in Hollywood, FL. The morning session concluded with a special delegate from New York—Jane Cunningham Croly!—who shared what life was like at the founding of the Federation in 1890, and her pride in how far the organization has come. Jennie June was an audience favorite.

Speakers John O’Leary and Jeanne Robertson had audiences laughing and crying during their respective presentations, based on life experiences. John discussed how he overcame overwhelming obstacles after being burned in a fire he caused as a young boy. He discussed the Power of Love—the choice to serve



GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler had the honor of carrying the Maryland flag.



Maryland Ladies enjoying Luncheon with GFWC Members from other states.

when you don't feel like it—and how acts of kindness propelled him to heal. Celebrating GFWC luncheon attendees were treated to Jeanne's humorous take on life. She touched upon her experience as Miss North Carolina and living with Mr. Left Brain (her husband's nickname). Both John and Jeanne reminded us to add humor to our lives.

Croly Award co-winner Abigail Pesta capped off an evening of hope with an inspiring speech about the power of one during Friday night's "Creating A Better Tomorrow" gala. "The Daily Beast" scribe spoke about her award-winning entry, "How a Blogger Blocked Sex Slavery," and how one woman's determination and actions upon reading about the plight of two stranded Russian college students in New York City, saved them from possible human trafficking.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman Beverly Lassiter highlighted the courageous stories of the six women who were honored with "Success For Survivors" scholarships, while Second Vice-President Sheila Shea announced the winners of GFWC Communications, Legislation and Public Policy, and WHRC awards.

On Sunday, June 17th, GFWC members were challenged to

"Remember Our Past to Step into the Future," as GFWC Arizona's Mary Ellen Laister was installed as GFWC 49th International President. The following GFWC officers were also installed: President-Elect Babs Condon; First Vice-President Sheila Shea; Second Vice-President Mary Ellen Brock; Secretary Marian St. Clair; Treasurer Deb Strahanoski; and Director of Junior Clubs Becky Weber. Special thanks to GFWC Arizona for planning a memorable evening, and to Kay Basham and Missi McCoy for sharing their musical talents during the ceremony.

GFWC presented 297 awards during our four days in Charlotte. Community Service Program, Special Project, and Advancement Area awards were presented to one state in each membership category, and \$50 club creativity awards were presented to one club in each respective category. Jennie Award, Community Improvement Program Awards, and the inaugural Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Excellence in State Leadership were presented during Saturday evening's "Transforming Our World" gala.

Plan ahead for the 122nd Annual GFWC International Convention which will be held in Hollywood, FL, from June 30-July 2, 2013.

Mary Beth Strickler
Director of Junior Clubs, 2010-2012



Congratulations!
to
Babs Condon
on her election as
GFWC President-Elect
for 2012-2014
We're So PROUD of You!



Maryland Ladies attending the "Creating a Better Tomorrow" Banquet.



Left to Right: GFWC-MD President Jo Miller and Director of Junior Clubs Mary Beth Strickler, with GFWC First Vice-President Babs Condon.

Bringing Sunshine to Others



Rosemary Slacum, President
Born and raised in Wisconsin, Rosemary has a BS in Education from Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh and a Masters from Salisbury State University. She met her husband Randy while both were teaching at Sparrows Point High School. After a year in Honolulu, Hawaii, they returned to Salisbury, where she was an adult education teacher. She served as secretary, news editor, adult education teacher of the year, and state president of the adult education association MAPSCE. While Rosemary was teaching adults, she joined the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club. When the club dissolved, Julie Gibbs got her involved in the Wicomico Woman's Club where she has served as education chairman, treasurer, vice-president and president. Rosemary has served Eastern Shore District as treasurer, vice-president and now president. For GFWC Maryland, she has served on the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee, and as Public Issues - Partnership chairman. Rosemary enjoys reading, gardening, and boogie boarding in the ocean in the summer. She is membership chairman for Westside Historical Society, and is active in the Town and Country Garden Club.

Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.

The GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. has been a busy group for the past year.

Our club continues to support the Youth Art Awards Program through the Cecil County Public Schools, as well as the Cecil County Arts Council. We host a reception for the participants and their families for the Winter Arts Festival. Everyone is treated to cookies and punch prior to the Awards Ceremonies.

Winners receive monetary awards for their work. We also support the Cecil Arts Council, Very Special Arts in MD, the GFWC Maryland Youth Art Program, and county choral groups, who are our guests at our annual Christmas meeting. Our members always start the holiday season with beautiful seasonal music to strengthen their holiday spirit. The teenagers who come to entertain us start the holiday season knowing that our members make the best cookies around and that the food far surpasses any normal cafeteria lunches. Most of all, from an observer's point of view, the bonding between generations that occurs at this meeting is priceless. Our members are impressed with the wholesomeness of our youth and the teenagers get a different view of us. That is a gift that can't be wrapped!

Our members continue to actively enter the Arts and Photography Contests at the GFWC-MD State Convention. Artwork from club members is used on note cards, as a fundraising project to support our scholarship program.

The guest speaker for our Education meeting was Cheryl Iacovara, part owner of Plumpton Park Zoo in the county. She presented a video made

by an in-service student about the history of the zoo—located in the western part of the county—as well as the efforts of the recent new owners to enlarge and improve the facility. She presented many opportunities for county residents to volunteer at the zoo, whether to help with the care of the animals or with visitor services. Her presentation included examples of the many ways this facility is used for educational purposes by our local school system. Members received folders of information on the zoo. Since few of our members reside in that part of the county, some were unaware of the facility and the opportunities it offered for enjoyment, as well as volunteer service.

Several of our club members work diligently serving residents with tax preparation services provided through the AARP. These services are advertised at our meetings and in our club publications so that members are aware of the times and locations for this assistance.

Our Public Awareness speaker was Shelia Murphy from the Upper Bay Counseling Center. She made everyone aware of the tremendous benefits of using art therapy for children, as well as adults with disabilities. Members were invited to an art show featuring artwork from these efforts.

One of our own members and Home Life Chairman, Jackie Hewitt, spoke to our members about the pharmaceutical industry's efforts to safeguard our medicine during production. We were given an inside view from her expertise in the field.

Our club continues to support the Battered Women's Shelter in the county. We are proud to assist with monetary donations, as well as food, clothing, games, and toys.

Our Community action plans involve caring for a Needy Family at Christmas time. Food, clothing and gifts for family members are included in the sharing of kindness from our club. Large Christmas stockings labeled Merry Christmas 2011 were made for newborn babies in the nursery of Union Hospital. Members are involved in repairing clothes to be used at a Pregnancy Center in the county. Former member Cathy Chamberlain presented information about the efforts to feed the hungry and the need for support for the county's homeless shelter.

We are happy to support the Senior Expo at Cecil College. Members attend and gain valuable information on services and products that can be shared with others at our meetings. Participation in activities planned by the local senior center is encouraged to promote well-being, for pleasure, and to broaden one's horizons.

We are most proud of our club's involvement in the Welcome Home activities at the BWI airport for our American men and women who are returning home after their service on foreign soil. We provide cards at all of our meetings and social events for those who are attending to fill out with words of welcome to our service people. We were pleased when our local school guests were so willing to be included as they sent such inspiring messages of welcome home. We were proud to know that the youth showed their care and concern. The messages of thanks that the club receives for this project make us all proud to be involved.

Donations are made to the Special Olympics, Save the Bay, CARE, Operation Smile, two scholarships to high school seniors, and one scholarship to Cecil College. Fundraising projects are ongoing to support our causes. We host

two card parties, a cake-less bake, an annual Fashion Show, and a project with Nino's Pizza to raise funds. The club found ways to support our local schools by participating in programs by Food Lion, Martin's and Acme Markets. Members signed in their schools of choice to benefit from normal shopping receipts.

At our annual Birthday Luncheon, our club celebrated 99 years of involvement with club work. Membership chairman, Grace Pursley, was delighted to install three new members. We honored five past presidents for their service to the club. Erma Bolton, Past President 1986-1988, was presented with the table arrangement.

Our members are very conscious of the need for personal responsibility for conservation on a variety of levels. We all benefit from our "finds" at the silent auctions held at meetings. We receive information about landfill recycling schedules of hazardous wastes. All members received reusable bags provided by local merchants for shopping. Most of all we recycle members from one position to another for the most efficient benefits from the skills of our members.

Our members have been honored to serve on the District and State levels in the past. GFWC The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. was represented with the ESD President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, as well as committee chairmen. Our own Ruth Loomis, Stumpy Moore, Barbara Clugston and Diane Zalewski served as decorations committee for the GFWC Maryland Convention.

We look forward to the coming year and the work that the GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. can do for our community, our state and our Federation.

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Three new Woman's Club of Cecil County members are installed by Membership Chairman Grace Pursley.



Woman's Club of Cecil County President Dottie Gregg presents scholarships to high school seniors.



Woman's Club of Cecil County President Dottie Gregg presents gifts to new department chairmen.



Woman's Club of Cecil County members serve at the reception for the Winter Arts Festival.

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GFWC Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke City

The Pocomoke Juniors have been busy this spring, starting with the Miss Pocomoke Contest (and missing convention). We held our Third Annual "Bunny Breakfast" at a local church with the proceeds benefitting Relay-for-Life. Speaking of Relay, the weather was beautiful that night, which helped make it a very successful event this year. We had a cartoon theme—with Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd, we were all "Hunting Down a Cure." We had such a blast dressing Amanda Lilly up as Bugs and writing the different cancers all over her body in different colors. This year our club won the "Best Campsite" award.

We always enjoy performing the puppet shows at Family Reading Day, and the kids enjoy it too. We are very active in the schools, as we continue to issue scholarships. In this time of economic stress, this is a blessing to graduating seniors and to any woman who is continuing her education.

You can't start summer without our famous Funnel Cakes, and this year was no different. We had a very successful turnout of supporters, and constant requests for our new delectable treat Fried Oreos (yum!).

We continue to support our Samaritan shelter with paper goods and supplies needed for the soup kitchen. The room that we support at the shelter will be refurbished this year with new supplies.

We were saddened by the passing of a former member of our club whose daughter is a current member. We have gathered food for the family. We also adopted a needy man who couldn't afford food.

We are planning a summer get-together at a club member's house with an Eastern Shore favorite—Steamed Crabs.

As fall approaches, we get back into the swing of things, while we are preparing for our second Vendor's Fair. We have rented tables to local business/artisans. We will have door prizes and raffles, and will sell baked goods along with chicken salad sandwiches. The



Pocomoke's Amanda Lilly sports her Michael Jackson retro image for a contest at the 2012 Relay-for-Life.

decorations will all be in pink of course because this event promotes Breast Cancer Awareness/Women Supporting Women.

We are also planning a New York Trip on November 10th, with the proceeds going toward next year's Relay. As we think about Thanksgiving and adopting families that can't afford a Thanksgiving dinner, we are all feeling very blessed. We will also provide Meals-on-Wheels to



Miss Pocomoke graciously agreed to be the Easter Bunny for the Pocomoke Juniors' Bunny Breakfast.



Pocomoke Juniors' Campsite wins First Place at the June 2012 Relay-for-Life.

the elderly in August and again at Christmas for two weeks. We are looking forward to a beautiful Christmas Dinner at the Historic Costen House in Pocomoke. It is such a lovely place and we are supporting members of the Costen House. We try to support other civic organizations with their fundraisers and we know they will support us. We are looking forward to another successful year and are proud of our accomplishments. Even though we are few, we are strong.

GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc.

It has been a very busy time for the Wicomico Woman's Club, since last we reported to "The Maryland Clubwoman." Our theme has been "Reach Out and Touch Someone's Hand," and we have worked hard to accomplish this with many projects and donations. Our club's signature project sort of presented itself in the local news. The schools in Wicomico County, once among the finest schools on the Eastern Shore, have fallen on dire fiscal times. Due to economic conditions, their budget has been cut drastically for the past and current fiscal years, with the certainty of more cuts likely to come in the future. Therefore, it was decided that at every meeting we would bring in school supplies to donate to local schools. We have also let schools know that if they have specific needs or a student that needs something specifically, they should contact our club so we can provide some assistance if possible. Our children are our future and their education must be a primary concern.

At the first meeting of our club year in October 2011, we first heard about a new after school program in our county called Stop the Violence

in Wicomico County. Later in the year, we would learn more about the program but planned to participate in its efforts. We also discussed ways to support GFWC's "Walk Away from Violence" sock project to assist domestic violence victims. Also in October, several members attended the Easton Shore District meeting in Galena, MD and relayed what our plans were for the upcoming year.

In November, we honored our veterans, with retired members of several branches of the armed forces and the wife of a retired member as guests. They each spoke of experiences both in the military, and after retirement, and how several of them are assisting other veterans in need. Our members brought in materials to pack Ditty Bags for Veterans, which we did at our meeting. One of our guests took the Ditty Bags to distribute to the needy individuals who he assists. We also stuffed neck pillows stitched up by one of our members, which would be completed and passed on for later distribution for recovering and in need veterans. This month, we also began our yearly nut sale, the proceeds of which fund our educational scholarships. Also at this meeting, we asked our members to wear their pearls and contribute accordingly to the National Osteoporosis Foundation. The club voted to have our treasury match the amount given by members, so we were able to make a \$134.00 donation. Additionally, we met a new member who will be joining us. Also this month, two members attended the SER Annual meeting in Lexington, KY and had an enjoyable time.

We celebrated the holidays in December with music, fun, and a local on-air TV personality who relayed stories about news and

personal interest she has covered over the years. At this meeting, we each contributed money, which the club treasury matched, to buy gift cards for the 14 heads of households at the Village of Hope, a local transitional housing facility for women and children coming from shelters who are working to re-establish themselves in the community. We were able to give each a \$40 WalMart gift card and to provide a \$20 card to assist a future resident. The Village of Hope administration was very grateful and overwhelmed by our generosity. Also at this meeting, we collected and filled two big boxes with snacks and games, which we presented to the local homeless veterans' shelter. Later this month, several members rang bells for the Salvation Army on behalf of the club.

In January, we held a very successful reporting workshop that would later earn us eleven awards for our accomplishments. Again this year, we reached our goal of raising \$500 from our change at each meeting, and were able to buy several chicks, rabbits, ducks, geese and a pig for Heifer our International Outreach Program.

The guest for our February meeting was the president of Stop the Violence, the after school program which we had first learned about a few months earlier. We plan to have an ongoing relationship with this organization and hope we can help them with their future growth plans. Also at this meeting, we nominated our outstanding clubwoman of the year, a member who is one of the backbones of our club. Also in February, several members attended the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors meeting in Chevy Chase, at which one of our members learned she had been

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selected as the LEADS candidate for Maryland and will be attending the seminar at the June GFWC International Convention in Charlotte, NC.

At our March meeting, one of our members led us in an Emergency Preparedness Workshop. She provided us with valuable information for handling emergencies and helped us prepare an emergency bag to take with us in case of emergency evacuation.

In April, our club celebrated its 91st birthday and remembered those members who had recently passed. Our guest speaker was the Executive Director of MAC (Maintain Active Citizens), our local agency on aging. She explained all that MAC can do to help us stay active, independent and engaged as we age. They are in the process

of starting a program to assist caregivers, which we hope to significantly support as it develops. Also in April, several members attended the GFWC Maryland Convention in Baltimore. As mentioned earlier, we did ourselves proud with awards. Also, one of our own—Brenda Bennett—was chosen as GFWC-MD President-Elect for 2012-2014. We are very proud of her and congratulate her on this accomplishment.

Our guest for May was the owner/operator of Four Steps Therapeutic Riding Program. This program helps children and adults deal with emotional, physical and mental disabilities or injuries. At this meeting, we selected and installed our officers for 2012-2014. Also in May, two members attended awards programs at two area high schools, where they awarded two scholarships.

In June, in lieu of a club picnic, we met for a tour of the Discovery

Center in Pocomoke, after which we took a river cruise and had a box lunch. A good time was had by all—we had a relaxing day of enjoying nature’s beauty. Later that month, three members attended the Annual GFWC International Convention in Charlotte, NC. All had an informative, rewarding and enjoyable time.

Wicomico Woman’s Club continues to participate in all GFWC programs. We also continue to collect supplies for local schools, snacks for local after school programs and labels/box tops and pull tabs for education programs. We collect manufacturers’ coupons for military families. We collect food, in-kind and monetary donations for local shelters. We strive to support local organizations in need as they work to assist the less fortunate in these difficult economic times. Though relatively small in number, the Wicomico Woman’s Club is big in heart and dedication to those in need.

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Barbara Weldon, President

Barbara was born and raised in Cleveland, OH and moved to Baltimore in 1960 when she married her late husband, Stewart. She has an extensive clerical background working in government, private, and medical situations. After retirement she volunteered and took on added club responsibilities. She enjoys reading, light gardening, and traveling to see family and friends. Her first club membership was with Yorkewood Woman's Club. When Yorkewood withdrew from Federation, she joined the Woman's Club of Glyndon. She held every position in Baltimore District, except second vice-president, becoming president in 2008. She currently holds membership in the Glyndon and Myrtle clubs, serving as secretary for both. At the state level, she served as finance committee chairman twice, crafts chairman, and on a variety of committees. She most recently served as GFWC Maryland recording secretary, 2010-2012, and is now serving as Baltimore District president. Barbara was awarded the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award in 2000, and received her GFWC 50-year pin in 2012.

GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.

We're celebrating—2012 marks the 70th year of our club in Federation!

Our planning committee works hard most of the summer months recruiting speakers, demonstrators, and health and safety information for our members. Our monthly meetings showcased many interesting speakers and topics, coupled with club projects. We had a fitness trainer start us off in September with a "get up and move" presentation; in October a master gardener showed us how to prepare our lawns and gardens for the winter; in December we were treated to seasonal music by an engaging local band; in January a certified service dog and her trainer from Chesapeake Search & Rescue Dogs (CHESARDA) provided a lively discussion and demonstration for us; in February a nationally recognized artist demonstrated how she creates art from materials that wash up on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay; and a self defense & awareness discussion and demo were presented by a sergeant from the Baltimore City Police Department in March.

Our many programs and activities continued at a brisk pace. In October our Dress for Success clothing drive provided lots of quality outfits for women getting into the workforce. We added men's clothing to the mix, as they are also in need of appropriate garments for work. We had another clothing drive in April to provide spring and summer clothing.

Every Christmas season our club sponsors a disadvantaged family. Working with the guidance department of a local school, a family was identified and a wish list was provided to us. Our generous

members supplied pantry items; age-appropriate toys and clothing; cash; gift cards for food, shoes and haircuts; and more, as committee members shopped, wrapped and delivered a fabulous holiday to a grateful family.

Crafting ditty bags involved everyone as we enthusiastically sewed, inserted drawstrings, and stuffed bags with toiletries and goodies, which were collected and donated by our members. The ditty bags were delivered to our local Veteran's Affairs Office.

In November, our potluck luncheon and boutique, complete with raffles, auction, crafts and bake table, filled tummies with some of the tastiest dishes our members prepare—and stuffed our bags with nifty gifts for the holiday season.

In December we traveled to Washington, DC to visit GFWC Headquarters. Joined by Federation sisters from the Baltimore District, we were welcomed by GFWC International President Carlene Garner, and treated to a wonderful guided tour of the building—which was beautifully decorated for the holidays—by gracious and knowledgeable staff. After a sumptuous buffet lunch at National Harbor, our group enjoyed Disney's festive "ICE! Merry Madagascar" before boarding the bus for home. Raffles, games and giveaways kept us entertained during the drive.

Our club continues to support, fund and sponsor the Annual Youth Art Show at our local library through the months of March and April. Students from six local middle and high schools shared 98 entries with our community. Paintings, drawings, photographs and works made of other imaginative materials enliven the library

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every spring and provide students with an opportunity to show their creativity and talent to an appreciative audience. Our club also hosted the Baltimore District Youth Art, where we were joined by Glyndon and Perry Hall clubs and our state chairman. We were honored to have one of our local 10th grade students win 2nd place at the state level for high school art. Our club's Arts Program saw members participate in Arts, Photography and Crafts at GFWC-MD Convention and elsewhere throughout the year.

Our Education Committee volunteers at our local library, reading to babies and managing the book club; and reading to kindergartners and first graders at school. They collect pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Box Tops for Education for a local elementary school, and staffed high school scholarship presentation ceremonies with members of our club, presenting scholarships to graduating seniors at four local high schools. Excellent ticket sales allowed us to increase our scholarship awards for each of four area high schools. Printing costs of tickets are donated by local businesses.

In December and May, our club sponsors services at the Memorial Garden in Dundalk's Heritage Park. Families can request the names of loved ones to be added to our commemorative monument. Over the past year, eight names have been engraved into our memorial plaque. Our members maintain the perennial garden that surrounds the memorial, which provides a beautiful place for reflection. The club also continues to support the Tree-Mendous Maryland program and Save the Bay. Our club's devotion to our parks and waterways was

recognized in the May-June 2012 issue of the "GFWC Clubwoman."

Our club sponsored a student to attend the HOBY Leadership program, and we continue to assist the Family Crisis Center with donated goods. Members volunteer at local hospitals, manage pantries and suppers at local churches, attend neighborhood meetings and serve on organizational boards throughout our community, county and state. Our membership remains steady, with the addition of two new members early this year.

Our club faithfully serves to improve our community through volunteerism and support of Federation programs. We energetically enter our 71st year with spirit!

The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc.

The ladies of the Woman's Club of Glyndon were in the construction and renovation business in 2011. We undertook a major preservation project for our 124-year-old clubhouse. Continued maintenance on the building had been done, but no major preservation effort had been undertaken in 20 years. The club decided to add a hand-capped ramp to allow access for all, into the building. At the same time, the ramp contractor, a preservation specialist, also restored and painted the interior of the building. It took over 18 months to complete the project from design to finish. So many different organizations had to be consulted to get approval for the ramp because of the building's historic nature. Grants were applied for and awarded to the club for this project from Historic Glyndon, Inc. and the Baltimore County Historical Trust, showing their support for our initiative. The club contributed \$10,700 from its treasury for this project. The additional funds

needed were solicited through a capital campaign, which will be ongoing. Our club quilters have made a large quilt which will be raffled off for the benefit of the project. We were very pleased to have already received \$18,000 in contributions from club members and community friends and organizations. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the ramp was held in November 2011. Representatives from county and state governments who attended were impressed with our care of this historic building. Our clubhouse is certainly prepared for the future!

Our Ways and Means Committee was active as usual in 2011. Their efforts, which included a "Hutzler's Tea at Two" event and 14 other projects, raised another \$18,000 for the club. This allowed the club to donate to various organizations throughout its community and the world. The club decided to partner with Plan USA to sponsor a 7-year-old girl in the Philippines. A picture of the club members was sent to "our girl," and members have been writing letters to her. The club chose Plan USA after researching it through Charity Navigator and finding it to be a highly-rated agency.



Ribbon Cutting for Glyndon Club's Handicap Accessible Ramp (L to R): 11th District Delegate Dana Stein, County Executive Assistant Tony Baysmore, Baltimore District President Mary Lou Hodges, Current Club President Judy Beck, and Former Club Presidents Kathy Shay and Gloria Davidson.

The Woman's Club of Glyndon sees a need and willingly fills it. Our community and the Federation are fortunate to have these dedicated women.

GFWC The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston

The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston had only 14 paid members for 2011-2012. However, we feel we have had a successful year of doing new and important projects in helping those in need. For the second year we have helped in the raising of funds for the "Federation to Eradicate Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy" (FED - a 501c organization). Our corresponding secretary, Thelma Graziano, has an 11-year-old grandson with this genetic type of muscular dystrophy. The disease is most tragic in that it affects mostly boy babies and no one to date has lived beyond the age of 23. The fundraising is to provide monies for research. We thank the Glyndon Woman's Club who donated a quilt for us to raffle off to raise monies for FED.

In December 2011, we provided Christmas dinner for our needy family. For Valentine's Day in 2012 we provided 20 ditty bags to our disabled veterans via the state president's project of "Ditty Bags – Lots and Lots of Ditty Bags" for those men and women who are now in hospitals or nursing homes after being wounded during combat, protecting America from foreign invasion. We also partnered with the Harford County Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division II, asking their membership to fill ditty bags (they filled 22 bags) for the disabled veterans at Perry Point Hospital. There are four of us who are in both the Hibernians and the Fallston Woman's Club who took the filled green insulated, zippered,

recyclable Weis Supermarket bags to Perry Point Veterans Hospital for distribution to those in need. The nice part in having a zippered bag is the privacy it affords the veteran. The club president was pleased to accept the GFWC-MD third place award for this project at the April 2012 Convention.

Since HOBY was first introduced to the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs (approx. 26 years ago), Greater Fallston has supported this scholarship program by sending a Fallston High School 10th grade student to the four-day HOBY Conference. The club invites the recipient as a guest speaker at one of their meetings, which also includes one parent of the student. They are our guests for dinner and the student is given a gift for being the guest speaker. For this year the recipient is the brother of our 2010-2011 HOBY winner.

Our club continues to have an extensive Recycling Program, with non-members supporting our efforts as well. Saved items include used eyeglasses, used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels, used greeting card fronts, and pull tabs from soda cans. We were proud to receive the GFWC-MD first place award at Convention 2012 for our extensive Recycling Program.

We have supported the fundraisers for the Catonsville Woman's Club Luncheon/Card Party, as well as the Glyndon Woman's Club Luncheon/Card Party and Quilt Raffle, and the Dundalk Woman's Club fundraiser Bus Trip to our GFWC Headquarters.

Another new project adopted by the membership is "Feeding Feral Cats." Our treasurer, Rachel Hairsine, has a stepdaughter, Mikee, who works near the old Fort Holibird. There is a colony of feral cats living in a wooded area near her building. Feral cats are unsocialized cats who have never lived with a family,

or were put out of a family home and have been wandering ever since. Mikee was able to get a company in Bethesda, MD to come and collect all the feral cats, take them away, neuter them and give them shots for rabies, and then return them to the wooded area. Mikee and her husband have been paying over \$150.00 for cat food every month and needed some assistance. Club members are now helping to supply the cat food.

We have planned for our Annual Swim Party and Luncheon on July 25th, and we are partnering with the Joppatowne Woman's Club for a Crab Social on August 15th. Then we are back to the new Administration for 2012-2013 in September. We have also partnered with the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for a fundraiser for FED on Saturday, December 1, 2012 to take a Bus Trip to tour the battlegrounds of Antietam, followed by lunch at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown. The tour will return to the battleground at dusk for the spectacular display of 24,000 candles to commemorate the sacrifice of all those Americans who died in a three-day period of fighting in the Civil War. We will have a box lunch for the return trip. Thelma Graziano is chairing the event, and Baltimore District President Barbara Weldon has asked Thelma to be the District's Fundraising chairman. She is considering offering this Bus Trip to GFWC-MD members next year as a Baltimore District fundraiser. The first Saturday in December is the only day this observance is available. Keep that day open—the first Saturday in December 2013—should the Baltimore District plan this fundraiser.

For 34 years, Greater Fallston has continued to spread sunshine in their little corner of the world.

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*The Joppatowne
Woman's Club, Inc.*

The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc. has been in Federation for 46 years. We are happy to have one charter member, Jeanette Petnic. She has been doing an outstanding job as our Conservation Chairman. Jeanette has the members cleaning Shore Drive on Rumsey Island twice a year; saving metal pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House; collecting supplies, food and medicines for the local animal shelter; and donating old cell phones and eyeglasses to the local Lions Club. The ladies carpool to all of the meetings, thus conserving gas. Donations are made to Save the Bay, Harford Land Trust, Ocean Conservancy; and this year the committee will have a tree planted with Tree-Mendous Maryland in celebration of our 46 years in the Federation. Thank you, Jeanette!

We are having one-stroke art lessons at one of our members' homes. What fun! The lessons are held on the last Saturday of every month. A Youth Art Show/Contest will be held at our local library for grades K-5. It is always a great success.

Club members go to the local elementary school to tutor children in reading—what a joy! They all try so hard to please us. Members go once a week to tutor grades K-5. They can't wait for us to come. They get so excited; sometimes they want to talk more about their siblings than read. We also have a scholarship program with the local high school and donate money to them for their awards dinner. This committee also donates to the HOBY Foundation.

Anna's House and Habitat for Humanity are pet projects of our Home Life Committee. They made Mother's Day dinner for Anna's

House and are filling a basket for the new homeowner of Habitat for Humanity. One of the items in the basket is a crock pot with a recipe book. This committee is planning to hold a Dress for Success drive in the near future. They are also planning another Walk to End Alzheimer's. We have planted a pinwheel garden to show our support for Prevention of Child Abuse. This committee also had a speaker come and talk about 55+ courses at Harford Community College. Socks were collected for the

Domestic Violence Program. This committee sponsors Brunch with Santa at the local branch library every year.

The Finance/Ways and Means Committee had an afternoon tea, which proved to be a successful fundraiser for the club. They sold chocolates at Easter and last year at Christmas they held a raffle for a Barnes and Noble Nook Reader. This committee is always coming up with new fundraising ideas.



Joppatowne Woman's Club members admiring their Pinwheel Garden (L to R): Club President Dottie Bishoff, Rose Mary Sebula, Mindy Kretschmer, Barbara Ledford, Lori Eck, Barbara Albers, and Rose Moerschel.



Joppatowne Woman's Club's Afternoon Tea Fundraiser (L to R): Baltimore District President Mary Lou Hodges, Club President Dottie Bishoff, and Baltimore District 1st Vice-President Shirley Wales.

International Outreach: We observe a no-meat day every year, publish no-meat recipes in our newsletter and collect contributions for CARE and UNICEF. In the past we have had speakers from Operation Smile and Heifer International. At one of our general meetings, the International Chairman asked everyone to wear or bring in an item from their summer vacation travels. This Chairman, who also wears the hat of our 2nd Vice-President, invited GFWC First Vice-President, Babs Condon, to speak at one of our club meetings. She spoke on the importance of leadership, and how everyone needs to get involved in their club, not leave it up to just a few of the members to do all of the work.

Our Public Issues program has made lots of "Ditty Bags" and will continue this project for the homeless men and women veterans. We also have members who, along with their husbands, pack and deliver Meals-on-Wheels two to three times a month.

The club has a telephone tree, where members are informed

about other members and their families when they are sick or in the hospital. There is an article in our newsletter called "Health News," which lets club members know how other members and their families are doing, healthwise.

We do have some fun. We have our annual summer social crab feast at a local restaurant. Some of our members get together once a week to play cards. We go to restaurants to celebrate birthdays, and sometimes we go to a movie.

Ladies... "Ask NOT what your CLUB can DO FOR YOU, but what YOU can DO FOR YOUR CLUB."

Myrtle Club

The Myrtle Club was organized in 1885 as an assembly of the Knights of Labor. The club remained unaffiliated for a time, then joined the Pennsylvania Association of Women Workers. When the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs became a fact in 1889, the Myrtle Club was one of the 19 charter

members. The Baltimore District was organized in 1921, and the Myrtle Club became a part of it. The object of the club at that time was "the cultivation of sisterly feeling and mutual helpfulness among working women and the formation of classes for study and social enjoyment." Even though the membership and the activities have changed (members now are former presidents of the Baltimore District) the emphasis still remains the same-volunteer involvement, a mutual sharing of interest and social gratification.

The club meets twice a year, and we also hold a workshop, usually in January, to make tray favors for our local Meals on Wheels kitchen. We participated in the Domestic Violence Weekend in Ocean City; collected and delivered canned goods for World Food Day to ACTC in Towson; provided and changed door decorations at the "Believe in Tomorrow House" which provides housing for families of young patients at Johns Hopkins; as well as collecting and delivering cleaning supplies and personal items for "Turnaround," an agency which provides shelter and assistance to victims of domestic violence. The club also makes monetary contributions to Save the Bay, GFWC-MD Youth Art, and Baltimore District Youth Art programs.

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Promoting the Woman's Club of Perry Hall at the Perry Hall Town Fair are Baltimore District 1st Vice-President Shirley Wales (left) and Baltimore District Corresponding Secretary Dawn Donovan.



Woman's Club of Perry Hall Members Gayle Holcomb (left) and Lee Hager carrying a load for the SWAT team.

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Frederick Woman's Civic Club

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The Woman's Club of Perry Hall, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Perry Hall meets every fourth Tuesday, from September through May, at Rosedale Federal Bank in Perry Hall.

At the Eastern Regional Resource Center we serve a ham dinner every second Tuesday of the month to the temporary residents who live there. We provide the ham, and when available, paper products, cookies and fruit. The volunteer efforts of our club help the Center meet its goal of feeding so many homeless individuals.

For the tenth year, The Woman's Club of Perry Hall, in collaboration with the Perry Hall Improvement Association and the Perry Hall Recreation Council, raised funds, promoted, and organized free concerts for the community. Concerts included: Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra, Baltimore Symphonic Band, and Shades of Blue. Over 1200 people attended.

Our club continues 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 \$2,000 scholarship.

In the community, our club has sent goodie baskets to the White Marsh Library, Perry Hall Fire Station and White Marsh Police Precinct; and participated in the Perry Hall Town Fair. We had a booth at the Town Fair to inform the community about the Perry Hall Woman's Club with our brochures and information board.

Fashion Shows have been our major fundraisers, and we held

a Tea instead of a dinner in 2012. Activities at the shows include a bake table, 50/50 raffle, flower sale, our "Unique Boutique" and basket raffles. Monies raised are used to help us fulfill our commitment to the community and to help start new projects.

Since October 2001 we have been "caring" for Adelmo Jimenez Junoz through ChildReach. Adelmo is a 14-year-old boy just finishing his first year in high school. He was 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 five months to receive correspondence. Officer Brenda Vaughan came to speak on domestic violence and the responsibilities of a police officer liaison to the victims.

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

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



Perry Hall Club's Youth Art Winners (L to R): Club President Ann Knoerlein, Lindsay Brooks (First), Alexa Eillond (Second), Shannon Gaffney (Third), Coleen Michael (Honorable Mention), and Art Chairman Barbara Lambert.

The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up/Renew for 2012-2013!

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