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Members of the GFWC Metropolitan Club of Montgomery County with backpacks for foster children, prepared for Comfort Cases' distribution.



GFWC Maryland Clubwomen and Officers of the Southeastern Region at Southeastern Region Conference in Winston-Salem, NC.

Next Issue Deadline

All articles and information for the Fall 2019 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* must be turned into the *Clubwoman* staff by **June 1, 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 2019 may be submitted for inclusion.

From the President's Desk



Dear Federated Friends,

This winter weather can't seem to make up its mind whether to be cold and snowy or mild and rainy. I know that for sure Spring must not be too far away because it is time for the arrival of our club Annual Reports. I have received a few, but I know that there are many more to come as Clubs take time to access their work for their communities for this past year. The volunteer service of all our clubwomen add sparkle to the lives of so many. Often times, just how much sparkle is shared or how many have benefited is not realized until the descriptions of the activities and the numbers are recorded. Then you get to see the true impact of all your service throughout the year. I look forward to reading each report of the club activities.

I am certain that there have been many outstanding accomplishments over this past year by our Maryland Clubwomen. Thank you for all you do to improve and embellish the lives of so many. Thank you for embracing the Maryland Special Project of Military Families with a variety of projects to help the families of those who have served or are currently serving our Country. Your efforts have been so well received.



What an exciting time it was at The Fisherman's Inn in Grasonville, MD for our February Board of Directors' meeting. The hearts of our clubwomen opened wide as they shared many items for our Military Wives Baby Shower. Our guests from the Fort Meade Enlisted Spouses' Club shared their experiences and struggles with welcoming a new baby so far from their family.

Congratulations to our Maryland Juniors for the success of their Junior Mid Winter Rally in Chevy Chase with our Junior Director Andrea Lilly guiding their activities to support Federated goals. It is always enlightening to see such enthusiasm.

As we prepare for our 120th Maryland Annual Convention on April 27th and 28th, we hope that many of you are planning on attending. We are pleased to continue the Combined General-Junior format to share the success and fellowship of our Junior Clubwomen with our General members. What an exciting time it will be. I am pleased to announce that the convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, MD. How great it will be to celebrate Spring in beautiful Annapolis. The Official Call will be sent under separate mailing. You don't want to miss this time together. The date for the GFWC International Convention is June 29-July 1, 2019 with a tour date of June 27 and LEADS on June 28. The Convention will be held in Austin, Texas. The details will be shared as soon as they are available.

As we anticipate the arrival of Spring, let us join together in Federation Friendship as we enjoy the activities of the final days of cold weather. We are the Maryland Federation, and we share our sparkle to enrich the lives of so many.

In Federation Friendship,

Dottie Gregg

Dottie Gregg

GFWC Maryland President, 2018-2020



From Your Junior Director

Dear Federation Sisters,

As I write this letter I am in Sunny Florida: a much-needed break from winter as we left just in time to miss winter storm Gia. As the weather grows warmer and we look forward to welcoming spring we can focus on new beginnings and fulfilling service projects. At this time I am reading a very good book called "Shaken" by Tim Tebow, if you want an uplifting book on helping you understand your purpose and what great things you can accomplish, you need to read this.



As this administration draws close to the end of its first year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a great experience I have had. I have made so many new friends and traveled to so many great places. I want to add that there are a lot of great things in store for the next year. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and friendship. I am so grateful.

We have just held our Mid-Winter Rally that took place at the Chevy Chase Woman's Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland on February 2nd. This meeting was hosted by the JWCCC. They certainly welcomed us and did a great job hosting. This was a partnership/service day filled with fun. From collecting donations for the A Wider Circle, making blankets to a special presentation from Heifer International.

We are looking forward to our next Junior meeting at the Maryland Convention April 27th & 28th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis.

Let's keep making the difference and recording all that we have accomplished. I am still encouraged and look forward to seeing how each Maryland Clubwoman strives to continue the work on the 7 Grand Initiatives and conservation. Let's keep Maryland safe and beautiful.

Hope to see all happy & healthy in 2019!

In Federation Love,

Andrea Lilly

Andrea Lilly
Maryland Director of Junior Clubs, 2018-2020

GFWC Maryland 120th Annual Convention Highlights



"Clubwomen Give Life a Sparkle By Living the Volunteer Spirit" **&** ***"Take Me Out to the Park"***

All Maryland Clubwomen are invited -- and encouraged! -- to attend the 120th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland, April 27-28, 2019, where we will Honor the Past and Celebrate the Present. You won't want to miss any of the festivities which begin early on Saturday, so plan to arrive on Friday evening, April 26th for Clubwomen Fun Night from 8p – 10p. Don't let your club president have all the fun!

On Saturday morning, Maryland Clubwomen are invited to attend the second General/ Junior Convention at which you will hear interesting reports, be treated to a lively Youth Art presentation and celebrate announcements of the 2018 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, Babs Condon Award, Outstanding Junior Clubwoman, and Junior Rookie of the Year Awards. Following the morning session, a reception for all nominees and their club presidents will be held in the Executive Suite. The morning session will be followed by a "We Can Do It...Still!" Luncheon at which the 2018 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, Honorary Presidents of GFWC Maryland and Past Maryland Directors of Juniors Club will be honored. Club and membership anniversaries will also be presented. After the luncheon, attendees will be entertained by actress Mary Ann Jung who will bring history to life with her portrayal of Rosie the Riveter. Saturday afternoon, members will participate in a service project. The service project will be labeling children's books as part of the International President's Grand Initiatives. On Saturday evening, all Club Presidents will be honored as our members gather for the District Presidents' Reception, followed by the "Get Your Sparkle On" banquet and highlighted by a procession of District and Club Presidents. Immediately following dinner, all members are invited to join Christy Swiger for some fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes at Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!".

Convention will reconvene at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. You really need to be there to find out what other clubs have been doing this past year when the "Flurry" awards are announced. Dr. Rosemary Thomas will be the guest speaker at our luncheon, followed by entertainment by the Convention Club. Final business will be conducted, and prize drawings will be held, before the 120th Annual GFWC Maryland Convention will adjourn for your safe journeys home.

This year's convention promises to be innovative, energizing, and fun. Plan to attend and be a part of the excitement!



Convention planning committee: (L to R) Nancy Porter, Karen-Marie Wasik, Cynthia Dykes, Brenda Bennett, Andrea Lilly, Dottie Gregg



GFWC Maryland 120th Annual Convention

Speakers and Entertainment



Mary Ann Jung, award-winning actress, will portray Rosie the Riveter as entertainment Saturday following lunch. During World War II, women joined the U.S. workforce by the millions to replace the men who'd gone off to fight. Learn the fascinating story of Rosie the Riveter through Rose Leigh Monroe who worked at the largest factory in the world-Willow Run in Michigan. Join in the fun as you meet or maybe even play Charles Lindbergh, Walter Pidgeon, and Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, all of whom toured Willow Run. Discover which came first-the Rosie posters, song, or the real women who sacrificed and worked in factories to help America win the war. Who was the real Rosie? The answer is riveting!

Our soft easy-listening music during Saturday's banquet will be Roland Dorsey and Jim Stewart. Roland W. Dorsey is a Professional Musician living in Harford County. He is a Graduate of Los Angeles City College and Studied Music at USC Los Angeles. He works mainly in the Baltimore area playing Jazz, Latin Jazz, and Fusion. Roland is a retired Photojournalist now fulfilling his passion of playing music and studying the Bass. Jim Stewart joins Roland on the guitar. Jim started studying the guitar at the age of twelve with noted musician, Anthony Andrione. During this time, Jim started working with other young musicians, forming pop music groups. After graduating from high school, Jim began to study music on the collegiate level, attending Essex Community College and Towson University. While at Towson, he studied with Hank Levy and performed with the nationally known Towson State Jazz Ensemble.



Dr. Rosemary Thomas will be our speaker at Sunday's luncheon. Dr. Thomas is the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Institutional Advancement at Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia. In her role, she oversees operations of the Office of Admission, student retention efforts and the Office of Institutional Advancement, which includes alumni, church relations and development, along with communications and marketing. In her role with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, she managed daily operations for the international women's organization. With a devotion to community service and volunteerism, she serves as assistant director of the American Legion Auxiliary West Virginia Girls State as well as being a member of the Board of Incorporators. She is the State Lead Ambassador for the American Cancer Society Action Network and was a member of the Nationwide Training Team for Relay For Life.



GFWC Maryland 120th Annual Convention

An Invitation

GFWC Maryland's 120th Annual Convention

District Presidents' Reception

Saturday, April 27th 2019

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel Annapolis

Concourse Foyer

All members are invited to attend the District Presidents' Reception to honor all Club Presidents in the Concourse Foyer immediately preceding the "Get Your Sparkle On" Banquet.

An Invitation

GFWC Maryland's 120th Annual Convention

Reception

Saturday, April 27th 2019

Immediately Following Morning Business Session

Crowne Plaza Hotel Annapolis

Executive Suite

A reception for the Honorary Presidents, Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman, Babs Condon Award, Outstanding Junior Clubwoman, Rookie of the Year, and all other nominees will be held in the Executive Suite immediately following the morning business session.

GFWC Maryland 120th Annual Convention

Service Project



Convention Service Project

2019's GFWC Maryland Convention service project is to label books for donation to day-care centers as outlined in the 7 Grand Initiatives from GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock. With goal of donating 1,000 Dr. Seuss books, Clubwomen are asked to bring books, Dr. Seuss or other, to donate. New books are preferred, however gently-used books are also accepted, providing there is no writing, torn pages, or water damage within the book. Labels will be printed to identify GFWC Maryland as the donating organization.



So What the Heck is "Convention Club"?

Revealing the Mystery
Christy Swiger

You are missing out on a fantastic opportunity if you don't belong to Convention Club, one of the great mysteries of MFWC.

HOLD ON THERE! There is no mystery, no secret society, just the best little-known secret of the most fabulous of all of the MFWC's clubs: CONVENTION CLUB! So many of our members often ask me; "what is Convention Club?". Well, I hate to spoil the secret, but there are two extremely essential requirements one has to possess to join the Convention Club! **The first pre-requisite is: a member must have attended a national convention. The second pre-requisite is: a member must be able to display great fun, amusement, merriment, joy, and take great pleasure in being with Federation sisters.**

Club Rules:

1. There are no rules.
2. The rules can be Bent and Twisted.
3. No Bylaws.
4. No Dues.
5. No Meetings.
6. No Protocols.
7. No "Robert's Rules of Order".
8. Absolutely Anything Goes!

Allow me to introduce the officers for the 2018-2020 administration of Convention Club. Welcome the new officers: Treasurer, Reno Eitel; Secretary, Rosemary Thomas; Vice President, Karen Wasik; and Her Highness the Crowned President of Convention Club, Babs Condon.



Convention Club Officers: (L to R) Karen Wasik, Babs Condon, Rosemary Thomas, Reno Eitel

Junior Mid-Winter Rally



The members of GFWC Maryland gathered on a snow-covered day at the Chevy Chase Woman’s Club for a wonderful day of friendship, business and service. The theme for the day was “Snowed-in for Charity”. As we gathered at the historic club house in Chevy Chase, we were greeted with a warm welcome of breakfast goodies and cheerful flowers which adorned the tables.

We held a business meeting where we confirmed the new Junior Board Members who most-graciously took their new positions. We welcomed Grace Kelly as the new Director Elect of Junior Clubs and Laura Leinhard as the new Junior Secretary. Membership chairmen Regina & Carol played a game of “tell us about yourself” with colorful M&M’s. We had a speaker from our GFWC partner Heifer International who informed us about the Milk Money Project and we made a donation to support a child with enough milk for a year. We made red, white, and blue tie blankets that were given to President Dottie Gregg for disbursement to a Veterans home that helps women veterans. We attempted to make our own lip balm. Only four samples turned out, though we remain hopeful as we attempt this again. Attendees also learned about Advocates for Children Special Project ideas from our Junior Chairman Trish Wagman.

In keeping with Madame President’s 7 Grand Initiatives we were able to donate two baskets of shoes for the Soles 4 Souls Project. We also made a large donation of clothing, shoes, belts, ties, hats, gloves and scarves to the A Wider Circle Charity. We were even able to give the leftovers from lunch to the charity center for their use. Wow! What another amazing day for all involved.



GFWC Maryland’s Junior Director Andrea Lilly (L) and President Dottie Gregg (R) with donations for a veterans’ home.



GFWC Maryland Junior Director Andrea Lilly (R) , with Soles4Souls staff (L).



Montgomery County District Report

Bethesda - Our Club donates to Bethesda Cares and Manor Foods. We support multiple non-profits in the Montgomery County area. A Club member chaired the Montgomery County Youth Art Competition. We support the Salvation Army, the Women in Military Service Memorial, Hero Dogs, Techs for Troops, Arthritis Research of Maryland, and World Kitchen Center.

Chevy Chase - We collect items for assorted charities. In January the focus was items for Comfort Cases which helps children entering the foster care with their own new pajamas, a book, a small blanket and personal care products. We collected canned goods for local soup kitchens. We collect items for women and infants in shelters. We will host our 44th Annual Community Art Show & Sale.

Junior Club of Chevy Chase - We adopt local organizations as our Signature Charities. Our current Signature Charities are Hearts & Homes for Youth and the DC Diaper Bank. Annually, we organize fundraisers with proceeds benefitting our signature charities. We participate in hands-on programs for at-risk youth through our Bistro Boyz program and our mentoring program, Girls Empowered Motivated and Successful (GEMS). We are celebrating our 80th Anniversary!

Laurel - We continue our weekend backpack program for children in school meal programs. We meet weekly to pack healthy food for the weekend. We assisted with the purchase and wrapping of gifts for students and their siblings for the holidays. We provide mentoring services to girls at local schools. We participate in the Adopt-a-Road program in Prince George's County by picking up litter. We donated books with a stuffed bear to children at the local library.

Laytonville - The Club had it's 50th Anniversary. We are actively involved in a variety of local organizations and causes. Our club partnered with local schools to man the student store which opens once a month so that kids can purchase items with "money" earned through responsible behavior. We also have a party for people new to the area so that they may learn about the Club.

Metropolitan - One of the most significant projects is Comfort Cases who provides backpacks with items for foster-care children when they are moved from one home to another. They include all new items including pajamas, blanket, stuffed animal, toiletries, and a book. We packed over 40 cases. We made 408 sandwiches for a mobile soup kitchen in the area.

Silver Spring - We continue to support Smile Train, Save the Bay and a local Scholarship Fund. We volunteer at the local Thrift Shop each month. Our Bridge group meets every month. This year we will celebrate our 80th Anniversary as a club. Among the year's planned events is a card party in the Spring.

Wednesday Club - We support a local Women's Shelter by providing holiday gifts of necessary supplies, as well as funding for holiday meals. Our Club also supports Hero Dogs, Our House (a rehabilitative home and school for young men), and the local Museum. We recently completed a history of our club published as [The Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring: Addendum](#), a companion book to a previous history of the club published in 1979.

University Park - The Club worked with a local homeless shelter which provides lunch, a place to take showers, check the Internet and other things most of us take for granted. We serve lunch each month and collect men's personal dignity items. At holiday events, we collected hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. We also assembled new household items for homeless families moving into housing. We prepared notes and holiday cards for mailing to military personnel.

Western District Report



It is with pride that I carry on the traditions of our Maryland Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Our theme is "The Butterfly Sisterhood of Western District". Butterflies like our Federation Sisterhood make the world a brighter, happier place.

Centennial Club - There are currently 12 Past Western District Presidents in our club. These members are not only active in their own clubs, but most continue to hold positions at the district and the state levels. Their vast knowledge and experience is a valuable asset. We have contributed to Betty M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, WHRC, and many others.

Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland - We were busy again on our fundraisers to support a scholarship for a non-traditional student at a local college. We also supported our local Toys for Happiness by wrapping presents and filling bags for children with the Salvation Army. We continued to maintain the handicap trail at Rocky Gap. We assisted March of Dimes with a small walk in Cumberland. We delivered flowers to the local Family Crisis Center. We learned about drugs in our community, efforts to educate, and school safety.

Frederick Woman's Civic Club - We started this year by assembling meals for Meals on Wheels, reaching out directly to a USO Center in Iraq to provide direct support for service members, and hosting an exciting youth art contest. Our 58th Annual Mardi Gras is in February. This event supports many local scholarships and non-profits. This year, we will continue to honor those commitments and our five-year monetary pledge to the Frederick Memorial Hospital James M. Stockman Cancer Institute.

Civic Club of Oakland - Our 45th Antiques and Makers Fair was a success in October. In March, we will be hearing from multiple non-profit organizations who have requested funding from us. We will vote on how to allocate the money we raised during this event. We raised about \$200 at our holiday party and purchased 15 pairs of "Shoes that Grow" as part of our international outreach efforts. One of our winter projects has been developing our first web site. You can check it out at www.civicclubofoaklandmd.com.

Western Maryland Community Club - We had a productive year and are planning even more this year. Linus blankets for the oncology department at Western Maryland Health System are next on our list of projects. We make food donations to our local food banks and give gifts of art supplies to Friends Aware, Inc., a local non-profit. "Bonnie's Bingo" is played at each of our meetings as a club fundraiser.

Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. - Our focus continues to be domestic violence and elder care abuse through involvement with community groups. We've collected shoes, donated books, joined the Legislative Action Center, and are planning for 2019. The Dr. Seuss reading days and book donation will continue for young students. Our special project of hand-sewn dresses are distributed to girls in third world countries. Our club held a fundraiser of bridal dresses to benefit our Scholarship Fund. A housewarming event was held for a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner. A fundraiser and community Tea Social was held in November.

Junior Woman's Club of Westminster - We hosted the 2nd Annual Light up the Night 5K for domestic violence awareness. The club was honored to receive the Community Spotlight award from a local radio station. We hosted National Night Out in coordination with the local police department to raise awareness of crime prevention and of services available in the community. We continued to provide comfort bags and blankets to breast cancer patients at the local hospital and collected 240 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls. Our fundraisers included a yard sale in the spring, a vendor booth at the Maryland Wine Festival in the fall, and Santa's Workshop, a fun and festive event for children, in the winter.

Directory Update Form



ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

Due: June 15, 2019

Use this form for Reporting 2018-2020 Club Officers. The new 2018-2020

GFWC-MD Directory will be prepared using the information you supply. Please fill out this form and return to the GFWC-MD Registration table at convention, or mail this form to:

GFWC-MD Directory Chair

Brenda Bennett

2109 Bypass Road

Pocomoke City, MD 21851

(P) 410-251-6798

Please type or print clearly

Club Name: _____

Date Organized: _____ Date of Federation: _____

Annual Meeting Date: _____ Regular Meeting Dates: _____

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Corresponding Secretary Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Treasurer Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Advisor/Director Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Other: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____



If you're on the e-mail list to receive the weekly "News & Notes" from GFWC International, you don't need any other source to learn parliamentary procedure. Each week for the last year and a half, there has been an interesting and informative article on parliamentary procedure, describing all sorts of good information from how to conduct a meeting to what a club's bylaws should contain. We'll leave all that to the experts for now and concentrate on the everyday nitty-gritty of meeting etiquette. The following excerpt, from the Fall 2007 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* that was part of the parliamentary packet at the August 2018 workshop, may be beneficial to you:

Rules to Live By at Meetings

1. The rules of Parliamentary Law are based on regard for the rights of the majority, the minority, the individual, the absentee and all of these together.
2. Have an open mind.
3. A meeting should be business-like, but not "stuffy."
4. Parliamentary procedure is a tool, not a weapon.
5. Members and officers shouldn't insist that parliamentary procedure be followed "to the letter" just for the sake of form.
6. If you don't stick your neck out during the meeting, don't stick your tongue out afterwards.
7. Justice for all and partiality to none.
8. Courtesy to all from all.
9. A bad rule is better than no rule at all.
10. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
11. Remember the Golden Rule.
12. A Model Meeting: Participated in by everybody. Monopolized by nobody. Where everybody is somebody.

Kitty's Rules to Live By at Meetings

Presidents

1. Become very familiar with your club's bylaws and standing rules.
2. Be confident at the podium while conducting meetings.
3. Maintain control of the meeting -- don't let others intimidate you.
4. Stay on target with the issue. Don't let the meetings get out of hand by allowing others to talk among themselves and interrupt unless recognized by the chair.
5. From Former GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes, use these six steps for effective presiding: memorize constantly-used procedures, make sure all know what's being debated and voted on, learn how to conduct voting, know the steps in a meeting, and learn to handle points of order and appeals.



Parliamentarians

1. You function in an advisory capacity to the presiding officer to ensure that the meeting is conducted in a fair and impartial manner.
2. Don't try to take over the meeting by pointing out when the chair missteps.
3. Make suggestions to the president quietly, either by note or by whispering. However, when asked a question on procedure to benefit those in attendance, answer simply. If you don't know the answer, say so and advise that you will respond after consulting the appropriate authority (Robert's Rules of Order, the club bylaws, or the club standing rules, etc.).

Members

1. Be on time for meetings. If unavoidably detained, wait at the back of the room for a lull before proceeding quietly to a seat.
2. Be polite during the meeting by limiting side conversations.
3. Learn the proper procedure for offering a motion: In a small meeting, raise your hand for recognition. In larger meetings, stand, wait to be recognized by the chair, state your name (and club affiliation at district or state meetings), and say simply, "I move that . . .". After making the motion, be seated. The chair will ask for a second, repeat the motion, and then recognize you again to speak in favor of the motion, if necessary. Speak clearly and concisely, using a microphone when needed. Subsequent members in favor or opposed to the motion should wait to be recognized and follow the same procedure, stating your name and the reasons for being in favor or opposed to the motion.

Recommended Readings

Former GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes recommends Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in Brief (200 pages) to serve as an introduction and guide to the larger Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (700 pages). On the opening page, she suggests:

If you have 30 minutes, read chapters 2-4.

If you have 45 minutes, read chapters 2-6

If you have 90 minutes, read chapters 1-11

Check out last summer's weekly articles in "News & Notes" by current GFWC Parliamentarian Deen J. Meloro on what should be contained in club bylaws.

Fundraising

Christy Swiger, Fundraising Chair



Fun-Raising and "Golden" Opportunities Abound!

Our State Annual Convention will be here before you know it! We have great options in store for you to indulge in when we gather for comradery, fellowship, and merriment! Let's first talk about what you can expect at convention, so you are totally prepared for our festivities.

We will have our traditional 50/50 boards so that we can have numerous \$50 winners! Bring your dollars and be thinking of your lucky numbers! Our Stupendous District Baskets will certainly incite gleeful moments of wishful coveting. Bring your cash or checks to purchase numerous tickets to make your chances of winning a reality! Vendors will adorn the room to entice your buying cravings. Bring your cash and checks! Some vendors do accept plastic. MFWC will have our tables full of items for you to peruse and purchase as gifts. Bring your checks and cash! Night Owl Bingo will be held after the Saturday night banquet for all to enjoy. You always get a great gift just for playing, with many outstanding prizes to win. We will play ten games for the cost of \$20, with additional games for only \$5 each. Please sign up on your Convention Reservation Form. However, you will pay your fee at convention. Bring along that check book and cash! You won't want to miss this time with our MFWC friends. All are welcome and playing is easy!

Did I already say "bring your checks and cash"? Well let's change that up a bit! Instead, bring a bag with your old, unwanted, broken gold and silver. That's right! We will have our traditional "Gold to Green Recycling Fundraiser". Our long time "Gold Lady", Kristine Southworth, will join us on Saturday morning (April 27th) at 9am until approximately 1pm to give you cash for your gold and silver loot. Bring your tired, old, broken, gold jewelry, white gold jewelry, platinum jewelry and even sterling silver jewelry. Just put your items in a closed plastic bag with your name, cell phone, and address and drop it off with Kristine when you arrive at convention. Kristine gives us 10% of proceeds from convention. If you have questions please feel free to call me, Christy Swiger, at 301-461-8986.

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Federation Fun Night "Night Owls Bingo"

Saturday, April 27, 2019
following the banquet
\$20 for 10 games. Additional sets of Bingo cards \$5.

All clubwomen are invited to join Christy Swiger for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes!

Free gift for reservations!

Pay at the door - cash or check!



GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence

Norma Jean Swam, Domestic
Violence Chair

Witnessing or being a victim of Domestic Violence can be detrimental to a child. The child who witnesses constant abuse or is abused by either parent will have many physical and psychological scares. These children may appear to be fine, but they are in terrible emotional pain. Their family life is distracting, chaotic, and explosive. Studies have revealed that these children feel at blame for the abusive experiences with a parent or they may have done something themselves to provoke the outrage or physical attack. Their emotions run the gamut of rage, embarrassment, humiliation, vulnerability, and fear. Children living in an abusive situation are often starved for attention, desire approval, and become overachievers. They feel abandoned as the mom or dad is unable to protect the child from the abuse. Many of these children withdraw and become physically and psychologically abandoned. Many researchers and experts in the field believe that children raised in an abusive home learn violence as an effective way to solve and resolve problems. This may have a detrimental effect on their own adult relationships and they may replicate the violence they witnessed as children. The trauma they have witnessed greatly affect their adult relationships and especially their parenting skills.

If you suspect a child is in an abusive household, please report to: CASA, Family and Children Services, or your local police. Reports are always anonymous. You can help children of abuse by planning a children's pajama shower at a club meeting, or collecting toiletries and personal dignity items to donate to local safe houses. Lastly, reach out to your local CASA to become a volunteer.

Junior's Signature Project: Advocates for Children

Trisha Wagman, Advocates for
Children Chair

There are always opportunities to support Advocates for Children. Take a moment to check out The Top Ten Projects for Advocates for Children in The GFWC Club Manual. Here are some fun ones to consider: a club in New Jersey hosted a "Wear a pair, Bring a pair" pajama party. Invitations were sent to members, family and friends who were encouraged to wear PJ's. They were also asked to bring child/youth sized pajamas to be donated to shelters in their area. A club in California considered where children spend time in order to help those lacking reading skills. Realizing that laundromats are often packed with families, the club members created and maintained bookcases at three laundromats. Shelves were filled weekly with 25-30 books for children of all ages. Club members reported success by the amount of parent and child reading interaction taking place at the laundromats. One club after being moved by a member that gave birth to a premature baby, a Massachusetts club made Mother's Day gifts to be distributed at a local NICU. A poem was printed, placed in a photo frame that was decorated by members, and then distributed to moms with babies in the NICU.

With spring approaching consider a partnership with March of Dimes. Find a March for Babies near you and register your club to gain access to online tools to help reach your team goals, including customizable individual and team fundraising pages at www.marchforbabies.org. be sure to include GFWC and your club in your team name. If you are not able to be a walker consider volunteering with your club members at the event.

Save the Bay



Maryland Federation Facebook

After far too long, the Maryland Federation Facebook page has been reactivated. Please visit the GFWC Maryland Federation Facebook page. We feel that, with social media as such an integral part of society, this would help spread the word about the great work of the Maryland Federation.

If you think about it, every time one of us posts something, our friends will see it. If you multiply that by every Maryland Federation member, the interest in GFWC will snowball!

The Facebook page is set up to allow you to post your own photos, however, if you need assistance uploading photos, please send them to Nancy Porter at busterporter58@gmail.com.



Click on the logo to go to our Facebook page!

As you are aware, the Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs has supported the Chesapeake Bay Foundation since 1984. Your clubs have already shown their passion for saving our Greatest Natural Resource – The Chesapeake Bay, by becoming members, making annual donations and educating your members about the goals of the Foundation and what we can do as individuals to restore our bay waters. I have requested that your club make a donation to the Foundation, and consider a Fifty Dollar donation to celebrate the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's existence and the awesome gains they have accomplished.

With the support of the Foundation's 230,000 members since 1967 CBF has:

1. Inspired more than 1.5 million students, teachers, and adults through their award-winning environmental education program. Environmental education is a vital investment in the future health of the Chesapeake Bay.
2. Planted 292 million oysters on protected sanctuary reefs. As natural filters, each adult oyster can clean up to 50 gallons of water per day.
3. Significantly expanded public understanding of the Bay's condition through strategic communications. The biennial State of the Bay report is widely regarded as the definitive measure of the Bay's health.
4. Helped establish the federal and state Bay clean-up plan, the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint, through a lawsuit filed by CBF and partners.
5. Restored the Bay's natural filters by planting more than 2.5 million trees and adding more than 20,000 acres of forested buffers along streambanks.
6. Successfully advocated for science-based management of the Bay's fisheries, including striped bass, blue crabs, menhaden, and oysters.
7. Reduced agricultural pollution in Pennsylvania by working with more than 5,000 farmers and landowners through our award-winning restoration program.

Helping to Save the Bay is an easy project for our clubs to participate in! I'm challenging all of our Clubs to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation and their initiation of the "Making History" Campaign, a focused effort on restoring two of they bay's most-effective natural filters -- trees and oysters.

Please consider making a donation to the Foundation during the 2019 club year! Those clubs that make a donation of \$50 dollars or more will receive a special gift at convention. I appreciate all of the clubs that have already made donations and it is not too late to make a donation before our annual convention so that you will be recognized in April. **Please make donations out to "Chesapeake Bay Foundation", and send them to me, Christy Swiger, 117 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966.** I will forward them to the foundation.

Reminder!

Membership Chairmen, send any club member anniversaries to Beverly Death, State Membership Co-Chairman, so they can be properly recognized at convention.

Beverly Death:

beverlydeath@gmail.com



The Maryland Clubwoman

Clubwoman Connection

February 19, 2019

February Board of Directors Meeting

*Fisherman's Inn
3116 Main Street
Grasonville, MD 21638*

March 1, 2019

Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award

Nominations must be postmarked by this date. The nomination form can be found at gfwcmd.org. Completed nomination forms should be forwarded to Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland President.

March 26, 2019

Youth Art District Winner Presentation

District Presidents will bring district winners to the state for judging. Follow state guidelines put into place by your district.

April 27-28, 2019

GFWC Maryland Annual Convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis, MD

June 29 - July 1, 2019

GFWC Annual Convention

J.W. Marriott Hotel, Austin, TX

September 17, 2019

September Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Western District, Location TBD

February 18, 2020

February Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Chesapeake District, Location TBD