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sparkle by living the
volunteer spirit*



Convention Highlights

Missed this year's Maryland Convention? Relive the fun with highlights like the wine tasting fundraiser, Rosie the Riveter, award winners, and more!



Chesapeake District Report

See what your friends in Chesapeake District clubs have been up to!



A Look Forward

With the Southeastern Region Conference (page 14), Junior Fall Conference (see page 4), and plenty of club events, this Fall is sure to *rake* in the fun!

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Endorsements for 2020-2022 GFWC Maryland Officers

Please remember to submit all endorsements for candidates for office in The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. to the chairman of The Federation nominating committee, postmarked on or before November 1, 2019. Please also send a duplicate copy to the candidate's district representative on The Federation nominating committee.

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Next Issue Deadline

All articles and information for the Winter 2019 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* must be turned in to staff by **October 5, 2019**.

Submissions:

Please submit materials for inclusion to *TheMarylandClubwoman@Gmail.com*. Content may be submitted in form of Word or Google document, or in the body of an email. Files in the .pages (MAC OS) or PDF format will be returned to the sender for resubmission.

Clubwoman Connection: Any club project or activity which is scheduled through the end of December 2020 may be submitted for inclusion.

From the President's Desk



Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

It is difficult to imagine that a year has passed since I was installed at the GFWC Maryland President. And what a year it has been! Our clubwomen have embraced the theme "Clubwomen give life a sparkle by living the volunteer spirit" with such enthusiasm. We celebrated all the accomplishments for this past year at our annual Junior/General Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Annapolis. It was so heartwarming to be part of the fun with friends as we shared the weekend. We all know "We can do it!" just like Rosie the Riveter.

I have enjoyed visiting districts, club meetings, and social events across our state. We are so blessed to live in beautiful Maryland with all the opportunities to enjoy from the mountains to the sea. We've travelled to North Carolina for a beautiful SER and to Texas for the annual GFWC Convention. What fun to spend time with our friends and fellow clubwomen.



Maryland's September Board of Directors Meeting will be hosted by the Western District at the Holly Hills Country Club of Ijamsville, Maryland. The drive to this beautiful location traverses much of our state for many of us. Once there, you are rewarded with such a welcoming facility. Join us as we prepare for the new year of club work. We will have a LEADS presentation in the afternoon and participate in a Christmas-in-September gift card service project for the men and women stationed at Fort Detrick in Frederick.

This year's Southeastern Region Conference (SER) will be in Richmond, Virginia. Please note the date change to September 28, 2019. Mark your calendars! Information will be shared as soon as the Call is received. This is a beautiful time of year to make the short trip to scenic Virginia for SER.

I'd like to thank everyone for their support this past year. Your efforts have been so appreciated and provided so much benefit to so many as you have proved that "Clubwomen give life a sparkle by living the volunteer spirit"!

With Federation Love,

Dottie Gregg

Dottie Gregg
GFWC Maryland President, 2018-2020



From Your Junior Director

Dear Maryland Clubwomen,

The sun is shining, the air is warm, and this is the time that reminds me of all that we have accomplished in a year. In writing my annual report I was reminded what a great heart the juniors have and how we can share the true meaning of volunteerism. I hope you will join me in the excitement of a new year and my second and final year of this administration. I feel blessed to serve such an amazing state full of vibrant clubwomen in every level of membership.

At this year's state convention, our juniors came together to celebrate our year of service. Our convention was, without a doubt, full of laughter, new friendships, and inspiring words from a wonderful fellow clubwoman. During the junior portion of our convention, we recognized clubs for their outstanding service and clubwomen for giving of their time and efforts to make a difference in their communities. We also recognized outstanding rookie and seasoned clubwomen with awards for service far beyond their clubwoman duties. We held a clubwoman fun night with a wine tasting and girl scout cookie pairing and gave trees for door prizes in celebration of Arbor Day. I was unable to attend the GFWC International Convention in Austin, Texas, as my family was celebrating the wedding of our fourth and youngest child, Gregory. In my stead, our Director-Elect carried in our state flag during the Opening Flag Processional. As much as I was saddened at being unable to attend, I was elated to marry off our last child to a wonderful young lady whom we adore and welcome into our family with open arms. That being said, I can't wait to see my friends at the Board of Directors meeting in Washington DC.



This fall, the juniors will be having our Junior Fall Conference, hosted by the Cumberland Juniors. This will take place on a Saturday in October. Please keep an eye out for more information such as date and time. Remember to keep Maryland beautiful and clean this fall as we start our service projects for the year. Save the Bay and Tree-Mendous Maryland are two worthwhile causes, so let's "Take everyone out to the Park" this fall. I would love to attend your events and meetings. So as you fill up your calendars, remember to extend an invitation to your Director of Junior Clubs! Enjoy your fall!

In Federation Love,

Andrea Lilly

Andrea Lilly
Maryland Director of Junior Clubs, 2018-2020

Maryland Convention Award Recipients



Outstanding Junior Clubwoman

Lynda Beauchamp is a member of the Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke City. She has been a junior member for 29 years and is currently Junior Director for the Chesapeake District. She has stepped up to help with every club project and filled in where needed. Lynda is an effective leader who inspires and motivates other members to achieve success. She helped launch a new member function to educate other women in the community about our club's involvement in local service projects. She also helped lead club fundraisers and events to bring awareness to our organizations impact on the community. Education has always been important to her as she strives to promote the positive effects that our club's projects have had within our community.



Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman

Bernadette Simon of the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights was this year's recipient of the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award. Bernie became a natural fit for club work when she joined the club 20 years ago. In her first year of membership, she became the Literature and Drama Committee Chairman. During those 20 years, she has held countless leadership positions including Club President for two terms, Vice President, Recording Secretary, newsletter coordinator, publicity chairman, finance chairman, education co-chair and annual reports chair. Bernie has been MFWC Corresponding Secretary and on the Executive Committee for three terms. She has been President of the Southern District for two terms, along with First Vice President. She has participated in numerous events and committees over the years and is the current President of the Southern Lights club. Bernie is passionate for education, international issues, literature, and scholarship.



Maryland Convention Highlights

Red Shoe Award

GFWC Maryland President Gregg has initiated the Red Shoe Award for presidential appreciation in recognition of clubwomen who have gone above and beyond for our Maryland Federation. Red Shoes were presented at the 120th Annual Convention. The first clubwoman recognized for this award was Nancy Porter for her work on the state level as Maryland Clubwoman magazine editor, Reservations Chairman, help with the Call to Convention and Program book, and work with our Maryland Federation Facebook page. Bonnie Andrews was recognized for her willingness to share her musical talents with our Maryland Federation. Dr. Rosemary Thomas received a Red Shoe Award for sharing such an inspirational message as keynote speaker and sharing her sparkle with us. Brenda Bennett was awarded a Red Shoe Appreciation Award for her guidance and support to help with convention preparation during a family medical crisis for the president.



The Executive Committee at the 120th Annual Maryland Convention



LEADS Candidate Grace Kelly with Babs Condon, LEADS Chairperson



President Gregg with Bonnie Andrews



President Gregg with Brenda Bennett



President Gregg and Nancy Porter



President Gregg and Dr. Rosemary Thomas



Youth Art Competition winners at the Maryland Convention

Maryland Convention Highlights



Mary Ann Jung portrayed Rosie the Riveter, shared the story of Rosie Leigh Monroe who worked at the largest factory in the world -- Willow Run in Michigan.



U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Honor Guard presenting the flag at the opening of the 120th Annual Convention



Dr. Rosemary Thomas, guest speaker at the Maryland Convention, is the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Institutional Advancement at Davis and Elkins College, WV.

Rookie of the Year

Lori Becker, recipient of the Rookie of the Year award, joined the Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke City in 2017. She is a member of the Fundraising Committee, Membership Committee, Thanksgiving Needy Families Committee, and the HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Committee. Lori is eager to pitch in at club events. She helped establish a very successful fundraising opportunity for our club by collaborating with a restaurant chain. It helped bring in funds, allowing our club to continue supporting our community. Lori also joined forces with our local schools to help find families that were in need of Thanksgiving Day meals and helped deliver them to families in our community.



Babs Condon Award

Rebecca Wagman is the recipient of the Babs Condon Award. After ten years as a Juniorette, and six years as a Junior, she has served in numerous positions, including Co-President. Becca held numerous positions on the Junior State Board. She was Maryland Director of Junior Clubs from 2016-2018 and LEADS Co-Chairman and committee member from 2012-2016. Becca does not hesitate to roll up her sleeves and help with all our projects. She volunteers to help in areas where she has strengths and areas she wants to learn from and to develop new skills and strengths. Despite a full schedule, she is always there to support the club.





Maryland Convention Highlights



President Gregg and Junior Director Lilly at the convention's wine tasting fundraiser. On the Friday night before convention, the Junior Clubs hosted a wine tasting fundraiser. Clubwomen paid \$10 each to sample numerous wines and eat cheese, crackers, and cookies. The money raised will be split between St. Jude's and the March of Dimes.



The sampling of wine at the wine tasting fundraiser



As part of the International President's Seven Grand Initiatives, President Gregg asked clubwomen to donate Dr. Seuss books toward the initiative



Thanks to the donations of Dr. Seuss books by the Maryland clubwomen, 196 books were divided between each of the District Presidents to donate to local daycare centers.

Baby Shower for Military Wives



This mother is expecting her first girl after four boys



A sampling of the many donations received for the baby shower



All of the expecting mothers in attendance at the baby shower



Each mother received a gender-specific gift basket

At the February 19th, 2019 Maryland Board of Directors Meeting, everyone was encouraged to bring baby shower gifts for military wives in the area. Many of these military families are stationed in other locations far away from family and friends. As such, they don't have people to help them, both financially and emotionally. These gifts were an effort to show the ladies that we appreciate the sacrifices they make. Clubwomen responded enthusiastically to this program by donating approximately \$4,600 in gifts. To follow up, Dottie Gregg and Carol Feser attended the baby shower held on May 2. The expecting mothers received gift cards for their older children. Everyone received a large basket of gender-specific items as well as other gifts.



Mothers received gift cards for their older children



Youth Art Contest Rules and Reminders

Eligibility - All students between the sixth and 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, and 8
- Class 2 - Grades 9, 10,11, and 12

Photography/Computer Art:

- Class 1 - Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Class 2 - Grades 9, 10,11, and 12

Local level - Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion. State level - GFWC Maryland offers two first place, two second place, and two third place awards in the Class 2 division and one first place, one second place, and one third place award in the Class 1 division.

Deadlines - **All District-winning entries must be received by March 23, 2020** for the state contest. Winning artists will receive their awards at the GFWC-MD State Convention to be held in April 2020 where the original works will be displayed. Contact TinTin Raschid at 301-633-3381/ tintinraschid@gmail.com or Debbie Winkles at 301-694-6960/dwinkles56@gmail.com with any questions regarding the state contest.

The Executive Committee has approved an additional Class in Category 2 for the Youth Art competition for the 2020 convention entitled Category 2, Photography/Computer Art, Class 1: grades 6, 7, and 8. Class 2, grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. The original categories and classes have not changed.

Guidelines -

computer graphics. Canvas may be stretched or mounted. **No frames or glass.**

- All entries should be original, done by the student between 3/1/19-3/1/20.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create a new composition 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, ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed-media, photography, or computer art. If necessary, the work may be sprayed with fixative.
- Entries must have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core. **Maximum size not to exceed 24" x 36" in it's entirety**, including
- Each entry must have an entry card** (see form below) securely attached to the back with info. Each card must have the student's name, email, complete home address, phone number, grade, school, and media type. **Entries without cards will not be judged. Entries with school information rather than personal will not be judged.** You must use the included entry card (see form 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 winning works each for Class 1 and 2 in art, and three winning works each for Class 1 and 2 for Photography/Computer Art.

GFWC Maryland Youth Art Program Entry Card

Print clearly | Include *personal* information | No school emails/addresses | Affix to back of art entry

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Type of Media: _____ Title: _____

Sponsoring Club: _____ District: _____



Dues and Donations

Attention Club Treasurers!

2019-2020 club membership dues are due by December 1, 2019. Dues remain the same as last year. Please use the GFWC MFWC club treasurer payment form (downloadable at www.gfwcmd.org) to submit your dues. The same GFWC MFWC treasurer payment form should also be used to submit the following donations. For recognition at the 2020 Annual Maryland State Convention, donations must be received at least three weeks prior to the convention.

Dues:

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

The only donations made through the state treasurer are The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine, The MFWC Youth Art Fund, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, and the Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund. Make checks payable to GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. and mail them to:

Anita Becker
1601 Delvale Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

The following donations should be sent directly to the GFWC MD Chairman:

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)

Make checks payable to Chesapeake Bay Foundation and mail to:

Make checks payable to Maryland Leadership Seminar Foundation and mail to:

Christy Swiger
117 Comanche Circle
Millsboro, DE 19966

Anne Yakaitis
7802 Cypress Landing Road
Severn, MD 21144

The following donations should be sent directly to the organization:

Tree-Mendous Maryland

CARE

Make checks payable to Maryland Department of Natural Resources and mail to:

Make checks payable to CARE and mail to:

Tree-Mendous Maryland
Tawes State Office Building
E-1
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

CARE
151 Ellis Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Mail a copy to:

Julie Gibbs
P.O. Box 419
Ocean City, MD 21843

GFWC Maryland Website



The official GFWC Maryland Website -- Sign up/renew for 2019-2020!

Www.gfwcmd.org is the official website of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Anyone with an internet connection -- at home, at work, or at their local library -- can access information about The Maryland Federation.

Our website includes information on upcoming meetings, districts, clubs, as well as GFWC community service programs and advancements, and it will be kept up to date by our webmaster,

Trey Lee.

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

Now is the time to renew and update your club listing for \$10. You can also sign up for a new club listing for just \$10 and join us online!

Each club has its own personal web page which includes a calendar of all your meetings and events for September 2019-August 2020. Your page can also include photos. Each club page is directly linked to, and accessible from, the rest of the GFWC Maryland website. When submitting content for the website, please name your files and photos as "Club Name_Event

(Newsletter)_Date(mm-dd-yy)".

Email Trey with any comments, questions, or submissions for the website at gfwcmdweb@gmail.com.

To join us for the new club year, mail or email (preferred) the form below to GFWC-MD Webmaster. Please make your checks payable to the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and mail to:

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

To renew a club listing: \$10.00
For a new club listing: \$10.00

2019-2020 Web Page Sign-Up

Renew a club listing - \$10 New club listing - \$10

Name of Club: _____

District: _____ Email for Club Contact: _____

Please include the date, time, and location for each club meeting and/or special event you have scheduled for September 2019-August 2020. Also include any programs scheduled, if applicable.

September: _____

May: _____

October: _____

June: _____

November: _____

July: _____

December: _____

August: _____

January: _____

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

February: _____

March: _____

April: _____



Southeastern Region Meeting Invitation



Southeastern Region Conference

The fall 2019 meeting of the Southeastern Region Conference of GFWC will be held in Richmond, VA on **September 26-28, 2019**. Please note the date as this is earlier than in years past. The call to SER will be shared upon receipt.

Save the Bay

Help us celebrate the recent 50th Anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation by making a donation to continue our efforts to "Save the Bay". Our donations over the past 36 years are greatly valued and have clearly made a difference in the quality and resiliency of our Greatest Natural Resource –The Chesapeake Bay. Please mail your donations made out to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to:

Christy Swiger
117 Comanche Circle
Millsboro, DE 19966.

Please encourage your club to add this to your budget as a yearly contribution! I look forward to seeing all of you at our State Board of Directors Meeting that will be held at the renowned Philip Merrill Environmental Center in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 18th of 2020! Your attendance at this magnificent "green" building will surely stir your environmental spirit and enlighten you as to the importance and progress made by the Foundation's efforts over the decades.

Tree-Mendous Maryland

Give the gift of trees

Trees in Celebration

Commemorate life's moments such as birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions by planting trees in honor of your loved ones.

Trees in Memory

Remember a loved one who has passed on with a lasting tribute.

Trees for Pets

Honor a special pet in your life, a beloved companion.

No matter the occasion, a tree fits the gift.

Make your check of \$40.00 payable to Maryland Department of Natural Resources, noting MFWC in the memo.

Send to:
Tree-Mendous Maryland
Tawes State Office Building, E-1
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mail a copy to Julie Gibbs and report in Conservation as one of the GFWC Grand Initiatives.

2019 International Convention Highlights



“Broadening Our Horizons” was the theme of the 2019 GFWC Convention held at the J. W. Marriott hotel in downtown Austin, Texas. Trips offered included Ziplining, Waco, GFWC Texas headquarters and historical locations in Austin. Meetings found attendees learning Texas phrases like “Bless Your Heart”, “Y’all Come Back” and the inclusive “Y’all”. Six hundred and sixty- one members attended with first time attendance by delegates from Taipei, Taiwan and Belize among them. Bylaw changes were presented and voted on. Awards were distributed on Saturday and Sunday. Workshops were held covering information on GFWC Partners, Fundraising, and GFWC Projects. Juniors’ dinner “Trailblazing Together” was followed by their “Lip Sync Challenge Fun Night” – and fun it was! Sunday, Joseph Starita, a Texas professor, spoke about Dr. Susan La Flesh who is the subject of his book, “Warrior of the People”. A Nebraska native American, she was a remarkable woman whose life included becoming the first female admitted to the Philadelphia College of Medicine. She graduated first in her class and refused offers to stay in the East to practice instead returning to Nebraska where her practice covered 1,500 square miles where she treated 1,250 patients. It should be noted that she joined a GFWC club. All of Dr. Starita’s income from his book are given to a fund for educating Native American women. Our federation horizons of helping make our world a better place for everyone have truly expanded as it was reported that our GFWC International President’s 7 Grand Initiatives have received this response from members: 1,594 members joined the Legislative Action Center, 17,811 trees were planted on Arbor Day, 36,763 pairs of shoes were donated for Soles4Shoes and Nike Reuse-a-Shoe, 50,716 Dr. Seuss books were donated, 99 Members donated to the Million Dollar Club, 799 Projects were completed for Women in the Military, and 789 Projects were completed on Martin Luther Day of Service Day.



GFWC Maryland 2018-2020 Officers at International Convention



Maryland LEADS Candidate Grace Kelly and Maryland State President Dottie Gregg proudly presenting the state flag at international Convention



Chesapeake District Report

The Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc. - The club supports the GFWC MD president's focus on military families. The club hopes to find a local military family to help throughout the coming year. We are presently in contact with our local VFW to accomplish this. The club also plans to hold a membership drive event.

GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc. - The Dundalk club is looking forward to another fun year. Our focus will be on membership and fundraising. This year our program includes a Fall BINGO and basket raffle, a restaurant gift card raffle, gift cards for homeless students, Rides for Recovery and lots of other community outreach programs to help our neighbors in the Dundalk community.

GFWC Woman's Club of Greater Fallston - Club members gathered for a social breakfast before taking collected clothing and shoeboxes packed with toiletries, playing cards, postage stamps and small articles of clothing to the Veterans Administration facility at Perry Point. They continue to support Anna's House, a shelter for women and children.

The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc. - As a service club, we tend to the needs of our community. Needy children and their families at Reisterstown Elementary receive assistance in the form of food, supplies, and tutoring. Sarah's Hope is given blankets made by our members. We sponsor programs and assist in youth art and scholarships for local students.

GFWC Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc. - Harford County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) provides training, prevention, and treatment services to fight child abuse and neglect and is our project for the future. Art supplies and therapeutic toys are gathered to assist therapists working with children at CAC. A donation was given to the CAC Program Director who discussed the "Adverse Childhood Experiences Study" at our May meeting.

GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc. - Our club's summer activities concluded with "Concerts in the Park." Our Opening Tea in September will feature a celebration of our 80th Anniversary. Our history includes many "firsts" including establishing the first kindergarten in Linthicum, the first Linthicum Elementary School Library and the original Linthicum Library.

Myrtle Club - The Myrtle Club celebrates 120 years as the oldest Federated club in Maryland. The club participates in both state and GFWC projects. The annual workshop provides 100 tray favors for Meals on Wheels clients. In-kind donations support a local shelter and food pantry. As former Baltimore District presidents, members offer support for new administrations when requested.

Perry Hall Woman's Club, Inc. - The club continues their support of the Eastside Family Center where they prepare meals twice a month for the clients of the center and maintain the newly-established library. A very successful youth art show was held. Members assist with delivering for Meals on Wheels. They acknowledge their local fire and police departments each year with a special breakfast.

Severn Town Club, Inc. - Another busy year! We supported a domestic violence shelter, sponsored two HOBY students, awarded scholarship funds to a community college student and donated books to B.I.G. for distribution to underserved populations. As in the past 55 years, the Holly Ball was our signature event. \$32,000 was raised to donate to several worthy organizations.

Southern Lights - The Southern Lights Club consists of past presidents of the former Southern District. There are four of us. Our primary purpose was to assist Southern District clubs that requested our help. Since the consolidation with two other districts, we are now a social club. With our surplus funds last year, we supported HOBY.

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Pocomoke City - The club is busy supporting local educators during *Teacher Appreciation Week*. As "teachers plant seeds of knowledge that grow forever", seed packets are sent to the three schools in our community. Supporting March of Dimes, club members make baby blankets and fill toiletry bags for new mothers.

GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club, Inc. - This club is a patron of the National Folk Festival being held in September. The National Folk Festival, awarded Salisbury as the host for this free three-day outdoor event. It features over 350 of the nation's finest traditional musicians, dancers, crafts people and boasts numerous children's activities.

District President Spotlight



Janet Morgan, Chesapeake District President



Janet has been a Clubwoman since 1988 when she joined Severn Town Club. She has served as STC president, treasurer, Holly Ball chairman, and as a member of the finance and conservation committees. She was Southern District president 2000-2002. GF-Maryland positions include membership chairman, recording secretary, records chairman, finance chairman, and Treasurer. She received Maryland's 1997 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award. Janet retired in 2018 as the Investment Manager for Anne Arundel County and is excited to be forging a new path for Federation in her position as President of the new Chesapeake District. When not volunteering, Janet and her husband, Jim, enjoy international travel.

Kaye Shoemaker, Western District President



Kaye Shoemaker has been a proud member of The Frederick Woman's Civic Club since 1998. She has served the club in all positions except treasurer, chaired numerous programs, and co-chaired the Mardi Gras Ball fundraiser. She has been GFWC Maryland Federation Secretary and was honored to be chosen the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman in 2009. Kaye has attended most of the Maryland Annual Conventions, several Southeastern Region Conferences, and several GFWC International Conventions since joining the Frederick club. She lives with her husband of over 55 years, Donnie. She is a true Frederick native who feels her best accomplishment is raising three productive children, Chris, Patrick, and Tara. She is the proud grandma of four lovely granddaughters. Kaye feels strongly that being a member of GFWC makes us all members of a wonderful sisterhood. As sisters we share our ideals, goals, and accomplishments. We know that we can depend on our sisters to come to our aid, laugh with us, and lift us up when we need a friend. Kaye is very honored to serve as the Western District President of this honorable organization.

Nathalie Bramson, Montgomery County District President



A native of Boston, Nathalie spent over 14 years in NYC, beginning as a stock analyst on Wall Street, and later moving to Macmillan, Inc., where she rose to become Vice President, the first woman to do so. In 1984 she remarried and moved to Chevy Chase; she and her husband had a son the next year. She was a dedicated volunteer for her son's schools, including ten years as Board chair of the Landon Symphonette. She joined the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase in 2006, serving first as co-chair of the Club's annual antiques show for four years, then as First Vice President, later President, while also serving on several important club committees. During this time she worked part-time as a security analyst with a woman-owned investment management firm. She currently serves as President 2018-2020, Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs.



Try Out This Exciting Fundraising Opportunity!

I would like to offer you and your clubs a Great Fundraising opportunity! I would like to introduce you to Maryann Priddy, Owner of TaylorMarie's Apparel. She would love to "Add Style, Fashion & Fun with a TaylorMarie's Apparel Fashion Show Fundraising Event!"

They have experience hosting fashion shows, orchestrating fundraisers and providing women with an enjoyable boutique shopping experience. Event attendees are always delighted by the quantity and quality of the selection they provide from various designer brands. They bring up to 20 garment racks of fashionable women's clothing from respected, high quality, affordable brands (such as Ruby Road, Erin London, and Keren Hart, just to name a few) right to your event location. Attendees will have the chance to purchase merchandise on the spot in sizes ranging from petite to women's 3X. They also showcase an elaborate jewelry and accessory display – so there is always something for everyone. Her company is committed to helping your club to raise money in a fun and fashionable way. 10% of the gross sales will be donated to your club! There is no charge for the event service, and the fundraisers can be held wherever you like -- no more driving to the mall to buy! TaylorMarie's commitment to quality, fashion and service is the hallmark of their business operations. To visit their national website please go to www.TaylorMariesApparel.com! Maryann would love to speak to you about the many possibilities she can offer. Please contact her at 301-471-9171 or maryann.priddy@verizon.net. As you are planning your upcoming meetings consider your program being a fashion show and boutique display for your members to enjoy!

Contact me, Christy Swiger, 301-461-8986 or at specht21@aol.com if you would like more information or would like a brochure.

Women's History and Resource Center

Many of us have heard about the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center, but don't know much about it. Their purpose is to collect, preserve, interpret, and promote the history of GFWC. The WHRC will accept monetary donations either online or by sending in a check. By donating, you become a Friend of the WHRC. These funds help to:

- Preserve and maintain GFWC collections
- Increase research library acquisitions
- Provide student field study opportunities
- Honor and support WHRC volunteers

Checks should be made payable and sent to:

GFWC WHRC
1734 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

You can also sign up for their newsletter, written by clubwomen, which is an in-depth look at the history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. To sign up, visit www.gfwc.org and look for the enrollment box at the bottom of the website underneath of the *News & Notes* sign up.

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The 40th annual Maryland Leadership Seminar was held at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland from May 23 -26, 2019.

Over 230 high school sophomores attended this four-day seminar that was filled with activities that developed leadership skills. Each HOBY Ambassador also participated in a service activity. This year, please make all checks payable to Maryland Leadership Seminar Foundation or HOBY Maryland. (The bank is now willing to take HOBY Maryland checks.) Either one will work! School fees remain the same -- \$225.00 school registration or \$395.00 for a full sponsorship. Of course, any donation is greatly appreciated. Payments can be sent to:

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GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence

Norma Jean Swam, Domestic
Violence Chair

A growing concern of personnel dealing with domestic violence is the abuse of elder adults. In almost all elder abuse and neglect incidents, the predator is a family member or caregiver. The statistics are alarming: according to Aging in Place, one in 10 Americans age 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse. Fraud cost and elder financial abuse have been projected to be from \$2.9 billion to \$3.5 billion annually and is usually achieved by family members or scammers.

Types of elder abuse include *(from the National Council of Elder Abuse and Neglect)*

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Confinement
- Passive neglect
- Willful deprivation
- Financial exploitation

Educating the community, caregivers and family members regarding the increasing problem of elder abuse is crucial for prevention and awareness. If you suspect an elder person is in an abusive situation say something! Call 911 if the person is in immediate danger and let the authorities handle the incident.

As programs are being planned in your various clubs look into contacting your local Aging Agency, local hospital or the State Attorney's office in your county to address this concern.

Gaining more knowledge and understanding about this dimension of Domestic Violence will assist in eradicating this type of abuse of the older population in our communities.

Junior's Signature Project: Advocates for Children

Trisha Wagman, Advocates for
Children Chair

As we kick off a new club year, there are plenty of project ideas for your clubs to do to support children in your community.

Consider sponsoring a Tutu Wonderful Party. A GFWC NC club supported Girls on the Run, an organization that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experienced -based curriculum that integrates running. Clubwomen hosted a "Tutu Wonderful Party" to fashion tulle tutus to donate to young girls to wear in their 5K race. A GFWC PA club offered new and used Halloween costumes to children for a town parade. At the end of September, flyers were distributed announcing the event and requesting donations of costumes. Members had purchased costumes at bargain prices after the previous Halloween. Two distribution days allowed children to try on and select the perfect costume. Consider supporting GFWC MD President Dottie Gregg's theme with projects that support children and families in the military. Host a baby shower for military Moms or make no sew blankets to donate to military children for comfort while their loved ones are deployed. Support GFCW MD Director of Junior Clubs Andrea Lilly with projects that support her theme Take Me Out to the Park. Take time to plant trees, promote fresh air and beautify our land. Adopt a conservation program to help students to learn about the environment. Adopt a park or playground and have a clean-up day.

Mark your calendars for GFWC Advocates for Children Week 2019: Sunday, October 20 through Saturday, October 26, 2019. Club members are encouraged to plan events for that week that relate to the Junior Special Program. Recycle an old project or try a new project. Meet with your club members, assess the need in your community, pick a project and get started. Remember you can support our GFWC partners St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and March of Dimes. Check out the GFWC Club manual online for more resources and ideas.



Parliamentary Pointers

Each constituent unit has its own way of choosing delegates. Hopefully, a club may be able to offer some financial assistance to the delegates representing them. Those eligible to be delegates to the GFWC Annual Convention are detailed in GFWC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 8.2, Representation. Your state has specific rules for delegates to the state convention.

Before each convention, each club will receive the proposed bylaws amendments that will be voted on at Convention. Sometimes they will also receive proposed resolutions and/or proposed changes to resolutions. It is the duty of a delegate to be familiar with this material before getting to convention. Optimally, at a club meeting prior to convention, members will be made aware of these proposed amendments/changes and have the time to discuss them. If a club is opposed to one of the suggested changes, it may instruct its delegates to vote against a particular bylaws amendment or resolution. A delegate representing a club must represent the interests of a club and if instructed to vote for or against an issue must do so. In many cases, a delegate can vote her conscience while keeping in mind the interests of her club.

The proposed amendments to the GFWC Bylaws and Resolutions are distributed to clubwomen in the Clubwoman Magazine prior to convention. Delegates should bring their copy of the amendments with them to conventions, as copies are not typically available at the business sessions.

When a delegate gets to convention, it is her responsibility to register at the GFWC Registration Desk. At that time, she will receive her credentials and meal tickets. Delegates should look through all materials before the business sessions begin.

A delegate should be seated at each Business Session ten minutes before the session is scheduled to begin. She should have her *Clubwoman Magazine* with the proposed changes to Bylaws and Resolutions and paper to take notes. These notes will be very helpful when she goes home and prepares a report for her club. At the first general club meeting after convention, she should report the business that was conducted, as well as the other activities that make a GFWC Annual Convention so much fun.

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GFWC Parliamentarian Deen J. Meloro, RP*

ESO Happenings

Jennifer Adkins

Fiction seems to be the name of the game for our clubs' book group selections this year. Whether it's classic, historical, romance, or just plain fiction, we can all learn something from these stories. Each of our book group members has a unique connection, reaction, point of view, or memory associated with each book and we all benefit from listening to each other during our discussions.

Emma by Jane Austin was our first book of choice. Some of us felt the need to take a step back in time to when things seemed simpler. *A Map of Betrayal* by Ha Jin, had us questioning one's loyalties; to oneself, to country, to family. And how a young persons' choices can lead to a difficult future. Our next selection was *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. We were first introduced to the main character when we read *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts. Eliza, a 16-year-old girl who was left to run her father's plantations, in South Carolina, in the early 1700s, while he went off to pursue his military ambitions.

Our summer reads include *Wistlin Dixie in a Nor'Easter* by Lisa Patton, about a southern family being uprooted to Vermont. And *Beauchamp Hall*, by Daniele Steel, where the female lead character escapes the dreariness of everyday life with her favorite TV show.

What works of fiction are on your reading list? Do you see your life reflected in these stories? How have the stories affected your outlook on life? Have they changed how you respond to your daily trials and tribulations? We can all learn something from works of fiction.

Adopt A USO Program



GFWC of Maryland has been invited by USO to spearhead their Adopt a USO Center Program, and our President Dottie Gregg was invited to select the center we would like to adopt! As President Gregg had first choice of locations, we looked carefully at availability of services, how remote it is, and if the USO Center is a size we can manage. We wanted to be where the military truly needed us, and the selection was USO Erbil, Iraq.

Erbil is a very remote location with few services. The USO Center there serves deployed troops, providing a connection to their families, relaxation, a little time to pick up toiletries and snacks, call home, and get on a computer talk to their families. They have a program for parents to read books to their children, then send the recording and the book to the family back home. This is how it works:

Please consider supporting the USO center with in-kind gifts. Copy and paste this link:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/HW2YRTKGTRGR/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_-YkTBbYS1RESG into your internet browser, and you will be directed to the USO Erbil Amazon wishlist. Select what you want to send, and then go to checkout. There is no tax, and orders we have tested were large enough to have free shipping. The address is:

USO
Camp Erbil
APO, AE 09305
United States

Add a gift card note through Amazon so you can send an encouraging note, add your club name and address so they can send you a thank you. It is incumbent on each club to keep track of all orders, both club and individual, for reporting purposes on your Public Issues and President's Special Project reports.

This is a new, innovative program, and I am both impressed that the USO came up with this idea, and honored that the USO trusts us, GFWC Maryland, to be on the leading edge of this program. Thousands of service members look to the USO for support during deployments far from home. Thank you for your support!

The "Gold Lady" Returns!

Unfortunately, Kristine Southworth, our "Gold Lady" was not able to attend our MFWC Convention this past April in Annapolis. But never fear! She will be attending our Tuesday, September 17, 2019 MFWC State Board Meeting at Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville. All you need to do is bring in your tired, old, broken gold jewelry, white gold jewelry, platinum jewelry and even silver jewelry. Just look through your old jewelry box and look for broken, twisted or bent jewelry, class rings you never wear, dental gold, sterling silver, single earrings that lost their mate, jewelry from your exes, any gold that has been laying around for years, or any jewelry that you know your grandchildren or great-grandchildren wouldn't want. Kristine will weigh it and pay you cash for whatever you would like to get rid of. Even if you are not certain if your items are gold or silver, she is able to test it and will determine its weight and value. If your pieces have stones, Kristine can usually take them out for you. She will be honest and let you know if she feels a piece of your jewelry is better to hold onto or sell as a whole piece. So, bring in your old jewelry and walk out with some cash at our next state meeting!



Frances Jane Thomas

December 29, 1926 - November 10, 2018

Frances Jane Dunton Thomas was born on December 29th, 1926 in Norfolk, VA. She had an older brother, Tommy, an older sister, Ivy, and two younger sisters, Ruthie and Sarah. Upon marrying Charles Thomas, they became a His, Hers and Ours blended family since they both came to the marriage with children and then had two children together.

Fran and her late husband, Charles, enjoyed traveling and spending time with their large family of eight children. The family enjoyed vacations at the beach, crabbing, and family gatherings at holidays. Fran was an avid reader and an amateur genealogist. She became a member of Linthicum Baptist Church in the 1960's, and was well-loved by family, friends and everyone she met. She had a ready smile for all.

Fran was very active in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., making many new friends and memories. She was a long-time member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc. and was the club president from 1994-96. She was the president of the Southern District, Inc. of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs from 2002-2004. She also served as the treasurer of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. Fran and Charles bought one of the oldest former Linthicum-family-owned houses in historic Linthicum and graciously opened their home for two of the woman's club's Historic House Tours.

Fran is survived by her sister, Sarah Tate, and her eight children. Fran will be missed by her family and her many friends.



Frances "Bettie" Elizabeth Conner Mueller

Bettie was laid to rest on February 15, 2019. Born and raised in Baltimore, she met and married John L. Mueller, Jr., better known as Jack. Bettie was the loving mother of six, grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of seven. She was a steadfast friend and generous to a fault. She cherished her family and many friends and had a passion for reading. Being 100% Irish, she was proud of her heritage. She never missed the St. Patrick's Day parade and the social mingling which followed.

Bettie was active in the Mt. St. Agnes Alumnae Association and the Baltimore Civic League. You could find her at the annual Flower Mart festivities selling the beloved lemon sticks. We remember her as a dedicated member of the Maryland Federation for over 50 years. She was a constant at every GFWC International Convention and Southeastern Region Conference until she was no longer able to do so. She served as president of The Yorkewood Woman's Club three times; held a variety of offices in, and then became president of the Baltimore District in 1994. As a member of the Myrtle Club, she served as secretary, treasurer, and as president in 2002. Her presence and sense of humor brightened many conventions and Board of Directors' meetings with her off-the-cuff remarks when things got dull. Her mudslides were legend. Her contributions to The Federation over the years were many and she will be missed.

The Maryland
Clubwoman



Clubwoman Connection

September 17, 2019

September Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Western District

Holly Hills Country Club

5502 Mussetter Road

Ijamsville, MD 21754

February 18, 2020

February Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Chesapeake District

Philip Merrill Environmental Center

6 Herndon Avenue

Annapolis, MD 21403