

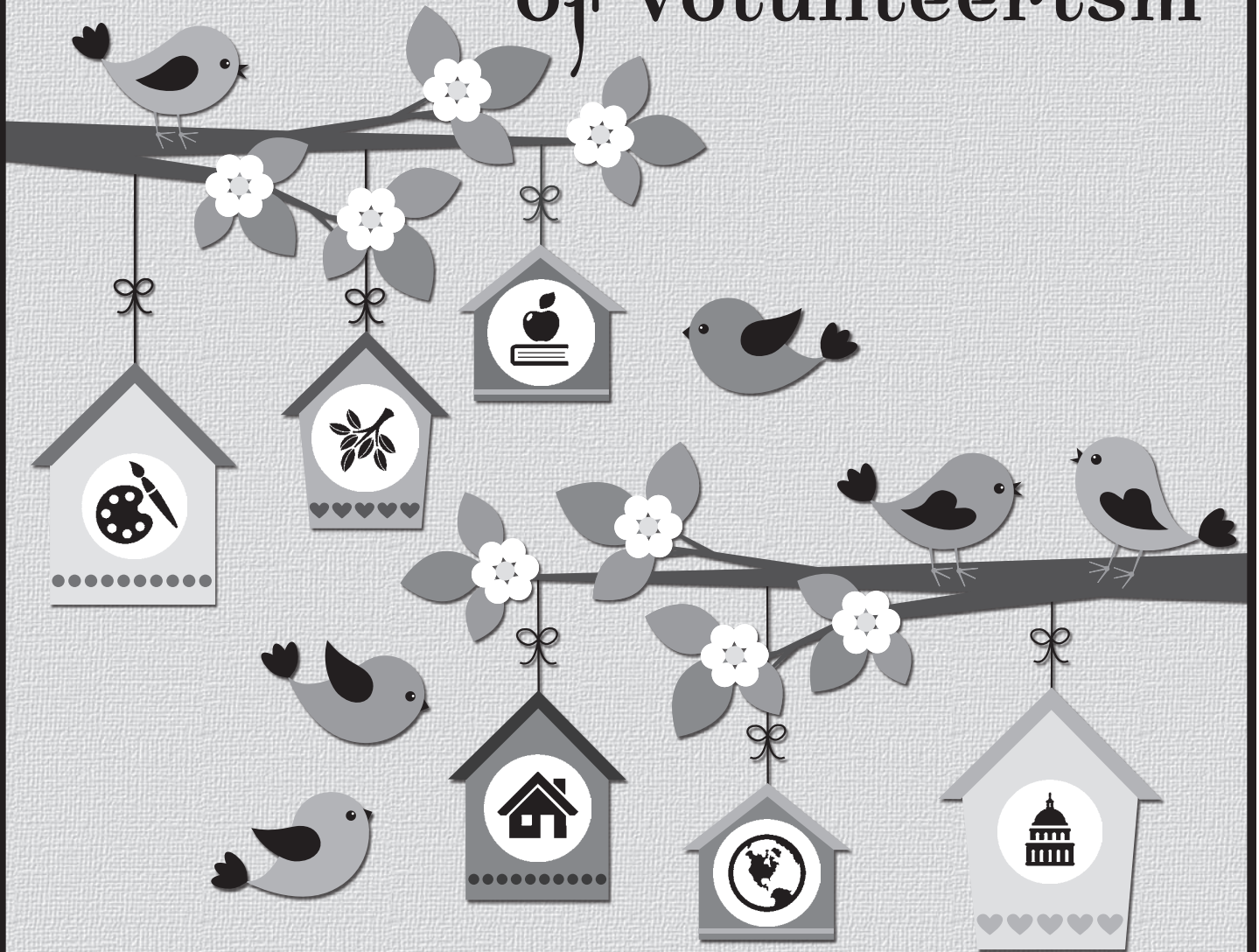


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ALL Articles and Information for the FALL 2015 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by July 1, 2015.

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

CLUBWOMAN CONNECTION: Any Club Project or Activity which is scheduled through the end of June 2016 may be submitted for inclusion.

☛ Please Email Submissions to: MdClubwoman@gmail.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Brenda Bennett
GFWC Maryland President

My Federation Friends,

Cold? Yes, it has been a cold winter, but that didn't stop our Maryland clubwomen from having a productive winter season. Maryland clubs were busy writing and recording their projects for 2014, and all submitted their reports by the January 31st deadline. As always, I loved reading about the projects and accomplishments of our clubs.

Maryland clubwomen continue to give their time, their money, and their talents to provide for our communities and our state. You are women who see the need, then go forth with a vision to take care of that need and more. I want to say "Thank You!" to every clubwoman in Maryland for all you have accomplished during this past year.

I was thrilled to see so many of you "soar" in for the February Board of Directors Meeting. The information given by the Parliamentary Education Association of Baltimore should be a huge assistance to every club and its members.

Soon it will be time to put away our winter coats and start thinking about spring... and it will also be time to think about our GFWC Maryland Annual Convention. All of our Maryland songbirds will flock to the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel on April 25-26, 2015. There will be a trolley tour, awards, entertainment, and social time with all your Federation friends... and oh yes, there will be Bingo too! You won't want to miss this Convention, so make your reservations now.

The Official Call to the 116th Annual Convention is included in this issue of "The Maryland Clubwoman." Everything you need to know is in the Special Convention Pull-Out Section on pages 7-18. I look forward to seeing all of you as we continue to make memories that will last forever. "Come Fly with Us" as we "Soar the Heights of Volunteerism."

In Federation Friendship and Love,

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

Brenda Bennett
GFWC Maryland President

FROM YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR



*Sandra Mattocks
GFWC Maryland
Director of Junior Clubs*

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

As a cold and blustery winter comes to an end, we reflect back on how our winter projects “Wrapped Our Wings of Love.” Spring will soon arrive... along with the birds, bees and butterflies to brighten your day.

I loved reading your club reports and hearing what the Maryland Junior clubs have accomplished. GFWC Maryland Convention will be a great time to share your wonderful projects, and hear new ideas to bring back to your club.

Junior Mid-Winter Rally was held on January 31st, hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase. Thank you to a wonderful group of ladies! It was a pleasure to have Dr. Mark Bergel, founder of A Wider Circle, give a presentation on his organization to benefit poverty stricken families. Attendees brought blankets or fleece

to make no-sew blankets and a total of 33 blankets were donated to A Wider Circle. I hope the families could feel our warm hugs as these blankets “Wrapped Our Wings of Love” around them.

I enjoyed attending a recent gathering of the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster’s Girlfriends Wine Club. We work so hard to support our club projects, and this is a great way to celebrate clubwomen. What fun things do other clubs do?

Convention is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for April 25-26th to attend the GFWC Maryland Convention in Annapolis. Friday night, April 24th is Junior Fun Night and everyone is invited to join us. Junior Day on Saturday will be lots of fun. A speaker from HOBY will be presenting at lunch time, and we will hold a Day of Service Project to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital—what a great organization! Come to the GFWC International Convention being held in Memphis, TN in June and you will be able to sign-up to visit the hospital.

Enjoy the coming of spring... warmer days... flowers budding... butterflies floating... and don’t forget to make sure we are “Wrapping Our Wings of Love!”

In Federation Love,

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

Sandra Mattocks
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs



JUNIOR MID-WINTER RALLY

January 31, 2015 in North Bethesda, MD

Nineteen GFWC clubwomen attended Junior Mid-Winter Rally on Saturday, January 31, 2015. The meeting, hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, was held at the Rooftop Lounge of the Grosvenor Condominiums in Rockville. It was an honor to have in attendance GFWC International President Babs Condon, who brought greetings from GFWC, and GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett, who brought greetings from GFWC Maryland. It was also an honor to have in attendance GFWC COO Rosemary Thomas, GFWC-MD President-elect Reno Eitel, GFWC-MD Vice-President Dottie Gregg, Western District President Susan Krichten, and Jo Rousseau, GFWC-MD Honorary President (2000-2002).

It was wonderful to see clubwomen of all ages come together for a day of learning, service and fellowship. Membership Fun was led by Junior Membership Chairman Patti Jo Green. All attendees were asked to write down three questions they would like to ask their fellow clubwomen. Pieces of numbered paper were passed around, and all ODD numbered people were directed to find an EVEN numbered person and answer their questions. Some of the questions were enlight-

ening and the exercise gave us an opportunity to know each other a little better. Tricia Wagman, GFWC-MD Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children chairman, spoke about the new partnership between GFWC and St. Jude and presented fundraising ideas.

Lunch consisted of delicious salads, sandwiches and soups, as well as lots of scrumptious desserts. A special "thank you" to the Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase for a wonderful lunch on a cold day!

Guest speaker was Dr. Mark Bergel, founder of A Wider Circle. A Wider Circle was formed in 2001 when Dr. Bergel, while delivering food to an extremely poor family, realized that the family had no furniture to sit on, no bed to sleep on, no pots and pans to cook with or plates and cutlery to eat with. Dr. Bergel determined then and there that living that way was unacceptable and began his mission to end poverty. Today, A Wider Circle's efforts focus on providing basic needs items, education, and long-term support. These three components work in concert to create lasting change in the lives of those they serve. Dr. Bergel's efforts to end poverty have led to his selection as Washingtonian of the Year by *Washingtonian Magazine* and as a 2014 CNN Hero.



GFWC International President Babs Condon (left) and GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks.

The service project supported A Wider Circle, with a total of 33 blankets donated to the organization. Thank you, clubwomen, for your generous hearts!

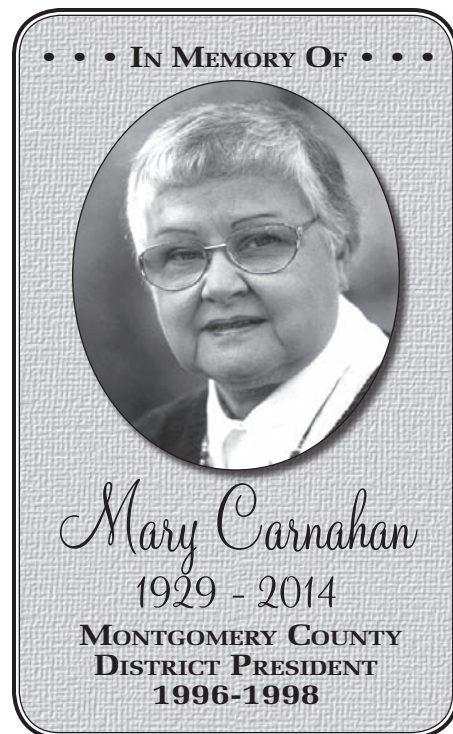
Junior Director Sandra passed out bottles of red nail polish and asked that all attendees paint their nails red in support of the American Heart Association's National Go Red Day on February 6th.

The Maryland Juniors look forward to seeing everyone at GFWC-MD Convention on April 25-26, 2015.

Mary Walton, Junior Secretary



Donating Blankets to A Wider Circle (L to R): Mary Walton, Regina Whitaker, Babs Condon, A Wider Circle Founder Dr. Mark Bergel, Sandra Mattocks, Becca Wagman.



GFWC-MD CONVENTION... *Speakers & Entertainment*



Discover Annapolis Trolley Tour—

Join us on a Trolley Tour to explore the points of interest in Annapolis. We'll travel down charming streets laid out over three centuries ago. With friendly and knowledgeable guides telling you what to look for, you won't miss a thing. Sights include: the City Dock, Maryland State House, St. John's College, Maryland WWII Memorial, handsome colonial mansions, beautiful Victorian homes, sailboats along the waterfront, and spectacular water views from bridges. You'll learn all about the academic and athletic programs at the United States Naval Academy as we view its beautiful grounds from the spectacular vantage point of the Severn River Outlook. You'll also learn about the almost 1300 buildings in Annapolis that are over a century old, and represent 15 different styles of architecture.



The Bill Edwards Trio will entertain with dinner music at the "Let's Fly Together" Banquet on Saturday evening. The Trio is happy to once again be performing for our members at the GFWC Maryland Annual Convention. Their musicians are all members of the Crabtowne Big Band based in Annapolis and have well over a century of combined music-making experience.



Ashley Perkins, HOBY Maryland, will speak at the Junior/General Luncheon on Saturday. Ashley has been actively involved with HOBY for over 10 years. She attended HOBY SW Ohio as an ambassador in 2000 and began volunteering with the organization in 2001 with SW Ohio. Then starting in 2006, while Ashley was in college at Butler University she began volunteering with HOBY Indiana. Since moving to Maryland in 2012, Ashley began volunteering with HOBY Maryland. In 2014 she served as the Director of Operations and in 2015 will serve as their Director of Team Alumni. Ashley received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Butler University and is the pharmacy manager at PharmaCare of Frostburg.



PHOTO: NIKKI DAVIS

Alison Prost, Esq., Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will speak at the "Let's Fly Together" Banquet on Saturday. Alison joined the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) in 2007 as the staff attorney in the Foundation's Maryland office, and was named CBF's Maryland Executive Director in January 2012. She directs policy and manages a diverse team of scientists, land use specialists, lawyers, grassroots coordinators and volunteers to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Alison holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from Boston University and an Environmental Law Certificate from the University of Maryland School of Law. Alison lives in Annapolis with her husband Jeff and their two children.

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT



"Night Owls Bingo"

Saturday, April 25, 2015
after the Banquet

\$20.00 for 10 Games
Add'l Sets of Bingo Cards @ \$5.00

FREE Gift
for Advance
Reservations

ALL Maryland Clubwomen are invited
to join Christy Swiger for an evening
of fun, fellowship and fabulous prizes!

Pay at the Door
Checks or Cash



RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON YOUR MEAL RESERVATION FORM!

GFWC-MD CONVENTION... *Speakers & Entertainment*



Carol Moore, MS, RNC, Peninsula Regional Medical Center will speak at Sunday's "Leaders of the Flock" Luncheon. Her topic will be "Humor Helps!"

Carol has worked in a variety of health care settings during her 35 years of nursing experience. She has been a military nurse, worked in public health, in physician offices and in several hospitals. Carol is currently an Education Specialist at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD. Carol is a BLS (CPR) instructor, a certified Childbirth Educator, and Safe Sitter instructor. She is a member of the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor and the National Speakers Association. Carol has presented numerous workshops, locally and nationally, on various educational topics, but her favorite programs to present are on humor, laughter and learning to cope successfully with the many stressors in our lives.



GFWC International President Babs Condon will speak at Sunday's "Leaders of the Flock" Luncheon. Babs is a third-generation clubwoman, who has been active in two different Westminster clubs for 31 years. On the national level, Babs has held two GFWC chairmanships and has been a member of the GFWC Executive Committee for seven administrations. She served as the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs (1998-2000) and has worked and learned all about GFWC through the various offices of Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President, and President-elect. On June 24, 2014, at the close of the GFWC Annual Convention in Chandler, Arizona, Babs was installed as GFWC's 50th International President. Babs has lived in Westminster for most of her life—except for five years of college and grad school. While a retired teacher, she still enjoys teaching and sharing her love of volunteering, and continues to do so as advisor and mentor for the GFWC STARS Juniorette Club in Westminster for the past 20 years. Married to Jerry—the boy next door and her best friend for 35 years—they are the proud parents of two grown sons, with three adorable grandchildren. Babs is excited to lead GFWC during the 2014-2016 administration as the organization celebrates 125 years of outstanding volunteer service.

THE 116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
**THE GFWC MARYLAND
FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**
APRIL 25-26, 2015
SHERATON ANNAPOLIS HOTEL
173 JENNIFER ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401



From Points East: Take your best route to US Highway 50 West toward Annapolis. Take the Crownsville Exit (Exit 23B). Continue straight through the light onto Jennifer Road. Take the first right turn into Restaurant Park. The hotel is located behind the restaurants.

From All Other Points: Take your best route to US Highway 50 East/Annapolis. Take Exit 23/450/Parole and bear right. Turn at the first right onto Jennifer Road, then the first right into Restaurant Park.

Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend the **116th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.** from April 25-26, 2015. We have a shortened format this year and a new venue—the Annapolis Sheraton Hotel. This year's Convention promises to be fast-paced and exciting, so don't let your club president be the only one to attend and have all the fun! **Be sure to read through the Special Convention Pull-Out Section (pg. 7-18) and note the time changes for many activities.**

On Friday, April 24th— Junioresettes will gather for **Junioresette Fun Night**, featuring a Pizza & Pool Party, while Maryland Juniors take action for children at **Junior Fun Night: House Party to Support St. Jude** in the Junior Suite—everyone's invited!

On Saturday, April 25th— Join the Maryland Juniors at 9:00 a.m. as they celebrate their accomplishments at **"Wrapping Our Wings of Love" Junior Day**. All Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend this energized meeting and help support the Juniors' Day of Service Project for **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** (details on pg. 8). The **Junior/General Luncheon** will

feature guest speaker **Ashley Perkins from HOBY Maryland**.

On Saturday Afternoon— Join us for the **Discover Annapolis Trolley Tour** at 2:00 p.m. to explore the back streets, marinas and points of interest in Annapolis (details on page 4).

On Saturday Evening— Wear your **"Blue Jeans & Bling"** to the official opening of the Convention at the **"Let's Fly Together" Banquet** at 6:00 p.m., with dinner music by the **Bill Edwards Trio**. Guest speaker will be **Alison Prost, Esq. from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation**.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to join Christy Swiger for fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes at **Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!"** (details on page 4).

On Sunday, April 26th— The **GFWC Convention Club Breakfast** meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. A brief Board of Directors Meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m., then Convention will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. Find out what all the other clubs have been doing this past year when the Community Service Program awards are announced! The morning will

feature the presentation of **Youth Art Awards** and the **2014 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award**.

The Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland will be honored at the **"Leaders of the Flock" Luncheon**. **GFWC International President Babs Condon** will speak on GFWC's 125th Anniversary, followed by **Carol Moore, MS, RNC, Peninsula Regional Medical Center**, whose topic will be "Humor Helps!" At 3:00 p.m., an **SER Committee Workshop** will be held for all who plan to attend the 2015 GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting.

On Sunday Evening— The parade of Club Presidents will kick-off the **"We're All a-Twitter" Banquet** at 6:00 p.m. The evening will be highlighted by District Presidents' reports and the final business of Convention will be conducted. Immediately following adjournment, all Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather for the **District Presidents' Reception**.

The 2015 Convention promises to be action-packed with fabulous Federation activities. **You won't want to miss it!**

BACK TO BASICS—LET'S READ

GFWC Maryland President's Special Project

As you know, GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett chose **"Back to Basics—Let's Read"** as her two-year special project. We are asking members who attend GFWC-MD Convention on April 24-25, 2015, to help support Brenda's project and **bring a new children's book to convention**. These books will be collected in special boxes and distributed to either Ronald McDonald House or to the Children's Inn at NIH.

There is an organization called Operation: Care and Comfort that accepts and distributes donated paperbacks to our troops overseas. Visit www.occ-usa.org for more info. Another group that distributes books to troops is called Operation Paperback—visit www.operationpaperback.org. Remember our troops consist of both men and women, so paperbacks suitable for both are welcome. Please, if the books are not new, make sure that they are only gently read. You can include a personal note in the pages of a book as a thank you for the soldier or sailor who picks up the book.

Karen Brown, GFWC-MD President's Special Project Chairman



*All Members
are invited to attend
The District
Presidents' Reception
to honor
All Club Presidents
Sunday, April 26th
in the Wye Concourse
immediately following the banquet*





**OFFICIAL CALL
TO
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism"**

APRIL 25-26, 2015 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)
SHERATON ANNAPOLIS HOTEL, 173 JENNIFER ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

The 116th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel from April 25-26, 2015. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend. See page 5 for a map and directions or visit: www.sheratonannapolis.com.

The Call to Convention has been published in this issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman*, so EVERY club member will have the necessary information. **PLEASE NOTE: Credential Cards will NOT be mailed. Please use the Registration & Credentials Form on page 13 of this Call.**

In This Issue You Will Find:

- 1) ***All General Information pertinent to the Convention.***
- 2) ***Registration & Credentials Form***—mail to Diane Raycob, Credentials Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Registration Fee of \$10.00 MUST BE MAILED no later than March 25, 2015, along with the Registration & Credentials Form.
On-Site Registration Fee will be \$15.00.
- 3) ***Room Reservation Form***—mail directly to the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel.
For security reasons, please Do Not Fax Room Reservation Form to the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 25, 2015.
- 4) ***GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form***—mail to Tin Tin Nu Raschid, Convention Club Treasurer.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for GFWC Convention Club Reservations is March 25, 2015.
- 5) ***Meal & Activity Reservation Form***—mail to Betty Manthei, Reservations Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: Meal & Activity Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED by March 25, 2015.
Reservations mailed after the deadline **MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.**
Submit ONE (1) Meal & Activity Reservation Form per Member.
Please use this form for ALL MEALS, the Annapolis Trolley Tour and Federation Fun Night.

You will not want to miss Convention. Make your reservations early! Seating at all meal functions is done on a "first in" basis. Every club should plan on having several members in attendance to cheer your club on at award time! There are many wonderful programs, speakers, and activities planned for your entertainment and education.



OFFICIAL CALL TO JUNIOR DAY
AT
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Wrapping Our Wings of Love"

APRIL 25, 2015 (SATURDAY)
SHERATON ANNAPOLIS HOTEL, 173 JENNIFER ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

Junior Day at the 116th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel on Saturday, April 25, 2015. ALL members of The Maryland Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS: Reports of the Director of Junior Clubs, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer. Voting for the 2015-2016 Junior Budget.

REPORTS OF CLUB PRESIDENTS: The Director of Junior Clubs will introduce the Junior and Juniorette Club Presidents for their reports. Club reports are limited to seven minutes. Please make your report fun and informative.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS: All nominees will be introduced and the winners will be announced for the Juniorette of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Outstanding Maryland Junior and Babs Condon Award. Don't forget to submit your nominations (*info will be emailed to club presidents*).

LUNCHEON: 12:00 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon

DAY OF SERVICE: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude is a world leader in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Families at St. Jude rely on the generous donations of people like you to make their hospital stay a little easier. ***Please bring a new toy to donate to St. Jude.***

FUNDRAISING: Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables for Nail Files, New Shirts, Yoga/Sweat Pants and Gift Cards.

THINGS TO BRING TO JUNIOR DAY:

- 1) Club Banners
- 2) Quarters for Felicia the "Federated Pig"
- 3) Silent Auction item—Theme: "Timeless Treasures"
- 4) Bring Someone NEW to Junior Day!



The Director of Junior Clubs' room will be available for any Junior wishing to change clothes for the Saturday or Sunday evening banquets. Room number to be announced at Junior Day.



CONVENTION AGENDA
"Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism"

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

6:00-10:30 p.m. — Juniette Fun Night. All Juniettes are invited to a Pizza & Pool Party until 8:00 p.m. Then off to the suite for a Pajama Party and games.

9:00 p.m. — Junior Fun Night: House Party to Support St. Jude. Join the Maryland Juniors in the Junior Suite for games and prizes! Donations will be accepted at the door to benefit St. Jude. *(Wear burgundy, gray or pink for a chance to win a prize!)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 a.m. — "Wrapping Our Wings of Love" Junior Day. All GFWC Maryland members are invited to attend the energized Junior Membership Annual Meeting. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Day of Service Project. *(see details on page 8) (business-casual attire)*

12:00 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon.
 Speaker: Ashley Perkins, HOBY Maryland.

2:00 p.m. — Discover Annapolis Trolley Tour. Join us on a trolley tour to explore the back streets, marinas, and points of interest in Annapolis. *(see details on page 4)*

5:45 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers and District Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

6:00 p.m. — "Let's Fly Together" Banquet. Dinner Music: Bill Edwards Trio. Speaker: Alison Prost, Esq., Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Club Anniversaries will be announced. *(blue jeans & bling attire)*

Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!" immediately following the banquet. ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to join Christy Swiger for some fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes! *(see details on page 4)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 a.m. — GFWC Convention Club Breakfast for ALL who have attended a GFWC International Convention. **Please use GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form.**

9:15 a.m. — Board of Directors Meeting. *(business-casual attire)*

9:30 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes. Youth Art Contest awards, and the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. Community Service Program awards. *(business-casual attire)*

1:00 p.m. — "Leaders of the Flock" Luncheon. Honoring the 2014 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation. Speaker: GFWC International President Babs Condon, Topic: GFWC's 125th Anniversary. Speaker: Carol Moore, MS, RNC, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Topic: Humor Helps!

3:00 p.m. — SER Committee Workshop. Led by Barbara Nunnari for all Maryland clubwomen planning to attend the 2015 GFWC Southeastern Region Meeting.

5:30 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS. All State Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.

6:00 p.m. — "We're All a-Twitter" Banquet. District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during processional. Art and Photography awards. Special and Standing Committee Reports. District Presidents' Reports. *(cocktail/formal attire)*

Adjournment

District Presidents' Reception. Immediately following the banquet, the five District Presidents cordially invite all GFWC Maryland members to join them for a Reception, in the Wye Concourse, to honor all Club Presidents.



REGISTRATION:

Pre-Registration Fee is \$10.00. On-Site Registration Fee is \$15.00.

A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. This fee helps pay for the speakers, programs and all printed materials distributed during the convention. Everyone attending **MUST** register. You will receive your badge upon arrival at the annual convention. No one will be admitted to the meetings without a badge. Members who belong to more than one club must decide which club they will be registered under.

The Pre-Registration Fee of \$10.00 MUST BE MAILED to the State Credentials Chairman no later than March 25, 2015, along with the Registration & Credentials Form (page 13 of this Call). On-Site Registration Fee will be \$15.00.

> *Make check payable to: MFWC Treasurer*

> *Mail to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763*

Registration Desks will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 25, 2015: 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26, 2015: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:

Credential Cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form (page 13 of this Call)** and mail to the State Credentials Chairman **no later than March 25, 2015**.

> *Mail to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763.*

ALL ATTENDEES MUST use the Registration & Credentials Form. Even if there is some doubt whether you can attend, you need to complete the form.

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Members, including Club Presidents and Honorary State Presidents: Fill out the Registration & Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials Chairman, Diane Raycob.

Club Delegates: Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials Chairman, Diane Raycob. If your club has alternate delegates, please send their name(s) separately. The number of Club Delegates to which your club is entitled is based on the number of club members who have paid their dues by February 1, 2015. You are allowed to appoint one (1) Club Delegate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Junior & Juniorette Clubs: Your Club President should fill out the Registration & Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials Chairman, Diane Raycob.

Voting Members: "The Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs delegates will be based only upon those members whose dues shall have been paid by February 1." Standing Rule 2a (pg. 77). "The voting members of The Federation shall be the members of the board of directors and the accredited delegates. A voting member shall have but one vote, although entitled to vote in either of several capacities. No delegate shall represent more than one club." Article VI, Section 2 of The Federation Bylaws (pg. 72).

Non-Voting Members: All non-voting members must still register.

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 25, 2015. Make room reservations directly with the **Sheraton Annapolis Hotel**. Mail the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel Reservation Form (*page 15 of this Call*), or call the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel at 410-266-3131 (direct) or 888-627-8980 (toll free). For security reasons, please Do Not Fax the Room Reservation Form to the hotel. **To get the special room rate of \$122.00 Single/Double (+13% tax), you MUST identify yourself as being with the "Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs."** GFWC Maryland must occupy a specific number of rooms each night to avoid high rental fees for meeting rooms. **Please help The Federation SAVE money and stay for all 3 nights!**

Check-In/Check-Out: Rooms will be available for check-in after 3 p.m on Friday. If you arrive earlier, you may leave your luggage locked in your car or ask the hotel to store it for you. There is ample parking. **Check-out time is 12:00 noon.** Late Check-out Fee is \$50.00 per room.



MEAL & ACTIVITY RESERVATIONS:

Meal & Activity Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED by March 25, 2015. All Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee. For each member attending, submit ONE (1) Meal & Activity Reservation Form (page 17 of this Call), along with a check or money order. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on form.

- > *Make check payable to: MFWC Reservations Account*
- > *Mail to: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447*

ALL Club Presidents will be honored at the Sunday night banquet. They will be introduced by their District President and sit at reserved tables. We would like all clubs represented and sincerely hope all will attend. A President who finds it impossible to attend may be represented by a Vice-President or other representative. Please notify your District President of your attendance or substitute. **On the Meal & Activity Reservation Form, please indicate if you are a Club President or representative.**

DISCOVER ANNAPOLIS TROLLEY TOUR:

Join us for the **Discover Annapolis Trolley Tour on Saturday, April 25th.** Explore the back streets, marinas, and points of interest in Annapolis—colonial seaport, state capital, county seat, sailing center, and home of the U.S. Naval Academy! (see details on page 4). **Please use the Meal & Activity Reservation Form to make your reservation.**

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT:

Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls BINGO!” will be held immediately following the banquet on **Saturday, April 25th.** ALL GFWC Maryland members are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes (see details on page 4). **Please use the Meal & Activity Reservation Form to reserve your seat!**

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB:

The Deadline for GFWC Convention Club Reservations is March 25, 2015. Join fellow GFWC International Convention attendees at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 26th for breakfast. Share stories, laughs and plans for the 2015 GFWC International Convention in Memphis, TN. **Please use the GFWC Convention Club Reservation Form and mail to the Convention Club Treasurer.**
> *Make check payable to: Tin Tin Nu Raschid*
> *Mail to: Tin Tin Nu Raschid, 7401 Westlake Terrace #1601, Bethesda, MD 20817-6533*

REPORTS & AWARDS:

Reports and Awards will be presented throughout Convention. If you are presenting a report, please bring **TWO** copies for State Recording Secretary, Barbara Weldon, for her minutes! Award packets for ALL Club Presidents will be distributed on the last day of Convention.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS:

Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel. Exact locations will be designated after receipt of entry cards. Open hours will be announced in the Convention program. Please observe the following procedures:

All entries MUST be received from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th. A Signature will be Required for All Entries when Checked-In on Saturday and Checked-Out on Sunday.

Entries may be picked up in the exhibit rooms **only after adjournment of the Convention on Sunday, April 26th. No Exceptions To This Rule!** Neither GFWC Maryland nor the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel will be responsible for any article left after 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 26th. Exhibits will be covered by insurance for fire and theft only. All due care will be used in handling, but insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for ten dollars (\$10). No single item will be insured in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

YOUTH ART AWARDS:

Youth Art Contest winners will be honored and awards presented during the Sunday morning business session on April 26th. **Please return All YOUTH ART ENTRIES to the students’ schools ASAP after the close of Convention!**



SPECIAL NOTICES

A GREEN HOTEL: GFWC Maryland is pleased to be working with a “Green Hotel” this year. The Sheraton Annapolis Hotel promotes an earth-friendly atmosphere for greener meetings, conferences and events. Boasting over 10,000 square feet of meeting space, the hotel offers state-of-the-art amenities, comfortable seating, and spacious aluminum free tables. Some of the eco-friendly initiatives you’ll experience while visiting the hotel include: Linen-free table set-ups; Water stations are utilized for all meetings; Cans and bottles from guest rooms and meeting spaces are recycled; Paper recycling containers are available throughout the hotel; and Lighting throughout the hotel is turned off when not in use to conserve energy.

FLOWERS: Arrangements have been made with “Petal Pusher Florist” to supply corsages, room and table bouquets. **Clubs who wish to order flowers should contact Debbie at 410-859-9292.** Deliveries will be made on Saturday or Sunday. District Presidents will be ordering flowers for Sunday night’s procession.

PHOTOGRAPHS: International Convention Photography will not be attending Convention this year. Please remember to bring your own cameras to capture all the fun memories.

2015-2016 GFWC MARYLAND DIRECTORY UPDATE: **Attention Club Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurers & Directors!** A special form is included on page 25 of this issue for reporting any Directory Changes. *Please fill out and return forms to the Registration Table at GFWC-MD Convention, or mail to the GFWC-MD Corresponding Secretary, no later than May 15, 2015.*
> Mail to: Bernadette Simon, 612 Fairmount Road, Linthicum, MD 21090-2814

MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A **Medical Emergency Information Form** is included on the reverse side of the Meal Reservation Form (*page 18 of this Call*). This form should be completed by each member attending convention and returned to the State Reservations Chairman, along with your Meal Reservation Form.
> Mail to: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447

GFWC MARYLAND FUNDRAISING: **Gold to Green Recycling Fundraiser.** Our Gold Buyer will be joining us on Sunday, April 26th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Bring all your old gold, white gold, platinum or even sterling silver jewelry. You will be paid “GREEN” cash for whatever “GOLD” you would like to get rid of. Our gold buyer will work with one person at a time. She will separate your items by karat weight (i.e. 10k, 14k), and pay you in cash based on the total weight times the current payout rates, which will be posted. She can remove most stones and return them to you. Our State Fundraising Account will receive 10% of whatever she pays out. Simply bring your items in a bag or box with your name on it, and we will assist you from there.
We will also be offering our popular **50/50 Boards**, and the **District Basket Raffles**, which are always filled to the brim with terrific items. A variety of additional items will be on sale throughout the convention.

EXHIBITORS: Some of our favorite **Convention Exhibitors** will be on hand—be sure to visit!

CONVENTION PACKETS: Advertise your favorite club fundraising project by including information in the Convention Packets. Send all information to The Federation Arrangements Chairman **no later than March 25, 2015.** Materials received after this date will NOT be included in the packets. Please send one hundred twenty (120) copies if you want the material in all of the packets or fifty-five (55) if you want the information included ONLY in the Club Presidents’ packets.
> Mail to: Anne Forrester, 1203 Alexander Lane, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550-1445

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM

DEADLINE: March 25, 2015

CLUB NAME: _____

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2015) _____ Circle One: General / Junior / Juniorette Club

District: _____

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: Pre-Registration \$10.00 / On-Site Registration \$15.00

Registration fee will be charged for ALL attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. Make checks payable to: MFWC Treasurer/Registration

CLUB DELEGATES ATTENDING:

CLUB PRESIDENT + ONE (1) DELEGATE for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Club President Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Note: If Club President will not be attending, please send letter notifying who will take their place.

MEMBERS ATTENDING who hold positions on the GFWC MARYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
State Officers, District Presidents, Community Service Program/Special Project Chairmen, Special Standing Committee Members, and Honorary State Presidents.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

DEADLINE: March 25, 2015 Total Registration \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail Form and Check to: Diane Raycob, 710 Benjamin Road, Bel Air, MD 21014-2763

If there is a change of delegates after the deadline, please notify Diane Raycob by phone or e-mail.

Phone: 410-893-7534 E-mail: draycob@verizon.net

SHERATON ANNAPOLIS HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 25, 2015

Name of group: **Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs**

Function dates: **April 24-26, 2015**

Room rate: **\$122 single/double +13% tax**

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

in Room: _____ Sharing room with: _____

Special requests (please circle): Disability Accessible King Bed 2 Double Beds

Arrival Date: _____ Approximate Arrival Time: _____

Number of Nights Staying _____ **Check in time is 3 p.m.**

Individuals can guarantee reservations with first night's pre-payment or a credit card guarantee.

American Express Carte Blanche Diners Club Discover Visa/MasterCard Check

Credit Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail: Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Phone: 410-266-3131 (direct line) or 888-627-8980 (toll free)

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 25, 2015

Shirley Wales, President
Christy Swiger, Vice-President

Tin Tin Nu Raschid, Treasurer
Mary Walton, Secretary

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, April 26, 2015 ★ 8:00 a.m. ★ Total Cost: \$25.00*

Have you ever attended a General Federation Convention? If the answer is YES, then you are eligible for membership in the GFWC Convention Club. One meeting annually, no projects, lots of FUN!! Join fellow GFWC Convention attendees to share stories, laughs and plans for the 2015 GFWC International Convention in Memphis, TN. ***Remember to bring something from a previous GFWC Convention.***

Dress: Your choice, formal or casual.

* Total Cost of \$25.00 includes \$24.50 for Breakfast + \$.50 for GFWC Convention Club Dues.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Mail Form and Check to: Tin Tin Nu Raschid, 7401 Westlake Terrace #1601, Bethesda, MD 21817-6533

(Make checks payable to Tin Tin Nu Raschid)

MEAL & ACTIVITY RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 25, 2015

**Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 25, 2015.
Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.**

*For example: If you plan to attend all meals and activities your total will be \$183.00.
If you mail your Reservation Form after March 25, 2015, your total will be \$193.00.*

— PLEASE NOTE —

SUBMIT ONE (1) RESERVATION FORM PER MEMBER

Reservation must include Check and Name of Member for whom reservation is being made. Make Check Payable To: MFWC RESERVATIONS ACCOUNT. Please do not ask for refunds. ONLY Diabetic, Vegetarian or Seafood Allergy food substitutions can be made. (Make advance arrangements with Reservations Chairman.)

Date – Function	\$ / Meal	Diabetic/Vegetarian/Seafood
Saturday, April 25 – Junior/General Luncheon	\$ 35.00	
Saturday, April 25 – Discover Annapolis Trolley Tour	\$ 25.00	
Saturday, April 25 – Banquet	\$ 45.00	
Saturday, April 25 – Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls BINGO” \$20.00 for 10 Games / Pay at the Door / See Details on Page 6	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<<< RESERVE MY SEAT for BINGO! FREE Gift for Advance Reservations
Sunday, April 26 – Luncheon	\$ 30.00	
Sunday, April 26 – Banquet	\$ 48.00	
TOTAL		NOTE: SEAFOOD will be served. Please indicate SEAFOOD ALLERGIES!

TO INSURE PROPER SEATING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

If reservation is for a Club President (or other club representative) who will be in the President’s procession on Sunday night, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Club:	District:

If reservation is for a State Officer, District President or Honorary President, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Club:	District:

If reservation is for a Member, please list below:

Name:	Office:
Club:	District:

Mail Form and Check to: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447



MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Your Name:
Address:
Phone #:

Who should be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Are you staying in the hotel? _____

If yes, please include the name of your Roommate: _____

Do you have to take any medications on a regular basis for a life threatening reason? _____

If yes, please explain why, how often and where we can find this medication: _____

Do you have any allergies to food or medication? _____

If yes, please list: _____

Do you have any other medications to be taken only in case of emergency? _____

If yes, please explain and tell us where to find it: _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: _____

Medical insurance company & policy number: _____

Coverage verification phone number: _____

Return Form to: Betty Manthei, 741 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085-4447



2015 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

124TH GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION • JUNE 13-15, 2015
SHERATON MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN & COOK CONVENTION CENTER • MEMPHIS, TN



THE VENUE

Sheraton Memphis Downtown

250 North Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
Phone: 901-527-7300

Experience the rich history of Memphis, Tennessee at the GFWC Annual Convention, June 13-15, 2015. Overlooking the legendary Mississippi River, the newly-renovated Sheraton Memphis Downtown will provide accommodations, while the Cook Convention Center, just a skywalk away, will host meetings and meals. ***We hope to see you there!***

Fresh from a multimillion-dollar renovation, the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel is attached to the Memphis Cook Convention Center and located on the vintage Memphis Main Street Trolley line, providing easy access to some of the city's most notable attractions. The hotel is within walking distance of numerous government and corporate offices, as well as the Riverwalk, which offers breathtaking views of the Mississippi River. Nearby are museums, sports venues, Graceland, and Beale Street, the heart of the city's music and entertainment district.

REGISTRATION INFO

The GFWC Room Block opened **February 1, 2015**. The Group Rate is available until **May 18, 2015**. Convention Registration will be **February 23 - May 23, 2015**. All registered attendees will receive a free commemorative 125th photo. Get all the latest information regarding the 2015 Convention, including full tour details at www.GFWC.org/Convention.

CONVENTION TOURS

The 2015 Convention tours have been set! In an effort to provide everyone with the opportunity to visit the best attractions in Memphis, a quartet of options are available on three consecutive days, June 10-12, 2015. Attendees and guests can mix and match from the offerings. A great volunteer service opportunity will also be available on those dates at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, directly adjacent to the hotel. As always, space for some activities is limited, but we will do our best to provide room for all.

VOLUNTEER AT ST. MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church Soup Kitchen has been operating continuously since 1870. Six days a week it serves the community's homeless and less fortunate, averaging more than 300 servings a day, including 91,000 in 2012. **12 persons per day maximum.**
www.stmarysoupkitchen.org

GRACELAND TOUR 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Get a taste of Elvis Presley's life at Graceland. The Music Room. The Jungle Room. The Trophy Room. It's all here, preserved for all time. Don't forget to stop in the Meditation Garden to view Elvis and his parents' final resting place. **\$55 per person.**
www.graceland.com

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL TOUR 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Experience guided tours of the Pavilion and Hospital with a stop at the gift shop before your journey is complete. **\$5 per person.**
www.stjude.org

NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM AND ROCK N' SOUL MUSEUM 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Learn about the Civil Rights Movement at the museum built on the site of Martin Luther King's assassination. From there, meet the pioneers whose love of music overcame socio-economic and racial barriers to give birth to Rock N' Soul. **\$50 per person.**
www.civilrightsmuseum.org www.memphisrocknsoul.org

RIVERBOAT RIDE AND DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS TOUR 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Board a paddleboat for a relaxing ride down the mighty Mississippi to see Memphis from the water. Then, view the world-famous sites from land on the Downtown Memphis Bus Tour. **\$40 per person.**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT REPORT

Service with a Smile



Tin Tin Nu Raschid, President Tin Tin ended her term as president of Montgomery County District in May 2014, but was elected to serve another two years until a replacement was found! She was honored to be installed by GFWC President-elect Babs Condon. Soon thereafter, Maryland clubwomen flew to Chandler, Arizona to attend GFWC Convention and the installation of Babs Condon as the GFWC International President. Tin Tin and her committee were in charge of decorations for the stage, the installation ceremony and the banquet.

Tin Tin has lived in four countries—Burma, the United Kingdom (where she did her graduate studies in psychology), Pakistan and the U.S. Her involvement in voluntary service has been equally diverse. This is the tenth time she has served as president of an organization, and hopes it will be the last!

She feels fortunate that Montgomery County District does not need any fundraising. Club members volunteer at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop, and the District receives the dividends. During the last two quarters, they received \$13,000.00, which will be used for scholarships, shelters for abused mothers and children, youth art and more.

GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.

During the summer of 2014, the Bethesda Club spent much time in organizational planning for the 2014-2015 year. We gathered information about GFWC International, GFWC Maryland and District meetings. We set priorities for the year, planned our budget, planned programs for the year, and planned our strategy to bring additional members into the club and get our old members back into the club. We appointed club chairmen, set the dates for upcoming events and we designated a PEC committee. It sounds like a lot of work and it was. As a result of good planning and a strong working team we have had a terrific first half of the year.

We had a food drive which produced \$900 and about 140 pounds of food for Manna Food in Bethesda. We totally renovated the entrance, and rest rooms of our clubhouse. They are beautiful and we are so proud to have them done. We have had really dynamite programs for the year including: Marcia Talley, Award Winning Mystery Writer; Mary Pickersgill, maker of the Star Spangled Banner at Ft. McHenry (actress/impersonator); Brigadier General Wilma Vaught USAF (retired); The Davison Duo, and many more. Attendance at our meetings has gone up almost 50% and we have inducted six new members. Members are energized.

We have hired a consultant to assist with putting our Rentals Program online to market our clubhouse for events. Our Rentals chairman of over 8 years is still involved with our old customers and our Rentals Coordinator is doing a great job in increasing our visibility.

Christy Swiger has been invited to fundraise for SER at each of our meetings, and she will be heading up our Bethesda Bingo Bash on April 26th this year.

All in all, we are doing well with our stated objectives for this year. We have given over \$10,000 to charity and have a very active Literature Group, Bridge Group and Thrift Shop volunteers. All is well at Bethesda Woman's Club.

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

A highlight of 2014, was the publication of "The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase: Our First Century." A gala book party was held on October 17th at the club's historic clubhouse on Connecticut Avenue. Sally Koenig, past president and club historian, whose concept led to the book, together with Thelma Mrazek, editor, and Andrea Sherman, in charge of computer layout and graphics, were the principal honorees. Congratulations were also in order for the more than 30 members who wrote sections of the book, some covering the activities of individual decades, some writing the history of a specific area, such as the 50-year history of the Antiques Show, written by Nathalie Bramson, the club's current president and co-chair of the last four shows. It was the culmination of year-long celebrations, including a Gala Dinner, and a Cocktail Party and Auction, a collaboration with the Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. Among the guests at the latter was an enthusiastic Ike Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, among other dignitaries.

A recent issue of "Chevy Chase Village Life" carried a delightful summary of the party, together with numerous pictures taken by editor Amanda Frasure.

Marilyn Sherman, chair of WCCC's Community Services Committee, ran several drives throughout the past fall, for Thanksgiving and Christmas food, coats and blankets, for those in Montgomery County shelters. In line



Chevy Chase club members held a Gala Book Party at their clubhouse in October to celebrate the publication of "The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase: Our First Century."

with that charitable theme, our December luncheon speaker was Dr. Mark Bergel, of A Wider Circle, who founded the award-winning charitable organization in 2001, and who spoke vividly, and without notes, about the mission of the group.

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

Our new club year is off to a great start after a busy summer of planning! In September, the JWCCC held our annual membership drive at our Salad Supper event and JWCCC membership is BLOOMING! Our membership has grown to 64 members, including 24 new members since September. One of our objectives this year is to focus on new member involvement. We are encouraging our new members to join a committee or be a part of the planning and execution of club fundraisers, general club meetings or other events. In addition to committees, our club has other "4 fun" groups and programs: Bistro Boyz Program—Boys' cooking and life skills program held at Green Tree Shelter, in partnership with the National Center for Children and Families; GEMS Program—Girls mentoring program with Hearts & Homes, held at the Helen Smith Home (for girls); Book Club—Fun and casual monthly book reading group; and Girls Gone Wild—Fun social events, trips and activities.

All of our programs and groups have

been very active and we have a wealth of exciting programs, fundraisers and opportunities planned for our members and community this club year!

During the holiday season, our members participated in our annual Holiday Gift Drive and caroling event at a local nursing home. We sponsored gifts for 45 families and donated hygiene gifts packs (our November club project) to all the residents at the nursing home.

In October, we hosted our annual Firehouse Bake Sale and Book Sale at the Chevy Chase Fire Station. The Bake Sale and Book Sale were very successful, raising \$500! Proceeds from this fundraiser benefited the Chevy Chase Fire Station. The girls from our GEMS program also baked cupcakes and six of the girls volunteered at the event. Their enthusiasm and help was such a joy!

Our second fundraiser was a Rummage Sale and Flea Market on November 16th, which raised over \$2,000. The proceeds from this fundraiser, as well as remaining in-kind donations, benefited both of our signature charities, Hearts & Homes and A Wider Circle.

Our final fundraiser for this club year will be our annual wine tasting event, "UnWined: A Charity Wine Tasting." The Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, March 21st at Huckleberry Fine Arts Gallery in Rockville. JWCCC has had an exciting fall and winter season and looks forward to a great spring!



Chevy Chase Juniors held a Rummage Sale and Flea Market in November.

GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.

In December 2013, we were thrilled to showcase our historic clubhouse as the refreshment stop on the Laurel Historical Society's Holiday House Tour. The lovely decorations, delicious food, and hospitality of our members provided a warm and inviting respite on a cold, rainy afternoon. Many compliments were received by the tour-goers, along with the gracious thanks of the Historical Society.

Spring 2014 featured speaker Richard Friend from the Laurel Historical Society, a Laurel native and author of the book "Lost Laurel." Other speakers included a textile artist who spins her own yarn and creates hand-made items; the founder of Charity's Closet/Success in Style; and the president of the Fort Meade Alliance. We also held a successful meet-and-greet for potential new members.

Our members were thrilled and honored to have GFWC President-elect Babs Condon install our new officers in June. Members and guests gathered at the Ram's Head Tavern at Savage Mill to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, followed by the installation. The firefly-themed ceremony, written by Babs, was creative, informative and inspirational. What a great way to start a new administration!

After a summer of planning, we hit the ground running in September

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT REPORT

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with our traditional “welcome back” salad supper, accompanied by a hands-on project. Members cut and laminated parent information cards to go with books for our “Literacy for Little Ones” project. In October, the cards were paired with age-appropriate books for distribution to pre-K and Kindergarten students in local schools.

Our fall membership drive was a great success, resulting in eight new members for our club.

For the first time, our club participated in the annual Trick-or-Treat on Main Street, sponsored by the Laurel Board of Trade (which we joined this fall). Several members decorated the clubhouse for the occasion, and handed out over 100 lbs. of candy to the horde of trick-or-treaters that flooded Main Street.

Our November meeting featured a speaker from Operation Welcome Home MD, an organization that welcomes every flight carrying military personnel returning to the U.S. through BWI Airport. Several members have expressed interest in participating in the project. In addition to a monetary donation, our speaker was thrilled to receive our leftover Halloween candy to put in the goody bags they give to the returning service men and women.

We celebrated the holidays with our traditional pizza dinner, clubhouse decorating and Breakfast with Santa set-up at our December meeting. This year we collected “Toys for Tots” for the first time, and a variety of home-baked cookies were exchanged among the members that evening. Breakfast with Santa followed on Saturday morning. This event, hosted by our club for over 30 years, always manages to bring joy to the children and smiles to the faces of the attending adults.

GFWC Laytonsville Woman’s Club

The 2014 year began slowly for the Laytonsville Women’s Club due to inclement weather, but once the snow shovels were retired, our club was ready to roll toward a very successful year.

We supported Tree-Mendous Maryland by donating two trees—one in honor of our current club director and past president, Joan Christensen Eames, and the other in memory of Francis Hewitt, an active member of the local community.

Club members Jane Evans, Robin Johnson, Sue Mick, and Anne Wolf collaborated on a local history book, “Laytonsville: From Crossroads to Community,” published in December 2013. In April, Jane and Anne gave a multi-media presentation for the club, “Women in Laytonsville History,” a look at 14 women who made a difference to the town. The presentation concluded with a discussion of ways that we could help preserve the history of our own era in Laytonsville.

Our May speaker was Jesi Findley Roman, director of the Montgomery County chapter of Baby’s Bounty. Baby’s Bounty provides newborns in need with essential clothing and gear. Our club gave a donation to Baby’s Bounty for a new pack ‘n play bassinet. A white elephant fundraiser was also held.

One of our on-going activities is making pillows for recovering

cancer patients. Our club has provided these pillows to local women as an outreach and supporting activity as they proceed through the rehabilitation process.

Our new officers were installed at our June meeting: Peggy Burton Ols, President; Barbara Olsen, Vice-President; Sheree Wenger, Treasurer; Robin Johnson, Recording Secretary; Anna Mae Pointer, Corresponding Secretary; and Joan Eames, Director. Four of our members also hold District positions: Martha Oberle, Vice-President; Dorothy Tessier, Timekeeper; Anna Mae Pointer, Teller; and Christy Swiger, Save the Bay Chairman.

Our autumn activities began at Retirement Farm, the home of Nancy and Putt Willett, to plan our support for the annual Laytonsville Town Picnic. Every year our club members bake the prizes for the very popular Cake Walk.

Our October meeting featured the Hero Dogs (hero-dogs.org), whose training center is in the Laytonsville area. Founded in 2009, Hero Dogs provides trained service dogs free of charge to military veterans who have been wounded or disabled. On October 28th the Laytonsville club was honored once again to host the Montgomery County District Meeting at Montgomery Country Club.

November was a busy month. On Election Day, our club members turned out as always to help at the polls and to staff sales tables for the Woman’s Club, Town of



Laurel Club members put finishing touches on book packets for their “Literacy for Little Ones” project.



Laytonsville Club members view the photographic work of David R. Allison at the “Pennsylvania Project” exhibit.

Laytonsville, and Laytonsville Historic Center items at our polling places. We also visited Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick to view the National Juried Photography Exhibit. Afterward we toured historic Steiner House, owned and maintained by the Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Our group brought a donation of warm winter sweaters for the FWCC's Heartly House project.

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held at The Inn at Brookeville Farms, and Peggy Burton Ols provided Christmas-themed games to keep us all thinking and laughing. The luncheon included an ornament exchange and a Christmas carol.

GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County, Inc.

The Metropolitan Community Club spent much of 2014 working on our fall fundraisers in order to help several local charities. This year we are sponsoring three Priority Charities. The first is Mobile Medical Care, which providing direct medical care to over 5,000 low income families and uninsured individuals in Montgomery County. Second is the Betty Ann Kranke Center, which provides emergency shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence, as well as advocacy and counseling services. The third is Nourish Now, an agency which distributes food to families in need in Montgomery County, while reducing the waste of unused food by securing donations of this food from licensed food providers.

Fundraising began with our wreath sale. We have done this sale for 30 years and it continues to be our most successful fundraiser. The number of wreaths we sell increases every year, enabling this fundraiser to become more profitable.

We held our 9th Annual Craft Fair in October, also with great success. We

had close to 20 vendors, bringing in items such as food, clothing, jewelry and home goods. The fair was enjoyed by patrons and vendors alike. Since a local Presbyterian church allows us to use their facility for at very little cost, we use some of the proceeds to purchase gift cards for the church. The church, in turn, distributes the food gift cards to individuals in need who appear at the church monthly for help.

Our members continue to work monthly at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop and many members also donate items to be sold. Last spring we accompanied members from Nourish Now on a Costco shopping trip, enabling them to purchase food for the needy. At Thanksgiving we also provided several families with Thanksgiving Dinner through Nourish Now.

This holiday season, members of MCC contributed casseroles to So Others May Eat, provided Toiletry Gift Boxes and Gift Cards to Interfaith Work's Community Vision Shelter in Silver Spring, wrapped gifts at Montgomery Mall for various charities, and donated toys for Toys for Tots. We strive to find new ways to help others in our community, while enjoying the company of our fellow MCC members.

GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc

We were a bit tardy beginning 2014. Because Mother Nature sent some snowy and icy weather, we did not have our first general meeting until April. This was our 75th Anniversary, during which The Harborlights helped us celebrate. Montgomery County District President Tin Tin Nu Raschid attended to congratulate us for our service to the community.

Our May meeting featured Empowered Women International, the only organization in the region that uses the power of the arts, entrepreneurship, women's voices and their



At the Silver Spring Woman's Club's Christmas Luncheon (L to R): Judy Simmons, Pearl Simmons/Barnes, and LaVerne Kershner (ages 65, 101 and 93).

cultural heritage to empower women and transform their lives.

Our spring luncheon was held at Argyle Country Club, during which we were thoroughly entertained by Mary Ann Jung of History Alive.

An early morning fire in June at the Masonic Temple (our regular meeting place) caused severe damage throughout the building. We wish to thank the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Silver Spring for providing us with a new temporary home.

Our September meeting was potluck and gave us the chance to socialize and make a few future plans.

Member Betty Hogan and her daughter delighted us with a lovely slide show of Mexico during our October General Meeting. Betty and her husband lived there for 30 years while raising their family.

In November, Joy Patil and Glenda Joseph of the Montgomery County Police 3rd Precinct gave a compelling presentation about staying safe at home and around town.

Our Holiday luncheon was held at Argyle Country Club, during which a very talented Dale Jarrett serenaded us with Christmas music.

With a very heavy heart, we report that we lost five cherished long-time members: Joan Brown; Shirley Boettner, Past-President of Silver Spring WC; Mary Carnahan, Past-President of Silver Spring WC,

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Past-President of Montgomery County District, and state treasurer; Laurese Katen; and Ellen White. All vibrant members of our club and community, these wonderful women will truly be missed.

We have had our share of challenges, but have managed to maintain our level of fundraising through Duplicate Bridge, Card Parties, Bake Sale, Collections during meetings and memorial checks. We have given thousands of dollars to Smile Train, Crossway Community, and Montgomery College Scholarship Fund. We continue to volunteer at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop.

We hope that 2015 will be a banner year for Silver Spring Woman's Club. We are excited about new plans for helping our community.

University Park Woman's Club, Inc.

In December 2013, the University Park Woman's Club (UPWC) held its 20th annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour to raise funds for GFWC-sponsored charities and two local scholarships. Our club initiated the house tour in 1993 and it continues to be a neighborhood favorite. Over the years, community support of the tour has provided \$40,000 in scholarships to high school seniors. Funds have also supported the Family Crisis Center and educational projects at local elementary and junior high schools. In January 2014, local police presented an insightful report on domestic violence prevention, and our May speaker was Camille Crawford of Prince George's Community College SAGE program.

In March, the UPWC and the Laurel Women's Club co-hosted the Montgomery County District Meeting at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church



University Park Woman's Club members gathering for a "Conversational Crafting Bee" in November 2014.

in University Park. Meeting attendees learned about Shelter Boxes, a program that provides shelter for those impacted by disaster. Our April meeting showcased two local authors—Patti Kim, the author of the children's book "Here I Am," and Pam Gerhardt, author of "Lucky That Way," which won the 2014 award for best memoir from the American Society of Journalists and Authors. The UPWC continued its support of local conservation efforts by sponsoring the annual town stream clean-up in April. In May, the club continued its sponsorship of the UP Elementary School's annual 5K Azalea Classic, a run/walk which raises funds for classroom enrichment. At our June spring luncheon, we presented two scholarships to local high school seniors and District President Tin Tin Nu Raschid installed new club officers for 2014-2016. During the summer, the UPWC board approved a new third scholarship for a mature woman seeking to enhance their employment skills, to be awarded for the first time in June 2015.

In October 2014, the UPWC launched its year at a new location, University Christian Church in Hyattsville, with an Antiques Road

Show presented by Caplan's Auction Company of Savage Mill, MD. This program attracted a number of new visitors. Our November program, "A Conversational Crafting Bee," gathered members to discuss conservation, home life and public issues while making "threads of friendship" ornaments, which were later sold to raise funds for the PG County Family Crisis Center. A local expert on conservation issues also spoke, recognizing several members for long-standing conservation efforts in University Park, and the town's certification under the Sustainable Maryland program.

In November, an evening session was held at our president's home, to fill 17 "first night bags" for the Prince George's County Family Crisis Center. Attendees also donated children's books and toys, sheets and clothing for the Family Crisis Center. In December, members donated socks as part of the GFWC Sock Project. To round out the year, the 21st annual holiday house tour in December 2014 brought new partnerships with the University of Maryland Department of Music, with students and professors playing a variety of chamber music at each house, and a SAGE teacher who provided wine tastings at one home on the tour.

At each meeting, the club collects Box Tops for Education, holds a 50-50 raffle to raise funds for GFWC-sponsored charities and provides childcare, which helped us retain younger members and attract visitors. Our sunshine representatives stay in touch with shut-in members, which is appreciated by all. In 2014, the UPWC re-established a PO box for the club, set-up generic email accounts for officers and increased use of GoogleDocs (shared e-document storage) to provide informational continuity across time. Donations were made to Bettie M. Sippel, Save the Bay, GFWC-MD Youth Art Contest and Tree-Mendous Maryland.

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