

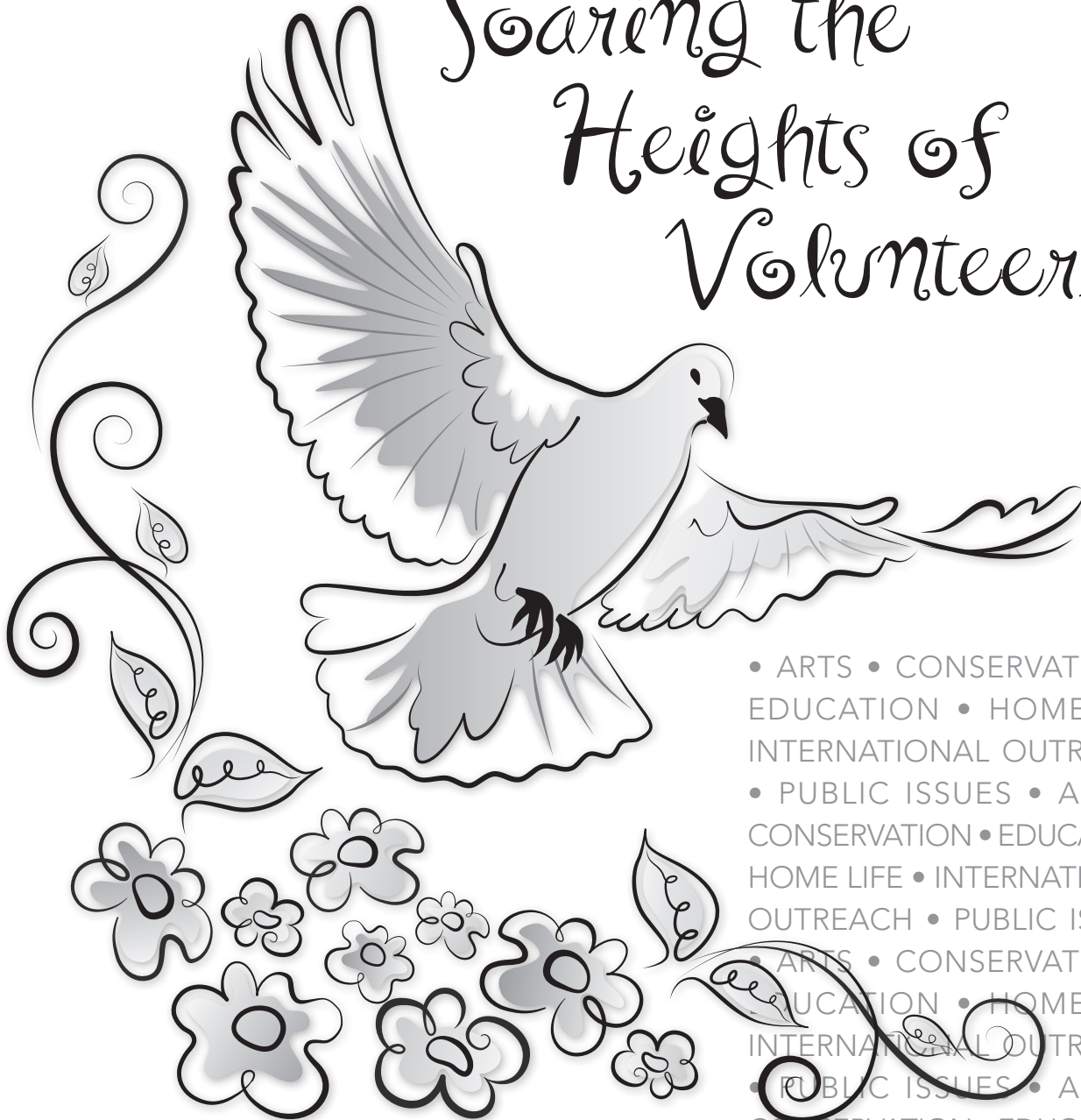


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ALL Articles and Information for the FALL 2016 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by July 1, 2016.

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 2017 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,

Maryland, My Maryland... as I sit down to write my final "President's letter" for the magazine, I must admit I got a little teary-eyed. These past two years have gone by so fast, but I would not have traded one second of this experience.

Being a volunteer... worth knowing you are helping your community.

Being a member of GFWC MD... thrilling to meet so many women with the same dedication.

Being able to represent Maryland as State President... PRICELESS!

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. It has shown me the commitment and dedication of the GFWC Maryland members. I would like to thank ALL of the Maryland members for your support, time, monies, energy, dedication and friendship.

I was thrilled to receive your club reports and look forward to representing you, along with Sandra, at the GFWC International Convention, which Maryland will be hosting in Baltimore this June.

As we "flock" together for the 117th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention, April 16-18th in Annapolis, we will be joining for our final "flight" as Maryland Songbirds. With the election and installation of the 2016-2018 administration, we will be closing one chapter, but will begin writing a new chapter which will continue to show the dedication and strength of all our clubwomen across the state of Maryland.

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. You are a perfect example of "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Thank you again, for allowing me the honor of serving as your state president, and thank you for "flying" with me. You are GFWC Maryland and you are the BEST FEDERATION!

You are the "wind beneath my wings," and I have been so blessed to have your company while spreading our wings and "Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism."

Your love, support and friendship is a memory that I will cherish forever.

In Federation Friendship and Love... Tweet-Tweet!

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*

Greetings Maryland Juniors & Fellow Clubwomen, Spring is on its way, brightening the end of winter. I hope you took the time to enjoy the winter gifts Mother Nature gave us. As I was shoveling one evening, I stopped and listened for a moment. There were no cars, just falling snow. It was so quiet I could hear the snow laying on the trees and the ground. It was beautiful. I wish everyone would take the time to slow down and listen... it is amazing what you hear.

As we near the end this administration, I look back at all you have accomplished and I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of women. What will the new administration bring... we'll have to wait and see. New beginnings bring wonderful new opportunities!

This past year we have... danced and cheered with HOBY, supported St. Jude, volunteered for Salvation Army, completed conservation projects, held lots of fundraisers, dance parties, hosted pageants, supported the homeless, held art contests... the list is endless!

Now it's time to toot our horns a little at the GFWC Maryland Convention! I am planning a great program for the Junior/General luncheon that I know you will enjoy—Hero Dogs. Officers for the 2016-2018 administration will be elected and installed, including our new Director of Junior Clubs, Rebecca Wagman. I know you will show her the same support and love you have for me, while she embarks on her new journey. And don't forget Junior/Juniorette Fun Night—we have something special planned for you in the President's Suite!

Maryland has the distinguished honor of hosting the GFWC International Convention from June 24-29, 2016. It will be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront at the Baltimore Inner Harbor. Please plan to join us and assist in any way you can—it will be a lot of fun!

My heart fills with warmth as I finish my final letter to you. I am reminded of all of the support and love you have shown me. Your accomplishments have made my job such a joy and I have been honored to serve as your GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs. I have been proud to represent you locally, state-wide and internationally through GFWC. My knowledge of this organization has grown in this position. I have strengthened old relationships and have forged new ones, all of which will be held deep in my heart forever. Thank you for the opportunity.

Hope to see all of you at the 2016 GFWC Maryland Annual Convention.

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 30, 2016 at GFWC Headquarters

Seventeen GFWC clubwomen trudged through the remnants of the snow storm to attend Junior Mid-Winter Rally on Saturday, January 30, 2016. The meeting, hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, was held at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC. Rosemary Thomas and the ladies from Westminster created a wonderful breakfast of waffles, with all the toppings.

It was an honor to have in attendance GFWC International President Babs Condon, who brought greetings from GFWC, and GFWC-MD Treasurer Karen Wasik-Saunders, who brought greetings from GFWC Maryland. It was also an honor to have in attendance GFWC COO Rosemary Thomas, who also brought greetings.

It was wonderful to see clubwomen come together for a day of service and Federation fellowship. Membership Fun was led by Junior Membership Chairman Patti Jo Green. We all competed in a team-building workshop (literally). We broke into two teams. A team leader created a building and then gave direction to build their structure without the rest to the team seeing it. We also had a

learning exercise about how we can depend too much on a few people in our club, and how we need to ensure that all members are included in our projects.

Lunch consisted of a baked potato bar and delicious crab soup, as well as lots of scrumptious desserts. A special "Thank You" to the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster for such a wonderful lunch on a cold January day!

Our Director of Junior Clubs presented information about the Children's National Hospital and distributed handouts supplied by the hospital. Children's National Hospital supports many needs of children, locally and across the world.

The day's service project was the creation of Coloring Kits for the ER cart at the hospital. GFWC created and copied the pages of the coloring books. The members attending brought lots of items to place in the bags—colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, games, cards, etc. Members bound the books and assembled the art bags. Books were created for two age groups. Attendees assembled 64 bags—32 for each age group. Thank you clubwomen and GFWC for your generous hearts!

The Maryland Juniors are grateful for the support of the Junior membership, as well as the GFWC and GFWC-MD officers. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Maryland State Convention in Annapolis!

Sandra Mattocks, Director of Junior Clubs



Mid-Winter Rally attendees creating Coloring Kits for Children's National Hospital.

PROTOCOL FOR GFWC CLUB MEETINGS

Protocol, like many customs, can change with time. However, manners, common sense, and courtesy remain the same. It is good practice for each organization to adopt rules of protocol that best suit its needs. Following are some common courtesies for GFWC meetings and functions.

- Honor all deadlines for reports, registrations, etc.
- If you cannot attend a meeting at which your presence is expected, notify the officer in charge.
- Cell phones and electronic devices should be off or in silent mode.
- Pay attention; refrain from whispering and restless behavior.
- If you must leave the room, use the door at the rear of the room.
- Do not leave the room while a speaker is presenting.
- Do not re-enter the room while a speaker is talking.
- Do not walk between the Head Table and the audience.
- Never approach the Head Table from the front.
- Stand and applaud when the president enters the room to honor the office, but ONLY at the beginning of a meeting or in a processional... not every time she is presented.
- Wear your name badge on the right; pin on the left (over your heart).
- Wait for the presiding officer to lift her fork to begin eating.

2016 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION—Baltimore, MD



MEMBERS OF
**THE GFWC MARYLAND
FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**
ARE INVITED
TO THE
2016 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION
AT THE
BALTIMORE MARRIOTT WATERFRONT
700 ALICEANNA STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
JUNE 25-29, 2016

To fulfill our responsibilities as The Federation host for the **2016 GFWC Annual Convention**, it is imperative that Maryland clubs and members join together, support, and attend this special event. It marks only the second time in 126 years that Maryland will have hosted a GFWC Convention.

At GFWC-MD meetings during 2015-16, clubs have been encouraged to step forward and be as generous as possible with a monetary donation to help defray some of the costs for two special events The Federation would host. It is our hope, that all clubs will forward a contribution prior to April 1, 2016 to:

Janet Morgan, Committee Treasurer
601 Dunberry Drive
Arnold, MD 21012-2065

Please make checks payable to:

GFWC MD-GFWC Convention 2016

We are most grateful to the six clubs and one District for their generosity. And, we thank members who are supporting our Fundraising efforts.

The Convention will include informative speakers, book signings, workshops, awards and celebrations for outstanding accomplishments of clubs and projects. The fun starts several days before the gavel falls with specially planned tours; and, the Official Convention Kick-off begins Saturday evening, June 25th, with a Crab Feast/Fun Night, off site. GFWC-MD clubwomen will serve as hostesses at each table for the Star-Spangled State Night Banquet, Sunday, June 26th, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Be sure to watch for the Call to Convention in the March/April edition of the "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine, and view updates in "News&Notes" on GFWC.org, and via the GFWC Convention registration website.

While enjoying the Convention, Maryland clubwomen will have extra duties to perform such as: welcoming GFWC members from around the globe, checking tickets and assisting members on/off tour buses, directing members to appropriate locations for meetings and workshops, serving as doorkeepers at business sessions and meal events, placing and removing table centerpieces at breakfast, lunch, and banquet meals, and helping with lines that form for voting and book signings. As you can see, the assistance of many members will be required to carry out these duties.

Please fill-in the dates on your calendar now (June 25-29, 2016); and, make the decision soon whether you can attend the entire GFWC Convention or the day(s) you will be able to assist. It's going to be a Convention you will not want to miss! A sign-up list for volunteers will be available at the GFWC-MD 117th Annual Convention, April 16-18, 2016.

Barbara Nunnari, Special Events Chairman

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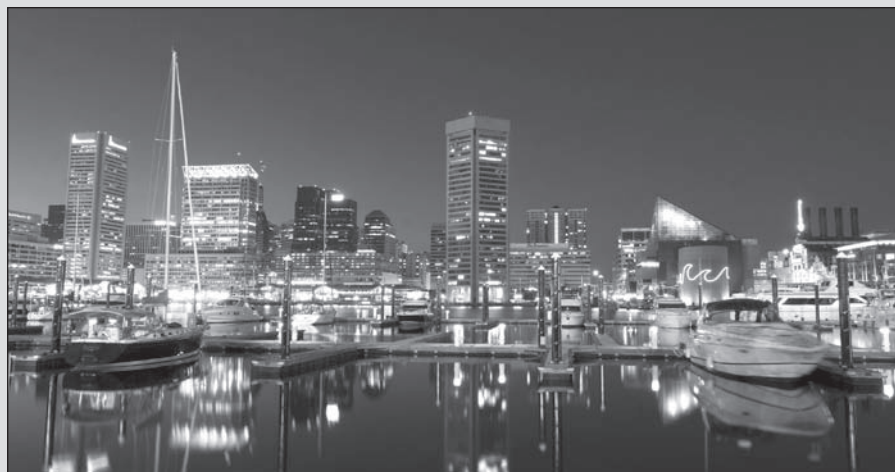
Pre-Convention June 24-26
CONVENTION June 27-29
Post-Convention June 30-July 1

GFWC Headquarters and GFWC Maryland invite you to the beautiful Baltimore Marriott Waterfront located right along Charm City's vibrant Inner Harbor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

2016 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION—Baltimore, MD

2016 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION • JUNE 26-29, 2016
BALTIMORE MARRIOTT WATERFRONT • BALTIMORE, MD



Get ready to make your plans for the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD—Charm City—from June 26-29!

During our stay at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, you'll easily be able to experience all the "charms" of this vibrant city right at your footsteps. Minutes away, Baltimore's Inner Harbor is surrounded by numerous shops, diverse restaurants, and world-class attractions.

Look for the Call to Convention in the March/April issue of the "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine.

CHARM CITY TOURS

GFWC is pleased to offer exciting tour options that can be added to your convention experience! These tours will meet in the hotel lobby and will include a professional guide service as well as admission and travel arrangements.

Star-Spangled City Tour

Saturday, June 25 & Thursday, June 30

Over 200 years ago, a young lawyer named Francis Scott Key penned the immortal words that would one day become our National Anthem. On this tour, you'll learn the story behind the massive American flag that inspired Key's words. Sights include the Mary Pickersgill Flag House, the Francis Scott Key Monument, and Federal Hill. The tour culminates with a visit to Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner. **\$40.00 per person.**

Great Art in Baltimore Tour

Thursday, June 30

This driving tour takes you to some of the city's most famous works of art. The highlight of the tour is a visit to the Walters Art Museum, which features hundreds of classic works created by artists from around the globe. Your guide will also point out some of the city's unique works of public art, including murals and sculptures. **\$35 per person.**

B&O Railroad Museum

Thursday, June 30

The B&O was the first commercial railroad in the U.S. and Baltimore's B&O Railroad Museum showcases the fascinating history of rail in this country from the first steam engine to the diesel locomotives of today. You'll see the largest collection of Civil War era rail artifacts in the world and have an opportunity to ride the first mile of track ever laid in the U.S. **\$45 per person.**

THE VENUE

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront

700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Phone: 410-385-3000

Special GFWC Rates and Amenities:

- \$174/night, plus applicable taxes
- On-site dining available at The Yard
- Free Wi-Fi in Lobby & Public Areas

"ON YOUR OWN" TOURS

Go beyond the tours offered by GFWC and schedule your own exploration of Baltimore with your Federation Sisters! Check out some of the most popular sites in Baltimore listed here:

Baltimore National Aquarium

*Mon-Thu 9am-5pm,
Fri-Sat 9am-8pm,
Sun 9am-6pm*
Stunning exhibits, with more than 17,000 aquatic animals. www.aqua.org

Oriole Park at Camden Yards

*vs. Rays: June 24, 7:05 pm
vs. Rays: June 25, 4:05 pm
vs. Rays: June 26, 1:35 pm*
If you're a baseball fan, you'll want to catch an O's game. www.orioles.mlb.com

Edgar Allen Poe Tour

Saturday & Sunday: 11am-4pm
Famed author Edgar Allen Poe's home, a National Historic Landmark, has been preserved from his time in Baltimore from 1833-1835. www.poeinbaltimore.org

American Visionary Museum

Tue-Sun (Closed Mondays): 10am-6pm
The American Visionary Art Museum presents outstanding original works of art created by intuitive, self-taught artists. www.avam.org

Museum of Industry

Tue-Sun (Closed Mondays): 10am-4pm
Explore industry from yesterday, today and tomorrow, from canning oysters to making video games. www.thebmi.org

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



Hero Dogs, Inc. will give a presentation at Saturday's Junior/General Luncheon. Hero Dogs is a Maryland non-profit that raises and trains service dogs and places them free of charge with our nation's Veterans to improve quality of life and restore independence. They provide service dogs to Veterans who have served in any branch of the uniformed services in any era, have received an honorable or general discharge, have a disabling medical condition, have been released from all service and reserve obligations, have met all Hero Dogs' requirements for application into the program and have successfully completed all required Hero Dogs training and certification requirements. For more info visit www.hero-dogs.org.



GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea will be our special guest at the 117th Annual GFWC-MD Convention. She will be the Keynote Speaker at the "Soaring the Heights" Banquet on Saturday, and assist with Sunday's Installation of Officers. Sheila has been an active, dedicated Federation member for 42 years. During her 20 years on the GFWC Board of Directors, she served as First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Leadership Chairman, Aide to the Director of Junior Clubs, and on the Fundraising and Leadership

Committees, and represented her state as State President and Director of Junior Clubs.

Sheila's leadership positions in GFWC Massachusetts include State President; First and Second Vice-President; Treasurer; Counselor to Junior Membership; and CIP, Finance, Headquarters Commission, Memorial Education Fund, and Long Range Planning Chairman. Her 15 years of continuous service to GFWC of Massachusetts Junior State Board included Director; Assistant Director; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; District Representative; Parliamentary Advisor; and Nominating, Membership, and Meetings Chairman. Utilizing leadership skills developed through her membership in GFWC, Sheila has also served her community with distinction.

Sheila is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She recently retired as Grants/Finance Manager from her local school district with over 26 years of service. A life-long Massachusetts resident, she and her husband Steve have two grown sons.



Crabtowne Combo will entertain at Sunday's "Women Creating Positive Change" Banquet. The Combo is happy to be performing for our members at GFWC-MD Convention—many of whom enjoyed their music at SER. Their musicians are all members of the Crabtowne Big Band based in Annapolis and have well over a century of combined music-making experience.

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT



"Night Owls Bingo"

Saturday, April 16, 2016
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*



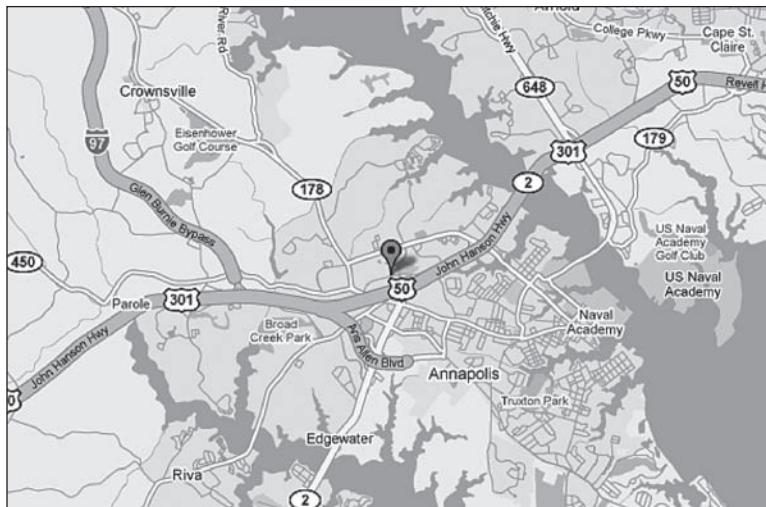
“Julia Child—Queen of Cuisine.” *Mary Ann Jung, award-winning actress*, will portray America’s favorite French chef at Saturday’s “Recipe for Leadership” Luncheon.

Anyone who enjoys ethnic cooking or fine dining can thank Julia Child for opening up America’s kitchens and minds! Her popularization of French cooking through books and television began a food revolution whose effects are felt to this day. This show pays tribute to the incredible energy, passion, and sense of playfulness with which Julia approached her greatest loves: her husband and her cooking. The program highlights Julia’s early search to find her life’s calling. It provides fascinating insight into her struggles at Le Cordon Bleu, to develop and publish “Mastering the Art of French Cooking,” and finally to create the groundbreaking “French Chef” television show. It’s a lively recipe for fun!



GFWC International President Babs Condon will speak at the “Living the Volunteer Spirit” Brunch on Monday. Babs is a third-generation clubwoman, who has been active in three 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 lives, eats and breathes GFWC—and is happy to share her love and knowledge of our amazing organization with anyone who will listen.

THE 117TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
**THE GFWC MARYLAND
 FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS, INC.**
 APRIL 16-18, 2016
CROWNE PLAZA 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.

GFWC-MD CONVENTION... *Convention Highlights*



*All Members
are invited to attend
The District
Presidents' Reception
to honor
All Club Presidents
Saturday, April 16th
in the Wye Concourse
immediately following the banquet*



*A Reception for the
Honorary Presidents,
Outstanding Maryland
Clubwoman, and
All Nominees
will be held
Sunday, April 17th
in the President's Suite
immediately following
the morning session*



*All Members
are invited to a Reception
Honoring the 2016-2018
GFWC Maryland Officers
Hosted by Members of Baltimore District,
the GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.,
and The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.
Sunday, April 17th
in the President's Suite
immediately following the banquet*



Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited and encouraged to attend the **117th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, April 16-18, 2016. Plan to arrive on Friday, April 15th so you won't miss any of the festivities. Don't let your club president be the only one to attend and have all the fun!

On Friday, April 15th— All Juniors and Juniorettes will gather at 8:00 p.m. in the President's Suite for **Junior/Juniorette Fun Night**.

On Saturday, April 16th— 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 the **Junior/General Luncheon**, featuring a presentation by **Hero Dogs, Inc.** (details on page 6). The **2016-2018 Junior Officers** will be elected and installed.

On Saturday Evening— All Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather in the Wye Concourse at 5:00 p.m. for the **District Presidents' Reception**. The official opening of Convention will be the **"Soaring the Heights" Banquet** at 6:30 p.m.—highlighted by the parade of Club Presidents. Keynote Speaker will be **GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea**, followed by the District Presidents' reports.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to join Christy Swiger for some fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes at **Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!"** (details on page 6).

On Sunday, April 17th— 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. You really need to be there to find out what other clubs have been doing this past year when the Community Service Program awards are announced. The program will feature the presentation of the **Youth Art Awards** and the **2015 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award**.

Following the morning session, a **Reception for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and all Nominees** will be held in the President's Suite.

The **"Recipe for Leadership" Luncheon** will honor the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland. Attendees will be entertained by **Mary Ann Jung as "Julia Child—Queen of Cuisine."** After recess, the polls will open for the **Election of the 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers**.

On Sunday Evening— The **"Women Creating Positive Change" Banquet** will begin at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment by the **Crabtowne Combo**. The **2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers** will be installed by **GFWC Maryland Honorary President Jo Miller**, assisted by **GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea**.

Immediately following the banquet, all members are invited to the President's Suite for a **Reception Honoring the 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers**.

On Monday, April 18th— Convention will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. with more reports and awards, including member Art, Photography and Needle Art Awards. **GFWC International President Babs Condon** will speak at the **"Living the Volunteer Spirit" Brunch**. Final business will be conducted, prize drawings will be held, and the gavel will be passed, then the 117th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will adjourn.



OFFICIAL CALL
TO
THE GFWC MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.
117TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Soaring the Heights of Volunteerism"

APRIL 16-18, 2016 (SATURDAY-MONDAY)
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, 173 JENNIFER ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

The 117th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel from April 16-18, 2016. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend. See page 7 for a map and directions.

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 15 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 15, 2016, along with the Registration & Credentials Form.
On-Site Registration Fee will be \$15.00.
- 3) ***Room Reservation Form***—mail directly to the Crown Plaza Hotel.
For security reasons, please Do Not Fax Room Reservation Form to the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for Room Reservations is March 15, 2016.
- 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 15, 2016.
- 5) ***Meal Reservation Form***—mail to Betty Manthei, Reservations Chairman.
PLEASE NOTE: Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED by March 15, 2016.
Reservations mailed after the deadline **MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.**
Submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member.
Please use this form for ALL MEALS 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.
117TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"Wrapping Our Wings of Love"

APRIL 16, 2016 (SATURDAY)
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, 173 JENNIFER ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

Junior Day at the 117th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Saturday, April 16, 2016. 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 2016-2017 Junior Budget. Voting for the 2016-2018 Junior Officers.

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

PRESENTATION: Hero Dogs, Inc.

Hero Dogs is a Maryland non-profit that raises and trains service dogs and places them free of charge with our nation's Veterans to improve quality of life and restore independence.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The 2016-2018 Junior Officers will be installed.

FUNDRAISING: Visit the Silent Auction and Fundraising tables for Nail Files, 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: "Spring—A Burst of Color"
- 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 15** **8:00 p.m. — Junior/Juniorette Fun Night.** All Juniors and Juniorettes are invited to gather for some fun and fellowship in the President's Suite.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 16** **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. *(business-casual attire)*
- 12:00 p.m. — Junior/General Luncheon.**
Presentation by Hero Dogs, Inc. Installation of 2016-2018 Junior Officers.
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. — District Presidents' Reception.** 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.
- 6:00 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS.** GFWC Officers, GFWC Maryland Officers, District Presidents, and Club Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.
- FORMAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.**
- 6:30 p.m. — "Soaring the Heights" Banquet.** District and Club Presidents will be honored and formally introduced during processional. Club Anniversaries will be announced. Keynote Speaker: GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea. District Presidents' Reports. *(blue jeans & bling attire)*
- Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!"** immediately following the banquet. ALL GFWC Maryland members and guests are invited to join Christy Swiger for some fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes! *(see details on page 6)*
- SUNDAY, APRIL 17** **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, Community Service Program awards, and the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award. *(business-casual attire)*
- Reception** immediately following the morning session, in the President's Suite, for the Honorary Presidents, the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and All Nominees.
- 1:00 p.m. — "Recipe for Leadership" Luncheon.** Honoring the 2015 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman and Honorary Presidents of The Maryland Federation. Entertainment: "Julia Child—Queen of Cuisine" by Mary Ann Jung.
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. — Election Polls open.**
- 6:15 p.m. — PROCESSION FORMS.** GFWC Officers, GFWC Maryland Officers, and District Presidents. Please be prompt! See program for location.
- 6:30 p.m. — "Women Creating Positive Change" Banquet.** Entertainment: Crabtowne Combo. Installation of the 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers by GFWC Maryland Honorary President Jo Miller, assisted by GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea. *(little black dress/cocktail attire)*
- Reception** immediately following the banquet, in the President's Suite, to honor the 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers and their families and guests. All GFWC Maryland members are invited. Hosted by the members of Baltimore District, the GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc., and The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.
- MONDAY, APRIL 18** **9:00 a.m. — Convention Reconvenes.** Art, Photography and Needle Art awards. Special and Standing Committee Reports. *(business-casual attire)*
- 9:30 a.m. — "Living the Volunteer Spirit" Brunch.**
Speaker: GFWC International President Babs Condon.
- Adjournment**
- Board Meeting** immediately following adjournment for all incoming 2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Board Members, including 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 15, 2016, along with the Registration & Credentials Form (page 15 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 16, 2016: 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 17, 2016: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 18, 2016: 8:00-9:00 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:

Credential Cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please complete the **Registration & Credentials Form (page 15 of this Call)** and mail to the State Credentials Chairman **no later than March 15, 2016**.

> 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, 2016. 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 15, 2016. Make room reservations directly with the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**. Mail the Crowne Plaza Hotel Reservation Form (*page 15 of this Call*), or call Crowne Plaza Hotel at 410-266-3131 (direct) or 1-877-2-CROWNE (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 RESERVATIONS:

Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 15, 2016. All Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee. For each member attending, submit **ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form** (page 19 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 Saturday 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 Reservation Form, please indicate if you are a Club President or representative.**

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Election Polls will be open from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17 for the election of the **2016-2018 GFWC Maryland Officers.** In order to vote, delegates must register before the start of the meeting Sunday morning.

Report of the Nominating Committee: "It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. At least eight weeks prior to the election, the chairman of the nominating committee shall send the list of nominees, designating the clubs which they represent, to the president of The Federation for inclusion in the call to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, except for the director of junior clubs, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained."
—ARTICLE IV, Section 2, paragraph 2 of The Federation Bylaws (page 70)

The GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the 2016-2018 administration:

- President:** Reno Eitel, Baltimore District
- President-elect:** Dorothy Gregg, Eastern Shore District
- Vice-President:** Karen Wasik-Saunders, Montgomery County District
- Recording Secretary:** Dawn Donovan, Baltimore District
- Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Snyder, Western District
- Treasurer:** Anita L. Becker, Baltimore District
- Director of Junior Clubs:** Rebecca Wagman, Western District

*Proposed by the GFWC Maryland Nominating Committee
Barbara Weldon, Chairman*

ART, PHOTOGRAPHY & NEEDLE ART EXHIBITS:

Exhibits will be located on the Lobby Level of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Exact location 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 16th. A Signature will be Required for All Entries when Checked-In on Saturday and Checked-Out on Monday.

Entries may be picked up in the exhibit rooms **only after adjournment of the Convention on Monday, April 18th. No Exceptions To This Rule!** Neither GFWC Maryland nor the Crowne Plaza Hotel will be responsible for any article that is not picked up. 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 17th. **Please return All YOUTH ART ENTRIES to the students' schools ASAP after the close of Convention!**



SPECIAL NOTICES

A GREEN HOTEL: The Crowne Plaza is a “Green Hotel,” promoting an earth-friendly atmosphere for greener meetings and events. With over 10,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, the hotel offers state-of-the-art amenities, comfortable seating, and spacious aluminum free tables. Some of the hotel’s eco-friendly initiatives include: Linen-free table set-ups; Water stations utilized for meetings; Cans and bottles from rooms and meetings are recycled; Paper recycling containers are available throughout the hotel; and Lighting throughout is turned off when not in use to conserve energy.

FEDERATION FUN NIGHT: **Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls BINGO!”** will be held immediately following the banquet on **Saturday, April 16th**. ALL GFWC Maryland members and guests are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes (*see details on page 6*). **Please use Meal Reservation Form to reserve your seat!**

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB: **The Deadline for GFWC Convention Club Reservations is March 15, 2016.** Join fellow GFWC International Convention attendees at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 17th for breakfast. Share stories, laughs and plans for the 2016 GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, MD! **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*

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 Saturday 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.

2016-2018 GFWC MARYLAND DIRECTORY: **Attention Club Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurers & Directors!** A special form is included on page 29 of this issue for reporting 2016-2018 Club Officers for publication in the GFWC Maryland Directory. *Please complete the form and return to the Registration Table at GFWC-MD Convention, or mail to the GFWC-MD Directory Chairman, no later than June 30, 2016.*
> *Mail to: Debbie Spinnenweber, 14602 Viewcrest Rd, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502*

MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A **Medical Emergency Information Form** is included on the reverse side of the Meal Reservation Form (*page 20 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 join us on Sunday, April 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You will be paid “GREEN” cash for any old gold, white gold, platinum or sterling silver jewelry you would like to get rid of. Simply bring your items in a bag or box with your name on it. Our buyer will separate your items by karat weight (10k, 14k), and pay you in cash based on the total weight times the current payout rates. She can remove and return most stones. GFWC Maryland Fundraising will receive 10% of whatever she pays out.

We will also offer our popular **50/50 Boards and District Basket Raffles** (filled to the brim!), plus a variety of additional items throughout convention.

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

CONVENTION PACKETS: Advertise your favorite club fundraising project in the Convention Packets. Please send all information to the GFWC-MD Arrangements Chairman **no later than March 15, 2016**. Materials received after this date will NOT be included in the packets. Send 120 copies to be include in ALL PACKETS, or send 55 copies to be included in only the CLUB PRESIDENTS’ PACKETS.
> *Mail to: Jennie Sue Pearson, 2501 Coleridge Drive, #2A, Frederick, MD 21702*

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS FORM
DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2016

CLUB NAME: _____

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2016) _____ 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: _____

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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 15, 2016 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

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 15, 2016

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

Function dates: **April 16-18, 2016**

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: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Phone: 410-266-3131 (direct line) or 1-877-2-CROWNE (toll free)

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 15, 2016

Shirley Wales, President
Christy Swiger, Vice-President

Tin Tin Nu Raschid, Treasurer
Mary Walton, Secretary

GFWC CONVENTION CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, April 17, 2016 ★ 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 2016 GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, MD! ***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 RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 15, 2016

**Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 15, 2016.
Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.**

*For example: If you plan to attend all meals your total will be \$200.00.
If you mail your Reservation Form after March 15, 2016, your total will be \$210.00.*

— PLEASE NOTE —

SUBMIT ONE (1) MEAL 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 16 – Junior/General Luncheon | \$ 35.00 | |
| Saturday, April 16 – Banquet | \$ 50.00 | |
| Saturday, April 16 – 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 17 – Luncheon | \$ 35.00 | |
| Sunday, April 17 – Banquet | \$ 50.00 | |
| Monday, April 18 – Brunch | \$ 30.00 | |
| 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 Saturday night, please list below:

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| Name: | Office: |
| Club: | District: |

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

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| Name: | Office: |
| Club: | District: |

If reservation is for a Member, please list below:

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| Name: | Office: |
| Club: | District: |

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



MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

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|-------------------|
| 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



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC-MD BYLAWS

According to ARTICLE XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws, of The Federation Bylaws (page 76), *“These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before January 1.”*

ARTICLE III: Members Section 4

Currently reads:

Any member club or organization may resign from The Federation by written notice to the corresponding secretary who shall present it to the executive committee for action. No resignation shall be accepted until all dues are paid.

Amend by adding the following additional language to the end of the current language:

Member clubs or organizations resigning from The Federation shall within sixty (60) days of submitting their resignation letter to The Federation, submit to the executive committee of The Federation a plan for distributing their assets, real, personal and cash on deposit to The Federation or any other qualified organization as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Rationale:

There appears to be some confusion on the retention of club funds earned while under The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. This additional language is needed to make clear and outline a procedure for the disbursement of such funds.

ARTICLE IV: Officers Section 4, Paragraph 2

Currently reads:

No officer shall be eligible to two consecutive terms in the same office,

with the exception of the treasurer who shall be eligible to serve two consecutive terms in that office. No member shall be eligible to the office of the president-elect who has not served at least one term on The Federation executive committee. No member shall be eligible to office who has not served at least one term on The Federation board of directors or as a district officer.

Amend by replacing the last two (2) sentences of paragraph 2 with the following language:

No member shall be eligible to the office of the president-elect and the office of the vice-president who has not served at least one term on The Federation executive committee. Members that possess the appropriate skills and experiences in areas of finance, business management and computer technology shall be eligible to the offices of recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

Rationale:

This change will give the opportunity for qualified, experienced clubwomen to serve.

ARTICLE XII: Dues Section 2

Currently reads:

Dues are payable to the treasurer on or before December 1 of each year. Additional dues shall be remitted monthly. Clubs in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to be represented at meeting of The Federation. Clubs in arrears for one full year shall be dropped automatically from The Federation.

Amend by inserting additional language as indicated in parentheses:

Dues are payable to the treasurer on or before December 1 of each year. Additional dues shall be remitted monthly. Clubs in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to be represented at meeting (insert “s”) of The Federation. Clubs in arrears for one full year shall be dropped automatically from (insert “representation in”) The Federation.

Rationale:

The first proposed insertion is to correct a minor typographical error in the current language. The second is to be compatible with the proposed revision of Article III, Section 4.

ARTICLE XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws

Currently reads:

The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendments has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before January 1.

Amend by striking out “January” and inserting “February” in the last sentence as follows:

Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before February 1.

Rationale:

With the holidays and hectic schedules of members and clubs, moving the date to February 1 would give ample time for the amendments to be sent and addressed by the bylaws committee.

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

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District

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

In support of the GFWC Sock Project, members donated 64 pairs of socks at our May meeting to encourage domestic violence survivors to “Step Away From Abuse.” The socks were inserted into baggies, labeled with our club name, and given to the Frederick Woman’s Civic Club to donate locally, since they allow our club to use their historic clubhouse for meetings.

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



Cumberland Juniors accepting a Grant from RBC Wealth Management honoring them for their charitable efforts.

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

Small but mighty, the GFWC Junior Woman’s Civic Club of Cumberland is a busy club. We have always been involved in March of Dimes activities, with members serving on committees and providing manpower for their events—the latest being the Walk for Babies in May. Unfortunately, that was the last function they held in our area, since they closed their offices in the Western Maryland counties. We are picking up other organizations to work with.

Steven Phillips founded a local chapter of “Shoes That Fit,” providing shoes to needy elementary students in the area. His daughter was a passionate supporter, so when she died he renamed it “Kix from Kallee” to honor her. We met with him, getting a status update and renewing our commitment. He forwards to partner organizations requests for shoes, generated by schools from the surrounding counties, giving the size and sex. Then members help fill the orders, donating 17 pair the last time.

We had the good fortune to hear from Sam Lane about Free Masonry, and his friend Tom Paxton, on their involvement with the Shriner’s Hospital program. We are working on some projects to make things easier on the kids during their transport and stay.



Members of the Cumberland Juniors gathered together for their Annual Progressive Dinner Meeting.

We learned about Heart Health, the progress of Psychiatric Care in the community, Cyber Safety, and Emergency Preparedness at our meetings. Donations and projects went to support the Union Rescue Mission, the Thomas B. Finan Center Auxiliary, the local Soroptimist Club’s “Shop with a Cop” program, had trees planted at Wye Island honoring deceased members and family members, and sponsored a camper at Camp Brite Star. For the Family Crisis Center we planted and donated flowers, paper goods, and gently-used clothes. We rang bells and filled gift bags for the Salvation Army, and wrapped gifts for Toys for Happiness.

Toys For Happiness was asked to take over the Festival of Trees by our local mall, so we manned the booth for an evening and provided needed contact information for our members who were involved in the process during previous years so the festival can continue to grow. We continue to support a scholarship for a non-conventional student returning to school at Allegany Community College every semester. Fundraisers toward our scholarship and other charities included the fun activity of helping the local Jaycees with their Wing Off, a grant from RBC Finance Company honoring us for our charitable efforts, a calendar raffle, a Sheetz Card raffle, Flower Power, Innisbrook, a Christmas Craft auction, and... we followed up on taking care of the 1980 sign garden dedicating the path to the Handicap Pier at Rocky Gap State Park, which our club originally helped develop. Other fun things included enjoying International Night, sampling other nations’ cuisine and customs provided by members at the meeting, a progressive dinner, and our end of the year dinner, as well as participating in the state meetings of the Junior Clubs.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.

"Many Hands Working in Our Community" is the theme for this administration, and that is what sets us apart from other civic organizations in Frederick. Our members donate an average of 16,000 hours each year to make Frederick a better place to live. To recognize the history and accomplishments of our club, a logo was designed depicting the front door of our historic clubhouse Steiner House, that we purchased 53 years ago.

Building on a century of service, we are reaching out to the community by embracing social media with developing a website—www.fwccinc.org—which links to the GFWC and GFWC-MD websites. Our website provides the proud history of GFWC at the national, state and local levels. We use it to publicize our events, meetings, community service programs, and to connect to our community sponsors and to attract new ones. We are also on Facebook!

In November we held a small Christkindlmarkt fundraiser featuring 21 vendors and holiday shopping. The 55th Annual Mardi Gras Ball, our largest annual fundraiser, was on February 6, 2016. This year our charity is Faith House, a place where women and their children can stay in a home atmosphere until they are ready to go out on their own. We combined a night of revelry and partying for good causes, including preservation of Steiner House and local scholarships. All enjoyed a taste of gourmet food from Frederick restaurants, traditional dancing, live jazz bands, our traditional presentation of the Mardi Gras Royal Court, and a silent auction.

We established a Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc. Scholarship Fund with the well-respected Community Foundation of Frederick, to stream-



The Frederick Club's Steiner House has become the drop-off for Heartly House, a local woman's shelter.

line the application and award process while allowing our Scholarship Committee to maintain control.

Increasing membership is a big focus and we've added nine new members in the past year. An orientation meeting was held to tell them about the club. Our monthly meetings have themes that tie into the Community Service Programs, such as "Blessing in a Backpack" and "SHIP." We were entertained by the chorus from the local elementary school where our members serve as tutors and provide family support services. To accommodate the different family and work situations of our members, we hold both daytime and evening meetings. We have an active Book Club which continues to grow.

A few of our recent efforts: established a monthly book club at a local nursing home; held Bingo events; Trick or Treat for UNICEF; supported the military; provided volunteer services at the Weinberg Center; received conservation tips in our newsletter; supported domestic violence awareness with volunteer time and donations for the local shelter's holiday gifts program; worked to end child abuse through Friends of the Child Advocacy Center; and sold over 150 White House ornaments, earning \$1000 to support Youth Art contest.

Steiner House has become the drop-off for Heartly House, a woman's shelter. Club members



Members of the Frederick Club enjoy a performance by the Lincoln Elementary School Chorus.

staff this location each week, freeing the shelter's staff to focus on their core mission. We go twice a year to the SERRV Center in New Windsor, MD for a day of service.

Our new Steiner House logo reflects our commitment to promoting this historic landmark built in 1807 by literally "opening its door to the public." Recently Steiner House took its place among other historic landmarks in Frederick County Tourism's Candlelight Museums Tour. Steiner House was beautifully decorated and our members used prepared scripts to tell about the history of each room as visitors toured the house. Something new this year—many of our members wore period clothing to add to the event. We plan to have Steiner House open for Bell and History Days in Spring 2016.

We look forward to expanding our membership, programs, and services, while having lots of fun!

GFWC Civic Club of Oakland, MD, Inc.

The GFWC Civic Club of Oakland had a very successful year in many ways. The club was able to distribute over \$16,000.00 in donations to various scholarships, local non-profit organizations, and Garrett Regional Medical Center. We welcomed 11 new members in 2015, and are excited to have more

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new members join in 2016. The club met for six luncheon and two dinner meetings. Dinner meetings allow our members who cannot come during the day to participate at least twice a year. Each meeting included very interesting guest speakers on a variety of topics, including “Growing Up a Girl in Rural China” and “Licensed Forensic Nurse Examiners: What Do They Do?” We also held a July picnic, and a December holiday party and encourage members to bring guests and spouses.

Our Book Club meets 11 months a year and gets together monthly for a lively luncheon discussion of the current book.

The 42nd Annual Civic Club Antique, Vintage, and Collectible Show was a great success. New vendors with new products joined a host of returning vendors to fill the building at the Oakland Community Center. The Civic Club Café offered all homemade soups and sandwiches, as well as baked goods. All proceeds from this 3-day show are donated to Garrett County charities.

The Craft Group meets from February through November to make 260 tray favors for each of six holidays for local nursing home residents. They also organize the decorations



The Oakland Club pledges \$10,000 over the next 10 years to Garrett Regional Medical Center. Shown with hospital CEO Mark Boucot (center) are members (L to R) Suzanne Harle, Edna Forsythe, Sandy Hill, and Barbara Frantz.

for the club’s tree donation to the Festival of Trees that benefits our abused women’s shelter. This year our tree earned \$550.00 for the Dove Center.

Members shopped for over 300 children in the Warm the Children Program that we operate in cooperation with the Republican Newspaper. Members also handwrite thank you notes to every donor. Our members also adopted 25 nursing home residents and provided them with holiday gifts and individual trees for their rooms.

Our club is currently accepting donations toward the semi-annual publication of its *Quick Guide to Garrett County Resources*. Five thousand copies of this publication are distributed free-of-charge to local residents through businesses and helping organizations.

In November we celebrated the annual selection of our woman of the year. Jean Tumbarello is the outstanding choice for 2015.

The club will be on its annual break in January and February. Monthly luncheon meetings resume on March 29, 2016 at Dutch’s at Silver Tree.

For more information on the GFWC Civic Club of Oakland and its activities, please call 301-509-9440, or visit our Facebook page.



Oakland Club Members staff the Civic Club Café for three days during the club’s Antique Show. Pictured (L to R) are Café Co-Chairs Judi Merriman and Suzanne Harle, and Baked Goods Chair Jeannie Bailey.

GFWC Western Maryland Community Club

The Western Maryland Community Club (WMCC) celebrated its 13th Anniversary in April. Although we’re still “young,” our small band of federated friends has had plenty of time to develop a few traditions, including our popular “Bonnie’s BINGO” fundraiser, and monthly donations to support Operation Smile. Our “WMCC HOTLINE!” helps our members stay connected, and our newsletter “VolunCheer” serves to inform, and educate our members on an array of subjects.

Our annual donations include: HOBY, Save the Bay, Youth Art, Women’s History & Resource Center, the 1734 Society, Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, and the GFWC Maryland Website. We also purchased a Flock of Hope from Heifer International.

To benefit our local Domestic Violence Shelter, our club held a Paper Party to collect paper products, and a Baby Shower to collect baby supplies. A new vacuum cleaner was also purchased and delivered to the shelter.

Once again, our club adopted a local Social Worker for the year. Members donated clothing, bed linens, towels, and personal items, to help fill “Dawn’s Closet” and directly benefit those in need. New and gently-used suitcases, totes and backpacks were also collected for Pressley Ridge Foster Care.

Members donated Art Supplies for the Art Program at Friends Aware, Inc.—a local organization that provides supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. We also supported their Capital Expansion project with a donation.

Members collected food for the local Food Bank’s “Bagman Backpack Program,” which provides backpacks full of kid-friendly food to

children who face hunger on weekends and school vacations, when they are not in school to receive their free meals.

The holidays are always a busy time for WMCC. Members supported the Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program by writing messages of appreciation in cards which were distributed to the military. We supported the Salvation Army Children's Christmas project by filling Christmas Gift Bags for children of varying ages. Members brought Toys to our December meeting in lieu of traditional Jingle Gifts, which we donated to Toys for Happiness. We also wrapped gifts at the Toys for Happiness booth at the



Mayor Kevin Utz (center) presented a proclamation to the Westminster Woman's Club recognizing Federation Day, GFWC's 125th Anniversary, and the club's community contributions.



Westminster Woman's Club members and guests had a wonderful time on their bus trip to GFWC Headquarters and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Their hostess, GFWC International President Babs Condon, served them lunch and arranged for a special tour of headquarters.

local mall for Christmas. December is also our annual collection of "cheerful" calendars for residents at a local nursing home, and gently-used magazines for residents at an assisted-living facility.

After our winter break in January and February, WMCC members will be re-energized when we meet again in March to make Linus Blankets.

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

Members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. met with Westminster's Mayor Kevin Utz and were presented with a proclamation recognizing April 27, 2015 as Federation Day, in honor of GFWC's 125th anniversary, and honoring the contributions of the Westminster Club to our community.

GFWC International President Babs Condon attended several of our club events including our Spring and December Luncheons. We visited her at headquarters in Washington, DC, with a side trip to the National Gallery of Art. Babs and her staff served us a delicious lunch and arranged for a special tour.

One of our members, Norma Jean Swam, was chosen as Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman for 2014. Norma Jean received the award at GFWC Maryland's 116th Annual Convention held at the Sheraton Annapolis, in Annapolis.

Our program committee continued its usual fine job, and we heard speakers on a variety of subjects, all relating to health and wellness. Our participation in Read Across America Day, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, has been challenged by wintery weather. Our Education Committee decided that in the future we will celebrate a bit later in the season to avoid inclement weather cancellation. Penguin Random House continues to donate books, supplemented by those purchased by our club, and each child attending a reading gets a book to take home.

Club members acted as docents at the opening of the new Tevis Center for Wellness at Carroll Hospital in the spring, and as aides at the Total Wellness Expo in the fall.

Also in the spring, members participated in a fundraiser for the club and the Carroll County Career and Technology Center. Students in the Center's Culinary Arts Program prepared and served a delicious luncheon and taught members how to prepare the dishes that were served. The Culinary Arts Program trains students for careers in the food service industry and is certified by the American Culinary Federation.

The Public Issues CSP helped with the Sew Much Comfort/Wounded Warriors project that provided adaptive clothing to support the unique needs of our wounded service personnel. The efforts towards this project earned an award from the Sew Much Comfort Ambassador to GFWC Clubs.

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Members participated in two flea markets at the Shipley Arena at the Ag Center this past year to help with our fundraising goals.

Our club's community service programs continuing projects include mounting the ongoing art exhibit at the Carroll Nonprofit Center, decorating a wreath for the Carroll Arts Center Festival of Wreaths, volunteering at SERRV, participating in Westminster's Memorial Day Parade, and helping to maintain a perennial garden in a historic city park. Clubwomen also collected food for World Food Day, made monetary donations to numerous organizations, including the Safe House, and awarded scholarships to several students.

Our community service programs continue to support and partner with local agencies and nonprofits while staying alert for new ways to volunteer.

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

Greetings from the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. Over the past year, we held many fun and successful events. As the New Year started, our club organized the Middle and High School Art Contest where our local schools competed in several artistic categories. There were so many talented artists it was difficult to choose winners. While the weather kept us indoors, we passed the time by hosting monthly Wine Club events to enjoy friends, food and camaraderie. As the weather warmed, we had a very busy spring. On a beautiful warm May day, club members worked a booth at the popular Westminster Flower & Jazz Festival celebrating spring and Mother's Day. Our volunteers promoted the club

and raised money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital by distributing flowers for donations. As if May was not busy enough, the club held the Annual Stomp Out Domestic Violence 5K Run/Walk. There were 65 participants, raising more than four thousand dollars! All funds raised went to the Family and Children Services of Carroll County.

The 5th of August was National Night Out. In coordination with the City of Westminster and the local law enforcement our club provided food and drinks to all those who attended. Club members also setup games for kids to play and receive school supplies as prizes. In addition, in August, we held our Annual Consignment Sale, which is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year. This year we successfully introduced credit cards as a form of payment, and raises more than ten thousand dollars!

As autumn arrived, the club assisted Access Carroll at the Annual Chili Cook-Off by working the kitchen and raising money by selling very popular funnel cakes, pizza and drinks. The local American Legion

hosted an enormously well-attended Halloween Parade down Main Street where our club members volunteered to organize the costume contests.

In November, our Family Committee hosted the Barter Dinner, where our members cooked delicious dishes, which were bartered for gift cards, checks, or cash that were all donated to the Dove House of Carroll County to provide meals for family members of patients.

To round out the year, our Annual Holiday Party was graciously hosted in the home of one of our club members where we not only enjoyed exchanging gifts and celebrating the season, but each member donated an unwrapped gift for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

In addition to the scheduled monthly events, members came together throughout the year to make comfort bags and blankets for breast cancer patients. Finally, GFWC International President Babs Condon, also our past president, has received the dedicated support of many of our members this year, and throughout her administration.



Westminster Juniors making no-sew blankets for breast cancer patients at Carroll Hospital Center.



At their Annual Holiday Party, the Westminster Juniors collected gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Come Fly With Me and Be A Volunteer

GFWC Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour

It's been a busy year for the Woman's Club of Annapolis at Heritage Harbour. We began in January with our re-gifting auction, hampered somewhat by a snowy day. We still had a great time and a lot of fun. This event has become one of our fundraisers.

February brought Brian Hope and his wife Patti to speak about the John Brown Liberty Ship. Patti did an excellent interpretation of Rosie the Riveter and showed rivets used during WWII. Our Shrove Tuesday Brunch had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Our Dessert and Card Party, one of our biggest fundraisers, brought over 100 card and game players in support of our nursing scholarship and charities. At our regular meeting, Chico's brought a wonderful Spring Fashion Show to the Lodge.

Our April speakers were Chick Dumbolt and Dr. Nelson Goodman. Chick became sensitized to social causes in the 1960s, as a student at Oklahoma State University, where he helped lead campaigns against war and for civil rights, free speech and the environment. Dr. Goodman, author of "Millie: A Cautionary Tale of America's Longest War," practiced internal medicine for 40 years in a suburb of Washington, DC. He was exposed to many victims of the Drug War. This experience led him to become chairman of a State Medical Society Drug Committee.

We held our Annual Tea in May, where we distributed donations to our charities and nursing scholarships. We also had our first House and Garden tour in six years. It was a huge success, showcasing seven homes, two homes and gardens, and two gardens.

In September, we held our Potluck

Luncheon where members volunteered for various committees. At our Community Bazaar, our club held a Bake Sale, raffles and provided lunch for attendees.

Our speaker for October was David Emge, who delighted us with stories of his duties involving decorating the State Dining Room for Heads of State, and for Princess Diana and Prince Charles.

November was our Day of Service. We prepared and delivered 50 lunches for the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis; filled 60 Chemo Bags for patients being infused at AAMC; and stuffed 50 headrests to be given to veterans at Bethesda. We hope these will provide some comfort to the young wounded men returning from Afghanistan.

The end of our year brought our traditional Holiday Luncheon when members brought items for the Food Link Baby Pantry. The response was overwhelming. We were overjoyed to have GFWC International President Babs Condon as our guest speaker. What an inspiration she is, and so approachable. We look forward to the busy months ahead.

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.

Even though we do not meet during the summer, the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights presented its annual summer Concerts in the Park series. Members also filled backpacks for needy school children. The club participated in the Linthicum Community Fair by selling hotdogs and designing and riding in a float in the parade. With the fair theme of "Maryland My Maryland," the club's float depicted our art class painting Maryland scenes and received second place for its outstanding float.

The club's opening tea in September used the same theme and the club-

house was decorated with items depicting Maryland. We focused on our participation in volunteer activities, initiated new members, heard from the HOBY Ambassadors, and collected toiletries for Arden House, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse. The "Gold Lady" delighted many members by turning their gold to green.

In October, Dr. David Hatch spoke about the Native American Code-talkers—heroes from both world wars whose service saved the lives of thousands of American troops. The clubhouse was decorated with many Native American artifacts including a collection of Kachina dolls. The club also recognized breast cancer survivors. The International Issues Committee encouraged members to participate in the Shot@Life Program by getting vaccines at Walgreens. They collected toys, umbrella strollers, children's blankets, crutches, and walkers for the Ecuadent medical missionary work of a club member.

What better for an October evening group meeting than a talk on Inspired Ghost Tracking? This paranormal research and investigation team serves clients in Maryland and surrounding areas and approaches clients with a blend of science, technology, and spirituality.

The club held its first Quarter Auction in October and hosted a "Wish List Shower" for Arden House. The shower gifts filled a van with items for the residents of the domestic violence shelter. Members also participated in "Operation Welcome Home" at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Guest speaker at the November Meeting was Sean Morrison of "Believe in Tomorrow" National Children's Foundation, which provides exceptional hospital and respite housing services to critically ill children and their families. The

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club collected food basket items for the North County Emergency Outreach Network and children's books for Sarah's House.

At the December Meeting—"The Sounds of Music" featured musical Christmas selections sung by Suzi Rose accompanied by pianist Joseph Olin, and a Christmas reading by club member Marie Krayzel. More food basket items were collected and delivered to the charity.

Two of the club's largest fundraisers were held in December and were very successful. A Holly Jolly Holly Mart featured Santa and Mrs. Claus, a children's corner, homemade candy and baked goods, jewelry and accessories, Christmas wreaths and arrangements, collectibles, crafts and a delicious luncheon.

The holiday gala is always an early sell-out. This year's theme was "A Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown." The gala featured the house specialties of many local restaurants and a live and silent auction. Both fundraisers exceeded our expectations.

Allen C. Abend spoke at the January Meeting on "Baltimore's Forgotten Women." His book by the same title discusses 16 little-known Baltimore women artists who painted and sketched there a century ago. The club collected underwear and socks for the homeless housed by area churches during the winter.

"How to protect your safety and assets in a world dependent on technology" was the topic for the January evening meeting. The guest speaker was from the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

February's Meeting featured Frederica Mathewes-Green, author and wife of Rev. Gregory Mathewes-Green of the local Holy Cross Orthodox Church. As the pastor's wife, she is known as "Khouria" (mother) of the parish they founded. The February evening meeting was a treasure swap.



Jennifer Hockey, Linthicum President Sandra Blankenship, and Joyce Houpe attend the GFWC Holiday Open House.

Members brought in gently used handbags, scarves, jewelry, and other accessories to swap. Leftovers were donated to charity.

Our annual Prayer Breakfast in March will feature the Rev. David Orec, pastor, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Annapolis. The Rev. Orec is a Navy chaplain holding the rank of Captain. On Good Friday, the club will deliver a complete Easter dinner for the residents of Believe in Tomorrow House at St. Casimir's along with Easter baskets for the children. This is a hospital housing facility focusing on the long-term housing needs of pediatric bone marrow transplant patients and their immediate families.

The club's Annual Meeting will be in April. We will hear all the past year's accomplishments. April is also time for our annual Youth Art and Writing Awards Ceremony.

As it has done since 1940, in May the club closes out its year with the annual luncheon and installation of new officers and board members.

Severn Town Club, Inc.

The Severn Town Club is well and thriving! As most clubs experience, we too have had to face attrition of membership. BUT, our membership is holding steady due to new, dedicated, energetic women that have joined us in the last two years!

We began in August 2015 with a most elegant prospective members' cocktail party. A wonderful evening



Santa and Mrs. Claus (club member Midge Knell) greet visitors to the Linthicum Club's Annual Holly Mart.

was had by all. In September, we held a potluck supper where representatives from HOBY and students we sponsored spoke to us. It was a joy to have them all there. Our October meeting speaker was the major recipient of this year's 52nd Holly Ball—the Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Later that month, we all gathered once again at Jeannine Dufrene's home to put together fun, festive and extravagant baskets for our Silent auction for the Holly Ball.

Work and planning for the Holly Ball has gone on since last January. Under the excellent stewardship of our most capable Holly Ball Chair, Sheryn Blocher and her committee, the Holly Ball turned out to be a mesmerizing evening! We are proud to report that this year's Holly Ball brought in \$50,000.00 for us to give back to our community!

The club supports and sponsors other activities throughout the year, such as the battered women's house (Arden House). Under the steady leadership of Phyllis Peters and her helpers, we are there every month, giving the women and children there what they need plus more.

We ended 2015 with a wonderful Christmas party, with spouses/significant others being invited. It was a beautiful and fun evening! Visit www.severntownclub.org to view photos of the Severn Town Club's activities. We are looking forward to 2016—lots of fun events are planned!

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