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*Clubwomen
give life a
sparkle
by living the
volunteer
spirit*

Guidelines for Reporting

**It's that time of year again!
Check out the guidelines,
deadlines, and details for
reporting in this issue.**

Montgomery and Western District Reports

**See what your friends in the
Montgomery and Western
District clubs have been up to!**

A Look Forward

**Missed this Fall's meetings?
Check out what your fellow
clubwomen have been up to
at Junior Fall Conference
(page 5), and Southeastern
Region Conference (page 6).**

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Mid-Winter Rally

Please join us in the historic and beautiful town of Pocomoke City, Maryland for the Junior Mid Winter Rally. This event will be held on February 22, 2020. We will have our meeting at the town library and then lunch at Dockside Restaurant. We will have a service project planned for the afternoon. Come for fun-filled day with a mini LEADS workshop, women's history membership activity and to learn more about a partnership with the Judy Center, an organization helping needy children and families. Hope to see you there!

Next Issue Deadline

All articles and information for the Winter 2019 issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* must be turned in to staff by **January 5, 2020**.

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

Hello Maryland Federation Friends,

The hot summer days finally cooled down for the long-expected autumn weather. Maryland clubwomen are already back at work on the 7 Grand Initiatives Challenge and will continue to work to add to the numbers by the completion of this administration. Additionally, we've accepted the challenge of contributing to the Three Brand Initiatives just issued in an effort to pass Miranda's Law, the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Winning the Right to Vote on August 26, 2020, and support for the passage of the 3D Gun Bill.

On a beautiful September morning, our Maryland Clubwomen met at the Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, Maryland for our September Board of Director's meeting. Everyone had a fantastic time with the Christmas in September gift card tree for the soldiers at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland. Clubwomen donated \$1,300 worth of gift cards and \$200 to the Chaplain's Emergency Fund. We were delighted to welcome LTC Gregory Jackson, Chaplain at Fort Detrick as our speaker. Our membership was treated to a delightful and engaging LEADS presentation by Past International President Babs Condon and Dr. Rosemary Thomas. Maryland Clubwomen traveled to the Westin Hotel in Richmond, Virginia for the SER Conference, where our own Reno Eitel was elected Secretary of SER. This year, our International President had challenged all state presidents and junior directors to perform a cheer at the region conferences with two winners from each region going to the GFWC Convention in Atlanta. As one of the winners, GFWC Maryland will join GFWC North Carolina in Atlanta with our state cheer.

This issue of The Maryland Clubwoman includes information you will need for reporting your club activities with the Community Service Programs. Every club works hard to add sparkle to the lives of others with their many efforts and now it's your time to stand proud of your success. Don't forget to nominate a clubwoman for the Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award, and LEADS program! As we enter the last few months of the year and prepare for holiday activities with our families and friends with a flurry of activity and sparkle everywhere, take time to be thankful for our many blessings.

In Federation Friendship,

Dottie Gregg

Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland President, 2018-2020





From Your Junior Director

Dear Federation Sisters,

Although it hasn't felt much like Fall with the warm weather lately, I am loving the color that this season brings. Before long all the beauty and color will soon change and we will start the winter season. I know everyone will be enjoying the excitement of the holidays and have many activities to keep them busy. When the weather finally does change and the Winter season starts, things often slow down and we can sit in the warmth of a cozy fireplace, or enjoy an Irish coffee. It is often a time to reflect on family and friends and remember how very blessed we are.



Our Maryland Juniors have been hard at work this fall and I'm sure they are looking forward to the holidays and will take pause as the freshness of a new year starts. We have just held our Junior Fall Conference on a beautiful cool crisp Saturday in October. We were in the grand mountains of Western Maryland at the Ali Ghan Shriners Club overlooking a gorgeous valley. This conference was hosted by the GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland. We had a membership ice breaker activity, collected Dr. Seuss books for children, and collected shoes in support of the Soles 4 Souls program. We created 50 cards for National Make a Card day, half of which went to veterans The other half are being given to the children at the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins. Our second service project collected a list of needs for the Rocky Gap State Parks Aviary Animal Rescue program. Our Advocates for Children Chairman brought us ideas to share with our club members. I am so proud and excited that we were able to work hard to accomplish something, not merely to exist.

In January every year my family travels to Florida for a much-needed break. As nice as it is to get away, I'm always grateful to return home and see what clubwomen have been up to. I look forward to seeing how each Maryland Clubwoman strives to conserve, work on the 7 Grand initiatives and come together to show off their hard work in keeping Maryland safe and beautiful. I hope you will join us February 22, 2020 in my home town of Pocomoke City, Maryland, for our fun-filled Mid-Winter Rally.

Warm Wishes & Hugs,

Andrea Lilly
Maryland Director of Junior Clubs, 2018-2020



Junior Fall Conference Highlights

The members of GFWC Maryland gathered for a wonderful day of friendship and Projects. The theme for the day was "Take me out to the Park" and as you can see, we went to a park. We held our meeting in beautiful Cumberland and what a fantastic job the Cumberland Juniors did as the hostess club! A warm welcome with fall décor and table favors a plenty, and the food was delicious. We were delighted that our State President Dottie Gregg could be with us for the day.

We had a membership activity with candy, which is always a hit. We learned about projects that our clubs can do for Advocates for Children's Week, October 20th-26th. Members learned all about one of our service projects, the Aviary-Animal Rescue Program at Rocky Gap State Park. Handouts were given and we collected a car-full of products needed for the program and delivered it to Ranger Frank at the park, who also gave us a quick tour of the facility. We made 50 cards for National Card Making Day (Oct. 5th); 25 of which went to veterans, thanking them for their service, and the other 25 to children at the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins. We collected Dr. Seuss Books for children and shoes for the soles 4 souls' program; part of the International Presidents 7 Grand Initiatives. It was a fun filled day of service, projects, and federation sisterhood.



GFWC Maryland President Dottie Gregg and Junior Director Andrea Lilly pose for a photo at Junior Fall Conference.



GFWC Maryland Clubwomen and Officers at the Junior Fall Conference in Cumberland, MD.



Maryland Clubwomen are enjoying themselves at the Rocky Gap State Park Aviary Animal Rescue Facility.



Past International President Babs Condon, MFWC Junior Director Andrea Lilly, and Clubwoman Laura Lienhard work together to organize Dr. Seuss books for children at Junior Fall Conference.



Southeastern Region Meeting Highlights

Reaching across the region was the theme of this year's SER Meeting, which was emphasized by the speaker's topics. GFWC International President-Elect, Marian St. Clair's speech "Which Way Forward FOR GFWC" highlighted that sometimes leadership is a leap of faith and that it's always better to work together. To move forward, she stressed that we need a GFWC collective voice. On the GFWC website clubs can find a resource plan to help in this quest. These are the four priorities that clubs need to follow: expand leadership, find new avenues for recruitment, emphasize club work to meet local needs, and nurture international outreach. She gave suggestions for increasing communications: encourage reading of The Clubwoman Magazine, wear the GFWC logo, keep club websites up-to-date, and send "save the date" cards to new members. There was a cheer competition with all seven states competing. Maryland and North Carolina won and will present their cheers at the International Convention. The evening entertainment was The Strolling Silver Strings, a high school ensemble from Norfolk, Va. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock, related that her 7 Grand Initiatives surpassed goals in all categories because of Federation members' work. She gave wonderful ideas concerning leadership: leaders should listen more than speak, pursue humility, learn from mistakes, and smile. Through these, one can change the world. President Brock shared that the GFWC website has a section entitled "Resources A-Z" that can help clubs with membership. GFWC Secretary Wendy Carriker's speech, "The WHY of GFWC", stressed that younger generations are asking "why join GFWC". She believes clubs' answers should be: to meet friends, get to know the needs of the community, and then ask what are they doing to grow. Club officers need to ask themselves: are we still living the motto of Unity in Diversity? Are we mentoring new members? Are our club's initiative meeting these goals with passion and inspiration?



GFWC Maryland Clubwomen and Officers at the SER Meeting in Richmond, VA



GFWC Maryland Clubwomen performing the cheer that won them a place at the competition at the 2020 International Convention in Atlanta,



GFWC Maryland President Dottie Gregg and Junior Director Andrea Lilly at the 2019 SER



Club Categories for Awards

Category 1 (Members 18 & Under)

GFWC Centennial Club of Western District	11
GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Inc	8
Emeritus Club of Montgomery County	10
GFWC The Woman's Club of Greater Fallston	13
Myrtle Club	5
GFWC Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke City	16
Southern Lights	4
GFWC Western Maryland Community Club	6
GFWC Wicomico Woman's Club	15
GFWC The Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring	18

Category 2 (Members 19-30)

GFWC Woman's Club of Dundalk, Inc.	25
The Town & Country Club of Greensboro	19
The Joppatowne Woman's Club, Inc.	28
GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club	25
GFWC Silver Spring Woman's Club, Inc.	29
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.	28

Category 3 (Members 31-60)

Woman's Club of Cecil County, Inc.	33
The Woman's Club of Perry Hall, Inc.	32
GFWC Woman's Club of Bethesda, Inc.	49
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Inc.	48
University Park Woman's Club	31
GFWC Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County	31

Category 4 (Members 61 & Over)

GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Inc	206
Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc.	72
The Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc.	69
GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, Inc.	127
GFWC The Civic Club of Oakland, Maryland, Inc.	75
Severn Town Club, Inc.	64
The Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.	85



Guidelines for Club Reporting

Appoint a Reporting Chairman: Club Presidents should appoint a Reporting Chairman. This chairman should familiarize themselves with the 2018-2020 GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Programs.

Bring the following to your Reporting Workshop:

1. Reporting Guidelines

- GFWC Club Manual for 2018-2020
- GFWC-MD Reporting Guidelines for 2018-2020
- Reporting packet(s) received from GFWC-MD
- The "12 Steps for Perfect Reporting" Guide

2. Reference Materials

- Club minutes (*supplied by Secretary*)
- List of club donations (*supplied by Treasurer*)
- Club newsletters
- Copy of previous year's club reports

3. Supplies

- Large tablet of paper and markers OR pads of paper and pens/pencils
- Refreshments to reward your hardworking members - make it fun!

Preparation: Title a sheet of paper for each Community Service/Special Program and assign members to list your projects on the appropriate sheet as you begin to brainstorm.

Brainstorm: As a group, go through your reference materials, call out your various club projects, and list them on the appropriate sheets of paper for each Community Service Program/Project.

Review GFWC Reporting Guidelines: received from GFWC-MD (*available for download at www.gfwc.org*).

Write Your Narrative Reports: Typed narratives may not exceed two (2) pages. Be sure that all of your narratives for each Community Service Program/Special Project has the proper heading. *See sample reports received from GFWC-MD.* Large clubs may already have a committee assigned for each Community Service/Special Program which can take their list of projects and write a report. Small clubs may have to assign individuals or small groups to each take a few Community Service/Special Programs and write the reports.

Proofread and Revise: Proofreading can be done by one person or your entire club. Make revisions as needed.

Complete the Maryland Statistical Report Form

-- Fill out one (1) Maryland Statistical Report Form (*downloadable from www.gfwcmd.org*). One person should complete this form. If your club wrote narratives, copy the statistical data from the heading of each narrative onto the report form. Be sure to include a check mark to indicate an attached narrative. The report form becomes the cover sheet for all of your narratives.

Complete the Maryland Special Report Forms:

for state recognition of work done in areas of Tree-mendous Maryland, Save the Bay, and MD President's Special Project.

Copy and Mail Your Reports: (one Maryland Statistical Form, narratives, and special forms)

Generals: Five (5) complete report packets

Juniors: Seven (7) complete report packets

Mail one (1) complete report packet to state president:

Dottie Gregg, MD President

3123 Telegraph Road

Elkton, MD 21921

Mail two (2) complete Report Packets to State Dean of Chairmen:

Cynthia Dykes, Dean of Chairmen

1407 W Sandy Acres Drive

Salisbury, MD 21804

Mail one (1) complete Report Packet to your District Dean:

Western: Nancy Wynne

8504 Rosebud Court, Middletown, MD 21769

Chesapeake: Julie Gibbs

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

Montgomery: Martha Oberle

8013 Exodus Drive, Laytonsville, MD 20882

Junior Clubs: Also mail two (2) complete Report Packets to State Director of Junior Clubs:

Andrea Lilly, MD Director of Junior Clubs

2933 Nassawango Road, Pocomoke, MD 21851

All Clubs: File one complete Report Packet in your club archives -- this is your club's history!



GFWC-MD 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"/> 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> 2019
Club President's name	Phone #	Email
Address / City / Zip Code		

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



GFWC-MD Statistical Report Form

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	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	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed
Club Fundraisers					
<i>GFWC Endorsed Fundraising Projects:</i>					
Terri Lynn Nuts					
Flower Power					

MARYLAND SPECIAL PROJECTS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	Narrative Enclosed
MD President's Special Project					
Tree Mendous Maryland					
Save the Bay					

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 necessary to be considered for GFWC MD Convention award and 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 two (2) pages and must be typewritten and single-spaced.

All General and Junior Clubs:

Mail the Statistical Form and narratives to:

- (1) copy to: Dottie Gregg, President
3123 Telegraph Rd, Elkton, MD 21921-2334
- (2) copies to: Cynthia Dykes, Dean of Chairmen
1407 W. Sandy Acres Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804-9313
- (1) copy to: Your District Dean of Chairmen (see names/addresses below)
- (1) copy for your club files.

Junior clubs will also need to mail

- (2) copies to: Andrea Lilly, MD Director of Junior Clubs
2933 Nassawango Rd, Pocomoke, MD 21851-3619

Districts Dean of Chairmen:

Western:

Nancy Wynne
8504 Rosebud Court
Middletown, MD 21769-8515

Chesapeake:

Julie Gibbs
P O Box 419
Ocean City, MD 21843

Montgomery:

Martha Oberle
8013 Exodus Drive
Laytonsville, MD 20882



GFWC Contest Deadlines

Special Programs Awards **Amount** **State Deadline**

Domestic Violence	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Juniors' Special Project	\$50.00	January 31, 2020

Community Service

Program (CSP) Awards **Amount** **State Deadline**

Arts CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Conservation CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Education CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Home Life CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
International Outreach CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Public Issues CSP	\$50.00	January 31, 2020

Advancement Area Awards **Amount** **State Deadline**

Fundraising	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Leadership	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Membership	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Communication & Identity	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Legislation & Public Policy	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Women's History & Resource Center	\$50.00	January 31, 2020
Community Improvements Program	1st-5th Pl.	March 1, 2020 cash awards

Contests **Amount** **GFWC Deadline**

Media Campaign Contest	\$50.00 in each four categories	March 15, 2020
Newsletter Contest	\$50.00	March 1, 2020 (to State Chairman)
"A Year in Pictures" Calendar	Non-monetary	May 15, 2020
Website Contest	\$50.00	March 15, 2020

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.

Please Note

All other club Community Service Program and Special Project reports must be postmarked by January 31, 2020.

Club reports will be distributed to State Chairmen on February 18, 2020, at the GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting. Chairmen Instructions and deadlines will be included in these reports.



GFWC LEADS Application

This issue includes the GFWC Maryland Informational Sheet and Application for the GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS). Each year, our state selects one candidate for this enriching program held the day before the GFWC International Convention begins. GFWC contributes to the attendee a stipend of \$250 and one-half (1/2) of the room charge for two (2) nights at the official convention hotel. Additionally, the Maryland Federation contributes \$300 towards the attendee's expenses. Please consider applying or encouraging someone from your club in whom you see leadership potential to apply. I can assure the attendee will find the program a rewarding experience.

The application deadline is February 1, 2020, and though only one person is selected, we hope to receive many applications from which to choose. Anyone who is interested in LEADS is encouraged to apply using the GFWC Maryland LEADS Application which follows. The application is also available on the state website www.gfwcmdweb@gmail.com. My contact information is at the bottom of the application. Please contact me with any questions.

Babs Condon
Maryland LEADS Chairman

GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

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 and confidence 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 each LEADS candidate 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 district or GFWC-MD.
- 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 GFWC LEADS Seminar only once.

GFWC Maryland 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, 2020

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:

**Babs Condon, MD LEADS Chairman 2018-2020
1224 Martin Drive
Westminster, MD 21157-3812
babscondon@comcast.net**



Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award

This award's purpose is to honor one member each year who exemplifies an outstanding GFWC Maryland clubwoman. This award was originally sponsored by Edith Klein, Honorary State President 1978-1980 and the first award was presented to Barbara Pillote in May 1979. Please think about your members and honor one of them by sending a letter of endorsement to our state president telling why your club values your member's dedication, time, and talents. Every club has many people who fit the criteria of this award. Please take the time to honor one of your members this year and send your entry by March 1, 2020. Have your club choose a nominee now and follow the guidelines to complete the coversheet and narrative entry form.

Please take the time to honor one of your members this year and send your entry by March 1, 2020.

All entries must be postmarked to
Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland President
by March 1, 2020

Outstanding GFWC Maryland Clubwoman Award Rules

1. Nominees must be members in good standing of a general club of the GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
2. Ineligible members are: current members of the GFWC Maryland Executive Committee, honorary GFWC Maryland State Presidents, former award recipients, and junior club members as the GFWC Maryland Juniors present their own Outstanding Junior Clubwoman Award each year.
3. Only one nominee per club may be submitted. We recommend polling all members to help choose your honoree.
4. The COVER SHEET must be fully completed and signed to be eligible.
5. A separate page of narrative must be included containing 500 words or less, (typed, double spaced) explaining why the club believes the member is deserving of this award. Judging will be based on the nominee's work in GFWC Maryland with the main emphasis placed on club-sponsored activities accomplished in the year preceding the nomination. Additional background including club involvement over the years, along with any district and state activities may be included that indicate a strong, continuing interest in the Federation. In order for nominees to be anonymous during judging, the name of the nominee, the name of her club, and dates of service must be omitted from the main body of the narrative.
6. The State President will number each entry and send copies of the numbered, anonymous narrative pages to the chairman of the OMC committee who will distribute copies of the numbered pages to her committee and ask for their top choice. The chairman will advise the State President of the number of award recipient and be given the names so she can make arrangements to honor each of the club nominees during the annual state convention and present of the award to this year's Outstanding GFWC Maryland Clubwoman.
7. To be eligible, all entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2020. Please mail to:
Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland State President; 3123 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921

COVER SHEET
Outstanding GFWC Maryland Clubwoman Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Club Name: _____

Club President's Name: _____

Signature of Club President: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: This cover sheet must accompany a separate sheet of narrative of 500 words or less (typed, double spaced). The supporting page of narrative must NOT contain the nominee's name, club name, or dates to ensure anonymity in judging.

If you have any questions regarding this narrative, please contact the State Chairman:

Rosemary Slacum
410-742-9122
rosemarysla@comcast.net

All entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2020 and mailed to:

Dottie Gregg, GFWC Maryland State President
3123 Telegraph Road
Elkton, MD 21921



Community Involvement Program Award

The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award offers GFWC clubs financial incentive to implement projects designed to meet community specific need. Club projects that help make your community a better place to live are "community improvement" projects and are eligible for national recognition and reward. GFWC awards a total of \$18,860 to state and national winners. Almost any project can be turned into a Community Improvement Program Award entry. Every club has a winning project. Be sure to enter yours!

Club projects must be accomplished during the period **January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019**. Club entries are submitted via mail directly to your State Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, postmarked no later than **March 1, 2020**. Club entries must include the official, completed Community Improvement Contest **Entry Form/Cover Sheet 2018-2020**.

The fillable entry form/cover sheet can be downloaded from the GFWC Club Manual at the conclusion of the Community Improvement Program Award section. Included project entry notebooks containing narrative description(s) and supporting materials must not exceed seven pounds in weight nor measure more than 15"x 20" in size. Club entries are to be judged at the state level by a panel of three, pre-selected judges, **March 5-15, 2020**.

Judging criteria includes project selection, project development and project evaluation. A list of the state's first, second, and third place winners is to be sent to GFWC on or before **March 20, 2020**. GFWC state entry award checks are issued to winning state clubs after the winners are announced at the 2020 State Convention. The state's first place entry is submitted to GFWC by **April 1, 2020**. Judging for national awards takes place in **April 2020**. National awards are presented in June at the GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. One member from each of five winning clubs and the International Affiliate award winner will receive roundtrip airfare and one night's lodging and ticket to attend the award ceremony.

Complete details on entering the 2018-2020 Community Improvement Program Award Contest can be found in the GFWC Club Manual.

Club Newsletter Contest

The deadline for the Newsletter Contest is March 1, 2020. Please submit a 2019 Newsletter to be judged and submitted to GFWC.

Submit to

Jo Miller, Newsletter Contest Chairman

14003 Cedarwood DR SW, Cumberland, MD 21502.

jjmil68@verizon.net



Submission of Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw Amendments

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-MD Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws Committee Chairman on or before February 1, 2020 pursuant to the Bylaws of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, Inc. Article XVII. Amendments may be proposed by the Bylaws Committee, the Executive Committee, or by a Club of the Federation. Additionally, pursuant to our bylaws Article XIV, Section 3, each club of the Maryland Federation is to provide the Bylaws Committee a copy of its bylaws and any amendments it may make to assure that they are not in conflict with the GFWC-MD Bylaws. If your club or district has amended your bylaws since you last submitted a copy of them to me, please submit a copy with the amendments.

If you need to reach me, have any questions or have any proposed amendments to bring to the attention of the MD Bylaws Committee, the contact information for me is below.

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Resolution Submission

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 7 of the Maryland Federation Bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee “to receive, consider, investigate the accuracy of the contents, consult sponsors on editorial changes, put into parliamentary form, and present to The Federation all resolutions as are pertinent to the work and objectives of The Federation”. Proposed Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee on or before **January 15, 2020**. Proposed Resolutions may be presented by any one of the following: Executive Committee, Resolutions Committee, a district, a federated club, or the chairman or a program or committee for The Federation. If you have any questions regarding resolutions, please contact me.

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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.

Save the Bay

It’s not too late to support the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Please mail your donations made out to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to the address below. Don’t delay -- get your club to add it to your budget as a yearly contribution or pass the basket and round up your members to throw in some cash for a donation. Reach out for more information about joining this elite group of women who are “Saving the Bay” one contribution at a time.

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Montgomery County District Report

At its October 1, 2019, meeting the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs heard a presentation by Joyce Matthews, recently appointed Vice President of Development & Alumni Relations/Executive Director of Montgomery College. It was as Executive Director that she met with us. Within the last year the MCFWC has changed its scholarship focus at the college.

Previously we had contributed to a scholarship endowment for candidates for undergraduate degrees. The endowment, now having reached \$100,000, a goal achieved under the leadership of my predecessor, Kitty Cash, we voted to change the student population to which our funds were directed. Now our scholarship funds will go to those students in workplace categories, such as food service, computer tech, landscaping and so forth, commonly referred to as non-credit programs. These positions generally require a professional certificate or evidence of the completion of a particular program to qualify for job openings, some of which also require licensing. Our changed procedure recognizes both that these occupations contribute importantly and pragmatically to our daily lives and that such students have many fewer options for financial help.

Earlier this year, our members heard a presentation by Joshua H. Munsey, principal of Montgomery County's Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents, familiarly known as RICA. This school serves a population in grades 4-12 who come from troubled homes. That means, among other things, that a child may have one or both parents in jail, one or both parents who are abusive, or other traumatic home situations. It is part of the county school system, though it serves some students outside the geographical lines. Some students board in nearby residences. One thing that is familiar to most growing up in other schools, it does not have anything that resembles a PTA. We determined that our volunteers could help with some activities, perhaps as motherly or grandmotherly type visuals, that the school has not been able to do or needs help doing. This coming spring, RICA will host its first ever Prom, with a little help from its friends in Federation.

Membership

Please email Beverly Death, Membership Chair, with the contact information on any new members. Also please let Beverly know of any members who have passed away during 2018-2020 so that they can be included in a memorial for the April 2020 convention. Her email is beverlydeath@gmail.com.

Leadership

Being a leader often involves answering yes when being asked to take on unfamiliar duties. This coming April, the Maryland Federation will be electing and installing new officers as will our districts and clubs. Many of you may be asked to take on one of these jobs or after the fact a chairmanship. In accepting, you will serve our state federation, district, club, and community. Always remember that because you are being asked to serve, someone thinks you are capable of doing the job. So please, step up and serve!



Western District Report

Oakland

With Fall comes our 46th Annual Antique and Maker Market fundraiser. Club members have been selling raffle tickets to be drawn at the show. Prizes include \$1,000 cash (or the winner's choice of quilt). A membership tea had eleven guests attend. Two people joined that day with another four joining in the following months. We have a lot of members moving from the area and it is delightful to welcome new friends to join us. The club took the plunge and started using Quickbooks for our financial tracking. This will make for easier reporting.

Cumberland Juniors

The Juniors were busy again on their fundraisers to support our scholarship for a non-traditional woman who is returning to school at Allegany College. We also support "Toys for Happiness" and Salvation Army's "Red Bags". We maintain the garden at the handicap trail at Rocky Gap Park. We planted flowers for Mother's Day and delivered them to the local Family Crisis Center. September is our Membership month where we invite new members to our international night. November will bring our ornament exchange for a fun night of friendly swapping. December ends the year with a Christmas auction to raise money to support community needs.

Frederick

The members will hold their first Casino Night fundraiser to benefit Steiner House maintenance and renovations. We continue to hold Steiner House open each Tuesday as a drop off site for Heartly House, a domestic violence shelter. Meals on Wheels continues as a project and support charities, such as UNICEF, Salvation Army stockings, mittens, hats, and scarves for students, animal shelter supplies, and "Rain for Pain" in April. The annual Mardi Gras Ball is being revamped and the Spring Tea will support the suffrage movement efforts in Frederick County. The local and district youth art competitions grew in participation. Members are in support of our current theme: "Over a Century of Serving and Preservation in the Frederick Community".

Westminster Juniors

For Martin Luther King's Birthday "Day of Service" the club provided a Thank You Basket to the Westminster City Police Department. In the Springtime, the club raffled a basket at the Flower and Jazz Festival that raised \$800,

provided snack bags and thank you cards to the local military recruiters and ROTC instructors for Armed Forces Week, and contributed to the Seven Grand Initiatives to include over 100 books, and 200 pairs of shoes donated to Soles for Souls. We hosted a National Night Out attended by 200 people. We had a bowling "Pink Fling Fundraiser" that raised \$3,000 for Lifebridge Breast Cancer Awareness and donated comfort bags for patients at the Lifebridge center. Tie blankets were donated to the Domestic Violence Shelter and three members attended the Carroll Suicide Prevention Walk. Donations were made to several local and state charities.

The Woman's Club of Westminster

We had a very busy 109th Year. Membership developed a program to increase our numbers and provided support to our new and current members. Home Life provided kitchen housewarmings for two Habitat for Humanity family homes plus working with the local Safe House and Domestic Violence contacts. We provided 3,000 books for the children of Carroll County during Dr. Seuss reading days. School supplies and backpacks were filled for primary grade students. International's Little Dresses provided dresses and shorts for children. We redesigned our Belle Grove Square garden, sponsored an Autumn Tea and completed and printed a cookbook. Newer projects included our club's Helping Hands for service to Carroll County's Children in Need.

Centennial Club

The ladies of the GFWC Centennial Club of Western District are totally amazing women with their vast knowledge and continuing support on the local, district, and state level. Many serve in positions at each level. At their May meeting, they cut and tied a No-Sew Blanket. A total of three blankets were made and will be given to veterans. These members are active in their local clubs.

Western Maryland

This small club consists of three Western District past presidents and a GFWC Maryland Past President. Though small and with health issues the ladies do their best to stay active in club pursuits. The club is meeting in October to create blankets to donate to Western Maryland's Oncology Unit. They support Bettie M. Sippel Memorial Endowment Fund, Tree-Mendous Maryland, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Domestic Violence Prevention.



Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary Pointers: Point of Order

From News & Notes, July 25, 2019 by GFWC Parliamentarian Deen J. Meloro

It is the presiding officer's responsibility to make sure that parliamentary rules are followed during a meeting. In a small group, if a member has a question about whether or not the rules were followed correctly, she can simply raise her hand and ask. In a large group, calling for a "Point of Order" may be necessary. A member should stand up and call out "Point of Order!," even if that interrupts the chair or someone else speaking. The chair will ask: "The member will state her point of order." Then, the member will say why she thinks a rule has been broken.

No "second" is needed and there is no vote. The chair stands and rules on the point of order. The chair would state her reasons for this decision and those reasons are noted in the minutes.

However, it is the assembly that has the final say. If any member disagrees with the chair, then she would stand up and, again, without being recognized, say: "I appeal the decision of the chair." There must be a "second." An appeal is usually debated, with each member able to speak once, but the chair is given the courtesy of speaking twice. If she wants to, the chair may speak first or any time during the debate, but she always has the privilege of speaking last. The appeal is then stated and put to a vote as: "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" This requires a majority vote in the negative to overturn the chair. A tie vote or a majority of "aye" votes maintains the chair's decision.

Tree-Mendous Maryland

Give the Gift of Trees

A tree fits every occasion:

Trees in Celebration: Commemorate life's moments- birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions by planting trees to honor your friends and 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 what the occasion, a tree fits the gift and what better time to plant than the fall. Make your check of \$40.00 payable to "Maryland Department of Natural Resources". Be sure to report it in Conservation as one of the GFWC Grand Initiatives!

Please make a notation of MFWC on your check and mail a copy to:

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

Send donation and included form to:

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

GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

Enclosed is my check for _____ good for _____ trees. (\$40 per tree).

From: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Planting Trees for a Cleaner Chesapeake Bay

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence

Norma Jean Swam, Domestic
Violence Chair

How do you help someone that is in an abusive relationship? As a friend, you need to recognize the signs of domestic abuse and encourage that person to get assistance. Domestic abuse is an attempt when one person in an intimate relationship, marriage or surrounding who dominates and controls another. This can be achieved by physical, emotional and verbal acts to another. An abuser uses fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to control another person.

What signs are prevalent in an abusive relationship?

- walking on eggshells all the time
- lacking self-confidence
- Helplessness
- desperation
- lack of self-worth
- Belittlement
- threatens harm partner or child or physically hurts partner or child

Abusive behavior is a deliberate choice to gain control. Predators use a variety of tactics to manipulate another in order to exert their power, including dominance, humiliation, isolation, threats, intimidation, and blame. If you suspect someone is being abused please speak up! You may save a friend's life. Your concern when you talk to the person may help them to seek assistance. Your intervention of listening, supporting, and expressing concern for their may help them take the next steps!

Sources: Melinda Smith, M.A. and Jeanne Segal, Ph.D.; NYS Office of the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Junior's Signature Project: Advocates for Children

Trisha Wagman, Advocates for
Children Chair

Consider partnering with a law enforcement agency and host a presentation for parents warning them about the latest and most dangerous apps for children. You could also share this information in the local school parent newsletters. Here are just some of the most dangerous apps that kids have on their phones and info on how we can keep them safe. This list was compiled by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office:

Ask.fm: This site is known for cyberbullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

Badoo: This is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos, and connect based on location.

Bumble: Similar to the dating app Tinder, however it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use Bumble to create fake accounts and falsify their names and ages.

Calculator: A secret app that allows users to hide photos, videos, files and their browser history.

Holla: Is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to instantly video connect with users all over the world. Reviewers report being exposed to explicit content, racial slurs, explicit content and more.

Kik: A texting app that allows users to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional messaging features. Kik gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere.

LiveMe: This is a livestreaming video app using geolocation to share the exact location of users. The app uses a virtual currency called "coins," which can be used to "pay" minors for photos.

The Maryland
Clubwoman



Clubwoman Connection

February 18, 2020

February Board of Directors Meeting

Hosted by Chesapeake District

Guest speaker is from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Philip Merrill Environmental Center (includes facility tour)

6 Herndon Avenue

Annapolis, MD 21403

Parking is extremely restricted. Carpooling is required.

February 22, 2020

Junior Mid-Winter Rally

Pocomoke City Town Library

301 Market Street

Pocomoke City, MD 21851

April 17, 2020

Junior Fun Night

Prior to start of convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel

173 Jennifer Road

Annapolis, MD 21401

April 18-19, 2020

GFWC Maryland 121st Annual
General/Junior Convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel

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Annapolis, MD 21401