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Club and District Editors Please Note!!

Districts Reporting for the SPRING 2016 issue:
Western & Southern

Districts Reporting for the FALL 2016 issue:
Montgomery County

ALL Articles and Information for the SPRING 2016 issue of The Maryland Clubwoman MUST be in the hands of the State Editor by January 5, 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 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,

Maryland you have done it again! You hosted the Southeastern Region Conference with southern hospitality. I can only say “Thank You!” to all committees and clubwomen who purchased items, hosted tables, and showed their support for the Maryland Federation. A special thank you to everyone on the SER Committee—we couldn’t have done this without you! SER Chairman Barbara Nunnari kept things running smoothly throughout the whole event. SER Fundraising Chairman Christy Swiger, assisted by Dottie Bishoff, manned our booth at all times. The decorations were beautiful and our registration “team” was awesome! I could go on and on, but I would miss someone and I don’t want that to happen. I will finish with... Maryland was “Hoppin’ and a-boppin’ and singing our song, Rockin’ Robins, Tweet, Tweet!”

All of the information you need for Reporting is in this issue of “The Maryland Clubwoman.” The GFWC-MD Statistical Report Form may also be downloaded from the GFWC-MD website. Please remember the postmark deadline is January 31, 2016 to send all club statistical reports and narratives to GFWC-MD Dean of Chairman Dottie Gregg.

I would like to encourage all clubs to submit a LEADS application for a member of your club. GFWC International Convention will be held in Maryland, so there is no better time to attend or to become a LEADS candidate. The state chairman, Sandy Blankenship, and I would like to receive no less than 25 applications. Information is included in this issue, and may also be downloaded from the GFWC-MD website.

I would also encourage all general clubs to nominate a club member for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman. Information is included in this issue and may also be downloaded from the GFWC-MD website. Don’t miss this opportunity to say “thank you” to one of your club members who has gone above and beyond during this past year!

It has been an honor and a privilege to work beside the leaders of the executive committee and all members of the Maryland Federation. I am proud of all you accomplish within your clubs, communities, your districts, and the Federation. I can’t wait to receive your club reports and start reading about your wonderful projects. GFWC Maryland—you are the “wind beneath my wings.” You keep me soaring with your kindness, love and support. I look forward to continuing our flight as we make plans for our Annual Convention in April, and host the 2016 GFWC International Convention in June.

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,

The leaves have fallen and snow is knocking at the door. This is the time of year we reflect on the past months and make our resolutions for the New Year.

We have accomplished so much this year... holding GFWC-MD Convention at a new venue... supporting a new GFWC partner, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital... celebrating GFWC's 125th Anniversary... district meetings, board meetings, Mid-Winter Rally, Junior Fall Conference... and rounding out the year by hosting the Southeastern Region Conference in Annapolis. WOW! Maryland clubwomen have been busy... not to mention all that your clubs have done locally. Have you been thinking about club reports? Have fun reminiscing and writing about all your great projects.

So, now that we've discussed the past year...what about the New Year. Does your club make New Year's resolutions? Do something new, resurrect an

old project... increase membership! The state has lots of fun goals to complete as well. Start planning to come along and join in the fun for another exciting club year. Attend Junior Mid-Winter Rally at GFWC Headquarters, gather in Annapolis for the GFWC Maryland Convention, and represent Maryland as we host the GFWC International Convention in Baltimore!

Maryland Juniors... your Director of Junior Clubs has given you a goal. She has asked you to double your membership this year. What are you doing to keep members or intrigue new members? I cannot wait to see what you come up with and put in your reports. Share your ideas with the other Junior club presidents. One easy idea... just ask. A new member might not know how to join, when all they have to do is "show up." Showing up on your own is difficult for most people. Sometimes we forget the little things, so ask this simple question: "Would you like to join a great volunteer organization that is dedicated to improving our community?" What is your great idea?

Thank you for all you do! I am so proud to represent our wonderful state and all of the terrific clubwomen in it. Thank you for continuing to support me and the Junior membership. We are each other's mentors. Keep up the great work and "Wrapping Your Wings of Love."

In Federation Love,

Sandra
Sandra Mattocks
GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs



JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

October 31, 2015 in Pocomoke City, MD

The Maryland Juniors held **Junior Fall Conference** in Pocomoke City on **Saturday, October 31st**—the fun and festive holiday Halloween. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day that was enjoyed by all.

The Pocomoke City Juniors had lots of wonderful things planned. The meeting was held at a great little restaurant on the Pocomoke River called The Riverside Grill. The Pocomoke Juniors did a wonderful job—Thank You!

During the meeting we discussed the upcoming GFWC Southeastern Region meeting, GFWC Maryland Annual Convention, and GFWC International Convention. They will be great opportunities for some work and lots of fun with our Federation friends.

Attendees enjoyed a Halloween costume contest that was won by Harriet Ennis, made no-skid socks for kids, and collected donations for the Delmarva Discovery Center. The Pocomoke Juniors and other Maryland Juniors took the socks to deliver to some wonderful children.

Our luncheon speaker was Laura Morrison, wife of the Pocomoke City Mayor. She spoke about Pocomoke City history, the importance of volunteers, and the many improvements in the community.

After adjournment the group took a walking tour of the city, where we saw some of the improvements mentioned by Mrs. Morrison. We visited the Delmarva Discovery Center to drop off our donations and toured their facility. We walked next door to the Sturgis One Room School Museum and learned about the only African American school house in Worcester County. Then we were off to the community gardens and discussed the vegetables and flowers that are grown and given to the community, visited little parks that have been created in empty lots, then concluded with the local theater that was renovated and hosts movies and theatrical performances.

It was a great day, spending time with old and new friends. Hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter Rally!

Sandra Mattocks
GFWC-MD Director of Junior Clubs



Junior Fall Conference Attendees



**Mark
Your Calendars!**

MID-WINTER RALLY

SATURDAY

JANUARY 30, 2016

(SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 6, 2016)

GFWC HEADQUARTERS

1734 N STREET, NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2990

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE
INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL

DEADLINES...

For Submitting Proposed Resolutions & Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws

Proposed GFWC-MD Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee Chairman on or before **January 15, 2016**. Resolutions may be presented by the executive committee, the resolutions committee, a district, a federated club, or a chairman of a program, division, or committee of The Federation.

Mail to: Angeline Haines
Resolutions Committee Chairman
5 Trelawney Court
Lutherville, MD 21093-4728

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before **January 1, 2016**.

Amendments may be proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee, or by a federated club.

Mail to: Bette Brust
Bylaws Committee Chairman
104 Mina Drive
Middletown, MD 21769-7847

GFWC MARYLAND BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

The February Board of Directors Meeting, hosted by Southern District, will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the Bowie Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD (directions will be included in the Call).

Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen at this meeting.

Any State Chairman who is unable to attend should contact State Dean of Chairmen Dottie Gregg at 410-398-2889, to arrange to receive your reports.

A Day of Service will be held to benefit Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Dundalk, MD. Its volunteers work to comfort American soldiers by sending care packages to our troops currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Irene Spatafore, president and founder of Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc. will speak about how she started the organization.**

At the meeting, we will be collecting donations of items (see list at right) for both male and female troops. Financial contributions are also welcomed in order to offset shipping costs.

Pens
Shower Shoes or Flip-Flops
Sunscreen
Eye Drops
Powdered Drink Mix
Hand Wipes
Toiletries
Deodorant
Soap Foot Powder
Disposable Razors
Packaged Tooth Brushes
Hard Candy
Beef Jerky
Freeze Pops
Crackers
Nuts
Granola Bars
Dried Fruit
Trail Mix
Playing Cards

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Spread the Sunshine about the General Federation of Women's Clubs

As GFWC celebrates 125 years of Living the Volunteer Spirit, it's important to reflect on the accomplishments that have made GFWC an organization of global change. These dates, places, and facts are a testament to the incredible work of GFWC clubwomen in responding to the needs of the local, national and international community.

1889 • Sixty-one Women's Clubs from around the country convene in New York City, NY to organize a federation. The conference was closed with the words, "We look for unity, but unity with Diversity."

1900 • Traveling Libraries began with small rotating collections sent to rural communities. GFWC still supports libraries, encouraging bookmobiles in many rural areas in the U.S. and around the world. The American Library Association credits GFWC with establishing 75% of American Libraries.

1907 • At the request of U.S. Secretary of War Wm. Taft, GFWC organized the Panama Canal Federation of Women's Clubs to improve the civic life of the community.

1910 • GFWC supported legislation for the 8-hour workday. Workplace safety, inspections, workmen's compensation, and prison reform.

1912 • GFWC worked to promote public healthcare for mothers and children.

1921 • Recognizing that Native Americans were denied citizenship rights, GFWC created an Indian Welfare Committee.

1932 • GFWC established a Junior Membership Department.

1934 • GFWC Division on Public Health created the Woman's Field Army in partnership with the American Society for the Control of Cancer (American Cancer Society).

1943 • GFWC Buy A Bomber Campaign purchased 431 planes for war service.

1950 • GFWC Partnered with the Cooperation for American Relief Everywhere (CARE) to distribute relief shipments to Korean families.

1960 • GFWC's Brighten the Night, a nationwide campaign for street lighting to prevent crime and accidents was initiated.

1961 • Partnered with the Auto Safety Foundation to crusade for seat belt safety.

1980 • Established a trust fund for the arts to support young artists.

1990 • Actively supported the passage of the Violence Against Women Act.

2000 • The GFWC Outreach for Children raised \$204,000 for Operation Smile.

2004 • GFWC contributed \$180,000 to purchase of a fully equipped ambulance to replace equipment lost on September 11, 2001.

These are only a few intriguing facts about GFWC, but without a growing Membership, GFWC will not continue to do the Volunteer works we are so proud of. I challenge each GFWC-MD club to recruit at least one new member a month. Ask them to a meeting and explain what GFWC means to you and your community. Spread the sunshine about GFWC. I'll be waiting to hear how your club has grown!

*Jo Harp, GFWC-MD
Membership Chairman*

GFWC SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING

November 5-8, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, MD

The GFWC members of Kentucky, North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia met for the 2015 Southeastern Region Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland. Southeastern Region President Kathryn Sowers called the conference to order on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The Presentation of Colors was by the U.S. Naval Academy Honor Guard from Annapolis, MD. The welcome from GFWC Maryland was given by GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett and Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks.

Greetings were given by GFWC Chief Operating Officer Rosemary Thomas, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Cathy Jo Canterbury, GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea, and GFWC International President Babs Condon.

The SER Nominating Committee reported, along with the Fundraising committees for GFWC and SER.

The chairman of the SER Standing Rules brought the recommended changes to the board. Some of these

were passed, and others were requested to go back to committee. The meeting was recessed and everyone gathered at 7:00 p.m. for the State Night Banquet, hosted by Maryland. Grace was offered by GFWC-MD Vice-President Dottie Gregg, and GFWC-MD President-elect Reno Eitel introduced the entertainment, Crabtowne Combo. Brenda and Sandra introduced the Maryland Conference Chairman and committees. Junior Fun Night followed with an evening of fun and laughter, with games, music, decorating kids socks, and refreshments.

A reception was also held that evening in honor of SER President Kathryn Sowers, hosted by GFWC of Virginia.

On Saturday morning, members gathered and heard the keynote speaker, Catherine Read of Creative Read, Inc. She discussed her involvement with the Rotary and ways GFWC could encourage membership. The reports of the SER officers followed: SER Treasurer Della Gowen could not be with us due to her husband's illness, but sent her report. Jo Miller served as

Pro-tem Secretary for this meeting. SER Vice-President Mary Jo Thomas reported there were several vendors and some GFWC partners.

Jo Miller, Evaluations Chairman, encouraged everyone to complete an evaluations form, as she didn't want them to self-destruct on our way home, should we not turn them in.

There were platform workshops on Saturday afternoon, which were held in the general meeting room, so all could attend them: CIP was presented by Hope Royer; GFWC Photography Contest, Tressa Wolfe; GFWC Resolutions, Lori Chevalier; GFWC Strategic Planning, Mary Jo Thomas, and Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children by Sarah Jarrett.

During the luncheon there was a 125th Celebration Hats on Parade. Chairman Marlene Wine encouraged everyone who wore a hat to stroll in the hat parade around the room. Our speaker was GFWC President-elect Sheila Shea, whose topic was "We've Only Just Begun," offering some information on the past, present, and plans for the future.



The GFWC Maryland Delegation

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Past SER President Kaytee Mizell (left), with her daughter, SER Fundraising Chairman Christy Swiger.



L to R: Nathalie Bramson, Kitty Cash, Tin Tin Raschid, and Karen Wasik-Saunders.



GFWC Maryland ladies join in the 125th Celebration Hats on Parade!

All of the LEADS Graduates of the Region were recognized, and Maryland was proud to have Rosemary Slacum standing there. There was a Leadership Workshop presented by Rita Lynch in the afternoon.

In the afternoon session, state reports were presented during the “Academy Award” Show hosted by Mary Jo Thomas, SER Vice-president and “Mistress of Ceremonies” for the awards.

Maryland was presented with the “Flying High” award, and Brenda Bennett and Sandra Mattocks ran forth to accept the award and give their “acceptance speech.” Yes, if you weren’t there, you missed a “tweeting” good time.

There were more platform workshops presented: Membership, Angela Paez; PR & Communications, Wendy Carriker; Signature Project: Domestic Violence, Jennifer Jobbe; Public Issues Community Service, Hope Royer, and GFWC Capital Campaign by Beverly Lassiter and Rosemary Thomas.

There were two GFWC Partner workshops presented by Nature Generation and Shot@Life.

Saturday evening, state photos were taken and the Maryland

delegates were able to visit for a few moments before rushing off to prepare the banquet room for the evening’s festivities.

After dinner, they announced and introduced the 2015 Jennie June Nominees, and Celeste Riddle for Maryland was among them. GFWC International President Babs Condon was the keynote speaker. She always manages to inspire us.

There was a special celebration toast for GFWC’s 125th Anniversary. Everyone attending received a commemorative wine glass showing the 125th celebration emblem.

Brenda and Sandra gave the invitation to the 2016 GFWC Annual convention to be held in Baltimore, MD, and again gave recognition of the MD Conference committee with all Maryland ladies standing.

After closing remarks were heard from Rosemary Thomas, Cathy Jo Canterbury, Sheila Shea, and Babs Condon, SER President Sowers adjourned the meeting and asked everyone to attend the reception in the concourse given by West Virginia for the incoming 2016-2018 SER officers.

GFWC-MD President Brenda Bennett & Director of Junior Clubs Sandra Mattocks



SER Chairman Barbara Nunnari (left) blows bubbles at the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE...

Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund

Does your club have a line item in its budget for a contribution to this fund? When your club wants to honor a member of your club does it ever consider a contribution to this fund? Looking for a perfect birthday or Christmas gift for a friend or loved one who has everything or as a memorial? A card noting your contribution will be sent to the person of your choice.

The fund is named for **Bettie M. Sippel**, the first woman from Maryland to be GFWC president. It is actually a combination of two funds, "The Endowment Fund" and "The Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Fund." The two funds were combined in 1957 to simplify record keeping, and so the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund was born.

A contribution to the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund is an investment in the next 100 years of The Maryland Federation. Please send all contributions to the GFWC-MD Treasurer. *Make your check payable to MFWC Treasurer and write the fund name in the memo line.*

Ozella Ruppensberger, Chairman

HOBY UPDATE

This year's award-winning Maryland Leadership Seminar, sponsored by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) will be held at Mt. St. Mary's University from May 26-29, 2016. Due to the University's support of this program, we are pleased to announce that this year's seminar will again be 4 days. Over 220 high school sophomores are expected to attend.

If your club would like to make a donation or sponsor a HOBY ambassador (\$390.00 = \$195.00 registration + \$195.00 sponsorship), please send your donation to:

Anne Yakaitis
7802 Cypress Landing Road
Severn, MD 21144

Make your check payable to:
Maryland Leadership Seminar

Thanks to all who have so graciously and generously supported this GFWC-MD project. And remember, ANY donation is greatly appreciated.

Anne Yakaitis, HOBY Chairman

YOU HAVE TO ENTER TO WIN...

The Community Improvement Program Award!

CONTEST IDEAS:

- Every club is capable of creating a Community Improvement project.
- Almost any project can be turned into a Community Improvement project.
- Projects should address a specific need within the community.
- Establish partnerships to address your community's need, assist with leadership development and raise your club's and GFWC's profile within the community.
- Deem your project as an ongoing community effort that lasts as long as the community need remains.

CONTEST RULES:

- Projects MUST be accomplished during the program period: January 1, 2014-December 31, 2015.
- Club entries must be sent to State Chairman, postmarked no later than March 1, 2016.
- All entries must include completed Community Improvement Contest Entry Form.
- Project notebooks containing narrative description(s) and supporting materials must not exceed 7 lbs. in weight nor measure more than 15"x 20".
- Clubs and State Federations must adhere to deadlines and important dates.

- All monetary awards must be used to further the community improvement initiative.
- Each state's first place entry—which is sent to GFWC—becomes the property of GFWC and will not be returned. The national winners' entries will be housed in the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center.
- Projects involving 2-6 GFWC clubs qualify as joint entries and must adhere to the following:
 - Only one entry form shall be submitted, with all club presidents signing the single form.
 - Clubs involved in joint entries are not eligible to submit individual club entries.
 - Joint entries selected as national winners send one representative to the GFWC Annual Convention.
- Clubs that have previously won this national award must submit an entirely different project entry for consideration in 2016. Winning projects that have been expanded will not be considered.

DEADLINE:

March 1, 2016 — CLUBS should send entries to State Contest Chairman:

Barbara Tilley
9502 Amberleigh Lane, Unit L
Perry Hall, MD 21128-9450

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Barbara Sobaski

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
DISTRICT PRESIDENT
1977-1979**

LEADERSHIP

Leaders are vital for the continued success of our clubs. Always remember, leaders are not just born; they can be created with care, support and mentoring from current leaders. GFWC has one of the best “incubators” for rising and future leaders with the LEADS program. It provides knowledge and instills confidence in a person, both essential leadership qualities.

One attendee from each State Federation is eligible to participate in the annual GFWC LEADS program. GFWC demonstrates its commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the candidates’ expenses. In addition, State Federations may also fund a portion of expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to their leadership development and training.

I encourage anyone interested in the program to apply. Additionally, I urge each of you to encourage those members of your clubs who you see as your leaders of tomorrow to apply. Information, along with the application for the LEADS program, is included in this issue. Please give it due consideration.

Cynthia Ann Dykes
GFWC-MD Leadership Chairman

LEADS

Leadership Education & Development Seminar

GFWC initiated the Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) for the purpose of finding, training and encouraging clubwomen from the grassroots level to step up, pursue, and accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation. **Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve a higher office and serve with distinction.** It is held on the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual International Convention.

Criteria for LEADS Participation

It is highly recommended that LEADS candidates meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as a club project committee member or chairman, club officer, an incoming or active club president.
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation.
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in the District or GFWC Maryland.
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the State/District.
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level. (This criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply.)
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend the GFWC LEADS Seminar only once.

Anyone who is interested in LEADS is encouraged to apply, using the GFWC LEADS Application Form at right. I hope to receive applications from many of our clubs. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sandra Blankenship, GFWC-MD LEADS Chairman

GFWC MARYLAND CLUB CATEGORIES FOR AWARDS 2015 (BASED ON MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS OF 2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION)

CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS 14 & UNDER		CATEGORY 2 MEMBERS 15-27		CATEGORY 3 MEMBERS 28-60		CATEGORY 4 MEMBERS 61 & OVER	
Centennial*	11	Cumberland Jrs	15	Bethesda	52	Annapolis at HH	88
Charles Co	11	Greensboro	20	Cecil County	52	Chevy Chase	205
Emeritus*	14	Laytonsville	20	Dundalk	42	Chevy Chase Jrs	65
Greater Fallston	13	Metropolitan	26	Joppatowne	30	Frederick	77
Myrtle*	7	Perry Hall	26	Laurel	42	Glyndon	73
Southern Lights*	8	Pocomoke Jrs	15	Silver Spring	48	Linthicum Hgts	137
STARS Jrettes	5	Sandy Spring	20	St. Mary's Co	29	Oakland	77
Western MD Comm	9	Wicomico	16	University Park	46	Severn Town	67
Total Clubs	8	Total Clubs	8	Westminster Jrs	38	Westminster	90
				Total Clubs	9	Total Clubs	9

**Past Presidents' Club*



GFWC-MD LEADS APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Above information should be concealed during judging process.

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held:

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved:

List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested:

Please state why you would like to take part in the LEADS Seminar as a state representative:

Are you willing to:

- | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| • Attend the GFWC LEADS program on the day at the GFWC convention? | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| • Defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| • Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? | Yes _____ | No _____ |

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 1, 2016

Note: If more space is needed for answers, attach additional sheets.

Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to:

**Sandy Blankenship, MD LEADS Chairman
626 Cleveland Road
Linthicum, MD 21090-2835
Sandra60Blankenship@gmail.com**

"12 STEPS FOR PERFECT REPORTING" 2014-2016

Guidelines for Club Reporting

Covering Club Activities from January 1 to December 31, 2015

POSTMARK DEADLINE
JANUARY 31, 2016

1 Appoint a Reporting Chairman — Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2014-2016 GFWC Community Service Programs, Special Projects, and Advancement Areas to make reporting easier and your Reporting Workshop run smoother.

2 Schedule a Reporting Workshop, or a series of Reporting Workshops.

3 Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:

A. Reporting Guidelines

- GFWC Club Manual for 2014-2016
- GFWC-MD Reporting Guidelines for 2014-2016
- Reporting Packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
- The "12 Steps for Perfect Reporting" Guidelines

B. Reference Materials

- Club Minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
- List of Club Donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
- Club Newsletters
- Copy of Previous Year's Club Reports

C. Supplies

- Large Tablet of Paper & Markers
- OR– Pads of Paper & Pens/Pencils
- Refreshments to Reward your Hardworking Members! Make it fun!

4 Preparation — Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement Area and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you "brainstorm."

5 BRAINSTORM — As a group, go through your Reference Materials (*see above*), call out your various club projects and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program, etc.

6 Review Reporting Guidelines received from GFWC Maryland.

7 Write Your Narrative Reports — Typed Narratives must not exceed THREE (3) pages. Be sure that all of your Narratives for each Community Service Program, Special Project, or Advancement Area have the proper heading.

- **Large Clubs** — You may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service Program, Special Project, or Advancement Area, which could take their list of projects and write the report.
- **Small Clubs** — You may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Programs, Projects, or Areas and write the reports.

8 Proofread & Revise — Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions.

9 Complete the Maryland Statistical Report Form — Fill out ONE (1) Maryland Statistical Report Form (*at right, or download from GFWC-MD website at www.gfwcmd.org*). ONE (1) person should complete this form, most likely your Reporting Chairman or Club President. If your club wrote Narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each Narrative onto the Report Form. Be sure to include an "x" to indicate an attached Narrative. The Report Form becomes the cover sheet for ALL your Narratives.

10 Complete the Maryland SPECIAL Report Forms For recognition of work done for Save the Bay and Tree-Mendous Maryland.

11 Copy Your Reports

- **Generals** — FIVE (5) Complete Report Packets
- **Jrs/Juniorettes** — SEVEN (7) Complete Report Packets (*ONE Maryland Report Form + Narratives + Special Forms*)

12 Mail Your Report Packets by the Postmark Deadline of January 31st as follows:

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to State President:
Brenda Bennett, PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843-5399

Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Dean of Chairmen:
Dottie Gregg, 3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921

Mail ONE (1) Complete Report Packet to YOUR District Dean of Chairmen:

Western: Jo Harp, 326 Stoner Avenue,
Westminster, MD 21157-6025

Eastern Shore: Jackie McCarty, 11453 Riverton Road,
Mardela Springs, MD 21837

Baltimore: Dottie Bishoff, 514 Anchor Drive,
Joppa, MD 21085-4502

Southern: Sandra Blankenship, 626 Cleveland Road,
Linthicum, MD 21090-2835

Montgomery: Merle Oberle, 8013 Exodus Drive,
Laytonsville, MD 20882-1111

Jrs/Juniorettes — ALSO Mail TWO (2) Complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:

Sandra Mattocks, 14310 Old Lake Drive, SW,
Cumberland, MD 21502-5706

PLUS... ALL Clubs — File ONE (1) Complete Report Packet in Your Club Archives — This is your club's history!

GFWC Maryland Statistical Report Form

Club Name	Number of Members	District
(Please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> General Club <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Club <input type="checkbox"/> Juniorette Club		Reporting Year: <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> 2015
Club President's Name	Phone #	Email
Address / City / Zip Code		

Annual Reporting Period: January 1 - December 31, 2015

GFWC & GFWC-MD SPECIFIC PROJECT REPORTS	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Narrative Enclosed
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Prevent Child Abuse America					
GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
March of Dimes					
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital					
ARTS					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
CONSERVATION					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
The Nature Generation					
EDUCATION					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Hugh O'Brian Youth Programs (HOBY)					
HOME LIFE					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Canine Companions					
Easter Seals					
The Heart Truth Campaign					
Inside Knowledge					
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Heifer International					
Operation Smile International					
United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life					
U.S. Fund for UNICEF					
PUBLIC ISSUES					
Community Service Projects					
Partnerships:					
Kettering Foundation					
Sew Much Comfort					
USO					

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent	Narrative Enclosed
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
LEADERSHIP				
LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY				
MEMBERSHIP				
WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER				

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed
Club Fundraisers				
GFWC Endorsed Fundraising Partners:				
Flower Power				
It Takes Two				
Terri Lynn Nuts				

	Volunteer Hours	Books Read
Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)		

POSTMARKED BY: JANUARY 31st

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete this form to include total statistics for each Special Project, Community Service and Partnership Projects, and Advancement Area.
- Narratives are optional, but they will enhance chances of recognition and are required to be considered for GFWC club awards.
- If you submit a narrative description of your project or activity, please mark an "x" in the "narrative enclosed" box for the program area and attach the narrative to this Statistical Form.
- Narratives may not exceed three (3) pages and must be typewritten and single-spaced.

All General, Junior and Juniorette Clubs:

Mail the Statistical Form and narratives to:

- (1) copy to: Brenda Bennett, MD State President
PO Box 5399, Ocean City, MD 21843
- (2) copies to: Dottie Gregg, Dean of Chairmen
3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921
- (1) copy to: Your District Dean of Chairmen (see names/addresses below)
- (1) copy for your club files.

Junior and Juniorette clubs will also need to mail:

- (2) copies to: Sandra Mattocks, MD Director of Junior Clubs
14310 Old Lake Drive, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502-5706

District Deans of Chairmen:

Western:

Jo Harp
326 Stoner Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157-6025

Eastern Shore:

Jackie McCarty
11453 Riverton Road
Mardela Springs, MD 21837

Baltimore:

Dottie Bishoff
514 Anchor Drive
Joppa, MD 21035-4502

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Sandra Blankenship
626 Cleveland Road
Linthicum, MD 21090-2835

Montgomery County:

Merle Oberle
8013 Exodus Drive
Laytonsville, MD 20882-1111

*All Pinwheels for Prevention activities must be recorded under the partner, Prevent Child Abuse America.

GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES

GFWC Contests offer Recognition and Cash Prizes for You, Your Club & Your State

SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP) AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Arts	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Conservation	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Education	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Home Life	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
International Outreach	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Public Issues	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
ADVANCEMENT AREA AWARDS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Endorsed Fundraisers	Non-Monetary	January 31, 2016
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Communications & Public Relations	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2016
Community Improvement Program	1st-5th Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2016
CONTESTS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE (to State)
Media Campaign Contest	\$50.00 in each of 4 Categories	March 15, 2016 (to GFWC)
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2016
"A Year in Pictures" (Calendar) Photography Contest	Non-Monetary	May 15, 2016 (to GFWC)
"GFWC Volunteers in Action" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2016
"The World in Pictures" Photography Contest	1st-3rd Place Cash Awards	March 1, 2016
Poetry Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2016 (to District)
Short Story Writing Contest	Non-Monetary	February 1, 2016 (to District)
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2016 (to GFWC)

GFWC Partners will also recognize State Federations and Clubs for their efforts.



FOR GFWC CONTESTS ONLY

Unless otherwise indicated, Members or Clubs Must Submit Entries for State judging prior to entering GFWC Contests.

After the State judging, GFWC Maryland Chairmen will submit winning entries to GFWC for National judging.

Your Club May Be A Winner!! Please see your GFWC Club Manual for complete details on all Contests and Awards. Entry Guidelines vary greatly!

GFWC also awards a certificate to one State Federation, in each membership category, for each of the GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects.



Be sure to check out the ***GFWC Club Manual*** for complete details on additional ***Awards and Opportunities:***

The JENNIE Award

One clubwoman from each of GFWC's eight regions will be honored with The JENNIE during the 2014-2016 administration.

GRANTS

Club Recruitment Grants
(funded by GFWC)

District Club Building Grants
(funded by GFWC)

Literacy Grants
(funded by Procter & Gamble)

For more information see the appropriate section of the GFWC Club Manual, or go online to **www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers**



MARYLAND CONTEST DEADLINES

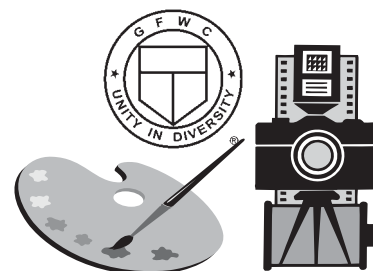
Competition Can Be Rewarding

CONTEST	DEADLINE	SEND ENTRY TO
Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award	3/1/16	Brenda Bennett, GFWC-MD President PO Box 5399 Ocean City, MD 21843
Member & Youth Short Story & Poetry Contests	3/1/16	Catherine Cash 10017 Quinby Street Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173
Art, Photography & Needle Art Contests	3/1/16	Debbie Spinnenweber 14602 Viewcrest Road, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-5806
Youth Art Contest	Prior to 3/22/16	<u>Your District President</u> . For info contact: Celeste Riddle, 312 E. Maple Road Linthicum, MD 21090-2505
Newsletter Contest	3/1/16	Josephine Miller, Editor, MD Clubwoman 14003 Cedarwood Drive, SW Cumberland, MD 21502-9602

PLEASE NOTE

ALL OTHER CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM & SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2016.

Club Reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 16, 2016 at The GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting.



CELEBRATE A WOMAN... ONE OF YOUR OWN!

Rules For "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" Award 2015

- Nominees must be members in good standing of a club of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
- Ineligible members are: the current executive committee of The Federation, honorary GFWC-MD presidents, former recipients of the award, and members of Junior clubs. (Juniors have an Outstanding MD Junior Award for which they compete.)
- Only one nominee per club may be submitted.
- The Cover Sheet must include: the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee; the name of her club; the signature of the club president; and the date. In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee and the name of her club must be omitted from the narrative.
- Narrative must be 500 words or less, explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of the award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in The Federation with emphasis placed on club sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. As background, mention may be made of club involvement over the years, and any district and state activities which might indicate a continuing interest in The Federation. Only club related accomplishments will be considered. (Please no dates.)
- A committee of five, to judge the entries, shall consist of two honorary presidents of The Federation, two members of the current executive committee of The Federation, and a former recipient of the award. The Federation president shall appoint the committee and name the chairman. The committee shall select the recipient at a meeting called by the chairman by April 1. A suitable plaque shall be purchased and presented to the "Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman" at the annual meeting of The Federation. The winner will also be submitted to the GFWC Jennie Award Committee for consideration on the national level.
- The committee chairman will notify nominees of the date and time of the award presentation.
- To be eligible, entries must be received by March 1, 2016. Send to the current president of GFWC Maryland:
Brenda Bennett
PO Box 5399
Ocean City, MD 21843
Barbara Pillote, Chairman

GFWC MEMBER SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

- Authors must be dues paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 - December 31).
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
- By submitting your manuscript to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- **Please remember to include a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver with all entries submitted.** (*Creative Arts Waiver is on last page of GFWC Club Manual.*)

Member SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

Member POETRY CONTEST RULES:

- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

DEADLINES:

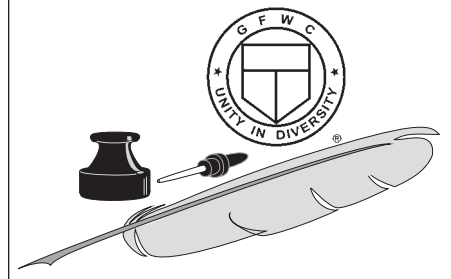
CLUBS— February 1, 2016. Send member entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2016. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash
10017 Quinby Street
Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173

REMINDER:

Please follow all rules carefully. Check your manuscript for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.



GFWC YOUTH SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTESTS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

- Youth authors may enter one manuscript for club contests on the local level.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 - December 31).
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be the original works by the authors.
- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
- By submitting your manuscript to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- **Please remember to include a completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver with all entries submitted.** (*Creative Arts Waiver is on last page of GFWC Club Manual.*)

CATEGORIES: **Category 1:** Grades K, 1 & 2 **Category 3:** Grades 6, 7 & 8
Category 2: Grades 3, 4 & 5 **Category 4:** Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Youth SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES:

- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

Youth POETRY CONTEST RULES:

- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum length of 50 lines.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
Author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of local club and state, category and title of manuscript.

DEADLINES:

CLUBS— February 1, 2016. Send youth entries to **DISTRICT Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman.**

DISTRICT— Postmark by March 1, 2016. Entries must be sent by first class mail to **STATE Short Story & Poetry Contests chairman:**

Catherine Cash
10017 Quinby Street
Silver Spring, MD 20901-2173

REMINDER:

Please follow all rules carefully. Check your manuscript for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.



MARYLAND ART, PHOTOGRAPHY & NEEDLE ART

Exhibit at the GFWC Maryland Convention, April 15-18, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All Artwork must be identified as **Original or Interpretation of Other Works**. All Photography entries must be identified as **Film or Digital**. All Needle Art must be identified as **Original, Rendition/Collective or Commercial**.
2. All Art and Needle Art entries must have been completed within the past two (2) years. **All Photography entries must have been taken during the contest year.**
3. **No item previously exhibited and judged at GFWC Maryland State Convention may be entered.**
4. Any club member is eligible. Entry cards must be submitted by mail. Please include the name, address and phone number of the individual submitting the entries, and total number of entries included, along with the entry cards.

5. All Artwork must be framed. **No Art Entry will be Accepted Without a Secure Frame.**
6. All Photography entries must be 8"x10" and mounted on rigid board. **NO MATTES OR FRAMES.**
7. Five or more pieces constitute a competitive class. **No Awards Will Be Given unless Three or More Individuals Enter a Class.** If insufficient entries are received the class may be eliminated and the entries will be placed under "Miscellaneous" for judging.
8. All Photography entries will be judged at convention and awards will be presented. The first place winners in each category will be entered in the **GFWC Photography Contests** (see rules at right).
9. Judging will be by qualified judges and their decisions will be final. **Ribbons will be awarded.**

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The maximum number of entries accepted per person are as follows:
Art: THREE (3) items/class
Photography: ONE (1) item/class
Needle Art: THREE (3) items/class
No joint entries will be accepted.
2. **All Entry Cards must be postmarked by March 1, 2016.**
3. **Make TWO Entry Cards for EACH Entry.** (Copy the Sample Entry Card below and attach to 3 x 5 cards.) **Mail ONE Card** as indicated below. **Attach the Second Card** to the back of the entry.
4. **Mail ALL Entry Cards** to Art & Photography Contest Chairman as follows:

Debbie Spinnenweber
14602 Viewcrest Drive, SW
Cumberland, MD 21502-5806

Call or Email with questions:
Phone: 301-729-2258
Email: dkspinnen@gmail.com

(Needle Art Chairman will be announced at a later date.)

5. **Exhibits Will Be Covered By Insurance For Fire And Theft Only.** All due care will be used in handling articles, but the insurance does not cover breakage. Items received without value will be insured for \$10.00 (ten dollars). **No Single Item Will Be Insured In Excess Of \$500.00.**
6. All entries will be received at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis, MD. **See the Official Call to Convention for specific location and time.**
7. **Exhibit Hours and Locations will be announced in the convention program.**
8. Entries should be picked up at the close of GFWC-MD Convention. **See the Official Call to Convention for specific location and time.** Neither GFWC-MD nor the hotel will be responsible for any article that is not picked up. **No Exceptions.**

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS for NEEDLE ART only:

ORIGINAL – A unique design and composition, which is entirely the product of the stitcher's own mind and hands.

RENDITION/COLLECTIVE – A unique arrangement of known motifs or combination of designs with significant originality in color, spacing and placement. Computer generated charts that have been created with the stitcher's input are included.

COMMERCIAL – Works using a designer's pattern for needlework. Included: charted or painted canvas, printed graphs, kits and minor alterations thereto.

Entry Deadline — March 1, 2016

SAMPLE ENTRY CARD

Make **TWO COPIES** for EACH ENTRY and attach to 3 x 5 cards.

MARYLAND ART, PHOTOGRAPHY & NEEDLE ART EXHIBIT	
Club Name _____	District _____
Exhibitor's Name _____	Phone # _____
Address _____	Zip _____
Category # _____	Value Of Entry _____
Description (Title if any) _____	
For Art ONLY (Check ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Totally Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
For Photography ONLY (Check ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Film	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital
For Needle Art ONLY (Check ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> Rendition/Collective	

ART CATEGORIES:

Abstract A-1 (*all media*)

Oil and Acrylic

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-2

Still Life, Birds and Animals A-3

Pastel A-4 (*all entries*)

Portraits A-5 (*all media*)

Sculpture and Mixed Media A-6

Watercolor

Landscape, Seascape, Street Scenes A-7

Still Life, Birds and Animals A-8

Miscellaneous Art A-9

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES:

GFWC CONTESTS (*see rules below*)

“The World in Pictures”

Living Things – Color A-11

Living Things – B&W A-12

Scenes – Color A-13

Scenes – B&W A-14

Still Life – Color A-15

Still Life – B&W A-16

“GFWC Volunteers in Action” A-17

NEEDLE ART CATEGORIES:

Beadwork N-101

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Canvaswork N-102

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Counted Thread N-103

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Sampler N-104

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Cross Stitch N-105

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Embroidery N-106

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Heirloom Sewing N-107

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Miniature N-108

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Crocheting N-109

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Knitting N-110

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Quilting N-111

A-Original

B-Rendition/Collective

C-Commercial

Rules for GFWC Photography Contests

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
 - Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
 - Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
 - Photos must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
 - Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: Contest name; photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo; arrow indicating top.
 - **8 x 10 inch prints are required.** No electronic submissions.
 - **All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 inch rigid board with overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch.**
 - **NO Mattes, Frames, or Hangers.**
 - Photos may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
 - Photos may be black & white or color.
 - Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras.
 - The same image may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
 - **Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** (*download at www.GFWC.org*).
 - By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
 - Photos will not be returned.
- DEADLINES:**
CLUBS must send Entry Cards to their **STATE Art & Photography Contests Chairman** for state judging, postmarked by **March 1, 2016.**

“The World in Pictures”

Photos should capture the beauty of the world and people around us in THREE (3) CATEGORIES:

- **Living Things:** adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife.
- **Scenes:** city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather.
- **Still Life:** abstract (any assemblage of objects, either an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments.

TWO (2) CLASSES per CATEGORY:

- **Black & White**
- **Color**

“GFWC Volunteers in Action”

Provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography. Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.

"A YEAR IN PICTURES" CALENDAR CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- **Photos must be taken during the contest year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).**
- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info: Contest name; photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number; name and state of sponsoring club; title and brief caption giving location, date, and

- other notes about the photo; arrow indicating top of photo.
- **8 x 10 inch prints are required.** Digital submissions alone will not be considered, but a high-res digital copy of the submission is encouraged.
- **All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 inch rigid board with overall thickness not to exceed 3/8 inch.**
- **NO Mattes, Frames, or Hangers.**
- Photos must be horizontal/landscape.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras and may be color or black & white.
- Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.
- The same image may be submitted to

- multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered in each contest.
- **Each entry must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (download at www.GFWC.org).**
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Photos will NOT be returned.

DEADLINE: Each GFWC CLUB may submit ONE (1) photo directly to GFWC Headquarters by May 15, 2016.

MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:

All students from the sixth grade through the twelfth grade are eligible. Entries must be submitted through a local GFWC-MD Woman's Club and judged at a District level before going on to GFWC-MD State judging.

Work will be judged in two classes:

Art: Class 1 - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Class 2 - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Photography/Computer Art:

Class 1 and Class 2

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES:

- All entries should be **Original**, done by the student between 3/1/15 and 3/1/16.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create new compositions are accepted but judged considering age appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer enhanced photography and graphics.

- Work may be of the following media: oil, lead pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed media, photography/computer art. If necessary, the work should be sprayed with a fixative.
- **Entries MUST have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core. Maximum size not to exceed 24"x36" in its entirety, including computer graphics. Canvas may be stretched or mounted. No Frames or Glass.**
- **Each entry must have an Entry Card** securely attached to the back with info as on the sample below. Each card **must** have the student's name, personal email and home address, zip code, phone #s, grade, school, and type of media. **Entries without cards will not be judged. Entries with school info rather than personal info will not be judged! You MUST use Entry Card below!**

- Each **Local Club or District** shall establish rules to determine how many entries each student may submit.
 - For the **State Program:** **Each District** may submit three (3) winning works from Class 1 in Art, and three (3) from Class 2 in Art, and three (3) from Class 1 or 2 in Photography/Computer Art.
- AWARDS:**
- **Local Level:** Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion.
 - **State Level:** GFWC Maryland offers two (2) First Place, two (2) Second Place, and two (2) Third Place Awards in the High School Class 2 Division; and one (1) First Place, one (1) Second Place, and one (1) Third Place Award in the Middle School Class 1 Division.

DEADLINE:

All **District** winning entries must be received by **March 22, 2016 for the State Contest**. Judging of artwork will then take place. Winning artists will receive their awards at the GFWC-MD State Convention to be held April 15-18, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, where the original works will be displayed.

Contact Celeste Riddle at 410-859-0606, or celeste@cablespeed.com with any questions concerning the state contest.

SAMPLE ENTRY CARD:

- You **MUST** use the Entry Card at left. Copy and attach to back of each entry.

GFWC MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM ENTRY CARD

Print Clearly • Include PERSONAL Information • NO School Emails/Addresses

Name _____	Personal Email _____
Home Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____	Cell # _____
School _____	Grade _____
Type of Media _____	Title _____
Sponsoring Club _____	
District _____	

CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Entries will be judged and awarded points on the following elements:
- Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact (30%)
 - Presentation (30%)
 - Design (30%)
 - Adherence to rules (10%)

CONTEST RULES:

- Only one newsletter issue per club may be submitted.
- Newsletter must have been printed and dated during the reporting year.
- Front page of newsletter must prominently display official GFWC emblem and mention of membership in GFWC.
- Newsletter entries must include the contact information for at least one

member, defined as an email address, phone number, and/or mailing address.

- All entries must be printed and sent via postal mail.
- Envelope must be clearly marked **GFWC Newsletter Contest**.

COVER LETTER MUST INCLUDE:

- Club president's name and contact information
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
- Number of members in the club
- Approximate circulation
- An essay of no more than 250 words describing the club's approach to utilizing its newsletter.
- Clubs with electronic newsletters must submit printed copies.

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize creativity and outstanding achievement in producing a club newsletter.

DEADLINES:

STATE CONTEST—

CLUBS must submit entries to **STATE Newsletter Contest Chairman**, postmarked by **March 1, 2016**.

GFWC CONTEST—

CLUBS may submit entries directly to:

GFWC Newsletter Contest

1734 N Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036-2990

Must be postmarked by **March 15, 2016**.

GFWC WEBSITE CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- Only one website per club may be submitted.
- Website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org.
- Website must include contact information for at least one member, defined as email address, phone number, and/or mailing address.
- Website may continue to be updated after contest deadline date.

- Subject line of submission email must read **Website Contest Entry**.

SUBMISSION EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- Club name
- Website address
- President's name & contact info
- Name and contact information of person submitting the entry
- Number of club members
- 250-word essay describing purpose of website & club's approach to maintenance

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in website implementation and maintenance.

DEADLINE:

CLUBS must submit entries via email to PR@GFWC.org. Submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on **March 15, 2016**.

GFWC MEDIA CAMPAIGN CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Interaction and engagement from campaign audience
- Use of multiple forms of media
- Professionalism and quality
- Creativity
- Relevance to topic
- Reference to GFWC
- Resources invested—time, money, etc.
- Quantitative results (new members, new Facebook likes, dollars raised, new Twitter followers, legislation passed, number of event attendees, etc.)
- Qualitative results (positive feedback from attendees, quality of messages posted in relation to campaign, etc.)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

• **Clubs may submit ONE media campaign PER CATEGORY:**

Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment, and Special Events.

- Submit each campaign separately.
- The media campaign must take place during the reporting year.
- All campaign materials must reference GFWC and the sponsoring club.
- Campaign materials must include a medium (website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, YouTube video, etc.) and contact info for additional information.
- Entries may be sent via postal mail or email.
- Envelopes must be clearly marked, or subject line of submission email must read: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**.

COVER LETTER OR BODY OF EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- Club president's name and contact information
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
- Number of club members
- **CATEGORY NAME**

- 500-word essay including: Goal; Budget; Target audience; Strategies and tactics; Key messages; and Post-campaign measurement and analysis (Did you meet your goal, stay within budget, reach your audience, and feel campaign was successful?)

AWARDS:

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in implementing a successful and effective media campaign in each of Five Categories.

DEADLINE:

CLUB Entries must be postmarked or emailed no later than **March 15, 2016**.

Mail to: **GFWC Media Campaign Contest**
1734 N Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036-2990

Email to: PR@GFWC.org

Service with a Smile

GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc.

It's been a busy year so far for the Woman's Club of Laurel. Our year started out with a blast—of winter weather. Two meetings were canceled because of Old Man Winter, twice necessitating the postponement of our “New to You Jewelry and Accessory Boutique” at which we sold gently used jewelry, purses and other accessories. A combined fundraiser/social activity, club members and friends spent a fun evening shopping and socializing, and raising money to support our club projects.

A class in the art of Zentangle, a trip to Hillwood Museum and Gardens, and going to BWI Airport to help with Operation Welcome Home Maryland were other activities which we enjoyed in the spring. Greeting our troops returning from overseas at BWI was an especially moving experience.

Our May speaker was author Faye Green, a Laurel native now living in Delaware whose book “Gertie” is a historical novel set in Laurel in the early 20th century. Following an entertaining talk, Ms. Green signed books and visited with members, sharing memories and discovering common acquaintances with some long-time Laurel residents.

Over the summer, our beautiful, historic clubhouse on Main Street underwent a much needed interior makeover. Repainting our grey walls with pale green, hanging new curtains, and replacing our 14-year-old carpeting with dark wood-like flooring combined to give our old space a fresh new look. Money for the update was received through a windfall of donations last fall. We loaned our clubhouse, free of charge, to a neighborhood man who offers a free exam-prep class for local students. Although he charges nothing to the students,

he asks their families to make donations to a charity of his choice. Our club was the lucky recipient of those donations during that session of classes.

The club officially kicked off its “Weekend Tummy Tamers” program on September 11, 2015. Twenty bags filled with nutritious, kid-friendly, easy to prepare items were delivered to Scotchtown Hills Elementary School to be sent home with pre-selected students for the weekend. After hearing about similar “backpack” programs in Montgomery County and elsewhere, we checked around and discovered that there is no such program in the Laurel area. Knowing of a need in the community, we decided to take the plunge and start our “Weekend Tummy Tamers” program as our Community Improvement Project for this administration. Each bag sent home contains items such as cereal cups, oatmeal packets, fruit cups, crackers, granola bars, milk, juice, etc., and a sweet treat (cookies or pudding). Each week's bag also includes the basis for a family meal, such as a box of spaghetti with a can of sauce, for example. Every effort is made to ensure the food is nutritious as well as tummy-filling.

Participating students are children who have been identified as “food insecure,” and have been selected by the school counselor for participation in the program. Out of approximately 566 students at Scotchtown, 75% benefit from the Federal government's Free and Reduced-price Meal program. All students at Scotchtown are offered free breakfast daily in addition to the standard school lunch program. Some children leave school on



Woman's Club of Laurel Co-Presidents, Laurel Cross (left) and Diane Hill (right) deliver “Weekend Tummy Tamers” bags to Guidance Counselor Renée Cort-Sutton at Scotchtown Hills Elementary School in Laurel.



Laytonsville club members working the sales table at Laytonsville's annual Town Picnic.



Just a few of the many cakes provided by Laytonsville club members for the Cake Walk at the annual Town Picnic.



Members of the Woman's Club of Laytonsville providing lunch for the volunteers at Laytonsville's Annual Town Parade.

Friday afternoons knowing they will have little or nothing to eat until they return to school on Monday morning. We hope that "Weekend Tummy Tamers" will make a positive difference in the lives of those kids.

As this is a new program, we decided to start small by serving only 20 students. However, by receiving grants and donations, we hope to increase the number of children served at Scotchtown and eventually add other schools to the program, carrying it well into the future.

Since last spring, we have been collecting recipes from members for our new club cookbook. As this article is being written, we are putting on the finishing touches for publication just in time for the holiday season. Copies of the book will be available directly from the club, and will also be sold in the gift shop of the Laurel Museum.

GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club

Our February meeting was all about setting new goals and making plans for 2015. In 2015 our club chose

three major community events to support: the Laytonsville town parade in May, the Montgomery County Fair in August, and the Town Picnic in September. We began a collection of recipes, cooking lore, and family stories representing both our members and the Laytonsville area. The club also talked about new ways to continue our supportive efforts regarding domestic violence, heart health, and other issues. This year our club took on a new project—cooking for the needy and homeless at The Lords Table, an interfaith soup kitchen located at St. Martin of Tours Church in Gaithersburg.

Over the past few years we have supported Betty Ann Krahnke Center, the emergency domestic violence shelter for women and children in Montgomery County, MD. This year we established an additional service our small club could offer by providing help with movie passes for children. The Center already has volunteers who are familiar with the children and can take them to local theaters for movie outings. Our members immediately donated movie gift cards, and the club will add to their efforts.

One of our 2015 goals was to learn more about the local organizations to which we direct our donations. Each year we contribute to the Montgomery College Foundation, and we were interested in how the scholarship programs function at our county's community college. Mr. Noah Saposnik, Annual Fund Manager at Montgomery College, spoke to us and presented an overview of the diversity of the student body at Montgomery College and described some of the different ways the college responds to student

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needs. Seniors benefit greatly from the reduced rates they pay for classes. Many of us have attended classes there or have family members who have been Montgomery College students.

Each spring our members like to combine two good ideas—decluttering and fundraising—by organizing a white elephant sale. We enjoy a few rounds of spirited bidding, and everyone goes home with useful or decorative objects. In the fall we undertook a new fundraising project, and we are now marketing three varieties of Terri Lynn nuts in our community.

In June we enjoyed gathering in the beautiful meeting room of Ruppert Nurseries Corporate Headquarters in Laytonsville. Our members have often driven by the 700 acres of young trees growing near our town, but for most of us this was a first opportunity to visit the headquarters. A 100-year-old farmhouse has been preserved and incorporated with newer buildings to serve as a center of business activities for 150 employees.

Things always liven up in August with the Montgomery County Fair because so many of our members are highly involved as volunteers with various booths and services there. After the county fair ends, it's time to start getting ready for fall.

Our autumn activities began with the Town Picnic in September, where our members provided the homemade cakes and other desserts for the popular annual Cake Walk. In addition, we handled the sales table for our own fundraiser items and for town souvenirs.



Members of the University Park Woman's Club pose with pinwheels in support of the Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse project.

October brought our opportunity to host the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors Meeting in Laytonsville.

This year November found us taking a hayride on country roads, and December was a round of holiday activities. Four new members have joined, and we look forward to more activities and fellowship in 2016.

GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc.

Because of the previously reported early morning fire in June 2014, our new home through May of 2015 was the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration on New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring. While we missed being in our own Social Hall in the Mason Temple, we were warmly welcomed each time we met for our Lunch Meetings at the church. There are indeed many angels who look over us. As of October 2015 we are back home,

happily sorting through containers and boxes.

Sadly, we continue to lose members due to death or change of location. Our membership has dropped to 34, though in the past six months we have gained two new members with a hope of one more. So there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Throughout this challenging year, we have continued to support Smile Train, Save the Bay and the Montgomery College Scholarship Fund. Many of our members volunteer at the Montgomery County Thrift Shop in Bethesda. We are constantly looking for new projects where we can donate our time and funds.

Thus far in 2015, our featured speakers/entertainment has included Joe Mornini from Team River Runners, Irish Step Dancers led by the granddaughter of our member Sandy Harper, Leisure World Chorale, Ann Coyle an expert on Shakespeare, and Fiddlers led by Benjamin Williams.



PHOTO: LAURA VASILION

University Park Woman's Club sponsored the DC Area Chapter of Canine Companions for Independence in the 2nd Annual Mutt Strut.

We have not had a Card Party in over a year, but be alert! One will be given in a few months. This is our main fundraiser and involves most of our members.

We are delighted to be hosting the March 2016 Montgomery County District Meeting.

University Park Woman's Club, Inc.

At their January 2015 meeting, the University Park Woman's Club (UPWC) hosted the local police who gave an excellent presentation on home security and crime prevention, with examples of security items available for purchase at local stores and online.

In February, University of Maryland Clarice Center's Executive Director Martin Wollesen spoke to the UPWC on the new direction of the Clarice at the University of Maryland.

Our March 2015 meeting was cancelled due to an ice storm.

At our April 2015 meeting, University of Maryland Professor and author Michael Ross gave a lively presentation and led a discussion on his latest book "The Great New Orleans Kidnapping Case" and the club gathered for a Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse group photo. In April, the UPWC again supported the annual University Park town stream clean-up and a town-wide Plant Exchange.

In May, the UPWC also sponsored the DC Area Chapter of Canine Companions for Independence as participants in the 2nd Annual Town of University Park Civic Association Mutt Strut. Also in May, the club coordinated its annual Spring Garden Tour with many lovely gardens open for viewing including one with a stunning children's tree house. State Department Analyst James Alexander spoke at the May meeting on the situation in Russia and the Ukraine. In May 2015, the UPWC continued its sponsorship of the University Park Elementary

School Annual 5K Azalea Classic, a run/walk which raises funds for classroom enrichment.

At the June 2015 club spring luncheon, the club presented three scholarships to local high school seniors.

Jo Epps, pedorthist and owner of The Comfort Zone in Gaithersburg, MD spoke about and answered questions on foot problems and shoe selection at the club's October 2015 meeting. The UPWC also provided hot chocolate and snacks at a Maryland "One Book" gathering on an appropriately cold and rainy day at Bladensburg Waterfront Park where the book "Boys in the Boat" was discussed.

In November, Howard University history professor Emeritus and author, Dr. LaVonne Leslie, will be our guest speaker discussing the history of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.

Upcoming in December 2015, the club's primary fundraiser and 21st annual holiday house tour will continue the club's partnership with the University of Maryland Department of Music, with students and professors playing a variety of chamber music at each house. The club continues to sponsor a local yarn-crafting gathering for local women and is supporting this group's efforts to make items for donation to people in need. Our club sunshine representatives continue to stay in touch with shut-in members. 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. This last initiative continues to help us retain younger members and attract visitors.

How to Make a Motion

GFWC strives to ensure that all members have the privilege of voicing their opinions. The following information is intended to serve as a quick and easy reference on how to make a motion. For a comprehensive guide, refer to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

STEPS TO A MOTION:

- 1) A member seeks recognition for the floor ("Madam President")
- 2) Presiding officer recognizes the member (member obtains the floor)
- 3) Member makes a motion ("I move that...")
- 4) Another member seconds the motion, when appropriate
- 5) Presiding officer states the question
- 6) Debate (amendment and secondary motions)
- 7) Presiding officer puts the question to a vote
- 8) Presiding officer announces the result of the vote

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS:

A motion may be amended by any of the following:

- To insert
- To add (only at the end)
- To strike out
- To strike out and insert
- To substitute

ACTING ON AMENDMENTS:

- When a motion is amended, the amendment then becomes the pending motion and must be acted upon first. An amendment may also be amended. Remember to work backward when taking the vote. Following is the order that amendments should be considered. Examples appear in parentheses.
- Amendment to the amendment (motion to amend by striking \$300 and inserting \$100)
- Amendment to the main motion (motion to amend by striking \$500 and inserting \$300)

- Main motion (motion to donate \$500 to a shelter)

METHODS OF VOTING:

- Voice: verbal "aye" or "no"
- Division: Standing vote
- Roll Call: "yea" or "nay" upon name call
- Ballot: Written secret vote
- Unanimous Consent: members show agreement by voicing no objection

HANDLING A MAIN MOTION:

Main Motions are the basis of all parliamentary procedure and bring business before the assembly for consideration and action. They may be introduced only when no other business is pending. Following is the procedure:

I. Obtaining & Assigning the Floor

- A) A member rises when no one else has the floor and addresses the chair (Madam President, Madam Chairman, or other proper title.)
 - 1) In a large assembly (e.g., convention), the member gives her name and identification.
 - 2) The member remains standing and awaits recognition by the chair.
- B) The chair recognizes the member by name or title, or in a small assembly by nodding to the member.

II. How the Motion is Brought Before the Assembly

- A) A member makes the motion, "I move that (or to)...," and is seated.
- B) Another member, without rising, seconds the motion: "I second the motion," or "I second it," or "second."
- C) The chair states the question on the motion: "It is moved and seconded that (or to) [state motion]. Are you ready for the question?"

III. Consideration of The Motion

- A) Members debate the motion.
 - 1) Before speaking in debate, members obtain the floor (see I, above).
 - 2) The maker of the motion has first right to the floor if claimed promptly.
 - 3) All remarks must be addressed to the chair.
 - 4) Debate must be confined to the merits of the pending motion.
 - 5) Debate can be closed only by order of the assembly (2/3 vote) or by the chair if no one seeks the floor for further debate.
- B) The chair puts the question (puts the motion to a vote).
 - 1) The chair asks: "Are you ready for the question?" If no one rises to claim the floor, the chair proceeds to take the vote.
 - 2) The chair says: "The question is on the motion that (to) [state the motion]. Those on favor of the motion say aye. (Pause for response.) Those opposed, say no. (Pause for response.)"
- C) The Chair announces the result of the vote.
 - 1) First, report which side is more numerous: "The ayes have it" or "The noes have it."
 - 2) Then, declare the result: "The motion is adopted" or "The motion is lost."
 - 3) Give a statement indicating the effect of the vote or ordering its execution.
 - 4) Make the announcement: "The next item of business is..." Or, ask the question: "Is there further new business?"

Jo Rousseau, GFWC-MD Parliamentarian

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April 15-18, 2016

GFWC Maryland 117th Annual Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis, MD.
