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## GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Dear GFWC Sisters:

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2016-2018 GFWC Administration. I am truly honored, privileged, and extremely humbled by the reality that I am serving as your 51st GFWC International President. In this great country and organization, we have many reasons to be grateful. We have a rich and storied history of success and achievement which our talented members, leaders, and staff can build upon. And as I have previously stated, "If We Build It, They Will Come." From this statement, you can see Membership Recruitment and Retention (both members and clubs) will be a major focus of this administration as well as our commitment and passion for Legislative Issues and Advocacy.



We must be committed to increasing advocacy in all facets of our GFWC programming as we try to return to our roots and our strength of advocating for legislative initiatives—this was the call to action and unifying force for our members in the past and we need to revisit what our organization was founded on—our resolutions and our passion for positive change in our communities through our members' support for passage of timely and critical legislation.

I believe the strength of this organization is in its members and clubs and the incredible work they accomplish in their individual communities every day. For over 126 years, the belief in our mission and our dedication to community improvement has never wavered or changed. We know there is strength in belonging to a national organization, where accomplishments can be shared with and duplicated by others, and the good work that we do can be multiplied by the number of clubs and members throughout our great country. Our accomplishments have received far too little recognition in recent times. But we are working on it! And it is beginning to change!

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2016–2018 GFWC International President. We are indeed all unified by our diversity and whether you are a Woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniorette, or International Affiliate Club member, we are all GFWC. Together, we are an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. We are GFWC, *Living the Volunteer Spirit* each and every day in our communities throughout the world. Together, we can build the organization so others will want to join us. We have a story to tell and we should shout it from every rooftop. We should be extremely proud of our membership in this organization, which has made such a significant impact in the global community over so many years. We have celebrated 126 years of service and yet, We Have Only Just Begun! Together we can accomplish great things as members of this great and strong women's organization GFWC. Please join me in making this vision a reality for all our members, clubs, state federations, regions, and GFWC!

Forever *Living the Volunteer Spirit* Through GFWC,

*Sheila*

**SHEILA E. SHEA**

*2016-2018 GFWC International President*



# GFWC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

## GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

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### Welcome to the 2016-2018 Administration!

What a great honor to have been elected as the 2016-2018 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. This position is extra special for me because I will be a part of the GFWC Executive Committee lead by Sheila Shea, a GFWC member who began her Federation career as a GFWC Junior.

For the past two years as GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs, I was given the opportunity to complete research in GFWC Women's History & Resource Center. I learned that our Organization, like many benevolent, charitable, non-profit organizations, has had some pretty incredible leaders in its history. I am honored to be your 33rd GFWC Director of Junior Clubs while we celebrate GFWC Juniors 100th anniversary!



The theme for this administration will be: Federation and You, The Perfect Fit. My logo will be two individual jigsaw pieces fitting together so uniquely but with a purpose to build something greater than itself. I chose this theme to give you a sense of where we are right now. When you think of GFWC, you might think of this big picture as being nearly complete, with maybe just a few end pieces left to place. With nearly half of our State Federations increasing or maintaining GFWC Junior membership, we are at that time when our momentum for growth is being realized.

My vision for this administration is for us to choose to commit, to work hard, to focus and to be resilient in our community service. The puzzle that I see being built is one where every state in this Federation seeks to understand the value of all three levels of membership, a vision that commits to taking the steps to starting new Junior and Juniette clubs with the knowledge that these clubs and members can only make GFWC and each of our State Federations more complete.

Why I am bringing this to your attention? To help you to realize that you are the important part of the puzzle in helping to make changes, continuing the growth needed in existing clubs, and meeting the needs of your individual members. Let's capture the energy that is the essence of a new club and apply it to clubs that are established in our Federation. This will help grow our leadership base and see our puzzle being expanded into the future.

I am of the belief that members will continue to stay members in any organization when they feel that they are a part of the plans, when they feel a connection to the "builders", and when they know that the effort that they put forth in being here means something to those in leadership. I invite all members of GFWC to join us as we find the perfect "fit" for this Federation in our communities, the perfect "fit" for this Federation in each club, and the perfect "fit" for this Federation in YOU.

Thank you.

**JOLIE FRANKFURTH**

*2016-2018 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs*

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Reno Eitel*  
*GFWC Maryland President*

My Federation Friends,

It was truly an honor to be installed as your GFWC Maryland President at the 2016 State Convention in Annapolis, MD. Please know that I am very humbled by your love, encouragement and support. Thank you!

The theme for the 2016-2018 Administration is "Women Creating Positive Change... Living The Volunteer Spirit," and the symbol is the dragonfly, which represents change and light. It is my hope that we create many positive changes during the next two years to enhance our Communities, our Clubs and our State Federation.

The President's Special Project for this administration will be partnering with SHIP, the Student Homelessness Initiative Project. We will

work with SHIP to ensure that homeless students receive the support they need in order to stay in school. You will hear more about this wonderful project in September.

Please plan to attend the September 20, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting at the lovely Sparrows Point Country Club in Dundalk, MD. You will not want to miss this important meeting, which will include a Membership workshop and valuable information for incoming Club Presidents and Treasurers. State Chairmen will be available to answer your questions and provide materials on the GFWC Community Service Programs at The Market Place of Possibilities. And awards received by GFWC Maryland at the GFWC International Convention held in Baltimore in June will be presented.

Your Executive Committee has been hard at work and is already planning the February 21, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting and GFWC Maryland Convention scheduled for April 28-30, 2017. Please mark your calendars and save these important dates.

Fall brings a change of seasons with cooler temperatures and renewed energy, and so I am very energized and enthusiastic about the next two years as we work together creating positive change.

Yours in Federation Service and Friendship,

*Reno*  
Reno Manning Eitel  
GFWC Maryland President



*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

# FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Rebecca Wagman  
GFWC Maryland  
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

It is with great honor that I write to you for the first time as your GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs. I am excited for the opportunity to represent our state's Junior and Juniorette Clubs, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with GFWC-MD President Reno Eitel, and the rest of the Executive Committee. I know together we will do great things for our communities and I look forward to creating a closer bond between our Junior and General Members.

During these next two years, we will focus on the phrase "Broken Crayons Still Color." It's so easy to think that we don't measure up; that we're not good enough; that we're too broken or that we've made too many mistakes. But it's simply not true. Each of us has something special to offer this world. There is a bit of humanity each of us is meant to "color," to encourage, and to serve.

I believe there is a purpose for each person, and that purpose doesn't disappear because we discover a kink in our own armor. Maybe that broken piece is just what this world needs. I don't know about you, but I relate a lot more to people who admit their failures than people who pretend to be perfect. The world needs us to be real and to keep coloring even when we're broken.

Crayons symbolize the creativity and imagination possessed in a child. During this administration, I want us to expand our support of literacy programs to help students learn how to read and write. I encourage your club to take on a children's literacy project and make reading an exciting activity for even the most struggling of readers. As these struggling readers continue in school they may feel like a broken crayon, that is not good enough or not smart enough. We want to teach children at a young age to keep coloring. To be driven and work through their obstacles. The world needs each and every one of us. For together, we'll make a masterpiece!

I congratulate all members of GFWC Maryland on hosting an outstanding GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, MD. Everyone worked really hard to make this event so memorable for clubwomen all over the country.

I hope to see you all at Junior Fall Conference in Chevy Chase for a day filled with service, fun and sisterhood!

In Federation Love,

*Becca*

Rebecca Wagman  
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs





# MEET YOUR NEW GFWC MARYLAND TEAM...



## ***Reno Eitel***

*President, 2016-2018*

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. She joined the GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club in 2005 and has held the offices of first vice-president, treasurer and parliamentarian. She was invited to join the Myrtle Club in 2008 and served as its treasurer for two terms. Prior to being elected as president of Baltimore District in 2006-2008, Reno served the district as corresponding secretary, second vice-president, and first vice-president. She served as GFWC Maryland treasurer for the 2008-2010 and 2010-2012 administrations, vice-president from 2012-2014 and president-elect from 2014-2016. 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, three granddaughters and one grandson, with whom she likes to spend family time. In her spare time, she takes pleasure in reading, gardening, the ocean and spending time with friends.

## ***Rebecca Wagman***

*Director of Junior Clubs, 2016-2018*

Becca was born in Westminster, MD and has lived there her whole life. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2014. Becca is a 5th grade teacher at Linton Springs Elementary, in Eldersburg. In her free time, Becca coaches 5th/6th grade field hockey, works out regularly, is involved in church activities, spends time with her two goddaughters Nora and Lucy, and does lots of GFWC work. Becca joined GFWC at age 9, as a member of the GFWC STARS Juniorette Club of Westminster. While a Juniorette, Becca held each club officer position, served as GFWC-MD Junior Membership chairman, and was the 2011 LEADS candidate for GFWC-MD. After graduating high school, Becca joined the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster. She has chaired a number of club committees, and served as GFWC-MD Junior treasurer and director-elect of Junior clubs. Becca was proud to serve as honorary assistant to the 2014-2016 GFWC International President, Babs J. Condon. She has received both the Juniorette of the Year award and the Rookie of the Year award from the Maryland Juniors. Becca's love for teaching serves as inspiration for her theme, "Broken Crayons Still Color," as we work together to build the Masterpiece of Children's Literacy. Join Becca in brightening our future and inspiring children to grow in literacy.



# GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS 2016-2018



***Dorothy Gregg***  
*President-elect*

Although a native of Baltimore County, Dottie has lived most of her adult life in Cecil County. She attended Perryville High School, the University of Delaware and Towson University. After retirement from teaching in Cecil County Public Schools for 30 years, she looked for other ways for community involvement. In 2003, she joined The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. and served as club president for 10 years. Dottie has served Eastern Shore District as a member of the nominating committee, corresponding secretary, vice-president and president. For GFWC Maryland, she has served as a teller, registration committee member, nominating committee member, corresponding secretary, and most recently as vice-president. Dottie has attended both SER and GFWC conventions. She continues to enjoy traveling to new places with her family, and treasures the quality time spent with her grandchildren. In her spare time, she is active with a local Eastern Star Chapter.



***Karen Wasik***  
*Vice-President/Dean of Chairmen*

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. Karen is also a member of the Emeritus Club, where she served as club treasurer, president and now director. 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.



***Dawn Donovan***  
*Recording Secretary*

Dawn is from an Air Force family and has lived in NE, CA, SD, CA and WY before she married her Air Force husband of 34 years, Dereck. They have three children, all born in WY. Dawn and her family moved to CA where she was a stay-at-home Mom and daycare provider. Her family then moved to Baltimore, where they have lived for the past 22 years—the longest Dawn has ever lived in one place! Dawn worked with the PTA and PTSA throughout her children's school years. She currently works for SafetyTat as the customer service manager. She is the proud grandma of six great kids ranging in ages from 8 months to 17 years! Dawn loves boating on the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding rivers, and is an avid Baltimore Orioles fan—Go O's! After her youngest child left for college, Dawn joined The Woman's Club of Perry Hall. She is currently serving as GFWC-MD recording secretary, GFWC-MD webmaster, Baltimore District youth art chairman, serving a second term as club president for The Woman's Club of Perry Hall, and is a member of the Myrtle Club, Baltimore District's past-president club.



# GFWC MARYLAND OFFICERS 2016-2018



**Mary Snyder**  
*Corresponding Secretary*

Mary has been a federation member since 1980. She joined the Frederick Junior Woman's Club in 1980 and served in various chairmanships, and as vice-president. In 1986 she joined the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. Mary has served her club as chairman of the Mardi Gras committee, finance, corresponding secretary, president 2002-2004, treasurer 2008-2012, and currently is a trustee. Under her guidance as president, the club committed to a Community Improvement Project, the Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County. At the 2004 GFWC Annual Convention in Orlando, the club received a 5th place Community Improvement award for their project, after only working on it for 2 years. She also was a founding member of the Friends of the Child Advocacy Center. Mary has served Western District as president 2012-2014, first vice-president, and treasurer. She has served GFWC-MD as membership chairman 2011-2012, and as conventions & meetings chairman for 2014-2016. She currently is president of Western District's Centennial Club. Mary and her husband David live in Jefferson, MD.



**Anita Becker**  
*Treasurer*

Anita joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk in 2014. When the club treasurer was unable to complete her term of office, Anita stepped into the position and has served as Dundalk's treasurer ever since. Anita was selected as the GFWC Maryland LEADS candidate in 2016, and attended her first GFWC International Convention in Baltimore. Anita retired from Verizon Communications in 2006, after serving in a number of accounting and budget management positions. After Verizon, she worked at the University of Baltimore, supporting the Budget Office and Capital Management. Anita lives with her husband in Baltimore County.



**GFWC Maryland Officers,  
2016-2018: (L to R)**  
*Anita Becker, treasurer;  
Mary Snyder, corresponding  
secretary; Dawn Donovan,  
recording secretary; Karen  
Wasik, vice-president; Dorothy  
Gregg, president-elect; Rebecca  
Wagman, director of junior clubs,  
and Reno Eitel, president.*

# GFWC MARYLAND CONVENTION REPORT

## 117th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention April 16-18, 2016 in Annapolis, MD

**The 117th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention was held April 16-18, 2016, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, MD.** “Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism” was the theme as Maryland clubwomen gathered to renew friendships and celebrate clubs’ accomplishments.

This year we were honored to have GFWC International President Babs Condon in attendance, and GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea as our special GFWC guest.

On Saturday, April 16th, Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks welcomed everyone to Junior Day. During the **“Wrapping Our Wings of Love” Luncheon, Canine Companions for Independence** brought three representatives to speak, along with two service dogs.

On Saturday evening, members gathered for the **District Presidents’ Reception**. GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett then welcomed all attendees to the Official Opening of the 117th Annual Convention at the **“Soaring the Heights” Banquet**. Festivities commenced with the procession of the GFWC Officers, GFWC-MD Officers, District Presidents and Club Presidents, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the young members of the **Navy League Cadets of Annapolis**.

President Bennett introduced our GFWC guests, GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea and GFWC International President Babs Condon. Both brought greetings from GFWC.

A Special Club Recognition was given to the GFWC Woman’s Club of Linthicum, Inc. They were given a token of appreciation from the GFWC-MD Executive Committee, who met in their clubhouse during 2014-2016 administration.

Club anniversaries and members

with 50 or more years of service were announced. Chairmen for the Special and Standing Committees gave reports and awards. The Staff of “The Maryland Clubwoman” magazine gave their annual report. Other reports included: 2016 GFWC Annual Convention, 2016 GFWC Fundraising, and LEADS. Anita Becker (GFWC Woman’s Club of Dundalk) was chosen to attend the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention as Maryland’s LEADS candidate.

The District Presidents gave their reports, each with their own creative style—and one was BEE-autiful in her costume.

Following the banquet, members enjoyed more fun, fellowship and fabulous prizes at **“Night Owl Bingo.”** Many thanks to Christy Swiger and her “feathered helpers.”

The **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** was held “early” on Sunday morning, April 17th, with Shirley Wales as Convention Club President. New officers were elected. Elected(??), well you just have to be there to know for sure.

Convention reconvened at 9:30 am. The 2016-2017 Proposed Budget was presented, followed by the creative report of the GFWC-MD Officers.

**Youth Art Contest** winners were introduced and given their awards. It’s always a pleasure to see the artwork and photographs by these talented students and to hear about their work.

Chairmen of the GFWC Community Service Programs gave their reports and announced awards. **The 2015 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award was presented to Jackie McCarty, member of the GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club, Inc.** Jackie was the special guest at the **“Recipe for Success” Luncheon**



*Left to Right: GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea, GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett, and GFWC International President Babs Condon.*

along with the Honorary Presidents of the Federation.

Luncheon entertainment was by **Mary Ann Jung, who presented “Julia Child – Queen of Cuisine.”** The one woman show (with a little help from the audience) highlights Julia’s passion for cooking and for her husband! She took us on the delicious journey, starting at Le Cordon Bleu and publishing “Mastering the Art of French Cooking,” to creating the groundbreaking French Chef television show, which brought France to American housewives. It was a lively recipe for fun!



*Mary Ann Jung (right) entertained as “Julia Child – Queen of Cuisine” with assistance from Tricia Wagman.*



The report of the Nominating Committee was given for the 2016-2018 administration. The credentials report was given and the morning session was recessed, with the election polls to open that afternoon.

The **“Women Creating Positive Change” Banquet** began at 6:30 pm, with the procession of the GFWC Officers, GFWC-MD Officers and District Presidents. The **Crabtowne Combo** provided music for the processional and lively entertainment during dinner. We were honored to have **GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea** as our keynote speaker for the evening.

Reports from Special Committees were given and it was announced that the GFWC Woman’s Club of Laurel’s Community Improvement Project was submitted to GFWC.

**The GFWC Maryland Officers for 2016-2018** were installed by Jo Miller, Honorary President 2010-2012, assisted by GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea, as follows: Anita Becker, Treasurer; Mary Snyder, Corresponding Secretary; Dawn Donovan, Recording Secretary; Karen Wasik, Vice-President; Dottie Gregg, President-elect; Rebecca Wagman, Director of Junior Clubs; and Reno Eitel, President.



**“Volunteers are Love in Motion... Buzzing from One Task to Another”**  
Left to Right: Tricia Wagman, Western District President Susan Krichten, and Babs Condon.

Following the banquet, Baltimore District invited all Maryland clubwomen to join them for a reception honoring the 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers.

Convention reconvened on Monday morning, April 18th, for the **“Living the Volunteer Spirit” Brunch**. Additional Special and Standing Committee reports and awards were announced. Our speaker for the morning was **GFWC International President Babs Condon**.

GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett gave her final president’s report and thanked everyone for their love and support during the past two years. She expressed her appreciation for the members allowing her to see the possibilities and opportunities, and stated how proud she was to represent The Maryland Federation.

Final reports were given by the credentials, registration, and reservations chairmen. The 2016 Annual Convention concluded with the passing of the gavel from President Brenda Bennett to the 2016-2018 President Reno Eitel. The Collect for Clubwomen was recited and convention adjourned.

*Brenda Bennett*  
*GFWC-MD President, 2014-2016*



*GFWC-MD Honorary President Jo Miller (left) presents a beautifully framed, cross-stitched cardinal to GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett.*

## **BINGO!**

*Girls Just Want to Have Fun...*



## “Wrapping Our Wings of Love” at the GFWC Maryland Convention

*Junior Day was held on Saturday, April 16th at the 117th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention.*

**The “Wrapping Our Wings of Love” Junior Day was filled with club-women fellowship.** The day was opened with the Thought for the Day by Pocomoke Junior Dana Bodley. Grace Kelly-Lawler, Westminster Juniors Co-President, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Recognition was given to the GFWC-MD Executive Committee members, GFWC-MD Honorary Presidents, and GFWC-MD Past Directors of Junior Clubs who were in attendance. We are so appreciative of the support and leadership mentoring you continue to offer.

It was an honor to have GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett, GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea, and GFWC International President Babs Condon attend the meeting and bring greetings. Babs also blessed us by filling in as parliamentarian.

Junior Membership chairman Patti Jo Green led us in a membership building exercise. Club reports were given with a few skits. I know our clubs will have a lot of items to report on next year. Club awards were given for each report category.

**Special Junior Awards** were then presented. Nominees Sarah Guy (Pocomoke) and Jamie Miller (Westminster) tied for Rookie of the Year, because it was too difficult to choose one winner. Nominees for Outstanding Maryland Junior were Leslie Krebs-White (Westminster), Andrea Lilly (Pocomoke), and Joann Cameron (Westminster), and the winner was Leslie Krebs-White. Congratulations to all these ladies!

**Luncheon speakers were from Canine Companions for Independence.** Three representatives brought two service dogs—one in training and one that was placed. We heard from both sides of the

training of these wonderful animals. John Rogers, president of the Volunteer Chesapeake Chapter, and his daughter Stacey spoke about the joy of raising puppies and the preliminary training that is required of them while raising puppies. Cindy Patterson spoke of her experiences while raising puppies for 5 years, and then how she was able to benefit as a recipient of a service dog. She described the special training that is completed by each puppy prior to being placed as a service dog and how the training has assisted her in her life. She demonstrated what her special companion does for her. Truly amazing! As requested by Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks, attendees brought donations for the Volunteer Chesapeake

Chapter of Canine Companions during the luncheon.

**Junior Officers for 2016-2018** were elected, and installed by GFWC International President Babs Condon as follows: Rebecca Wagman, Director of Junior Clubs; Andrea Lilly, Director-elect of Junior Clubs; Emily Rosenthal, Junior Secretary; and Dana Bodley, Junior Treasurer.

Junior Day was adjourned after Nabi Akinshegun, Chevy Chase Junior President led us in The Collect.

During the past year, we were “Wrapping Our Wings of Love” and it was terrific day of celebrating the accomplishments of our Junior clubs. Be sure to attend the 2017 GFWC-MD Convention to see what Maryland Juniors have planned.



Westminster Junior Leslie Krebs-White (left) receives the Outstanding Maryland Junior Award from Junior Director Sandra Mattocks.



Junior Director Sandra Mattocks (right) presents the Rookie of the Year Award to Westminster Junior Jamie Miller (left), and Pocomoke Junior Sarah Guy (not shown).



2016-2018 Junior Officers (L to R): Treasurer Dana Bodley, Secretary Emily Rosenthal, GFWC International President & Installing Officer Babs Condon, Director-elect of Junior Clubs Andrea Lilly, and Director of Junior Clubs Rebecca Wagman.



# OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

## *Jackie McCarty named Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2015*



*The Nominees for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2015, with this year's award winner Jackie McCarty (center).*

***Jackie McCarty, nominated by the GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc., was named the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2015 at the GFWC-MD Annual Convention in April. Following is the nomination submitted by her club:***

The nominee has been an outstanding member of GFWC for many years, first as a junior in the past, and as a member of our club for at least the last eight years. During her tenure with our club, she has held offices at the local and district levels. She volunteers to help as soon as she knows assistance is needed at the district, state and regional level just as she does locally, which repeatedly brings accolades to our club and makes us all shine. All of this she does despite chronic health concerns of her own she deals with daily.

She currently serves as our club president and is an outstanding leader. Her input and assistance at both the formative and implementation stages, have proven to be sound and invaluable to the club. Her enthusiasm draws the interest of others to these endeavors which has greatly contributed to the success of many club projects. In late summer, she holds a planning meeting for the club year so everyone knows what will be happening and where they can lend assistance during the year. Before each club meeting or function, she contacts all members to make sure they are aware of the particulars and to ascertain if they plan to attend. Her kind, caring and cheerful attitude, her innate sense of concern for our members, guarantees that each of them feels welcomed and engaged in the activities of our club. This is invaluable for retaining members and keeping them actively involved in the plans, projects and goals of the club, as well as attracting new members by word of mouth from current members.

As stated previously, she held several chairmanships and offices on the local and district levels. This administration, along with being club president, she served as the GFWC-MD hospitality chairman. She contacted each district representative and worked out a schedule for everyone to assist with the receptions, and greeting the guest speakers. She worked with the GFWC-MD convention chairman, while planning the receptions.

This year, when Maryland hosted the Southeastern Region Conference in November, she was ready and willing to assist. She served on the hospitality committee and assisted the decorations committee during the conference.

At all district, state and regional meetings she has demonstrated her dedication to Maryland with the same loving, hard work, and cooperation that she shows in our club. Consistently, she has proven herself to be an indispensable, industrious member.

All of these attributes she shows proves she is an asset to Maryland and is of extreme value in moving us forward in attaining our goals. She puts her heart into everything she does, and her smile is always there to welcome others.

Women such as this nominee are the history of our club and state and our bridge to its future. She is an excellent representative of "Living the Volunteer Spirit" and should be named outstanding Maryland Clubwoman of the Year.



## Mark Your Calendars!

### JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE "BRIGHTENING OUR FUTURE"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016  
AT

CHEVY CHASE  
METHODIST CHURCH  
IN CHEVY CHASE, MD

SERVICE PROJECT:  
"HEARTS AND HOMES"

We will be joined by girls from Hearts and Homes. We will help them Decorate a New Journal that we will encourage them to use to write stories or keep track of books they read. We ask that each person bring two Journals: one for the girl they work with and one to decorate for another girl at Hearts and Homes.

SEE THE OFFICIAL CALL  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

## GFWC-MD BOARD MEETING

### GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016

The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will hold its first meeting of the new administration on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. It will be hosted by Baltimore District at Sparrows Point Country Club in Dundalk, 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 2016-2018 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, 2016. For recognition at the 2017 Annual State Convention, donations MUST be received at least 3 weeks prior.***

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

These are the only donations made through the State Treasurer. Submit your check, along with completed GFWC-MD 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
- ★ Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

Payable to: GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs  
Mail to: Anita Becker, 1601 Delvale Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222

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

- ★ Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Payable to: Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Mail to: Christy Swiger, 117 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966

- ★ HOBY

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

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

Include a contact name with full address. Write "GFWC" on memo line of each check so GFWC & GFWC-MD will received credit for the donation.

- ★ 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

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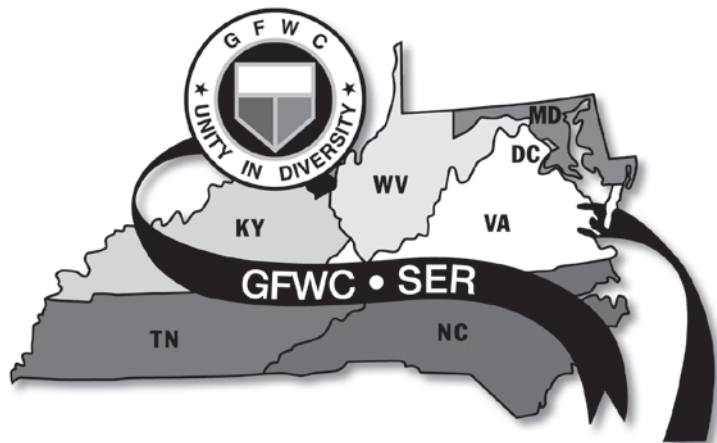


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DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
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# GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING



## 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 3, 2016 to Saturday, November 5, 2016

—WHERE—

The Greenbrier  
300 West Main Street, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

—ROOM RATE—

Traditional: \$229.00/night, Superior: \$269.00/night (plus tax/fees)  
Deluxe: \$289.00/night, Suite: \$309.00/night (plus tax/fees)

—RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2016—

Direct Line for Reservations is 877-700-9223

You MUST use Group Code "GFWC-SER" to get the Group Rate.

—MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—

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

—SERVICE PROJECT—

The "Christmas Comes Early" Luncheon will also serve as the 2016 SER Service Project. Stockings will be filled for residents of Domestic Violence Shelter(s). Please bring items that residents could use and would enjoy... personal items, gloves, scarves, socks, treats, sweets, small games. Donations do not have to fit inside stockings and do not need to be wrapped.

**SEE THE OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE MEAL RESERVATION FORM, REGISTRATION FORM & AGENDA.**

# GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## **The 2016 Annual GFWC International Convention** *June 25-29, 2016 in Baltimore, Maryland*



The 2016 GFWC Annual Convention was held June 25-29, 2016 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. GFWC Maryland was honored to host the GFWC clubwoman who gathered to celebrate a "Sisterhood of Service" in Baltimore, Maryland.

On Saturday, June 25th, all LEADS candidates, State Presidents, and Directors of Junior Clubs were in meetings, while several committee meetings were also held.

On Saturday evening, festivities kicked-off with a red carpet event lauding the history and achievements of Junior clubwomen over the years. Awards were announced and the meeting was followed by a traditional Maryland Crab Feast.

On Sunday, June 26th, the Opening Ceremony was breathtaking, with all the flags carried in the processional. GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks gave the official greetings and

welcome to Maryland, with a business meeting following.

The "Sisterhood of Service" Luncheon was held that afternoon. Tyra Parker, Program Director for Weinberg Housing and Resource Center was the special guest.

The "Star Spangled State Night" Banquet was held on Sunday evening. Many Maryland members came to serve as table hostesses for the event and all Maryland members attending wore their red pashminas. GFWC arranged for Maryland to have their "state photo" taken that night since the majority of our women were there.

More than 600 people attended the "State Night" Banquet. They were entertained by the Crabtowne Combo and the Young Columbians, who are part of the Columbia Center for the Theatrical Arts (CCTA), based in Columbia, MD, under the direction of Toby B. Orenstein. The reviews were positive, with



*GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks.*



*GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks had the honor of carrying the Maryland Flag.*



*Left to Right: GFWC-MD Convention Chairman Barbara Nunnari, GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett, and GFWC International President Babs Condon.*



*GFWC Southeastern Region*



many comments that it was best “State Night” they’d ever attended!

On Monday, June 27th, there was the Junior Business Session, workshops and the GFWC Business session included a presentation by New York Times bestselling author Eliot Schrefer. That afternoon, during the Partner Power Luncheon, all GFWC partners presented information about their organization and invited members to attend their “office hours” later that afternoon.

The eight Region Banquets were held that evening, with a GFWC Maryland clubwoman attending each as a hostess from Maryland.

The voting polls opened on Tuesday, June 28th for delegates to cast their ballots for the 2016-2018 GFWC Officers, and those who attended the ESO breakfast got a preview of artist and author Suzy Toronto, who also spoke at the “Wonderful, Wacky Women” luncheon that afternoon.

That evening, at the “Gathering of the Goddesses” Gala, Community Improvement Program awards were announced. The GFWC Woman’s Club of Laurel was awarded 4th place and \$1500.00. Four of their club members were present to accept the award.

On Wednesday, June 29th, workshops for Membership, Leadership, Fundraising, Communications & Public Relations, Legislation/Public Policy, GFWC Signature Project and GFWC Junior Special Project were held for anyone to attend.

During the “Live a Life Worth Loving” Luncheon, Alan Kissick from Shot@Life was our speaker.

The installation ceremony was held Wednesday evening and Sheila Shea was installed as GFWC International President. Massachusetts hosted a reception following the installation of 2016-2018 GFWC Officers, Region Presidents, State Presidents, and Directors of Junior Clubs.

During the convention, GFWC Maryland was awarded: Partnership Award for HOBY, State Newsletter Contest, Brenda Bennett received the Charlotte Emerson Brown Award, the GFWC Woman’s Club of Laurel won 4th place in the GFWC Community Improvement Program, and the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster won Honorable Mention in the Club Creativity award for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

Member Photography awards: Betty Juergens won 2nd place for “Sunflower” in the category of Living Things. Susan Randolph won 1st place for “Recycling” in the Still Life category, and her photo of “Garden Beauty” will appear in the calendar for April in the category of “A Year in Pictures.”

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*The Young Columbians received a standing ovation for their State Night performance.*



**The GFWC Maryland Executive Committee—**

*Seated (L to R): Barbara Weldon, Dorothy Gregg, Reno Eitel, Brenda Bennett, Sandra Mattocks, and Jo Rousseau.*

*Standing (L to R): Bernadette Simon, Beverly Death, Cynthia Dykes, Dawn Donovan, Susan Krichten, Tin Tin Nu Raschid, and Karen Wasik.*

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Left to Right: Jo Rousseau, Janet Morgan, and Reno Eitel.

Convention highlights included the various tours around Baltimore, and a surprise appearance by the Drum Café. Drum Café provided a drum for each person, and we learned to work in harmony. Think about that—approximately 600 drums being hit in unison—Awesome!

Artist and author Suzy Toronto brought her wonderful wacky world to life for all listening. Convention also gave members the opportunity to learn about GFWC Partners, to recognize the achievements of fellow clubwomen, and to make new and lasting friendships.



Crackin' Crabs at Saturday evening's Traditional Maryland Crab Feast are Jo Miller (left) and Becca Wagman.

The 2016 Convention marked the close of President Babs J. Condon's administration. Over the last two years, President Condon and Director of Junior Clubs Cathy Jo Bryant have shown us how to "Live the Volunteer Spirit" with their whole hearts. We thank them for their leadership, guidance, and dedication during these past two years.

GFWC Maryland would like to thank Barbara Nunnari, GFWC-MD Convention Chairman, and Christy Swiger, GFWC-MD Fundraising Chairman, for their leadership, dedication and for everything



Becca Wagman (left) and Sandra Mattocks having a great time, working in harmony at the Drum Café.

they did for the state of Maryland during these past two years, from planning to completion.

To ALL Maryland Clubwomen who came and assisted with any of the jobs that needed to be done, and to those who came to Maryland State Night—Thank you! And thank you to all the awesome clubwomen who stayed for the entire convention, and worked every day, assisting with the State office, tours, hostesses, table decorations, snacks, doorkeepers, and the list goes on—Thank you!

*Brenda Bennett  
GFWC-MD President, 2014-2016*



Members of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. attending "Star Spangled State Night."



## Volunteers—Big Dreamers, Even Bigger Hearts



### *Kitty Cash, President*

*Catherine (Kitty) Cash has been a Maryland clubwoman since 2002, when she joined the Suburban Woman's Club. While a member of Suburban, Kitty served as club president, 2005-2008; district president, 2008-2010; and Montgomery County Thrift Shop president, 2010-2012; and treasurer, 2007 and 2014-2016. When Suburban disbanded in 2014, she became a member of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase and has served as its director ever since. Kitty was born and reared in Atlanta, Georgia, and was graduated from Georgia State University. She moved to the Washington, DC area in 1962, initially to work for the congressman from her district in Georgia. Except for two breaks for family moves to Germany, she spent the next 33 years working for the U.S. House of Representatives. While in Bonn, Germany, from 1976-1979, she served as a member on the boards of the Bonn American Community Association and the Bonn American Woman's Club. She is the proud mother of three adult children and has six beautiful grandchildren. The slogan for Kitty's administration is "Volunteers—Big Dreamers, Even Bigger Hearts."*

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.*

The state of the Bethesda Woman's Club is good! Club membership is recorded as steady at 51 members and growing. All of the appointed offices have been filled, and the new president, Melanie Williams, is looking forward to automating many of the club's functions and converting to a paperless environment. This will help preserve historical club documents, as well as create opportunities to increase savings on our operational costs.

Our clubhouse will get a much needed refresh when it is repainted in mid-July. We are also restoring the room upstairs into office space that can be used for club board and committee meetings and for other business purposes. New computers, in addition to a printer, will be secured for this purpose. A room will be created at the rear of the stage to increase the club's storage space, and to accommodate the overflow from the redesigned office.

Club members can also look forward to a rejuvenated Bridge Club under the leadership of new member Donna Courtney, also the incoming treasurer, who is working on creating more opportunities to play.

Some of the exciting programs that we are planning include our three annual fundraisers: the Yard Sale, the Silent Auction, and a Club favorite, Bingo! We are also organizing a Vendor Fair in the fall, and a spring High Tea. Stay tuned for more details on those events!

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, MD, Inc.*

One of our new fundraising initiatives in Spring 2016 was "Jazz for the Cause," a musical event and silent auction we

sponsored jointly with the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. Beneficiaries were Music Scholarships at Montgomery College, a long-standing annual commitment of the senior club, and Hearts & Homes and DC Diapers, beneficiaries supported by the Junior club for 2016. The Jazz Ensemble of Montgomery College gave a stunning performance, igniting the audience, and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School jazz group delighted all with their musical offerings. The Silent Auction, run by the Juniors, was a great success. The auditorium walls were decorated with the musically themed art of Lila Asher.

In May, new club officers were elected. Assuming their new positions were Marilyn Sherman, president; Kathy Flaxman, first vice-president; Dana Lane, second vice-president; Pat Gross, treasurer; Betsy Sanford, assistant treasurer; Terry Blank, recording secretary; Thelma Mrazek, assistant recording secretary; Diana Ditto, corresponding secretary; Christine Emmerman, assistant corresponding secretary.

Club prizes, in the form of books chosen according to the respective interests of each, were awarded at the annual meeting by Nathalie Bramson, outgoing president, to Diane Dandois & Mary Ourand, for extraordinary service leading the Clubhouse & Grounds Committee, including the oversight of a new boiler system, new roofing and other major physical improvements; to Dana Lane, for her work in revitalizing our Literature Section and Book Group; and to Lou Harrell, for her long-standing service in finance and treasury matters. In a further acknowledgement of her many, sustained contributions, a new fund will bear Lou's name.

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At this writing we have just had a festive Fourth of July cookout, and enjoyed the fantastic fireworks display produced by the Columbia Country Club, of which we have full view from across the street.

Our Annual Open House & Welcome Coffee will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, from 10 am to noon, at our clubhouse, 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. All are welcome! Come see and hear about our charitable activities and our different sections and committees focusing on International Affairs discussions, our Music events and concerts, our 42nd Annual Community Art Show & Sale on April 1-2, 2017, and many other activities in service to others and the fun we have in so doing (come to one of our congenial monthly Friday Potlucks!). Even if you belong to another club, perhaps small, check us out as the experience of ours and yours is likely quite different and perhaps complementary.

This coming fall our annual Treasure Trove—sale of gently used everything—and Used Book Sale will take place on the weekend of October 22, 2016. The following week we are planning an Arts & Crafts Fair for October 29, 2016.

The speakers appearing next fall to spring at our monthly luncheons, are as follows:

Kate Anderson Brower, author of “The Residence,” is a former CBS News staffer and Fox News producer, who spent four years covering the White House. The book, a remarkable history with elements of both “In The President’s Secret Service” and “The Butler,” offers an intimate account of the service staff of the White House from the Kennedys to

## Montgomery County District Highlights

Montgomery County District was well-represented at the GFWC Annual Convention, held the last week in June at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore. Our own Barbara Nunnari (Emeritus Club), convention chairman, and Christy Swiger (formerly Laytonsville, now Bethesda & Wicomico), fundraising chairman, did a spectacular job in making GFWC International President Babs Condon and the State of Maryland the “Hostess with the Mostest.” Barbara and Christy aren’t the only ones from Montgomery County District to help put on a good party though. Lots of helping hands joined with volunteers from other Maryland districts to lead tours for our visitors, make fresh floral arrangements for meals, and act as table hostesses at State Night.

And if you didn’t attend Star Spangled State Night, you really missed a special treat. The Young Columbians (from Columbia, MD), a group of about two dozen youngsters, entertained us with a “Spirit of America” program that brought the house to a standing ovation. The group put on a medley of popular American songs throughout the ages. Toes were tapping, candles from the tables were held aloft as though we were at an outdoor concert, and one half expected to see grown women hop up on the table to dance when the music from the fifties, sixties, and seventies began to play. Toby B. Orenstein is the artistic director and founder of this very talented group of middle and high school youth.

A special convention highlight for the district’s Laurel Woman’s Club was winning fourth place—and \$1500—for its Tummy Tamers Community Improvement Project. This innovative project provides weekend meals for needy children during the school year.

We say good-bye to Tin Tin Nu Rashid, our outgoing district president, 2012-2016. Tin Tin will be moving to Northern Virginia soon to be closer to family. She’s still going to be active in the Bethesda Woman’s Club, however, and has even agreed to head up the Youth Art program for the next two years. We’re not so lucky with Mary Jo Rodgers, who has been the district’s newsletter editor for the last two years and president of the former Suburban Woman’s Club, 2008-2010. Mary Jo has moved to Bethany and you ladies on the Eastern Shore would be lucky to have her as a club member once she settles in.

Our 2016-2018 district officers are Kitty Cash (Chevy Chase), president; Martha Oberle (Laytonsville), first vice-president; Judy Carver (Metropolitan), second vice-president; Mary Ellen Stevens (Silver Spring), recording secretary; Barbara Keller (Sandy Spring), corresponding secretary; Lou Harrell (Bethesda & Chevy Chase), treasurer; and Nabi Akinshangun (Chevy Chase Juniors), junior director. We look forward to a productive two years as we continue to support our primary district projects—the Montgomery College Foundation Endowment, domestic violence awareness and prevention, and youth art, along with a few other smaller projects. Our scholarship endowment at Montgomery College now has over \$70,000, in addition to a separate education loan fund sponsored by the district. As always, our projects are funded by our participation as volunteers at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop.

*Kitty Cash, Montgomery County District President*



the Obamas. Ms. Brower is also the author of "First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies." (October 19)

Pamela Wayne, wife of E. Anthony Wayne (Tony), career diplomat since 1975, considered "the diplomat's diplomat." Tony and Pamela served in Argentina, to which he was the U.S. Ambassador from November 2006 to June 2009 and in Afghanistan where he was Deputy Ambassador from May 2010 to June 2011. From 2011-15 he served as Ambassador to Mexico, where he led our largest bilateral mission in that country with great distinction. Over the years he also served various assignments in the State Department in Washington, to which the family recently returned. (November 16)

Sarah Blake, Washington-based author, published her debut novel, "Grange House," in 2001; it is set in Victorian era Maine. "The Postmistress," 2010, is set in 1940's Europe and Cape Cod. It received a favorable review by The New York Times, which compared it to Kathryn Stockett's "The Help." She is working on a new novel. (January 18, 2017)

Howard LaFranchi, international journalist, has been the Christian Science Monitor's diplomacy correspondent in DC since 2001. Prior to that, for the Monitor, he was a reporter in the field, serving as diplomatic correspondent based in Paris and in Mexico City. He covered the Iraq War from the Monitor's Baghdad's bureau. (February 15, 2017)

Sandra MacLean Clunies, professional genealogist, has been certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists since 1993. She is Past President of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists



*GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel—  
The Community Improvement Program  
4th Place Award Winner at the 2016  
GFWC Annual Convention in Baltimore.*

(APG) 2005-2008, past member of the Board of Directors of APG 2005-2008. She is the author of numerous books and articles. (March 15, 2017)

Marc Korman, Delegate to the Maryland State General Assembly. Marc was elected in 2014 and serves District 16 which borders the Potomac and the DC line in southern Montgomery County. From 2007-14 he represented District 16 on the Montgomery County Central Committee, the governing board of the local Democratic Party. (May 17, 2017)

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.*

The Woman's Club of Laurel has been busy packing grocery bags! The Weekend Tummy Tamers Program was our 2014-2016 CIP project. We are pleased and delighted to report that we received the first place award in the state for the Juniors' Special Project: Advocacy for Children. At this writing, we are anxiously awaiting the GFWC International Convention later this month. Our CIP project has moved on and has been chosen as one of the top five finalist in the nation! We are very excited to earn such acclaim for our "grass roots" effort that makes a difference in the lives of children in need.

With six teams of volunteers, members pack weekly bags of nutritious, kid friendly food items that are distributed to 20 children in a local elementary school. These children currently receive Free and Reduced Meals at school during the week. We include in our packing a family dinner item to help others in the household. We recently sent home a survey to these families and received positive feedback about what we are sending home and how we are helping. The project has involved many members to make it such a success. Members are shopping, planning and, of course, fundraising to keep this project financially feasible.

After many years, we have produced a new edition of the Woman's Club of Laurel Cookbook. This was done as a fundraising effort to raise money for our CIP project. The cookbooks were ready just in time for our annual Breakfast with Santa fundraiser and holiday gift giving.

During Laurel's annual Main Street Festival in May, pinwheels were handed out to participants to raise awareness of child abuse. The end of the year brought our installation dinner. Our new board of directors was installed at a dinner at the Ram's Head Tavern in Savage, MD. An exciting new administration is anticipated for 2016-2018.

Addendum—  
The GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel is very proud to announce that we were awarded 4th place at the GFWC International Convention for our Weekend Tummy Tamers Project and received a monetary gift of \$1500.00. Thank you and congratulations to all of our members who have worked to make this project so successful!

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### *GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club*

In 2015-2016 the Laytonsville Woman's Club took on a new project—cooking for the needy and homeless at The Lord's Table, an interfaith soup kitchen serving 50-100 guests every day, located at St. Martin of Tours Church in Gaithersburg. Usually our assignment is the food prep behind the scenes, while eighth grade students from St. Martin's School serve the meals. But when Pope Francis was visiting Washington, DC on September 23, 2015, and the eighth graders went downtown for an opportunity to see the pontiff, our members stepped up to handle everything. We benefit from good leadership because one of our charter members, Anna Mae Pointer, has volunteered at this soup kitchen from its very beginning 35 years ago. Our president, Peggy Burton Ols, has been volunteering there for about 8 years. Over the past year, our members have worked hard and enjoyed this opportunity to assist a very worthwhile program and to support our community.

In October, our club hosted the Montgomery County Board of Directors meeting for the fourth time. Jennifer Rutherford sang a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" as the invocation. Previously a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Jennifer and her husband relocated to Laytonsville. We're happy that she's a Laytonsville Woman's Club member now!

After our visit to Ruppert Nurseries Corporate Headquarters in Laytonsville last June, we were eager to see

these 700 acres of beautiful trees in their glorious fall color. That called for a hayride and a potluck lunch in November.

By January, after a week of shoveling, cranking up the snowblower, and waiting for the snowplow to find us, our members were happy just to get out of the house for a meeting, but when spring arrived, it was time to get out and visit some interesting places.

In April we organized a field trip to the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery. The museum's Executive Director, Dr. Winston Anderson, and Mr. Stanley Johnson, Dr. Anderson's partner in developing and maintaining the museum, welcomed us and gave a tour of the buildings and this fascinating historical collection of African-American items. Sandy Spring, only a few miles from Laytonsville, has the oldest free black community in Maryland. Dr. Anderson and Mr. Johnson developed a cultural center here to benefit the entire community through shared experiences and education. Four structures— a cutaway clipper ship, a N'debele



*Laytonsville members volunteering at The Lord's Table interfaith soup kitchen.*



*Laytonsville Club members visit the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery.*



*Laytonsville Club members enjoy a November Hayride at Ruppert Nurseries.*



hut, a slave cabin, and a museum—present different insights about African-American history.

Our next field trip came in May. We visited the GFWC headquarters in Washington, DC to tour the beautiful rooms and give our members an opportunity to learn more about the national organization.

This primary election year has been full of surprises, and none of the Laytonsville Woman's Club members who set up the sales tables at our two local polling places knew what to expect. All we knew for sure was that no one had ever seen so many political signs for every possible candidate popping up all over the polling site. The election results: We had steady traffic all day, and almost everyone stopped to chat and usually to buy something. That's how it goes in a small town. Since our members

usually belong to more than one local non-profit organization, we sell items for the town of Laytonsville, the Historical Center, and our own club. We sold out of almost everything—brooms, candy, Terri Lynn nuts, coffee mugs, town flags, and the town history book written by members Anne Wolf and Jane Evans.

Our final order of business was a return to designing and selling coverlets. Twice in the past, the Laytonsville Woman's Club has paired with the Laytonsville Lions Club to promote town history and fellowship with coverlet fundraisers. We've sold 550 coverlets over the years. Next year we will sell our popular cranberry coverlet from 1997, and we will also design and sell a new coverlet to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Laytonsville.

### *GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County, Inc.*

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The GFWC Metropolitan Community Club has a very exciting year planned for 2016-2017. This year, our 11th Annual Craft Fair will be held October 7-8, 2016, at The Town Hall in Garrett Park, MD. We will have about 20 vendors with a large variety of goods. We have an author/illustrator who will be signing her books. We invite members from clubs in Maryland to come and help support our fundraiser.

Our next project is a wreath sale where we purchase the wreaths from a vendor in New England who hires the handicapped and sell them locally. Our profit is given to local charities. We hope you might be interested in purchasing wreaths for your families and friends.

Although we are not a large club, we have several people interested in joining this year and we are pleased to have new members with new ideas. We look forward to sharing ideas and projects with the other clubs in the state and hope you have a successful and fun year!

### *University Park Woman's Club, Inc.*

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The University Park Woman's Club (UPWC) found the right plan to get through the winter blahs—come to the monthly meeting to visit with friends, have a delicious lunch prepared by our rotating hospitality team and be informed by a variety of interesting speakers.

At the January meeting, we were all encouraged to “Live a Balanced

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### **Montgomery County District Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention**

The Woman's Club of Bethesda spent 100% of the amount allocated by the Bethesda Board of Directors for individuals affected by domestic violence. The money was spent on preserving \$190 worth of licenses for an individual who needed the licenses to keep her job. In addition, Bethesda provided \$300 for diapers at the Betty Anne Kranke Shelter. The club spent \$445 for summer campships for the children at the same shelter. The Bethesda Club also provided \$1000 toward a playground at the Residential Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA).

Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs provided an additional \$5000 toward the playground at RICA. We have finally reached our goal of \$12,000 for this project. The playground now is in the beginning stages of being built (architectural plans). We are very proud that the “Women Power” of Montgomery County came together and planned this project with the staff at RICA. Many thousands of children will have safe and enjoyable equipment to provide healthy exercise in their formative years. Thanks to all the women in Montgomery County who have worked at the Thrift Shop and in other ways to make this project possible.

*Margie Shiflett, Chairman  
Montgomery County District*

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT REPORT

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Life” by a physical therapist who answered our questions and allayed our concerns. David Brosch, a resident artist at Montpelier Arts Center, highlighted February’s meeting and shared his story of how he went from architect to artist. He showed several of his works and educated the members on the printmaking technique.

As we all looked forward to making warm weather travel plans, a team of three of our own frequent flyers provided lots of ideas for weekend travel and even overseas trips. Choosing the ideal suitcase, what and how to pack, what to leave home, and safety tips were covered with lots of humor and visual aids. As the daffodils were appearing, we welcomed the founder and president of Canine Partners for Life. We marveled over the assistance the specially trained dogs provided for the disabled, not only being their eyes and ears, but being aware of medical and daily needs. As the days were finally warmer, the designers from a new local shop, Green Owl Designs, brought us up-to-date on current colors and styles to view old home spaces with fresh ideas. We enjoyed seeing photos of some of their lovely finished projects.

In support of our fine University Park Elementary School PTA, club members joined a few hundred others in the annual 5K Run Azalea Classic. This is a huge PTA fundraiser. As the name suggests the race winds through the streets of University Park, blooming with azaleas. Some members run, or maybe walk. Others pass cups of water to the parched and even have some fun dousing those who prefer water over their heads. The club’s



*University Park Woman’s Club Past President Maxie Phillips, with a portrait done of her by artist David Brosch.*

financial contribution qualifies the UPWC as a PTA supporter. A few hours invested on a spring Saturday morning was time well spent.

The highlight of our end of the year luncheon was the awarding of scholarships to three outstanding local high school graduates. The club was able to award an additional scholarship because of the success of the Holiday House Tour fundraiser. The recipients gave us reason to be proud of our selection committee’s hard work and encouraged us to plan for an increase in funds for the awards for next year.

The club’s annual spring garden tour was changed to a summer Saturday afternoon in June. What a wonderful event to end our 2015-2016 year! Visitors strolled in the sunny, comfortable weather and met gardeners who happily displayed new landscaping ideas, raised vegetable beds, renewed old perennials, relocated shrubs, and a colorful array of flowering annual plants. It was a wonderful day to

appreciate the beauty of our neighborhood and then relax over refreshments in a member’s lovely garden.

The UPWC website has been finalized by a few tech savvy members. It will be another resource to keep the community aware of what the UPWC is doing. We are fortunate to have available to us for publicity purposes the monthly Town Newsletter, a local email “list-serv,” and now our website. Our website at [www.upwomensclub.org](http://www.upwomensclub.org) presents our club as vivacious, interesting and inviting to a wider circle of people. After 75 years, the University Park Woman’s Club is stronger and better than ever.

## *GFWC The Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring*

The Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring is alive and well. We are enjoying our 112th year together as a club. We are a small club, only 20 members so that we can meet in each others’ homes. We are all good friends and look forward to our meetings.

Our main project right now is to publish our new book on the history of The Wednesday Club, from 1979 to 2015. This new book will be an addition to our first book, “Looking Back 75 Years.”

Our contributions go to HOBY, Sandy Spring Museum, Hero Dogs, Our House and mostly to Laytonsville “Safe Haven” House. The house has 10 ladies who live there. We go every few weeks to take them fruit, donuts, puzzles, magazines, cards and books for their enjoyment. At Christmas time we take ten large gift bags full of personal items, goodies, and a \$25.00 gift card for each lady.

We look forward to the printing of our new book, and to the future.



# LEADERSHIP SKILLS

## Delegating and Shaping New Club Leaders

*Sharing responsibilities keeps members interested and enthusiastic about your club. You might be reluctant to delegate because you want to make sure the job is done "right." However, your way is generally only one of a variety of ways that a job can be done well. If club members are not asked to take on responsibility, they may feel unimportant and become apathetic.*

### REASONS TO DELEGATE...

When a leader delegates responsibilities, members:

- Become more enthusiastic, involved, and dedicated
- Share tasks, allowing the club to undertake more projects and activities
- Can complete club projects in a time-efficient manner
- Develop skills and experiences that allow them to step into club leadership roles
- Grow a club that runs smoothly and effectively

### BENEFITS TO LEADERS...

- Not being spread too thin and "burning out"
- Gaining satisfaction from watching members grow and develop
- Acquiring more experience in executive and administrative functions

### WAYS TO DELEGATE...

After thoroughly explaining the requirements and deadlines:

- Ask for volunteers by a show of hands or sign-up sheet.
- Appoint or suggest someone for the task. This shows confidence in her ability and potential.
- Assign the task through a committee to take the pressure of the individual or new leader.

### GUIDELINES FOR EFFECTIVE DELEGATION

- Support members by sharing resources, information, knowledge, and plans with them. Delegate meaningful segments or portion of tasks.
- Discuss the assigned task and mutually set goals and objectives. Clearly define the responsibilities, expectations, and bounds of authority for each delegated task. Emphasize the end goal, rather than the steps to encourage creativity and innovation, while retaining focus.
- Give accurate, honest, and tactful feedback to encourage growth.

***Really delegate! As a leader, it can be hard to let go because you like being the doer, but let your appointees do their assigned jobs.***

# TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND

## Give an Environmental Gift... the Gift of Trees for only \$40.00 per Tree

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## 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.*

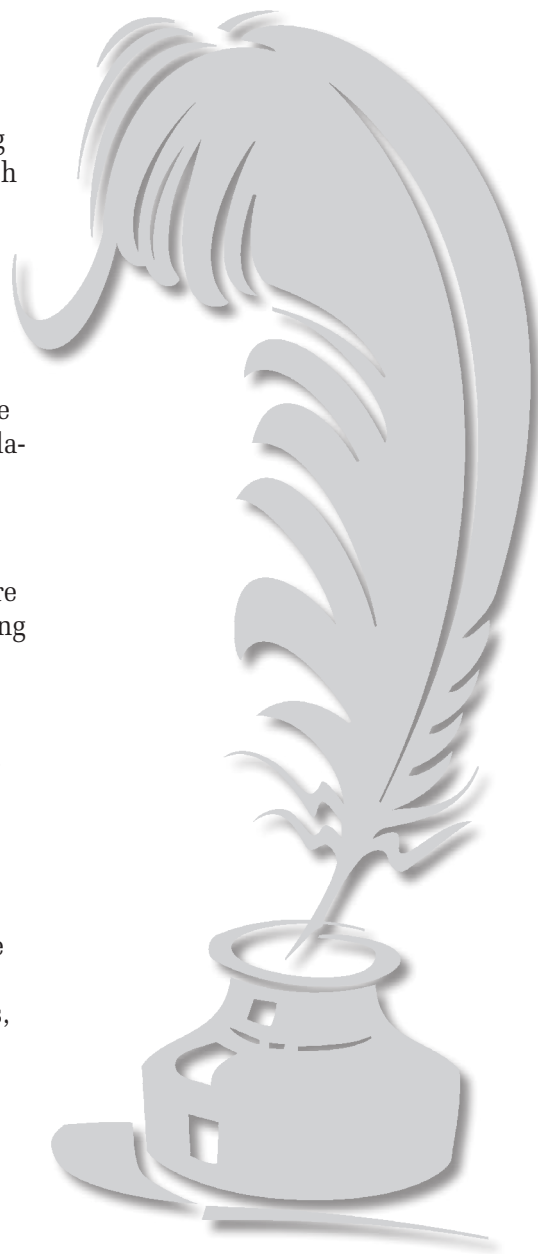
*NOTE: If organization has a board of directors or executive committee which is required to report at meetings, then the report is given at this point. Presiding officer says, “We will now have the report of the board of directors (or executive committee).” It is read by the secretary. If there are any 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.*

*Barbara Weldon  
GFWC-MD Parliamentarian*





**The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up/Renew for 2016-2017!**

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

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2016 thru August 2017. Your page can also include photos. Each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website. Feel free to e-mail Dawn with any comments or questions about our state website at *gfwcmdweb@gmail.com*.

**To join us for the new club year...**

Mail or email the form below to:

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GFWC-MD Webmaster  
20 Hallview Court  
Baltimore, MD 21236-4731*

Make your check payable to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs and mail to:

*Anita Becker  
GFWC-MD Treasurer  
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Baltimore, MD 21222*

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Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address for Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include the Date, Time and Location for each Club Meeting and/or Special Event you have scheduled from September 2016 through August 2017. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.*

September _____	May _____
October _____	June _____
November _____	July _____
December _____	August _____
January _____	Special Events ( <i>date, time, location, brief description</i> )
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April _____	_____



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