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*Babs Condon*  
GFWC International President

*To the most dedicated and generous women I know...  
my fellow Clubwomen:*

**Living the Volunteer Spirit** is the epitome of our club work and I have no doubt this phrase will carry us well into the future with the same passion, dedication and willingness to serve. I hope it will catapult us into the next phase of Federation work together. When we take a moment to think about what the General Federation of Women's Clubs has done for this fine nation, it is a reminder that we have always asked the right question—related to that which was put forth by President John F. Kennedy, Jr.. We do not ask what our country or our communities can do for us, but rather what we can do for our country, our communities, our clubs, and all of humankind.

I am honored, privileged, and excited to serve as your president during this momentous administration and to work with the highly talented and energized executive committee and leaders from across the country and around the globe. Because of the stellar work you do and the visionary ideas from all levels of our federation, I firmly believe this is the start of our next 125 years for GFWC. As we celebrate the past 125 years of our organization, we will pause to consider the amazing work that has been done. But ladies, we simply cannot stop there.

We need to dream big, reach higher, and continue to serve selflessly.

It will come as no surprise to anyone that our Headquarters will be a focal point of this administration. This is not just about the building, but more aptly it is about our presence as a respected federation "living" and thriving in our nation's capital. It is but one aspect of who we are and one step toward our resurgence as THE preeminent women's organization in the country.

What you do as clubwomen is nothing short of spectacular. You see a need and instead of deciding how best to tell others about the problem, you work together to identify solutions and put those ideas into action. It is as our *Collect* suggests, as we "put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid." In this world of fault-finding and self-seeking, let us forget not to be altruistic. In this world of turbulence and economic challenge, let us forget not to be constructive. And in this world that we have helped shape and continue to contribute to so positively by living the volunteer spirit, let us forget not to be kind.

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this amazing opportunity to serve as the 50th International President of GFWC. From Juniorettes, to Juniors, to General Clubwomen—we are one. We are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Together, we are an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Together we are GFWC!

Yours in Federation,

Babs Condon  
GFWC International President, 2014-2016

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# GFWC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

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*Cathy Jo Canterbury*  
*GFWC Director of Junior Clubs*

WELCOME to the 2014-2016 GFWC Administration! As Director of Junior Clubs, it is my desire to serve and promote GFWC. I pledge that I will work with all members, Generals, Juniors, and Juniorettes; listen to all members; and be available to all club members as we spread GFWC around the world. You are a valued member of this organization no matter what your membership class might be. Let's put into practice our motto "Unity in Diversity" in every aspect of club work.

I am thrilled to serve with our 2014-2016 GFWC International President, Babs Condon, from Maryland. Babs served as the 1998-2000 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs with GFWC International President Maxine Scarbro from West Virginia. This administration, those same states are represented in reversed roles and serving in these roles look to continue the tradition of community service. I am very honored and humbled to follow the service of these magnificent clubwomen.

Commitment and communication will be first and foremost for the 2014-2016 GFWC Juniors. With no commitment to serve GFWC, our state federations or our local clubs, how will GFWC grow? Who will serve in our communities to

improve lives? Without communication among leaders and club members, how will we share information and implement new ideas and projects within our state federations and local clubs? How will we promote the work of GFWC throughout our communities?

In addition to being committed and driving open communication, GFWC clubwomen must have passion and enthusiasm. It will take passion to ensure that GFWC exists in the future. GFWC has so much to give to our world. Why would we hide the empowerment, resources and fun that GFWC offers? What better time to communicate and educate our members and communities about all we have to offer then as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary during this administration. Be proud and share the news of GFWC with your members and communities.

So I ask each of you to support the 2014-2016 GFWC Administration with a renewed commitment to service and to communicate the benefits of belonging to GFWC to your fellow members and communities. I look forward to serving together with you as we continue the great work of GFWC. By *Living the Volunteer Spirit*, we can make a difference in our communities and the lives of others now and in the future.

In Federation Service,

***Cathy Jo***

Cathy Jo Canterbury  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Brenda Bennett*  
GFWC Maryland President

My Federation Friends,

I am humbled and honored to serve as your GFWC Maryland President for 2014-2016. Thank you for entrusting me with this amazing opportunity. With the great group of ladies serving on the executive committee, we will strive to “take care of business” with the best intentions for GFWC Maryland. Our theme for this administration is ***Maryland... Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism***, with our symbol being song birds.

For the next two years “our flock” will continue projects within the GFWC Programs. In addition, my President’s Special Project will be “Back to Basics—Let’s READ,” and I encourage all clubs to continue, enhance or create projects within their clubs, local schools and shelters.

Many of you joined us for the Summer Workshop on August 2nd in Chevy Chase, where GFWC-MD Vice-president Dottie Gregg gave information on

GFWC programs and reporting for 2014-2016. A Mini-Leads Workshop was presented by LEADS Chairman Sandy Blankenship and Leadership Chairman Cynthia Dykes, and the Southeastern Region President for 2014-2016, our own Mary Thompson, gave information on SER 2014. Many thanks to all of our wonderful presenters!

Remember to make your reservation for the September 16, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting, where the program chairmen will present “A Marketplace of Possibilities.” Come gather information and see all the possibilities for your club. This is the time to start that new chapter, either within the club, or your own personal growth. The possibilities are endless!

As Beverly’s journey ended, we started writing a new chapter of possibilities and opportunities. With Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, I look forward to this time with our Generals, Juniors, and Juniorettes—***Living the Volunteer Spirit***, while flocking together to serve our communities with enthusiasm and grace.

GFWC Maryland is honored to be hosting the Southeastern Region Conference in November 2015 and the GFWC International Convention in June 2016. “Birds of a feather flock together,” so let’s fly together and take advantage of those possibilities to VOLUNTEER—I know there’s a job just for you!

The dedication that you have shown over the years demonstrates your love and commitment to our communities, clubwomen and Federation. You are the beautiful song birds of Maryland, and I love to hear you sing. Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to our journey together—***Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism!***

In Federation Friendship and Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Bennett".

Brenda Bennett  
GFWC Maryland President

# FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Sandra Mattocks  
GFWC Maryland  
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

It is a great honor and pleasure to be writing for the first time as your GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs. Mary Walton has sewn her seeds of change, and now it is time for her flowers to bloom and attract beautiful butterflies. Our theme for this administration will be **Volunteering... Wrapping our Wings of Love**. The butterfly symbolizes how our volunteers wrap our wings of love around each person who we assist and everything that we do.

I am in awe of the many projects accomplished by Maryland clubs each year. I know we will repeat these wonderful undertakings again this year, along with many more. We wrap our wings of love in so many different ways—there never seem to be any boundaries.

It is my pleasure to be working with GFWC Maryland President Brenda Bennett and the Board

of Directors for the 2014-2016 administration, and continuing the Junior support of our wonderful group of clubwomen. We have so much fun learning new things and discovering new ways to support our communities.

Take time to check out the new 2014-2016 GFWC Club Manual at [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) and click on the Member Center. This will provide you with valuable information on all of our GFWC Partnerships (Shot at Life, March of Dimes, Heifer International, HOBY and many more), as well as lots of ideas from the winning states in each category. Have some fun choosing a new project or expanding on an existing one!

Membership is a key item of great concern to me. We need to work extra hard over the next two years to maintain and increase membership in our General, Junior and Juniorette clubs. We need to focus not only on increasing membership in existing clubs, but on growing new clubs as well. Wouldn't it be great if our membership numbers doubled in the next two years? Check out the Membership Advancement Guide online, under the 2014-2016 GFWC Club Manual, for lots of ideas to help clubs in maintaining and gaining new members. Imagine the effect we could have with double the number of members! So unfurl those wings with me, and let's wrap our communities with the love and support that only a special clubwoman can provide.

I hope that everyone will join us at Junior Fall Conference on September 27th in Cumberland... and find out what our special project will be!

In Federation Love,

*Sandra*

Sandra Mattocks  
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs



# MEET YOUR NEW GFWC MARYLAND TEAM...



## **Brenda Bennett**

*President, 2014-2016*

Having lived most of her life on the Eastern Shore, Brenda became a GFWC volunteer over 25 years ago, joining the GFWC Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke in 1986. She served on several club committees and held offices, including club President, 1992-1994. She served the Maryland Juniors as International Affairs Chairman, Associate Director of Junior Clubs, and Director of Junior Clubs, 2004-2006. In 2006, Brenda joined the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc. where she served as Corresponding Secretary, Program Chairman, assisted on several committees, and is currently Yearbook Chairman. For Eastern Shore District, Brenda served as Junior Director, Department/Program Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and President, 2006-2008. She is currently Leadership Chairman for the District. Brenda served GFWC Maryland as Arrangements Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President/Dean of Chairman, and most recently as President-elect. Brenda currently resides in Pocomoke and has one adult son, Robert. She 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 and family.

## **Sandra Mattocks**

*Director of Junior Clubs, 2014-2016*

Sandra was born in Heidelberg, Germany and her family moved to Cumberland, MD when she was four. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Masters in Business Administration, both from West Virginia University. Sandra currently works as a Quality Assurance Engineer at ATK. Sandra splits her free time between her three nieces and one nephew, fundraising for the March of Dimes and Relay for Life, and lots of GFWC work. Sandra joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc. in 1996 at the request of a high school friend, and the rest is history. She has held chairmanship positions for Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues and Conservation. Sandra has held the same chairmanship positions in her local club and continues to serve as club Treasurer. Sandra was a recipient of the Rookie of the Year award from the Maryland Juniors, and received her local Clubwoman of the Year award for the 2010-2011 club year. Sandra is excited to serve the Maryland Juniors for the next two years, and her gentle and supportive nature helps to guide her theme: "Volunteering... Wrapping Our Wings of Love." So spread your wings with Sandra to accomplish many things in the next two years.

# GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS 2014-2016



**Reno Eitel**  
*President-Elect*

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, governor and parliamentarian. In 2005, she joined the GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club in which she has held the offices of first vice-president and treasurer, and served as parliamentarian. She was invited to join the Myrtle Club in 2008 and has served as treasurer for two terms. Prior to being elected as president of the Baltimore District in 2006-2008, Reno held District offices of corresponding secretary, second vice-president, and first vice-president. She served as GFWC-MD treasurer for the 2008-2010 and 2010-2012 administrations, and vice-president for the 2012-2014 administration. Reno has been a long-term member of the GFWC-Maryland Finance and Strategic Long Range Planning committees. As a resident of Rumsey Island in Harford County, she and her husband Les enjoy boating, entertaining and a waterfront lifestyle. Reno has two sons and two granddaughters with whom she likes to spend family time.



**Dorothy Gregg**  
*Vice-President/Dean of Chairmen*

Although a native of Baltimore County, Dottie has lived in Cecil County for over 50 years. She attended Perryville High School, the University of Delaware and Towson State University. She retired after teaching 30 years in Cecil County Public Schools. After retirement, Dottie joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. in 2003. She served as club president for 10 years and currently does the club newsletter. Dottie has served Eastern Shore District as a member of the nominating committee, corresponding secretary, vice-president and president. For GFWC-MD, she has served as a teller, registration committee member, nominating committee member, and corresponding secretary. She has attended both SER and GFWC conventions. Dottie enjoys photography and traveling in her spare time, as well as active participation in the local Eastern Star Chapter. She has visited all 50 states, as well as all Canadian provinces and territories. She recently enjoyed a trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. A widow since 2003, Dottie enjoys spending time with her family and grandchildren.



**Barbara Weldon**  
*Recording Secretary*

Born and raised in Cleveland, OH, Barbara came to Baltimore when she married her late husband Stewart. With an extensive clerical background in a variety of settings, she retired in 1996 after a 23-year career as secretary in the Volunteer Office with the Sheppard Pratt Health System. Barbara began her club work as a member of the Yorkewood Woman's Club, Inc. where she held a variety of chairmanships and every office—including four terms as president. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc. for five years and is currently a member of the Myrtle Club. For Baltimore District, Barbara held every position (except second vice-president) and served two terms as district president, in 2008 and again in 2012. She has served GFWC-MD as Finance chairman, Crafts chairman and has served on various other committees. This will be Barbara's second term as GFWC-MD recording secretary, having previously held the office in 2010-2012. Barbara was the recipient of the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award in 2000 and received her 50-year pin as a federated clubwoman in 2012.



# GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS 2014-2016



## ***Bernadette Simon***

### *Corresponding Secretary*

Bernie joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights in 1998 and has served as president (two terms), first vice-president, recording secretary (two terms), and has chaired numerous committees. Bernie is also a member of Southern Lights where she currently serves as vice-president. For Southern District, Bernie served as president (two terms), first vice-president, and Education Department chairman, and is currently serving as corresponding secretary. For GFWC-MD, Bernie serves on the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Committee. Bernie attended Seton High School and the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore. She retired from the Food and Drug Administration where she worked as a consumer affairs specialist, consumer affairs officer and writer-editor. Originally from Baltimore, Bernie now lives in Linthicum where she is active in community organizations such as the Linthicum Community Fair Committee, Linthicum Centennial Committee, and North County Business Advisory Board. She was named the honorary deputy mayor of Linthicum in 2011 and received the Pastor Gilroy Award in 2012.



## ***Karen Wasik-Saunders***

### *Treasurer*

Karen joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc. in 1995 and the GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Inc. in 1998. For the Bethesda club she served as president, first vice-president, treasurer, and chaired numerous committees. She continues to hold some of these jobs. Karen is also a member of the Emeritus Club, where she served as club treasurer and now president. For Montgomery County District she served as president, first vice-president, recording secretary, Domestic Violence chairman and Finance chairman. Born in Washington, DC, but raised in Chevy Chase, Karen has lived many years in Potomac. Her working career included a number of positions ranging from U.S. Treasury to reading and study skills tutor. Karen has also been a docent at Washington Cathedral for 25 years. She had five children and 13 grandchildren with her first husband, Stanley, and added three children and seven grandchildren to her family when she married Mark. She believes that by working with the women's clubs of Maryland, she has been able to give back some of the blessings that she has been able to enjoy by living here.



### ***GFWC Maryland Officers, 2014-2016: (L to R)***

*Dorothy Gregg, vice-president;  
Reno Eitel, president-elect;  
Brenda Bennett, president;  
Sandra Mattocks, director of  
junior clubs; Barbara Weldon,  
recording secretary; and  
Bernadette Simon, corresponding  
secretary. Not pictured: Karen  
Wasik-Saunders, treasurer.*

# GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

## **The 115th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention April 5-7, 2014 at the BWI Airport Marriott**

**The 115th GFWC Maryland Annual Convention was held at the BWI Airport Marriott in Baltimore on April 5-7, 2014.** President Beverly Death's theme was "She Loves Me!" Convention attendees gathered to celebrate accomplishments, renew friendships, share ideas, and plan for the future of The Maryland Federation.

Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton welcomed everyone to Junior Day on Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. After the business session, the "**Sowing the Seeds of Leadership**" Luncheon was served. GFWC President-elect Babs Condon conducted an enthusiastic **LEADS Seminar** for members.

President Death officially opened the 115th Annual Convention at 6:00 p.m. with the "**Women of Leadership**" Banquet. During dessert, the ladies were serenaded by **Dean Martin Impersonator Eric Richardson**. (It was yummy and I don't mean just the dessert!) District Presidents gave reports informing the membership of the



*GFWC-MD Convention opened with the Presentation of Colors by the Navy League Cadets.*

many activities and accomplishments around the state. Awards were announced by Dean of Chairmen Brenda Bennett. Reports from the executive committee and finance committee were given, and the budget for 2014-2015 was approved. A proclamation from the State of Maryland, signed by Governor Martin O'Malley, was read.

On Sunday, April 6, 2014, President Beverly Death gave her report and thanked everyone for their support during her administration. The officers presented a Daisy-themed skit, written by President-elect Brenda Bennett, which highlighted the duties of each office. Brenda changed into her Dean of Chairmen hat and presented awards for Community Service Programs and Special Projects. **Youth Art** winners were introduced and displayed their artwork to the members.

**The 2013 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award was presented to Celeste Riddle, a member of the**



*GFWC Maryland President Beverly Death (right), with GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton (center), and Sunday's Luncheon speaker Rosemary Thomas, EdD.*



*Dean Martin Impersonator Eric Richardson highlighted the Saturday evening festivities.*



*Members enjoyed Fun, Fellowship and Fabulous Prizes at Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!" held after the banquet on Saturday evening. Many thanks go to Christy Swiger and her helpers!*



The Bill Edwards Trio entertained during Sunday evening's "Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism" Banquet.

**GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights.** Celeste was a special guest at the head table for the "Celebrate Leadership" Luncheon. The speaker was **Rosemary Thomas, EdD, Vice-President for University Advancement at Frostburg State University,** Past West Virginia State Junior Director, lifetime member of GFWC West Virginia, a third generation clubwoman, and now a member of the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc.

The nominating committee gave their report and elections were held after the business meeting adjourned. Election results were announced at the "Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism" Banquet.

**GFWC Maryland officers for 2014-2016** were installed as follows: Sandra Mattocks, Director of Junior Clubs; Karen Wasik-Saunders, Treasurer; Bernadette Simon, Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Weldon, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Gregg, Vice-President; Reno Eitel, President-elect; and Brenda Bennett was installed as the 2014-2016 President of GFWC Maryland.

GFWC President-elect Babs Condon gave greetings from Headquarters and also held a meeting for members who were joining her in Arizona for her installation as the 50th GFWC International President. Maryland members are very proud of Babs and her representation of our state. Members look forward to providing support to her administration.

The GFWC Maryland Federation website has a new "webmaster," Dawn Donovan. Information for the website should be sent to Dawn at [gfwcmdweb@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcmdweb@gmail.com).

Final reports and awards were given Monday, April 7th, then all enjoyed the "Living the Volunteer Spirit" Brunch. President Beverly Death recognized Convention Committee Chairman Carol Horne for a job well done and thanked the members of Carol's committee for all their support for the convention. The 2014 Annual Convention was concluded with the passing of the gavel from President Beverly Death to 2014-2016 President Brenda Bennett. Together they adjourned the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 115th Annual Convention with a rap of the gavel.

Kaye Shoemaker, GFWC-MD  
Recording Secretary, 2012-2014



This year's Youth Art Contest winners and entries presented an impressive display of the talent and passion of our young people.



The Installation of GFWC Maryland Officers for 2014-2016 (L to R): Sandra Mattocks, Director of Junior Clubs; Bernadette Simon, Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Weldon, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Gregg, Vice-President; Reno Eitel, President-elect; and Brenda Bennett, President. Not pictured: Karen Wasik-Saunders, Treasurer.

## “Sowing the Seeds of Leadership” at the GFWC Maryland Convention

Junior Day was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the 115th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention.

“Sowing the Seeds of Leadership” was the theme for Junior Day 2014 and it was indeed a day filled with leadership! The day began with the Thought for the Day, given by Susan Krichten, the incoming Western District President. Our youngest leaders from the GFWC STARS Juniette Club of Westminster led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. It was noted that eight Juniors were members of GFWC-MD committees, as well as holding chairmanships on the Junior Board. Recognition was given to all attending members of the GFWC Maryland Executive Committee, the GFWC Maryland Honorary Presidents, and the Past GFWC Maryland Directors of Junior Clubs. We are so appreciative of the support, leadership and mentoring they provide.

Our clubwomen continued to lead in their local clubs this year, by supporting their communities with old and new projects. The 1,472



Left to Right: GFWC President-elect Babs Condon, GFWC-MD President Beverly Death, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton, and GFWC-MD Director-elect of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks.

GFWC Maryland clubwomen reported impressive statistical figures for 2013. With 124 Junior members—9% of the state membership—our contribution is equally impressive. Maryland Juniors volunteered a total of 16,431 hours, completed 249 projects, and donated a whopping \$15,278.58, with in-kind donations totaling an additional \$15,809. As reported to GFWC International (see, there really is a purpose for reporting), the work by the Maryland Juniors constituted 13.73% of the projects, 16.19% of the hours volunteered, 33.73% of the dollars donated, nearly 14% of the in-kind dollars donated, and 10.71% of the fundraising done by the state. Great job everyone!

**Special Junior Awards** were presented to: Rachel Horton (Westminster STARS), Juniette of the Year; Becca Wagman (Westminster Juniors), Rookie of the Year; and Julie Mathias (Westminster Juniors), Outstanding Maryland Junior.

The Junior membership was honored to have GFWC President-elect Babs Condon in attendance and supporting our Juniors and

Junior Day in many ways. Babs graciously agreed to install the new officers for the 2014-2016 administration, using the incoming Director of Junior Clubs’ theme, “Wrapping Our Wings of Love,” and her symbol the butterfly. The **2014-2016 Junior Officers** are as follows: Director of Junior Clubs, Sandra Mattocks; Director-elect of Junior Clubs, Becca Wagman; Junior Secretary, Mary Walton; and Junior Treasurer, Regina Whitaker.

Babs also presented a **Mini-LEADS Seminar** for all attendees. With the new information and our lovely booklet Babs helped us create, we are all ready to grow new leaders for a new administration... “Sowing the Seeds of Leadership.” All members have great leadership within them, whether serving their local clubs, their district, or their state. There are leadership needs in all aspects of our lives. Thank you Babs!

Mary Walton has sewn her seeds of change and now it is time for her flowers to bloom and attract beautiful butterflies—to “Wrap Our Wings of Love” around everything we do!

Sandra Mattocks, GFWC-MD  
Director of Junior Clubs, 2014-2016



**Mark  
Your Calendars!**

**JUNIOR  
FALL CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014**

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INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL**

# OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

## *Celeste Riddle named Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2013*



*Left to Right: GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights President Sandra Blankenship, GFWC-MD President Beverly Death, and Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award Winner Celeste Riddle.*

***Celeste Riddle, nominated by the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc., was named the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2013 at the GFWC-MD Annual Convention in April. Following is the nomination submitted by her club:***

### **Club-Sponsored Activities – 2013**

As Second Vice-President, our nominee was responsible for all programs for the monthly General Meetings. She assured that the speaker or program had been obtained and arrangements were in place. In some cases, she obtained last-minute speakers or programs.

As Chairman of the Annual Prayer Breakfast, she coordinated the program by obtaining a motivational speaker, outstanding vocalist, competent chefs and servers, and necessary decorations. She also recommended honorees, prepared the program, invited clergy and other guests and assured that all details, down to the clean-up crew and dishwashers, were taken care of.

Our nominee edited the monthly newsletter for the 24th year and wrote the "Save Our Planet" column for each newsletter. This is a well-researched and current article on conservation which is a concern of the nominee.

As Education Co-Chair, she helped judge the Youth Poetry and Short Story Contests and coordinated the reception for the youth, which is attended by the students, parents, principals, teachers and friends. Last year's reception was standing-room only. It is always touching to see the students' pride in their work and the appreciation of the parents and teachers.

Our nominee served as Luncheon Chairman for the 2013 Holly Mart, and a committee member for International Affairs.

### **Past Club Activities**

The nominee has served as President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President for two terms, Board of Governors for several terms, House Tour Chairman four times, Prayer Breakfast Chairman three times, Co-Chairman of the Holly Mart, Chairman of many fund-raisers, Education Committee Co-Chairman five terms, Literature Committee Chairman three terms, Finance Chairman, Yearbook Chairman five terms, Bylaws Chairman two terms, Home Life Chairman, and Membership Chairman.

### **District Level**

The nominee has served as Corresponding Secretary for two terms, Youth Art Chairman for five terms, and International Affairs Chairman for five terms.

### **GFWC-Maryland Level**

Our nominee served as Youth Art Chairman for three terms.

# CONNECTING WITH GFWC...



## MEMBERSHIP

### A PROUD PAST. A PROMISING FUTURE.

*The General Federation of Women's Clubs* is proudly represented in thousands of communities around the world by dedicated volunteers, working to better the lives of our neighbors, make towns safer and more beautiful, and extend the hand of friendship to individuals near and far. We are women of diverse talents, interests, and backgrounds—mothers and daughters, business and community leaders, students and teachers, professionals and retirees, homemakers and corporate executives—united by a dedication to community improvement through volunteer service.

GFWC is a network of support for the nearly 100,000 clubwomen volunteering on local, state, and national levels. Working together, they constitute a powerful, service-oriented organization that provides personal enrichment, leadership opportunities, and many other benefits to its members. GFWC provides the resources and support to help you and your club better serve your community. The General Federation of Women's Clubs unites the best and brightest of today's women into a strong coalition that promotes community improvement through volunteer service.

The many **BENEFITS of BELONGING to GFWC** include:

- **"STRENGTH IN UNITY."** GFWC members gain a stronger voice in shaping public issues through the combined efforts of women serving at the club, district, state, region, and national levels.
- **SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT.** GFWC offers members a network of women with similar interests

and concerns. Fun, fellowship, and lasting friendships are a big part of the GFWC experience.

- **LEADERSHIP TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.** Knowledge and experience gained through GFWC volunteer training and community service can help open career doors, enhance a resume, obtain academic credit, or build a new business.
- **A VARIED VOLUNTEER MENU.** GFWC offers many national resources to help clubs plan and create community service projects in the diverse areas of Arts, Education, Conservation, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues. GFWC also supports special projects that raise awareness: domestic violence prevention and advocates for children.
- **HEALTH & HAPPINESS.** Studies show that the personal satisfaction that comes from making a positive difference in their communities helps volunteers to live longer, function better, and have lower rates of depression.

## GFWC'S NEW SEASONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Help your club recruit members and get recognition for it all year long! The 2014-2016 GFWC Membership Committee theme, **"A Proud Past and a Promising Future With Friends"** will focus on "seasons" with, you guessed it, friends! Clubs achieving and reporting **three** new members will be recognized in the "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine. Send the name of the recruiter, along with the names and contact information for your new, dues-paying members to your State Membership Chairman, Jo Harp.



**SUMMER • Warm Up with New Friends**  
June, July & August (Report by September 1)



**FALL • Rake in New Friends**  
September, October & November (Report by December 1)



**WINTER • A Flurry of New Friends**  
December, January & February (Report by March 1)



**SPRING • Grow New Friends**  
March, April & May (Report by June 1)



## GFWC-MD BOARD MEETING

### ***GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014***

*The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will hold its first meeting of the new administration on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. It will be hosted by Eastern Shore District at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock, MD. Directions are included in Call.*

This meeting will feature the "**Marketplace of Possibilities.**" State chairmen will provide information on the 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 2014-2016 will also be available. ***Club Presidents... this is a perfect opportunity for you to invite a new club member to their first Board of Directors Meeting!***

## DONATIONS

### **ATTENTION Club Treasurers!**

***ALL Donations are requested by December 1, 2014, but are accepted any time before April 1, 2015. For recognition at the 2015 Annual State Convention, donations MUST be received by April 1st.***

#### **Submit to GFWC-MD TREASURER:**

These are the **only** donations made through the State Treasurer. Submit your check, along with completed **MFWC Club Treasurer Payment Form** (download at [www.gfwcmd.org](http://www.gfwcmd.org))

- ★ "The Maryland Clubwoman" Magazine
- ★ Youth Art Fund of MFWC
- ★ Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award
- ★ Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

*Payable to: GFWC Maryland  
Federation of Women's Clubs  
Mail to: Karen Wasik-Saunders  
6 Harrowgate Court  
Potomac, MD 20854-6115*

#### **Submit to GFWC-MD CHAIRMAN:**

- ★ Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
*Payable to: Chesapeake Bay  
Foundation  
Mail to: Christy Swiger  
20901 Brooke Knolls Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-4318*

- ★ HOBY

*Payable to: HOBY  
Mail to: Ann Yakaitis  
7802 Cypress Landing Rd.  
Severn, MD 21144-2948*

#### **Submit Directly to ORGANIZATION:**

- ★ CARE  
*Payable to: CARE  
Mail to: 151 Ellis Street NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303-2440*
- ★ Tree-Mendous Maryland  
*Payable to: Maryland Department  
of Natural Resources  
Mail to: Tree-Mendous Maryland  
Tawes State Office Bldg., E-1  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Mail COPY to: Helen Sangermano  
413 Bay Shore Drive #102  
Ocean City, MD 21842*

## POETRY CONTEST WINNER

### ***Time***

*by Ada Marie Feffer, Severn Town Club, Inc.*

Time waits for no man, as the saying goes.  
Time flies, as everyone knows.

Use of our time is surely meant  
to do our best for a day well spent.

What time is it? We all need to know!  
The time is now, don't let it go.

Yesterday's gone, tomorrow's in doubt.  
Make use of today as you go about.

Time is of the essence, be it sweet or tart,  
it's passing as fast as the beat of a heart.

Give it time, we're often told,  
but we can't wait, it might get old.

Wait a minute! How often heard?  
Can't wait, you say, to get in a word.

The best use of time defines you in the end,  
on just how you use it, a lot will depend.

Lend a hand, say something nice,  
quietly listen, don't offer advice.

Put a smile on your face as you go through the day.  
Do a kind deed as you go on your way.

Pay something forward, once in a while.  
That's sure to spread joy and bring forth a smile.

Time waits for no one, so true, somehow.  
What time is it? The time is now!

## How to Conduct a Meeting

*NOTE: If the organization has an adopted order of business, it must be followed; if not, the following order may be used.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** — By the presiding officer. One rap of the gavel. Say “The meeting will come to order.”
2. **OPENING EXERCISES** — (optional) Usually the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Display flag correctly. Presiding officer says, “We will have the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. **ROLL CALL** — Not necessary unless a policy of the organization, and then usually only if the organization has requirements for attending a certain number of meetings. Presiding officer says, “The secretary will call the roll.”
4. **MINUTES** — Presiding officer says, “The secretary will read the minutes of the previous meeting.” Then, “Are there any corrections to the minutes?” If none, “The minutes are approved as read.” If corrected, “The minutes are approved as corrected.”
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** — Presiding officer says, “The secretary will read the correspondence.” Read first the letters not requiring action, then letters requiring action and act on each as read.
6. **TREASURER’S REPORT** — Presiding officer says, “The treasurer will read his/her report.” Then, “Are there any questions on the treasurer’s report?” Then, “The treasurer’s report will be filed for audit.”

*NOTE: Usually at the annual meeting all officers are required to give an annual report. Officers report according to rank. These reports are given at this point.*

*NOTE: If organization has a board of directors or executive committee which is required to report at meetings, then the report is given at this point. Presiding officer says, “We will now have the report of the board of directors (or executive committee).” It is read by the secretary. If there are any recommendations in the report, they are placed at the end of the report and the secretary ends by saying, “I move the adoption of the recommendations.” They are then acted upon.*

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** — Presiding officer says, “We will now have the reports of the standing committees.” Then calls on each committee chairman (who has a report to make) in the order listed by the bylaws by saying, “\_\_\_\_\_ committee, (name of chairman)” If a committee report contains a recommendation, the chairman should move the adoption of the recommendation and it is acted upon then.
8. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES** — If there are any special committees, they are handled the same as the standing committees. Being called upon in the order appointed, they make their reports. If any committee report contains a recommendation, action should be taken after each report.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** — If there is any, the presiding officer says, “We will now have unfinished business.” This includes first the special orders, then general orders, then postponed questions. Each is announced by presiding officer.
10. **NEW BUSINESS** — Presiding officer says, “Is there any new business?”

*NOTE: Then, “Are there any announcements?” Then, “Is there any further business?” Then, “The meeting is adjourned.” A motion is not required for adjournment.*

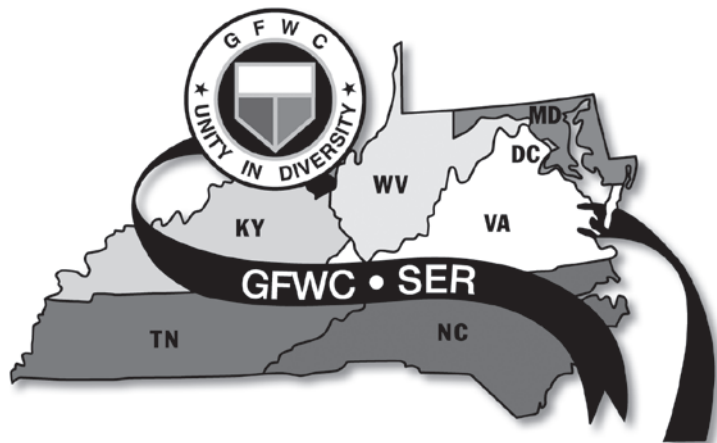
*NOTE: If there is a program during the meeting, the meeting is not turned over to the program chairman. The presiding officer introduces or calls upon the program chairman who introduces the program.*

*Jo Rousseau, GFWC-MD Parliamentarian*





# 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—

Thursday, November 6, 2014 to Sunday, November 9, 2014

—WHERE—

MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort & Convention Center  
1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

—ROOM RATE—

\$102.00 per night (plus tax)

—RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: OCTOBER 3, 2014—

Direct Line for Reservations is 423-578-6600

You MUST use Group Code “WOM” or “General Federation of Women’s Clubs SER” to get the Group Rate.

—MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—

The meeting will be hosted by GFWC of Tennessee and they have an exciting conference planned! Highlights include the Tennessee State Night Banquet, motivational speakers, great entertainment, outstanding workshops, vendors with lots of good merchandise, wonderful fellowship, the State Reports and, of course, the business of the region.

—TOURS—

Tours include Bristol Motor Speedway & the Birthplace of Country Music Museum, or the International Storytelling Center Theater in Jonesborough, the oldest town in Tennessee, with shopping and sightseeing, or an on-site Wine Tasting & Tour.

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

**MORE DETAILS IN THE CALL • SAVE THE DATE • MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

# GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## *The 123rd Annual GFWC International Convention June 20-24, 2014 in Chandler, Arizona*



The 123rd Annual GFWC International Convention was held in Chandler, AZ, Friday, June 20th to Tuesday, June 24th, 2014 with the theme “Catch the Federation Spirit.” It was a fun-filled federation event, with 28 Maryland clubwomen attending, and a total attendance of nearly 800 women.

Although the actual convention did not start until Saturday, June 21st, convention planners scheduled several pre-convention activities for members on Friday. There were day trips to the Grand Canyon and beautiful Sedona, and a tour of the Musical Instrument Museum.

Friday’s schedule included a GFWC Board of Directors meeting for region presidents, state presidents, directors of junior clubs, chairmen and committee members. A tour of the Native Heritage at Heard Museum was also available. Patti Jo Green, Maryland’s LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Seminar) candidate reported that the leaders and participants were enthusiastic and all the information given will be very valuable to her.

On Friday evening, the GFWC Arizona State Night Banquet was a

grand introduction to the culture of the local Native American Indians. Members dressed in a Southwestern theme—cowboy boots, hats and traditional Native American Indian jewelry of turquoise and silver. The banquet was also traditional Southwestern, including salad highlighting cilantro, mole rubbed steaks and dessert of a chocolate taco. Members of the Gila River Indian Community led by Palmer Lomakema demonstrated various tribal dances, including the famous Hoop Dance. Members learned the purpose behind various dances through a humorous dialogue by Mr. Lomakema.

The Saturday morning business session brought the impressive state and international flag processional led by each state president, international affiliate president, and director of junior clubs. Call to order by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister was followed by the presentation of colors by Luke Air Force Base Honor Guard, the singing of the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Palmer Lomakema, from the Gila River Indian Community gave a Tribal Blessing for the convention.



*Left to Right: Sandra Mattocks, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs 2014-2016; Mary Walton, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014; Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President 2012-2014; and Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD President 2014-2016.*



*GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Mary Walton had the honor of carrying the Maryland Flag.*



*The GFWC Maryland Delegation.*



*Members of the Gila River Indian Community demonstrated various tribal dances at Friday’s banquet.*



LaDonna Gatlin (left) with 2012-2014 GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister.

LaDonna Gatlin, sister of country music's Gatlin Brothers, gave the keynote speech "Tune-up Your Life." She chose a different path from her famous brothers, walking away from fame and fortune to sing a different song. Her "you can do it" approach offered a practical, emotional, and spiritual approach to daily living. She sang several songs with a great voice; demonstrating that she surely had what it takes to be a hit musician.

Maryland's Director of Junior Clubs, Mary Walton, was one of five in the nation to be recognized as Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs on Saturday at the Dream Makers – Advocates for Children luncheon. Congratulations Mary!

Saturday evening's highlight was the Shooting Stars: Denim and Diamond Bash where the Maryland Juniors had a fantastic time square dancing to the 'calls' of a real square dance professional.



Left to Right: SER President 2014-2016 Mary Thompson, Janet Morgan, Tin Tin Nu Raschid, Jo Rousseau, and Dot Hanson.



Members of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. accept their award from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

As this was an election year, Sunday gave attendees an opportunity to meet the candidates. Although only one office, Treasurer, was contested, each candidate offered her plans for the next two years. Maryland won the Category III Newsletter Award during the Rays of Light Partnership Luncheon. This award was certainly well deserved! The afternoon business session included recognition of the Past GFWC Presidents.

On Sunday evening, Maryland members attended the GFWC Southeastern Region (SER) semi-annual meeting where 2002-2004 Past Southeastern Region President Bette Brust installed Maryland's Mary Thompson as the SER President for 2014-2016. Susan Martin, SER President 2010-2012, gave closing remarks and was presented with a lovely cross-stitch of the SER Logo stitched by Mary Thompson.

Monday's Business Session featured speaker Caryl Stern, CEO and President, U.S. Fund for UNICEF. She gave a synopsis of her experi-



Left to Right: Carol Horne, Babs Condon, Barbara Peck, Patti Jo Greene, and Rebecca Wagman.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Mary Walton**

Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs

**GFWC Maryland**

Category III Winner

Women's History & Resource Center

**GFWC Maryland**

Category III Winner

Education Partnership

**GFWC Maryland**

Category III Winner

Education Partner – HOBY

**Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.**

International Outreach Partnership

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

**"The Maryland Clubwoman"**

**Magazine**

Category III Winner

State Newsletter Contest

ences traveling and working with UNICEF in developing nations. She's worked with prominent people such as the actress Salma Hayek, who is a spokesperson for UNICEF, and also packed and delivered emergency relief supplies to Kenya with Prince William and Princess Kate. Her book, "I Believe in Zero" was available and she stayed late to autograph each book. Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. won the International Outreach Partnership, U.S. Fund for UNICEF Award and was presented with a UNICEF book. Also on Monday, during the Launch Pad to Learning Luncheon GFWC Maryland won the Category III Education Partnership Award, as well as the Category III Education Partnership Award – HOBY. Monday evening featured a festive processional and more awards.

Tuesday morning's business session focused on officers reports. GFWC International President (1982-1984) Juanita Bryant was featured in a video about the Women's History and Resource Center and its 30th Anniversary. Past-President Bryant related her personal involvement

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## GFWC CONVENTION REPORT

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Dear GFWC Maryland,  
The GFWC Convention in Arizona was filled with inspirational speakers, great entertainment, amazing networking opportunities and fun visits with federation friends. I'd like to thank each of the 30 dedicated Maryland Clubwomen who were able to travel the 2300 miles across the country to help with the installation festivities. I've had many compliments already about the lovely flowers, the yummy refreshments and the warm atmosphere of the evening. Debbie's banner and pin designs were beautiful and she already has a few orders for similar banners. I'll bring some of the leftover administration pins to our September Board Meeting for those who might like one as a souvenir.

As I settle into GFWC Headquarters and my new role as your GFWC International President, I think of my Maryland friends often. Thank you all for your support, encouragement and for truly "Living the Volunteer Spirit" in all you do in the name of GFWC!

*Babs*

Babs J. Condon  
GFWC International President

in establishing the center. GFWC Maryland won the Category III Women's History and Resource Center Award.

The highlight of the evening was the Installation Dinner and Ceremony. After a great dinner, and slide show of Maryland with some of Babs' favorite songs, Tricia Wagman, 2014-2016 President's Special Assistant, narrated the processional. "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts was sung by Missi McCoy and Karyn McCarthy. GFWC International President (1982-1984) Juanita Bryant conducted the installation ceremony. GFWC officers for 2014-2016 are: GFWC International President, Babs Condon (MD); GFWC President-Elect, Sheila Shea (MA); GFWC First Vice-President, Mary Ellen Brock (NJ); GFWC Second Vice-President, Marian St. Clair (GA); GFWC Secretary, Debra Strahanoski (NJ); GFWC Treasurer, Suellen Brazil (AL), and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Cathy Jo Canterbury (WV).

Mark your calendars now for the next GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, TN on June 13-15, 2015.

Nancy Wynne



Reno Eitel is having a June Cleaver moment—cleaning in her shirtwaist dress and pearls.



Left to Right: Mary Walton, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014; Babs Condon, GFWC International President 2014-2016; and Beverly Death, GFWC-MD President 2012-2014.



Left to Right: Tricia Wagman, Tin Tin Nu Raschid, and Carol Horne.



Ginny Houser (left) with Dot Hanson.

# WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

## Volunteers are Love in Motion, Buzzing from One Task to Another



**Susan Krichten, President**  
*Susan has lived most of her life in Westminster, MD. She has been married for 35 years to Michael and has 3 children—Sabrina, Nicholas and Jeffrey. Susan received her BA in Social Work/Sociology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She works full-time as a permanent substitute teacher, and part-time for Circuit Court—Family Law as an observer for court ordered supervised visits for non-custodial parents. Susan enjoys reading, crocheting, travelling, swimming, roller skating, bowling, meeting people and volunteering. Susan joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. in 1998. She has served her club as president, vice-president and treasurer, as well as Education chairman and Youth Art Contest chairman. She has also helped with many club projects. On the State level, Susan served the Maryland Juniors as treasurer and secretary. On the District level, she has served as recording secretary and first vice-president. She looks forward to serving Western District as president for the next two years. Her theme is "Volunteers are Love in Motion, Buzzing from One Task to Another."*

### *GFWC Centennial Club of Western District*

The GFWC Centennial Club of Western District consists of past district presidents. Our members are also active in their own local clubs, and most continue to volunteer for our district, our state, our region, and even on our GFWC board of directors. While we only meet twice a year, these meetings are filled with service projects. Our members are truly committed to "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Last October, our members travelled 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.

In May our members participated in Western District's "Purses of Promise" project. Members donated a total of 66 gently-used purses. Contents for the purses were purchased using the \$40.00 seed money from the district, plus cash donations from members. The purses were assembled at the meeting and taken to domestic violence shelters in the four counties where our members reside: Garrett, Allegany, Frederick and Carroll.

As a club, we continue to support our organization by donating to "The Maryland Clubwoman" magazine, 1734 Society, Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, Women's History & Resource Center, the GFWC-MD Website, Tree-Mendous Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Our members will continue to offer guidance and support to the clubs of Western District, Inc.



*Centennial Club members participated in Western District's "Purses of Promise" project by donating, filling and distributing 66 purses to domestic violence shelters in four counties.*



*Centennial Club Officers for the 2014-2016 Administration (L to R): Anne Forrester, Treasurer; Mary Snyder, Secretary; Peg Gillum, Vice-President; and Debbie Spinnenweber, President.*

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

The members of the Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland were deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of our vivacious club president last spring. We celebrated the memory of the energetic, loving and giving spirit of our mentor and friend Joyce Race through the messages we shared via a balloon launch at our June general meeting. Buoyed by her spirit, we anticipate another great year starting off in September with a full schedule.

Last year's projects included: holiday giftwrapping and a Santa's Workshop for Toys for Happiness; Walk registration, food volunteers, "Festival of Trees" coverage, and "Ladies Night Out" for the March of Dimes; 12 backpacks and food

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## WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

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The Cumberland Juniors hold a balloon release in memory of their President Joyce Race (L to R): Mary Beth Dawson, Regina Whitaker, Carol Bonella, Sandra Mattocks, Diana Miller, Vicki Willey, Debbie Harris, and Terry Harvey.



Frederick Club members participate in the "Purses of Promise" Project (L to R): Kaye Shoemaker, Inga James (executive director of Heartly House), Mary Ellis, Mary Snyder, and Carol France.



New Frederick Club Officers (L to R): Richelle Emerick, Recording Secretary; Nancy Wolfe, First Vice-President; Carol Feser, Second Vice-President; Mikki Stratmeyer, Co-President; Carol France, Co-President; Joan McNamara, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Keller-Bonde, Assistant Treasurer; and Rosemary Glenn, Treasurer.

for the Union Rescue Mission; Christmas gift bags for the Salvation Army; UNICEF; a calendar raffle, a silent auction, a Sheetz Card raffle, and Innisbrook Giftwrap purchases for an Allegany College of Maryland Scholarship; and 106 pairs of socks for the GFWC Sock Project, 10 filled purses for Western District's "Purses of Promise" project, and 39 potted plants for Mother's Day to the Family Crisis Center. Other activities included a Progressive Dinner, International Night, speakers and an ornament exchange.

The Cumberland Juniors will be honored to host Junior Fall Conference on September 27, 2014.

### *Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.*

The Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. was off to an exciting start this year. At the International Convention in Arizona, our club received a National Award for our Partnership with UNICEF.

Our new officers were inducted at our June meeting and we began planning for the next two years.

We are partnering with Frederick Tourism on August 23rd by opening Steiner House (our 1807 clubhouse) to our community to help celebrate the "Frederick Under One Flag" event—should be an exciting day!

In September we will fill purses which will be donated to our renewed partnership with Heartly House, a women's shelter in Frederick. Steiner House will continue to be a drop-off location for community donations to this shelter. Our club members staff this location twice a month, which frees up the shelter's staff to focus on their mission.

Our October speaker will be Chris Haugh, a historian—his topic will be "The Real Barbara Fritchie."

We will continue our trips to the SERRV Center in New Windsor, MD.

Here, our members unpack, sort, and repack items, working all day and still managing to have fun.

We will continue to sell White House Ornaments to support our Youth Art Program which includes monetary prizes for the winners of our Youth Art Contest.

Our club continues reading at the local elementary school and nursing home, filling Salvation Army stockings for Christmas, and food drives for our local Food Bank.

In December we will have Steiner House's doors open to the public during Frederick's "Candlelight Museum Tour." Our members will act as the docents.

From September to February we will be planning our 54th Annual Mardi Gras Ball which is our largest fundraiser. Hope you will join us at this event on February 14, 2015.

But we aren't stopping there! We are currently working on Steiner House's Gardens by planting 1807 period plants and will begin fundraising for the re-pointing of Steiner House's bricks (outside) and plaster repairs on the inside.

We also are planning many hands-on activities for our meetings throughout the year. We will be working hard, having fun, and hoping to become an even larger part of our community.

### *GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.*

It has been a long COLD winter for the Civic Club of Oakland! Between the blizzards, the below freezing temperatures, and the howling winds, we were all pretty happy to say "good bye" to winter 2014 and "hello" to spring! The daffodils and tulips bloomed with the full glory of summer. There were docks and boats in the water and water skiers on the lake. Fireworks were everywhere.



*WMCC members participate in the Western District "Purses of Promise" Project (L to R): Mary Beth Strickler, Jo Miller, Mary Ruddell, and Peg Gillum.*

Just as the weather has seasons, so too, does our civic club. We finished the season of non-profit giving with a total of \$14,025.00 going to local Garrett County organizations. We operated under new guidelines this year and included only certified non-profit groups who met our requirements. This ensures that our donations are, indeed, going to fully qualified organizations.

We experienced the season of GFWC awards. The Civic Club of Oakland won five first place awards at the Maryland state convention in April. Congratulations to all members who worked so hard in the areas of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Arts, Education, Home Life, and the Home Life Partnership—Inside Knowledge. It is wonderful to have our efforts acknowledged at the state level. Our work for the community was recognized at the Western District annual meeting in May as well, with eight first place awards. We are all so proud of each and every member who participates in so many projects!

Next was the fun-in-the-sun season with friends and family visiting. We had our annual picnic at the yacht club in July, and spouses and family were welcome to join us. The club member who brings the most guests in 2014 will receive free membership for the 2015 club year!

Then comes Autumn Glory. This three-day event is the major fundraising project of the year. We have



*Western Maryland Community Club welcomes its newest member, Angelique Aman (center), with WMCC President Debbie Spinnenweber (left) and Co-Treasurer Jo Miller.*

many helping hands who set-up tables, run the kitchen, sell tickets at the door, sell raffle tickets, and bake cookies, pies, and cakes for the bake sale. Our members donate their time and talents every year to make this event a success.

To everything there is a season, and for the Oakland club members, every season holds an opportunity to learn something new, to make a good friend, and to reach out and help our community. That's what makes our club great all year long!

### *GFWC Western Maryland Community Club*

The Western Maryland Community Club (WMCC) celebrated its 12th Anniversary in April. Although we're still "young," our small band of federated friends has had plenty of time to develop a few traditions, including our popular "Bonnie's BINGO" fundraiser, and monthly donations to support Operation Smile. Our "WMCC HOTLINE!" helps our members stay connected, and our newsletter "VolunCheer" serves to inform, and educate our members on an array of subjects.

Last October, WMCC participated in GFWC Advocates for Children Week with the GFWC Pillowcase Project. Twelve kids' pillowcases were filled, tied with ribbon, tagged with our club's name, and donated to our local domestic violence shelter. We were surprised and very pleased to



*New Oakland Club Officers (L to R): Sandy Hill, President; Suzanne Harle, First Vice-President; Jean Tumbarello, Second Vice-President; Judi Merriman, Corresponding Secretary; Anne Horowitz, Recording Secretary; and Marilyn Ruymann, Treasurer.*



*The Oakland Club participated in Western District's "Purses of Promise" project (L to R): Lonnie Patch, Suzanne Harle, Sandy Smith, and Silvia Emery.*

see our project included in the "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine!

For the second year, WMCC conducted a "Holiday Raffle" for Retired Longaberger Baskets—raising \$812.00 to support a number of community service projects. Our annual donations include: HOBY, Save the Bay, Youth Art, Women's History & Resource Center, the 1734 Society, Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, and the GFWC Maryland Website. We also purchased a Flock of Chickens for the Heifer Project.

The holidays were a busy time for WMCC. Members brought Toys to our December meeting in lieu of traditional Jingle Gifts, which we donated to Toys for Happiness. We also wrapped gifts at the Toys for Happiness booth at the local mall for Christmas. We supported the Salvation Army Children's Christ-

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mas project by filling Christmas Gift Bags for children of varying ages. Members also supported the Red Cross “Holiday Mail for Heroes” program by writing messages of appreciation in cards which were distributed to the military.

In February, WMCC participated in the Western District “Purses of Promise” project. Members donated a total of 18 gently-used purses. Contents for the purses were purchased using the \$40.00 seed money received from the District, and additional items were contributed by members. The purses were filled at the meeting and each purse included a wallet containing a \$5.00 bill—because every woman should carry a little cash. Tags were attached bearing the project name, our club’s name and the GFWC logo. The 18 beautiful purses were greatly appreciated at our local domestic violence shelter!

Members donated Art Supplies for the Art Program at Friends Aware, Inc.—a local organization that provides supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. We also supported Friends Aware with manpower at their Annual Ox Roast Fundraiser in June.

After a summer break, the members of WMCC are re-energized and looking forward to a new year of “Living the Volunteer Spirit.”

### *GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc.*

For the Woman’s Club of Westminster, the highlight of our year, of course, was the installation of club member Babs Condon as International President of GFWC. We are all so proud of her and will be waiting to follow as she leads us in “Living the Volunteer Spirit.” Our own newly installed President Ginny Houser and several other

clubwomen, along with members of Babs’ family, were able to be there for this grand occasion.

In spite of her busy schedule as she prepared for the Convention and her installation, Babs found time to attend many of our club events including our Spring Luncheon. She was an active participant in the Westminster Annual Memorial Day Parade, where she rode with us on a float, which she had arranged for, and which held members of our club, the Westminster Juniors, and the STARS Juniores.

Our program committee continued its usual fine job, and we heard speakers on a variety of subjects, ranging from employment of people with disabilities, to aiding the environment by planting roofs with green roof plants.

Read Across America Day, in celebration of Dr. Seuss’s Birthday, continues to be a program welcomed by the Westminster elementary schools in which many community members participate. Although, the weather was very uncooperative this year, we look forward to next year.

Our community service programs continue to support and partner with local agencies and nonprofits while staying alert for new ways to volunteer. We collected and donated books to Baltimore Reads, a 25-year-old organization which operates the Baltimore Reads Book Bank. The Book Bank provides free books to children, families, and schools to build literacy skills, and encourage love of reading. The Book Bank has distributed over 1.2 million free books to date. Our club book drive collected some 400 books, picked up by Baltimore Reads in January when snow was piled high.

In the spring, members participated in a fundraiser for the club and the Carroll County Career and Technology Center. Students in the Center’s Culinary Arts Program prepared and served a delicious luncheon,



*Members of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc. attending their Spring Luncheon.*



*Westminister Woman’s Club members Mary Dudderar and Jean Picardi with the Culinary Arts Program students and instructor at their luncheon fundraiser.*



*The GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster participated in the Western District “Purses of Promise” project.*

and taught members how to prepare the dishes that were served. The Culinary Arts Program trains students for careers in the food service industry and is certified by the American Culinary Federation.

Another new project collected funds to donate to Wounded Warriors, to support our heroic men and women in the Armed Forces.

Our club’s community service programs continuing projects include mounting the ongoing art exhibit at the Carroll Non-Profit Center, volunteering at SERRV, helping maintain a perennial garden



in a historic park, and donating business clothing to and conducting mock interviews at MOSAIC to help their clients practice job interview skills. MOSAIC provides many services, including vocational, to individuals with mental illness.

### *GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.*

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The Junior Woman's Club of Westminster had a busy year in 2013. After dedicating the month of January to reporting, we got back to business in our local community by holding a Youth Art Competition for middle and high school students in February. The ladies on our Art committee did a fantastic job of going to the schools and talking to the art teachers, encouraging students to submit their works of art, and having our local library display these masterpieces for judging.

During March, members read at local schools and daycares for Dr. Seuss's birthday. Some even made green eggs and ham for the students.

In April, our club displayed pinwheels at a local park to increase awareness of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The park was beautiful with all the pinwheels, and many people asked about them.

We changed administrations at our annual May Dinner. This year our dinner was held at a member's home. The donation (the cost of a dinner) was collected, and all the proceeds from the dinner were donated to two local charities. Our Juniors Club, the STARS, asked members to help with a planting and conservation project. Members trekked out in the rain to help beautify our Visitation House for families that have issues with custody and visitation. The house is a safe haven for exchanges governed by the courts. We finished out the month of May by participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

Our club gave out \$2,000.00 worth of scholarships to graduating seniors in June 2013 and another \$500 scholarship to a woman attending Carroll Community College. We held our June meeting at Access Carroll, a medical facility for low income families that we support with funds and volunteers throughout the year.

In August, we hosted a National Night Out event at a local park. We made donations to a local charity to help children get prepared for school and hosted our annual Children's Consignment Sale. Planning for this endeavor continues year-round. This past year, one of our tech-savvy members introduced technology to our sale by setting up a system to scan the purchased items and calculate how much each consignor made.

October was a chance to show our support for the local Domestic Violence Walk. Members were encouraged to participate in the walk, but our club also helped with serving refreshments to the participants. To conclude the month, we judged the Westminster Halloween Parade.

In November, we held our annual Barter Dinner that our Family Support Committee organizes. In exchange for dinner, club members and guests donated funds to purchase gift cards to donate to our local hospice facility. Hospice used these cards to purchase items for holiday meals at the facility according to the needs of the families who have loved ones admitted. At the Barter Dinner, we also selected angel cards from the local Salvation Army to purchase Christmas gifts for local children in need. December brought us to the end of year, and a wonderful holiday party, and the Salvation Army gift collection.

We started 2014 with a new membership activity that uses GFWC as an abbreviation for "Girl Friends Wine Club." This activity, scheduled

on a bi-monthly basis, focuses on wines from a specific country or area with foods from that area to accompany them. It has been a real hit and a great way to introduce prospective members to the club.

Early in 2014, the Westminster Juniors also participated in the Western District "Purses of Promise" project, by assembling and donating 30 purses to a local domestic violence shelter. We look forward to more great fellowship and continuing to serve our community in 2014.

### *GFWC STARS Juniors Club of Westminster*

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The GFWC STARS Juniors Club of Westminster have been busy over the last few months. Along with the Maryland Juniors and a few General members, including GFWC Maryland President Beverly Death, they decorated and filled 27 pillowcases for the Juniors' Special Pillowcase Project, in addition to filling 57 donated purses for the Western District "Purses of Promise" project during Mid-Winter Rally.

They were thrilled to attend the GFWC Maryland Annual Convention where both co-presidents, along with several other members, were able to participate not only in Junior Day, but the banquet that evening. Co-President Sarah Walton was able to attend the GFWC International Convention in Chandler, Arizona, where she assisted with the preparations and decorations for the installation ceremony, banquet and reception for GFWC International President Babs Condon. She returned all fired up and ready to go, looking forward to starting new events and hoping to grow club membership.

The STARS also donated four backpacks, lots of school supplies and door prizes for the National Night Out held in Westminster on August 5th.

## *Come Fly With Me and Be A Volunteer*



*Mary Thompson, President*  
Mary was born in Washington, DC and lived there for nine years before moving to Cheverly, Maryland. She graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1964 and worked as a secretary at the Library of Congress, then at the Commerce Department in the Office of the Executive Secretariat. She married William Thompson (Bill) in 1965, and became a stay-at-home mom as their sons Andrew and James were born. Mary joined the Woman's Club of Southern Maryland in 1985. As a "recycled" District officer, she is looking forward to the next two years. It will be a busy time with Maryland hosting two events, the 2015 Southeastern Region meeting in Annapolis and the 2016 GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, both locations in the Southern District! The five clubs that comprise the Southern District are active in their communities and are in the process of planning interesting meetings for the coming year and all but one have a new president. So come fly with me and be a volunteer in your community!

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour*

After a busy 2013, the Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour began 2014 with its Re-gifting Auction. This event has become extremely popular, and it enables members to get rid of stuff they don't need and buy stuff they don't need (LOL). It has become one of our most profitable fundraisers and a lot of fun.

February brought Theresa Tkacik, who shared her knowledge of pearls with our members. After her presentation, members were able to explain the characteristics of pearls, differentiate between real or fake pearls, demonstrate how to examine a pearl, and review the correct care of pearls.

In March, we had another visit from Barbara Taylor from the Ft. Meade Museum. She shared interesting and unknown facts about "Animals and War"—how we used animals during wartime, including dogs (not just German Shepherds), pigeons, horses and cats.

Our resident authors, Charlie Heller and Bev Eanes graced the podium during our Books 'n Bites. Charlie's second book, "Close Encounters with the Famous and Near-Famous," told of his encounters with Clint Eastwood, Helen O'Connell, and Sex Therapist Ruth Westheimer. He was also an early, though unaware, witness to the Clinton/Lewinsky affair. Bev's book, "What Brings You To Life? Awakening Women's Spiritual Essence," explores what women need to do to bring us to life.

At our Annual Tea and Installation of Officers we welcomed GFWC Honorary President Beverly Death to install our new officers. At that time, we presented checks to our chosen

charities: Truck'n 4 Troops, West Annapolis Fire Dept. Georgetown East Elementary School, Riva Fire Department, and AAMC Domestic Abuse. In addition, our members collect paperback books in support of Operation Paperback, who sends these books to our Troops in Afghanistan and Veterans hospitals. We also collect twin bed sheet sets for Hospice.

We don't meet during June, July and August, but our Board meets to plan exciting programs for the upcoming club 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 include all kinds of 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, we took a tour of the Hospice House, and also made six "Linus Blankets" which were presented to the director for use either at the Hospice House or for patients at their homes.

March found us at the Board of Education hosting the annual Youth Art Reception with over 130 guests attending. The 3-D work, photography and computer art were in display cases; the rest were framed and hung throughout the Central Office facility. The students, parents and teachers had the opportunity to view the artwork and enjoyed the early evening event with cookies and punch.

August found our club members, along with those of the St. Mary's

club, dishing out ice cream at the Annual Ice Cream Social at the Maryland Veterans Home at Charlotte Hall. The veterans enjoyed the ice cream with toppings, the music, and the opportunity to talk to our members about their experiences.

Food was collected throughout the year for the local church food bank. We also collected 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 that are held. Our treat for helping them is an Annual Volunteer Dinner. 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 support 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.*

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The Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights is proud to celebrate our 75th year! Since the club's inception in 1939 with 150 members, the club has been a driving force in making the Linthicum area a wonderful place to live, work and play. The club continues to do this through projects to preserve the environment, sponsor and recognize educational achievement, and sponsor social events in the community year-round.

Our care for the environment began in the 1940s when club members began to fight against pollution in

the Patapsco River. In the 1990s the club expanded its efforts, joining GFWC-MD in the Save Our Planet campaign. The club increased its contribution to the Save the Bay campaign, sponsoring an Eagle Scout (Gregory Yakaitis) in his project to stencil "Chesapeake Bay Drainage" on all of the storm drains in Linthicum, and holding a fundraiser for the Save-the-Bay campaign. All of this work contributed to the club winning the "Save the Bay" award in the 1990s. This year, the Beautification and Gardens Committee, headed by club member Sherry Brown, is joining the efforts of The Patapsco Valley Heritage Greenway to clean up areas of the Patapsco River near Linthicum. Previous efforts of this organization have removed tons of waste from the river, preventing it from entering the Chesapeake Bay.

The club's educational efforts began in the 1940s when the club established the first accredited kindergarten in Linthicum. In the 1950s the club organized and staffed a library in the old Linthicum train station and the kindergarten the club had established was selected by the Maryland State Health Department to serve as a demonstration center for nursery school/kindergarten teachers and operators. In the 2000s, the club focused even more on education, raising scholarship levels and increasing awards to local students. The club continues to sponsor reading programs, a Youth Writing Contest and Youth Art awards, as well as scholarships to North County High School students, and recognizing outstanding students at local schools.

The club has always been instrumental in organizing social events for the community. In the 1940s the club held dances for the servicemen at Fort Meade. In 1976, the club celebrated the country's bicentennial with two Flower-Marts, and in

1978 held the first annual Prayer Breakfast, which is still held every year in March. In the 1980s the club raised funds to build the bandstand in Linthicum Park, where the club-sponsored Summer Concert Series is held. In the 1950s the club purchased the clubhouse from St. John Lutheran Church. In addition to the many club activities held at the building, the building is available for rent for community and private events.

As we commemorate our 75th year, we celebrate our past and look ahead to the future, knowing that we have accomplished so much because of the dedication, passion and teamwork of our membership. It is because of the club's dedication, passion and teamwork that club President Sandra Blankenship has chosen "Better Together" as our theme for 2014-2015. One of the goals for this year is to increase the number of young professional women in the club by increasing the club's online presence with a new Facebook page, where we will share photos and information about club events and accomplishments. We have learned that we are "Better Together" over the last 75 years and can't wait to share with you what we achieve this year!

### *GFWC Woman's Club of St. Mary's County, Inc.*

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The Woman's Club of St. Mary's has been busy in many interesting capacities, and our club enjoys a number of remarkable women. All of our members participate in club events, plus they are part of our various committees and all are required to be hostesses for our monthly meetings. We were fortunate to have eight new members join our club this past January. Our members actively encourage women with community spirit to come to

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our meetings as guests to ascertain our clubs mission and the goals we set for each year. We are always looking for intelligent, capable women. New members bring an explosion of new ideas to our club.

Our club supports the Board of Education's Youth Art Project by judging student submissions and donating ribbons and monetary awards. We provide refreshments at the youth art reception held in June. We also give certificates to all of the children who entered the contest and assist transporting the winning entries to our district judging. Our Arts chairman gives a presentation at each monthly meeting to tell our members about art programs in our community and neighboring locations. These include fine arts, band concerts, theater, and events such as craft fairs, first Fridays and special museum programs.

Our club's Conservation chairman scans newspapers and magazines prior to each meeting for articles which apply to local issues, especially those associated with things everyone can do to save our environment. This year she focused on pesticide control and how they infiltrate the air, soil and our water supply. She presented a conservation report entitled "My backyard to the Bay." Plus, she spoke of ideas of how to avoid run-off pollution. She told everyone how to safely dispose of chemicals in the home. She brought in plans for building an Osprey platform, and read a U.S. Wildlife Service Publication regarding the advantages of native plants. Our Conservation chairman is a master gardener and she informs us how to keep our lives in sync with a cleaner and healthier environment.



*New St. Mary's Club Officers (L to R): Sharon Eglinton, Corresponding Secretary; Lynn Newkirk, First Vice-President; Judith Loflin, President; Loretta Orwig, Recording Secretary; Carol Ann Evans, Second Vice-President; and Carole Romary, Treasurer.*

Our club's main goal is education so we provide two scholarships to local students to help pay part of their college tuition. We participate in the Business, Education and Community Application (BECA) common scholarship program which allows college and secondary education students to develop a single application for multiple scholarships. Our Education chairman and her committee peruse the applications and choose students that meet our criteria. They must have high grades and need a scholarships to pursue a college education. The scholarships are awarded at our May meeting. The students give a short dissertation about their plans for the future and photos are taken by our Publicity chairman for our local newspapers. We also make an annual donation to the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technical Center for the Skills USA program and we provide annual funding for the Hugh O'Brian Leadership project. Our club has adopted the library located in

Leonardtown. Club members support their Halloween and Dr. Seuss parties. The club also supports the libraries outreach program by delivering and picking up books from individuals who are unable to get books due to health or mobility issues. Members use their own cars and are not reimbursed for gas. Our members collect box tops from cereal, juice, and any product that has a box top symbol to send to neighborhood schools for the purchase of needed equipment.

Our Home Life chairman educates us about healthy lifestyles, such as diabetes and heart attack awareness. She also shared grocery products that make your skin softer and healthier, plus reminded our members of the date of the annual Woman's Wellness Program presented by St. Mary's Hospital. She spoke on many topics regarding prevention and care at all of our meetings and usually has flyers available. She reminds us how to



*St. Mary's Club's Scholarship chairman, Sue Watters, with scholarship recipients Margaret Connor (left) and Stephanie Carson (right).*



remain healthy during flu season. She advocates what she calls the “greatest health commandments”—exercise mind, body and spirit.

Our members donate non-perishable food items to several of the food banks in St. Mary's County. A reminder to bring in food items is published in our monthly newsletter. We also have four members who participate in the Meals on Wheels program, partnering with the Department of Aging.

We partnered with Hospice this year by participating in their Festival of Trees. We spent two months crafting decorations for a Christmas tree. Our Tree chairman had wonderful ideas; all ornaments were handcrafted by herself and her committee members, except for the fishnet swags and the ships lantern that topped the tree. The ornaments were all based on a Chesapeake Bay/St. Mary's County theme. Our tree was voted the People's Choice Award and it was sold for \$500.

Our club is involved in International Outreach by continuing our long-standing sponsorship of a child living in Zimbabwe. Our International Affairs chairman reports on our child and reads any letters received from her through the Childreach organization at each meeting. She also keeps a scrapbook on our child, which she brings to

our meetings. She brings birthday cards for our club members to sign, and sends them to our child on her birthday. Each December we also sent a donation to the Heifer Project organization to purchase chickens and honey bees as gifts to project recipients.

Our club is also involved in Public Issues and community service. Last summer, our club and the Charles County Club co-chaired an ice cream social for the Charlotte Hall Veterans. We contacted Senior Vibes, a musical group, to provide entertainment. We were fortunate to have both the ice cream and toppings donated and both clubs voted to return this summer to provide the veterans with another social.

Members of our club participated in the annual parade at our county fair this year. We placed our banner in front of a member's truck and rode in the back tossing candy to the children alongside the road. As we approached the grand stand, we were announced and the announcer read a short synopsis of our mission.

Our club usually has a monthly raffle before our regular meetings. Our hostesses provide an item to be raffled and they decide how the money should be spent. In October and December our raffles raised money for wounded warriors. We also support pennies for art, and

we collect pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

All of this is made possible by fundraising activities, the largest of which is at the October (18-19) Oyster Festival held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The club sells handmade crafts, baked goods, used books and flea market items. Be sure to come to the Flower Building and visit our display area.

### *Severn Town Club, Inc.*

The Severn Town Club is pleased to share some of the club's activities and events of the past club year. This was a good year for our club, yet it was not without its challenges. We faced the passing of dear long-time club members, as well as spouses, but we learned that our friendships can carry us through the difficult times, as well as the happy ones.

We began our club year in September with another fabulous welcome back dinner, hosted once again by our hospitality chairs, who have so wonderfully served two terms in that position. Our guests included the local high school students who were selected as Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Scholarship winners. Severn Town Club continues to sponsor two students to attend this well-known annual leadership retreat. We also had a presentation from the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation (more about that later).

In October, our Membership chair hosted a Prospective New Members cocktail party to which current members brought friends. We enthusiastically shared details about our club and as a result we have installed 10 new members this year.

We continued to support GFWC's Domestic Violence project by

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continuing our monthly visits and donations to Arden House, a YWCA safe house for battered women.

Our members support the Arts and continue to be involved with Youth Art. We worked with area schools to organize the competition and collect and deliver their students' submissions for judging.

We had a full schedule of events and meetings, designed to entertain, as well as inform and educate our members: a soup luncheon and book exchange, where members share books and donate used books to the library; a lunch and tour of The Light House, a homelessness prevention center in Annapolis; a fashion show and luncheon where our members modeled outfits from Nordstrom's; a presentation by a former U.S. Department of Justice lawyer who spoke of her year spent in Afghanistan working with children; and a presentation

from the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation, chosen as the main recipient of funds from our 2013 Holly Ball.

The highlight of this past year occurred in November 2013 when the Severn Town Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of its annual Holly Ball. Over the prior 49 years, we are proud to have donated \$1.2 million dollars to a wide array of worthy local charities. Quite an accomplishment for our relatively small group of women! Appropriately enough, proceeds from our special 50th Anniversary Holly Ball amounted to \$50,000. This allowed us to share donations with 20 local charities, as well as the Library Foundation. In addition, we dedicated the event to our former club treasurer and dear friend, Evie Renz, who passed away earlier in the year. Club members, friends, and family donated another \$4,000 in her memory, and these funds were split evenly between her two favorite organizations—Arden House and Anne Arundel Commu-

nity College. Our club is committed to continuing the Holly Ball, which proves that—with the generous support of our community—a great deal can be accomplished by a small group of dedicated, caring women of the Severn Town Club.

*Southern Lights*

Our small club consists of the honorary past district presidents. We meet twice a year, May and October for lunch. As past district presidents, we are always available either by phone or email, to answer any questions that club presidents or club members may have and try to be available if asked to install new officers.

Not all of us are getting around as well as we once did, yet we remain active in our home clubs and attend state meetings to keep abreast of current events. We communicate more by phone or email now, than by actually getting together, but we're working on that.

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**Now is the time to RENEW and update your club listing!** The cost to RENEW a club listing is \$10.00. **Now is also the time to SIGN-UP for a NEW club listing and join us on-line!** The cost for a NEW club listing is \$15.00.

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your club meetings and special events for September 2014-August 2015. Your page can also include photos of club events at no extra cost, and each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website.

To join us for the new club year, please mail the form below to:

*Dawn Donovan  
GFWC-MD Webmaster  
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Thanks for joining us and feel free to e-mail Dawn with any comments or questions about our state website at [gfwcmdweb@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcmdweb@gmail.com).

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*Please include the Date, Time and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from September 2014 through August 2015. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.*

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October _____	June _____
November _____	July _____
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