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GFWC MARYLAND DIRECTORY

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GFWC INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear Federation Sisters,

**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**



I am proud of GFWC. I am honored to become the 52nd GFWC International President. I am excited about the 2018-2020 administration and what we will accomplish during these two years with your hand in mine.

"Unity in Diversity", GFWC's motto, illustrates that our strength is in the diversity of our members and our programs. Diversity will be one of the two emphasis areas of this administration. We will enhance our diversity by broadening who we are, what we do, who we work with, and what we know. Our clubs and international affiliates are encouraged to work together on projects. We will broaden our diversity across the country and around the world, with your hand in mine.

Legislation will be the second emphasis area as legislation is a large part of our history and our past accomplishments. During this administration we will be sure that all members understand the process of how a bill becomes a law and how they can participate in the process. We will be sure that members of Congress recognize the GFWC brand by the "Recognize The Red" Campaign. All communications to legislators will be signed by members with GFWC after the signature in "RED". Our intent will be to select two bills and work actively for them to become laws. In addition, we will select one bill and on one day all members of GFWC will call their legislator to urge action on it. We will go back to our roots, raise our voices and reclaim our role as the organization that can make things happen, with your hand in mine.



There will be 7 Grand Initiatives for this administration, grand in that they each have 1,000 as part of the goal. We seek to have 1,000 members each donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign; to have 1,000 service projects performed on Martin Luther King Day, the National day of Service; to have 1,000 members sign up for the Legislative Action Center; to have 1,000 projects completed for the women in the military; to have 1,000 trees planted by clubs on Arbor Day; to have 1,000 pairs of shoes donated by clubs to the Nike "reuse-a-shoe" or to "Soles for Souls"; and to have 1,000 Dr. Seuss books in different languages donated on his birthday to DC area and club's local inner city kids programs. We will accomplish these Initiatives with your hand in mine.

We will remember the blessings we have received by belonging to GFWC and the work of others in GFWC on "Thank you Tuesday" by writing in a journal, or sending a note on a job well done or posting your blessing or note on the GFWC "Thank You Tuesday" Facebook page. We will remember our blessings with your hand in mine.

I am so very excited about the heights we will reach as members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs during these next two years together with your hand in mine. Take my hand. Let us begin!

With Love,

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Brock

2018-2020 GFWC International President



GFWC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Dear Federation Friends,

“Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change.” - Barbara A. Mikulski. It is such a great honor and privilege to represent all of you as the 2018–2020 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs! It is very humbling, considering all of the incredible clubwomen that have served before me.

My theme for 2018–2020 is, “Together, We Make The Difference,” because we do make the difference” ... in our communities, our country, and our world! Volunteering is what makes the community you live in your “hometown.” I am looking forward to meeting many of you and finding out how you and your club are changing the world by living the volunteer spirit.

This administration, we will continue to make a difference in our world through the life of a child with our Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children! Advocating for children affected by human trafficking and mental health conditions has a huge impact on our society. Adverse emotional effects among trafficked children are depression, hopelessness, guilt, shame, flashbacks, nightmares, loss of confidence, lower self-esteem, and anxiety. Children with mental health disorders can experience a range of conditions, including: anxiety disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorders (ASD), eating disorders, mood disorders, and schizophrenia. GFWC Clubwomen can make a significant difference by educating the public on these issues, supporting our healthcare community, and empowering families! GFWC is partnered with two organizations that believe in the future of our children. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and March of Dimes have made commitments to our membership by continuing as GFWC partners. Take the opportunity to support them for our common goal of advocating for children! GFWC has declared the fourth week in October as GFWC Advocates for Children Week. The 2018– 2020 Club Manual is an excellent resource for project ideas to plan special awareness activities so you and your club can participate all week long.

To quote author Dannion Brinkley: “The quickest way to change the world is to be of service to others. Show that your love can make a difference in the lives of people and thereby someone else's love can make a difference in your life. By each of us doing that and working together we change the world one inner person at a time. ” The untiring service we give to our communities and the dedicated efforts to improve the quality of life through education and strengthening the home has and will continue to make the difference!

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Trisha Schafer

TRISHA SCHAFFER

Director of Junior Clubs

**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN’S CLUBS**





Federation Friends,

Thank you so much for your confidence in me to be able to hold the office of the President of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. I was humbled and honored to be installed as your GFWC MD President at the 2018 Convention in Columbia, Maryland.

The theme for the 2018-2020 Administration will be "***Clubwomen Give Life a Sparkle by Living the Volunteer Spirit.***" The emblem will be a snowflake. Volunteers are like the snowflakes. Each is unique and one of a kind. But together, they make a difference.

Watch words for this administration will be appreciate, communicate, cooperate and celebrate. We appreciate all that you do for your communities. When we communicate our ideas with others we can cooperate and share in our needs and success. When we have worked together for the successful completion of our programs we will have much to celebrate as we work to improve the lives of others.



We know how to make life sparkle!

My special project for this administration will be military families. Regardless of the status of our military personnel, active or veterans, their families are dealing with the effect of their sacrifice of service. I hope that our clubs **will add some sparkle to the lives of our military families.**

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Summer Workshop on August 18 at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse. Please join us for the September 18th Board of Director's Meeting in Bowie, Maryland to start the new club year. This meeting will showcase the "**Marketplace of Possibilities**" where state chairmen will showcase materials for the GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects.

Together with the Director of Junior Clubs, Andrea Lilly, we will work hard to do our best for every clubwoman in Maryland during the next two years. I look forward to working with our clubwomen as they demonstrate all the creative ways they use the volunteer spirit to add sparkle to the lives of those in their communities.

Warmly,

Dottie Gregg

Dottie Gregg
GFWC Maryland President 2018-2020



FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

It is such an honor to be writing to you for the first time as your Maryland Director of Junior Clubs. I am so excited for the opportunity to represent our state's Junior Clubs. For the past two years, Becca Wagman has opened our minds to "Broken Crayons Still Color" and inspired us to better the lives of children. As we move forward over the next two years I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with Maryland State President, Dottie Gregg, and the rest of the Maryland Executive Committee. I know that together we will do great things for our communities and I look forward to maintaining a great relationship between our Junior and General Members.



During these next two years, we will focus on the phrase "Take Me Out to the Park". It is so easy to lose focus of what truly matters. I believe we need to care for our beautiful world before it is too late. Let us take time to plant trees, promote fresh air and beautify our land.

As Woodsy, the owl reminds us to "Give a Hoot Don't Pollute" and Smokey the Bear says "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"; I want to encourage our clubs to plant trees for example, or adopt a conservation program to help students learn about our environment. Let us take care of our beaches and wildlife before they disappear. I want us to involve our communities in the Three R's of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle; and to support our Tree-Mendous Maryland Project.

As Maryland Juniors and all Maryland clubwomen, we are in this together to make our world a better place to live and the air we breathe to be fresh and clean.

I want to thank all members of GFWC Maryland for their support and recognize the hard work, service, and friendship they continue to provide. We will strive for greatness through setting an example for future generations to follow.

I hope to see you all at our Junior Fall Conference at our beautiful Headquarters House in Washington, D.C.! More details are to come, but be ready for a day filled with service, fun, and sisterhood.

In Federation Love,

Andrea Lilly

Andrea Lilly
Maryland Director of Junior Clubs 2018-2020



Dottie Gregg

President

Dottie has been a resident of Cecil County since 1957. After retirement from teaching for Cecil County Public Schools, she looked for other ways to stay involved in her community. This led her to join the Maryland Federation as a member of The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. in 2003. Shortly after she joined, she was asked to be club president. She accepted that challenge and served as club president for ten years. She served the 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, vice-president and president elect. Dottie has enjoyed attending SER and GFWC conventions and continues to enjoy the friendships of fellow clubwomen.

Dottie enjoys traveling to new places with her family and treasures quality time with her grandchildren in her spare time. She remains active in her local Eastern Star Chapter.

Andrea Lilly

Director of Junior Clubs

Andrea was born in Salisbury, Maryland and was raised in Pocomoke City on the Del-marvelous Eastern Shore. She attended Salisbury University and took classes at Wor-Wic Community College. Andrea recently retired after working almost 32 years at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. Andrea has four adult children (Jeffrey, Lindsay, Amanda, and Gregory) and is currently enjoying her 20-month-old grandson, Hugh. She is 30 years married to her best friend and love of her life, Don. Andrea teaches pre-k/k Sunday school with her husband and serves her church and community each week whether it is teaching senior adults, vacation bible school or going to story time at the local library. Andrea joined the Pocomoke JWC nearly 28 years ago. She has served as President several times and holds the record for longest term in office. She has served on the GFWC Maryland Juniors as Conservation Chairman, served as District Chairman for Junior Special Project-Advocates for Children and as the Eastern Shore District Junior Director. She has chaired a number of committees in her home club and served on the GFWC Maryland Juniors as Director-Elect of Junior Clubs.

Andrea has proudly received the Outstanding Junior Clubwoman award from the Maryland Juniors. Andrea has enjoyed her involvement with this amazing organization and cherishes the many friendships she has made along the way. She looks forward to these next two years as Director of Junior Clubs for Maryland. Her love of the outdoors serves as her inspiration for her theme: "Take me out to the Park" as we work together to keep America Beautiful.



2018-2020 GFWC MARYLAND LEADERSHIP



GFWC Maryland Officers, 2018-2020: (L to R) Dottie Gregg, President; Karen Wasik, President-Elect; Cynthia Dykes, Vice President; Mary Snyder, Recording Secretary; Mikki Stratmeyer, Corresponding Secretary; Anita Becker, Treasurer; Andrea Lilly, Director of Junior Clubs.



Karen Wasik
President-Elect

Karen joined the Woman’s Club of Bethesda, Inc. in 1995 and Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase, Inc. in 1998. She served as MFWC Ronald McDonald House chair, Montgomery County District as Finance Chairman, First Vice-President, and President. As past president she was invited to join the Emeritus Club and served this club as Treasurer and as President. She has held numerous chairs and offices as a member of the Bethesda Women’s Club. She continues to serve and is now Legislative Committee Chairman and Club Hospitality Function Chairman. Karen has five children and thirteen grandchildren with her first husband. When she married her husband Mark, she was able to add three adult children and seven grandchildren to her family. Karen’s working career included the U.S. Treasury, Catholic University, Activities Director, Jr. school Ombudsman, Pre-school teacher, ending with being a Reading and Study Skills tutor. For 30 years she has been a docent at Washington Cathedral. She believes that these MFWC clubs have afforded her the opportunity of meeting, working with, and learning from women who selflessly volunteer.



Cynthia Dykes
Vice-President/Dean of Chairmen

Cynthia was born and raised in Salisbury, MD. She received her Bachelor’s Degree at Salisbury University, and then graduated with a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. Cynthia spent 20 years in the D.C. area working in various positions with the U.S. Courts, the highest of which was Clerk of Court for a U.S. Court of Appeals. In 2001, she relocated to Salisbury and helped take care of her mother until she passed in 2006. In 2007, Cynthia joined the GFWC Wicomico Woman’s Club, Inc., where she served as Public Issues Chairman, Recording Secretary, Vice-President and President. She currently serves as Corresponding Secretary, Resolutions Chairman and Financial Officer for WWC. Cynthia served the Eastern Shore District as Vice-President 2012-2014 and served as Eastern Shore District President for two terms, 2014-2016 and 2016-2018. She currently serves as the Resolutions Chairman for the new Chesapeake District. She was the 2012 LEADS Graduate for MD. She has served GFWC MD as Leadership Chairman since 2012 and as Bylaws Co-Chair since late 2015. She is active in her church and enjoys cooking, reading, knitting, sewing and watching old movies.



Mary Snyder

Recording 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. She joined the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. in 1986. Mary has served her club as chairman of the Mardi Gras Committee, Finance, Corresponding Secretary, President 2002-2004, Treasurer 2008-2012 and 2018-2020, Trustee from 2012-2018. Mary is proud of the fact that under her guidance as President, the club committed to a Community Improvement Project, the Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County. In 2004, at the International Convention in Orlando, the club received a 5th place 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 and helped that organization become a 501(c)3 non-profit. She is past president of President of Western District's Centennial Club. Mary has served Western District as President 2012-2014, First Vice-President, and Treasurer. She has served GFWC-MD as Chairman of Membership 2011-2012, 2014-2016 Chairman of the Convention and Meetings, and Corresponding Secretary 2016-2018. Mary and her husband David live in Jefferson, MD.



Mikki Stratmeyer

Corresponding Secretary

Mikki has been a Federation member since 1985. She joined the Frederick, MD Junior Woman's Club in 1986 and served in various chairmanships. In 1990 she joined the Frederick, MD Civic Club, Inc. She served as president 2006-2008 and again in 2014-16. Her major focus was the continuing restoration of their historic landmark clubhouse, Steiner House, in Frederick Maryland. This past year she was Chair of the Mardi Gras Ball Committee which puts on their major fundraiser for the Frederick Woman's Civic Club. She has been the Maryland Membership Chair and 6 years the Maryland Conservation Chair. Mikki lives with her husband, Mel, of 52 years in New Market, Maryland.



Anita Becker

Treasurer

Anita is serving her second term as Treasurer of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. She joined GFWC The Woman's Club of Dundalk in 2014 and served as Treasurer of the club January 2015 – June 2018. This year she was elected President of The Woman's Club of Dundalk. Anita was selected as the GFWC Maryland LEADS candidate in 2016. 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.



2018 MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION

119th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention and General-Junior Meeting April 21-22, 2018 in Columbia, MD

The 119th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention and General-Junior Meeting was held at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel in Columbia, Maryland with GFWC Maryland President Reno Eitel and GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs presiding. The convention combined the themes of President Eitel, “Women Creating Positive Change...Living the Volunteer Spirit” and Junior Director Wagman, “Broken Crayons Still Color” for the first combined Junior-General annual meeting for Maryland Clubwomen.

Campaign. President Eitel presented a check on behalf of the Maryland Federation of Women’s Club members. Youth Art Winners were

Special committee reports were presented to the membership. Julie Gibbs, Strategic Long Range Planning Committee Chair, presented a comprehensive report on the progress and success of the consolidation of the Eastern Shore District, the Southern District and Baltimore District into a new district to be named The Chesapeake District. Cynthia Dykes, By-Laws Chair, presented proposed amendments as presented in the Call to Convention. All by-law changes were passed by the Federation. All amendments to the by-laws will be included in the new directory as well as posted on the



GFWC MD President Reno Eitel congratulates the 2017 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman.



Bryan LaFollett (L) and Patrick McKay (R) of the West Virginia Highlanders of Davis & Elkins College perform for convention attendees.

announced using a Powerpoint presentation which enabled all members to have a good view of the winning artwork. Winners who were present showed their art work and were presented checks for their prizes. President Eitel especially thanked Celeste Riddle for her tireless leadership with our Youth Art Program. **The Rookie of the Year for the Maryland Juniors was announced as Christiana McQuaid. The Outstanding Maryland Junior Clubwoman was announced as Dana Webster.** Babs Condon, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Chair presented the nominees for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman.



Author Susan M. Boyer entertained luncheon attendees with stories and inspiration surrounding her Low Country Boil Series.

After a Citation of Appreciation for The Federation’s outstanding services to their community by Governor Larry Hogan, a welcome and greeting was given by the Howard County Executive, Allan H. Kitterman. He presented a Certificate of Recognition to acknowledge the dedication of our members to women’s programs.

President Eitel and Junior Director Wagman alternated presiding at this joint meeting of Maryland Generals and Juniors. The budgets for both the Juniors and Generals were presented and approved. Patricia Ann Rodriguez gave an impressive presentation on the Capital

After each nominee was presented with a flower, the winner of the 2017 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman was announced as Judy Carver. She was presented with a crystal plaque and invited to be a guest of the Federation at the Honoring The Past Luncheon. Guest speaker for the luncheon was Susan M. Boyer, an author who charmed and entertained those in attendance with her stories of adventures that she has used for her series of Low Country Books. After the luncheon, there was an opportunity for members to purchase her books at a book signing activity.

Maryland Federation website. Carol Feser, a member of Frederick Woman’s Civic Club, Inc. was announced as the Maryland Federation LEADS winner. She was presented a stipend check to attend the GFWC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri in June.

The Saturday evening banquet, “Celebrating the Present” was held in the Lakeview Ballrooms. Music was provided by Mr. Lee Thomas. The Maryland Officers presented a **“Heard it Through the Grapevine”** skit to showcase their work

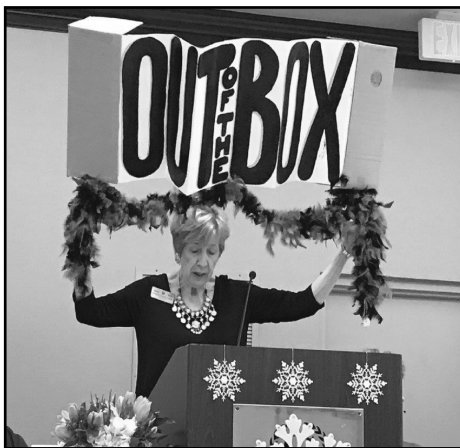
2018 MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION



for the past two years. **Convention Club Breakfast** with the District Presidents shared their efforts for the past two years in a presentation that concluded by recognizing that their number would change from five to three as they welcomed Janet Morgan as the candidate for the president of the new Chesapeake District into their group. The Junior Officers entertained with a **\$100,000 Pyramid** Game Show skit to showcase the work of the Maryland Juniors for the past year. Following the banquet, members joined Christy Swiger, Fundraising Chair, for an entertaining evening with fabulous prizes at **Night Owl Bingo**.

Members who had previously attended a GFWC Convention enjoyed an “early” **Convention Club Breakfast** with delicious food and lots of entertainment. A beautiful memorial service was conducted by Babs Condon and Jo Harp, Membership co-chairs.

Representatives from clubs were asked to come forward and place an angel on a lighted tree in memory of each of the Federation sisters from their clubs who had passed away during this administration. Beverly Death read a courtesy resolution for Honorary President, Maggie Gresham, who led the Maryland Federation from 1974-1976.



Clubwomen were entertained by the “Out of the Box” Special Project Category.

GFWC MD Vice President, Karen-Wasik, presided during the presentation of the Community Service Programs and Special Project Reports. All were entertained by a

new category, “**Out of the Box**” which recognized and awarded activities of special projects by clubs. Junior Director Rebecca Wagman presented the names of the winning clubs. GFWC Maryland answered a **GFWC Conservation Challenge** this year by creating an outfit using reusable tote bags for material. Past International President Babs Condon modeled a dress made entirely of reusable tote bags designed with Maryland symbols. All were fascinated at the creative use of reusable tote bags. The Keynote speaker for Sunday morning session was Kendel Ehrlich, 2003-2007 Maryland First Lady. Reports were



Babs Condon models her outfit made out of reusable tote bags as part of the GFWC Conservation Challenge.

given by GFWC Maryland President Reno Eitel and GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs Rebecca Wagman to share the many activities that kept them busy for this past year by sharing some of the accomplishments of this administration as they represented the Maryland Federation so well with grace and pride.

The credentials report for the convention and the nominating report for the 2018-2020 Administration was given. President Eitel announced that since there were

no further nominations from the floor and according to the by-law change adopted the day before to Article IV, Section 3-Officers...” in the event there is only one candidate for an office ballots may be dispensed with and the chair may simply declare that the candidate is elected, thus affecting the election by unanimous consent or acclamation.” After a delicious “Welcoming the Future” luncheon, **The GFWC Maryland Officers for 2018-2020 as well as the Maryland Junior Officers** were installed by Julie Gibbs, Honorary President 2008-2010. Those installed were as follows: Andrea Lilly, Director of Junior Clubs; Rosemary Thomas, Junior Director elect; Grace Kelly-Lawler, Junior Secretary; Dana Bodley, Junior Treasurer. Dottie Gregg, President; Karen-Marie Wasik, President-elect; Cynthia Dykes, Vice-President; Mary Snyder, Recording Secretary; Mikki Stratmeyer, Corresponding Secretary; and Anita Becker, Treasurer. Following the Installation of Officers, President Reno Eitel and Honorary President



Past and newly-installed State Presidents and Junior Directors usher in a new

Brenda Bennett invited all to join the “**Clubwomen Give Life a Sparkle by Living the Volunteer Spirit**” reception for the incoming 2018-2020 Maryland State and Junior Officers. The 2018 Annual Convention General-Junior Meeting concluded with the joint passing of the gavel by President Eitel and Incoming President Gregg along with Junior Director Becca Wagman and Incoming Junior Director Andrea Lilly.



OUTSTANDING MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

Judy Carver named Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2017



Past President Reno Eitel with Judy Carver, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2017.

Judy Carver of the GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County has been named Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2017. Read below for what Babs Condon, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Committee Chair had to say about Judy:

The 2017 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman is a woman who has been and remains an inspiration to all members of our Federation. Her club describes her as having an intrepid spirit and commitment to helping others as the focus of her life.

She has served as club president and vice president a number of times, and has been their Home Life Chairman spearheading their club's involvement with more than eight different charities. She has served at her district level as an officer and a board member for years. Locally, she has been instrumental in setting up a scholarship program at a nearby college, serves on a county Leadership council and on her high school alumnae board for which she actively helps with their fundraising.

She serves on another local board that positively impacts homeless people by helping to place them in safe and welcoming homes. In addition, she owns a business that offers training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Automated External Defibrillator and basic safety. She also works with her church aiding people who need transportation to medical treatments. Her club says she is a positive and highly motivated spirit—a truly selfless individual who is an excellent role model for Federation. **Judy is a natural choice for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and we are honored to award her such distinction.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Mark your Calendars: Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie, Maryland.

Montgomery County District will host the September Board of Director's Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie, Maryland. **This meeting will feature a "Marketplace of Possibilities".**

All GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs club presidents and district presidents and members are invited to attend. This is your marketplace for ideas and information. The MFWC Maryland state chairmen of the Community Service programs, Special Programs, GFWC Signature Project, Junior Special Project, MFWC state Special Project, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and special contests will be presenting reports containing information you will need for your reporting in January 2019. They will give some new ideas and approaches for projects your club could use during the upcoming 2018-2020 MFWC administration. They have gathered sources and materials to give you concerning all of these philanthropic areas. Packets containing forms, directions you will need in your reporting and club activities will be distributed. The GFWC Partnership programs will also be highlighted for your information.

This is the meeting to become invigorated and educated. You will be inspired by the knowledge you receive from the Chairmen, the officers' reports, the questions members ask, the answers they receive and the interaction with other attendees. Plan to attend this meeting as you will have all the above opportunities as well as that of meeting your Maryland officers and committee chairmen and be able to ask questions you have concerning any of the information you will receive. You see, it really will be a Market of Possibilities for you. Use this day to make new friends, find new resources for your club's charitable work, discover new projects, and learn new approaches to programs. Y'all come - we'll be waiting for you!

Directions to the hotel will be included in the Call which will be sent later. Arrangements have been made for any clubwomen who wish to arrive the night before to take advantage of a special room rate of \$107.50. A full breakfast is included in the room rate. There is no code to be used. However, you must tell the hotel that you are GFWC Maryland to receive this special rate.

SUMMER WORKSHOP

The GFWC Summer Workshop Deadline is fast approaching: This year, the Summer Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 18th at the GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

All members of the federation are invited to attend. All club presidents, treasurers, chairmen, and state chairmen should attend. Any member involved in reporting should attend.

-When-

Saturday, August 18th, 2018

10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Registration: 9:15 AM - 10:00AM; \$3.00 registration fee at door.

Please bring your own bag lunch

-Where-

GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse

7931 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

-Reservations-

Reservation deadline: August 4, 2018.

Mail to: Anne Forrester, Reservations Chairman
31 Frankensberry Drive
Georgetown, DE 19947

-Agenda-

GFWC Program Updates

Reporting

Mini Leads Workshop

Lots of information on our favorite topics



MARYLAND WEBSITE

The Official GFWC Maryland Website -- Sign-up/Renew for 2018-2019!

WWW.GFWCMD.ORG is the official website of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Anyone with an Internet connection - at home, at work or at their local library - can access information about The Maryland Federation just by going to WWW.GFWCMD.ORG. Our website includes information on upcoming meetings, districts, and clubs, as well as GFWC Community Service Programs and Advancements, and will be kept up-to-date by our State Webmaster Rebecca Wagman.

Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2018 through August 2019. Your page can also include photos. Each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website.

When submitting content for the website, please name your files and photos as "Club Name_Event(Newsletter)_Date(mm-dd-yy)" so we can keep all of our files organized!

CONTINUING this year - the GFWC Maryland also has its own Facebook Page!

Find us on Facebook by searching "GFWC Maryland Federation" or visit us directly: <https://www.facebook.com/gfwcmd/>. Clubs are welcome to post their events and photos to this page, and we will highlight content from our GFWC Maryland Website.

Feel free to e-mail Rebecca Wagman, GFWC Maryland Webmaster, with any comments or questions about our state website at gfwcmdweb@gmail.com.

Now is the time to **RENEW** and update your club listing for \$10.00.

Now is the time to **SIGN-UP** for a NEW club listing for \$15.00 and join us online!

To join us in the new club year, submit your website registration form (See Page 20) to:

Rebecca Wagman
GFWC-MD Webmaster
96 Bond Street
Westminster, MD 21157

OR

gfwcmdweb@gmail.com

Please submit your website registration fee (*listed above*) to:

Anita Becker
GFWC-MD Treasurer
1601 Delvale Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

Please make all checks payable to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

IN MEMORY OF KAYTEE MIZELL

GFWC Maryland President
1986-1988
Southeastern Region President
1994-1996

Our GFWC Maryland Federation is saddened by the loss of our dearly loved Honorary President Katherine "Kaytee" Bart Mizell on April 28, 2018. Kaytee was a member of GFWC for 68 years. She served as President of GFWC MD from 1986-1988. Her theme was Volunteerism: A Service of Love. Her special project was Save the Bay. During her administration, The 91 clubs in the state donated over \$20,000 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Kaytee served as GFWC Art Department Chair from 1988-1990. Later, she served as the Southeastern Region President from 1994-1996.



JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

2018

Junior Fall Conference 2018 will be held at International Headquarters in Washington, D.C. during the month of October. Remain on the lookout for the official announcement and call from Junior Leadership in the coming weeks.

GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Meeting

Old Salem

Nov
1st-4th

Doubletree Hotel

GFWC of North Carolina
invites you to
Winston Salem, NC

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Winston Salem - University
5790 University Parkway,
Winston Salem, NC, 27105
Phone: +1-336-767-9595
FAX: +1-336-744-1888

GFWC-NC

Reynolda House/Gardens

Winkler Bakery

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS!

2018-2019 Club membership dues are due by December 1, 2018.

General Clubs	\$20.50/member
Junior Clubs	\$20.50/member
Juniorette Clubs	\$15.50/member

Please use the GFWC -MD Club Treasurer Payment Form (downloadable at gfwcmd.org) to submit your dues. The same GFWC MD Club Treasurer Payment Form should also be used to submit the following donations. **These are the only donations made through the state treasurer:**

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

Mail dues payments and the above donation campaigns to **Anita Becker, 1601 Delvale Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222**. Make checks out to GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. For recognition at the 2019 Maryland State Convention, donations must be received at least three weeks prior to the convention.

The following donations should be sent directly to the respective chairmen and checks should be made out to the organization:

- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**
Christy Swiger, 117 Comanche Circle,
Millsboro, DE 19966,
- **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)**

Anne Yakaitis, 7802 Cypress Landing Road,
Severn, MD 21144

The following donations should be sent directly to the organization :

- **CARE** (make checks out to CARE)
15 Ellis Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
- **Tree-Mendous Maryland** (make checks out to Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources)
Tree-Mendous Maryland, Tawes State Office Bldg., Suite E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401
Mail copy to Julie Gibbs, P.O. Box 419, Ocean City, MD 21843



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



GFWC Maryland Clubwomen at International Convention.



"Wonder Woman" was the winning costume from the GFWC Conservation Challenge.



Past Maryland President Reno Eitel being installed as SER Treasurer.

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



On June 9th, 2018, the first officers of the new Chesapeake District were installed under the guidance and leadership of President Gregg.



President Gregg presides over the installation of officers for the new Chesapeake District. From left to right: Dottie Gregg, State President; Janet Morgan, District President; Julie Gibbs, Vice-President; Meg McMahan, Recording Secretary; Betty Juergens, Corresponding Secretary; and Mary Brodowski, Treasurer.

Under sunny skies and moderate temperatures approximately 50 members of the new Chesapeake District gathered for the installation of the officers on June 9, 2018 at the clubhouse of the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc. in Linthicum, Maryland. Joy Gigliotti, President of Linthicum Heights extended a warm welcome to everyone attending, gave a brief history of the clubhouse and then introduced GFWC Maryland President Dottie Gregg.

President Gregg's installation theme was "It Takes A Village." Whimsical houses were given to each of the officers as they were installed. Applause followed for President – Janet Morgan; Vice-president – Julie Gibbs; Recording Secretary – Meg McMahan; Corresponding Secretary – Betty Juergens and Treasurer – Mary Brodowski. Director of Junior Clubs Lynda Beauchamp was installed in absentia. President Gregg presented the District President's pin to Janet Morgan.

With her "gavel" (a decorated crab mallet) President Morgan called the first Board of Directors meeting to order. An invocation was given by Bernadette Simon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Cynthia Dykes. Honorary Presidents Julie Gibbs, Brenda Bennett and Reno Eitel were presented as well as newly elected GFWC Maryland officers Dottie Gregg, President; Cynthia Dykes, Vice-president and Anita Becker, Treasurer. President Morgan then presented the Chesapeake officers who, in turn, each gave a brief verbal biography. After a delicious buffet luncheon, there was a roll call of clubs with each club president or representative attending, acknowledged the members of her club in attendance. Business addressed included the adoption of the bylaws for the district and the selection of the third Wednesday of each October and May for the semi-annual and annual meetings for the District.



PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Norma Jean Swam, Domestic Violence Chair

According to Google, the definition of domestic violence is “a violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically the violent abuse of a spouse, partner or relative”.

Domestic violence has become a huge umbrella of violent acts against another:

- physical acts within a “family”
- sexual assault
- human trafficking
- elder abuse in nursing complexes by caregivers
- continual verbal abuse
- deaths by abuse in the workplace

Here are some interesting facts regarding domestic violence in MD. (<https://mnadv.org/resources/get-the-facts/>)

- There were 46 domestic violence deaths in MD last year.
- In one day, 956 victims of domestic violence were served.

Sexual assault has declined due to the increased reporting and consequences for the perpetrator. Some interesting facts have emerged. (<https://www.rainn.org>)

- Of sexual abuse cases reported to law enforcement, 93% of juvenile victims knew their perpetrator.
- 59% were acquaintances.
- 34% were family members.
- 7% were strangers to the victim.

How do MD clubs get involved?

1. Schedule speakers from Family and Children Services or Rape Crisis Intervention Services.
2. Support the local safe house and collect items for their various needs.
3. Man the hotline for domestic violence or Rape Crisis Intervention Service.
4. Educate club members about the growing problem of human trafficking. Contact the MD Task Force of Human Trafficking.
5. Get more involved in your local community.

You can make a difference by being educated and involved with the great dangers and consequence of domestic violence.

JUNIOR'S SIGNATURE PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Trisha Wagman, Advocates for Children Chair

President John F. Kennedy said “children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.” As your Women’s, Junior and Juniorette clubs start meeting, put your heads together to brainstorm projects that support and advocate for children. The goal is to find projects that ensure children are protected from harmful situations, encourage physical and mental health, and that impact policy to improve children’s lives.

A few project ideas include:

- Ask members to donate items such as coloring books, playdoh, puzzles and small toys to take to your local pediatric unit to support pediatric playtime.
- How about furniture safety? Plan a program at your club meeting to raise awareness in your community and help save a child’s life by sharing the dangers of furniture tip overs and other hazards in the home. Purchase and distribute anchoring kits to secure heavy furniture.
- Plan a program around screen time awareness. In this age of digital media, children are being exposed to electronic screens as early as infancy. Too much screen time for children can lead to issues such as obesity, irregular sleep schedules and behavior issues. Find a fun and creative way to educate your club members of the new guidelines for screen time.

Mark your calendars for GFWC Advocates for Children Week 2018 which runs from October 21 - October 27. Club members are encouraged to plan events for that week that relate to the Junior Special Program. Recycle an old project or try a new project.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is one of GFWC partners. Support the St. Jude walk/run to end childhood cancer by joining the GFWC National team or by forming a team in your club. Attend the National walk in Baltimore September 22, 2018 or do a virtual walk with your club in your community. ([you can register at stjude.org](http://stjude.org)). Sponsor a Trike-A-Thon in your community. This is a service learning program for daycares and preschools that teaches trike riding and riding toy safety while supporting St. Jude.

March of Dimes is our other GFWC partner. Premature birth is the #1 killer of babies in the United States. Here are some projects to support March of Dimes:

- Have your club members provide a special baby blanket for the babies of military families. The blankets can be handmade, sewn or the no-sew blankets, knitted, crocheted or quilted.
- March for Babies! Make a team of your club members to walk and set a fundraising goal to support March of Dimes.

For more ideas, email Trisha Wagman at TrishWagman@Gmail.com

LEADERSHIP

Cynthia Dykes, Leadership Chair



It is the start of a new club year and a new administration at all levels of GFWC. Presidents at every level of work are in search of new chairmen to fill vital slots in our operation of work. Having been in this position before, I know that often when we are asked to take a position, we don't feel we are qualified to do what is being asked of us or that we don't have the available time to do what is needed to do the job as it should be done. I would urge each of you to reconsider before refusing. Often, the person asking you to take a position sees something in you that you may not see in yourself, an ability to get things accomplished by motivating others and working well with them toward a common goal. In other words, they may see in you the potential for leadership and by asking you to serve they are hoping to nurture that ability and help it grow. Whatever you feel you may lack, others around you can help you learn; they can mentor you. You can ask assistance from those who held the position before, and your district chairman and your state chairman are always there to give you some vision or to be a sounding board for your own ideas. All these people can help you realize what you did not know you could do which generally results in the success of an organization's endeavors. So when asked to serve, say yes and help develop the potential that others see in you. Doing so may also make you feel pretty good about yourself and raise your self confidence level.

It is a win-win for all, you, your club, your district, our state federation and GFWC. Just say yes and enjoy the learning process!

MEMBERSHIP

Beverly Death, Membership Chair

Here are some ideas on recruitment and retention of membership.

Clubs can hold events such as Concerts, Community Fairs, Bingos and new member coffees for prospective new members. They could also have meetings with guest speakers, highlighting the values and goals of the federation. There should be club activity hand outs readily available, and perhaps a color brochure that can be given to others, so they can see what the club committees do.

Invite a co-worker who has expressed interest in a project you are working on to accompany you to a meeting. Keep her special interest in mind at all times and point out a program that may interest her.

Meeting of other organizations provide opportunities to discuss your GFWC club and to share information about your projects. When working in collaboration with a person from another agency or group that is involved in a community service project, discuss your club and GFWC are involved in, invite that person to your next meeting.

Make your club visible in the community with your members being very active in the community.

Remember to keep in touch with your Senior Clubwomen in your Membership. They will love to hear from you and about GFWC and MFWC events alike.

Ladies, together we can do it.

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The 39th annual Maryland Leadership Seminar was held at Mt. St. Mary's University in Thurmont, Maryland from May 24 - 27, 2018.

Over 240 high school sophomores attended this four-day seminar. Please note the following change for next year: In the future, please make all checks payable to "Maryland Leadership Seminar Foundation". I know that you are used to making checks payable to HOBY but the correct name of the organization is Maryland Leadership Seminar Foundation and the bank has requested that the checks reflect that.

School fees are \$225.00 registration or \$395.00 for a full sponsorship. Of course, any donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations may be mailed to:

Anne Yakaitis
7802 Cypress Landing Road
Severn, MD 21144

Thank you for your continued support of this inspiring program for our youth.

GFWC-MD WEBPAGE REGISTRATION FORM

The Official GFWC Maryland Website—Sign-up/Renew for 2018-2019!

www.gfwcmd.org is the official website of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Anyone with an Internet connection—at home, at work or at their local library—can access information about The Maryland Federation just by going to **www.gfwcmd.org**. Our website includes information on upcoming meetings, districts, clubs, as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it will be kept up-to-date by our **State Webmaster Rebecca Wagman**. Use this valuable tool to gain new members for your club!

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Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2018 thru August 2019. 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 Becca with any comments or questions about our state website at gfwcmdweb@gmail.com.

To join us for the new club year...

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 GFWC-MD Webmaster
 96 Bond Street
 Westminster, MD 21157

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

Anita Becker
 GFWC-MD Treasurer
 1601 Delvale Avenue
 Baltimore, MD 21222

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 Please use the following address when emailing submissions: gfwcmdweb@gmail.com

www.gfwcmd.org 2018-2019 Web Page Sign-up

- I would like to RENEW my Club Listing—\$10.00
 I would like a NEW Club Listing—\$15.00

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 2018 through August 2019. Also include any Programs scheduled, if applicable.

September _____ May _____

October _____ June _____

November _____ July _____

December _____ August _____

January _____ Special Events (date, time, location, brief description)

February _____

March _____

April _____





THE MARYLAND CLUBWOMAN

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION

August 18, 2018

Summer Workshop (*Registration deadline: August 4, 2018*)

*GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse
7931 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815*

September 18, 2018

September Board of Directors Meeting

*Comfort Inn and Conference Center
4500 Crain Highway
Bowie, MD 20716*

October, 2018 (*Date TBD*)

Junior Fall Conference

*GFWC International Headquarters
1734 N Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20036*

November 1-4, 2018

Southeastern Region Meeting

*DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
5790 University Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27105*

February 19, 2019

February Board of Directors Meeting

Location TBD

September 17, 2019

September Board of Directors Meeting

Location TBD

February 18, 2020

February Board of Directors Meeting

Location TBD