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(This column is composed of articles received in the club newsletters from across the great state of West Virginia.)

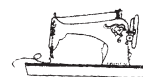
GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant hosted its May meeting dinner with GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan installing new club and Junior officers for the 2016-18 term. Club Secretary Connie Rainey presented the club's annual \$500 scholarship to Brenna Wyant of Point Pleasant High School.

GFWC Harrisville Woman's Club co-sponsored a Bloodmobile with the Mort Report and collected 19 productive units. Another Bloodmobile was scheduled for July 27.

GFWC Ravenswood Civic Club held their annual picnic, inviting prospective new members, and their families in August. They are hopeful of gaining in membership.

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GFWC WV Proud*

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GFWC West Virginia President's Message



Greetings GFWC West Virginia Clubwomen!

What a whirlwind couple of months this President has had!

May was "new officer installation month" and this president installed the new officers of Parkersburg, Elizabeth, Huntington, Grafton, Weirton, Point Pleasant and the Point Pleasant Juniors. Whew! But what fun. It is always a pleasure to spend time with clubwomen across the state. And, there is always good food.

This president represented GFWC West Virginia at the 126th GFWC Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. What a wonderful convention. It was informative, well organized and FUN! There were 15 West Virginians in attendance and I believe we would all say it was a great convention.

While at the GFWC Convention in Baltimore the love and sisterhood of GFWC was illustrated to me again. When I left Williamstown on Friday morning, I did not realize the devastation of the floods in our state. It was announced at the convention and if anyone wanted to donate to please see Sarah Jarrett our Director of Junior Clubs or me. We came home with \$835.00 of funds for our neighbors who lost much, if not everything, in the floods. We are going to send this money to the West Virginia VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disasters).

I know of many clubs throughout West Virginia who have sent money and supplies to the affected areas as well as many ladies who have assisted with the clean-up. You are wonderful. Thank-you.

We have planned and executed a Summer Board Meeting in Parkersburg. And, we planned and executed an informative, fun, and successful Summer Conference at Canaan Valley Resort in August.

The GFWC Handbook is out—you can find it GFWC.org. It will assist you in planning what your club is going to do this year.

As many of your club years begin, I hope you remember the GFWC West Virginia Special Project: Feed Our Future, and plan on beginning a backpack program at your local schools, helping with a backpack program, or assisting in a monetary way to a program or food cupboard. One child hungry is one too many.

President-elect Pamela McCoy, Director of Junior Clubs Sarah Jarrett, and I will soon begin our travels to District Conventions across the state. This president is excited to see old friends, make new friends, and see what our clubwomen are doing.

Thanks to all of you for the condolences via cards, emails, notes, memorials, and phone calls on the death of my mother in May. They were greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful Autumn! I believe it is my favorite season.

Sharon G. Sheridan

A black and white photograph of a storefront. A large sign on the window reads "See you at SER!" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, in a larger, stylized script font, is "Twisted Sisters Boutique". At the bottom of the window, another sign reads "Siders Jewelers" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the address "418 Main Street", "Point Pleasant, WV 25550", and the phone number "304-675-3400".

See you at SER!

Twisted Sisters Boutique

Siders Jewelers
418 Main Street
Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-675-3400

GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

Summer Greetings GFWC WV Ladies,

I would like express my gratitude and appreciation to all GFWC members from West Virginia and many other states that have provided assistance and relief to those in our state affected by the floods. To me this is what GFWC is all about...joining together to provide comfort and assistance to those in need. I am glad that I belong to this wonderful organization of women!

This has been a very busy summer preparing for Summer Conference. There will be some very informative workshops to attend and the WV Proud Auction will be filled with fun. (Not to mention several pretty fantastic items up for grabs.) You don't want to miss it!

The GFWC WV Summer Conference is one of my favorite meetings held by GFWC WV. If you have never attended or if you haven't attended in some time, I encourage you to come. As Cathy Jo Bryant stated during her administration, "By attending state conventions, summer conferences and district meetings you gain so many things like leadership skills, project ideas and most of all friendships that last a lifetime."

With this year's combined state project "Feed our Future" underway, I am excited to see what creative ideas each of you have come up with for your clubs. Per Education World, studies have shown that students who are disruptive, can't concentrate, or lack motivation may not need a firm hand; they might need a helping hand!

Administrators have found that some of the kids in their care can't function well at school not because they don't want to learn but because they are hungry. With the help of communities, the simple remedy is a backpack -- a school standby -- that is filled with food supplies to help kids get the fuel they need to flourish. I know that with every level of membership working together we will make a difference in the lives of children. For Hungry Kids, Backpacks Lighten Load. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sarah Jane

GFWC WV Director of Junior Clubs 2016-2018



GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport



President Ruth Allen, 50-year members Shirley Pat McClure and Josephine Lauderman,

Membership Chairman Shirley Hadorn

Celebrates our two newest 50-year members

and congratulates Linda Rohrig, 2016-2028 GFWC WV North Central District President.



GFWC Membership: *It's the Real Deal*

Cathy Jo Bryant, | GFWC WV Second Vice President

Join GFWC clubs nationwide in our popular membership campaign. The theme for 2016-2018 will be **GFWC, "IT'S THE REAL DEAL"**.



September-October-November
BRIDGE THE GAP – Report due December 1

December-January-February
GAME OF HEARTS – Report due March 1

March-April-May
52 PICK UP-A MEMBERSHIP TOOL – Report due June 1

June-July-August
GO FISH FOR MEMBERS – Report due September 1

Reporting is made to GFWC for publication in the *Clubwoman* magazine with a copy to cjcanterbury@suddenlink.net. Identifying information of new members (name, address and email) should be included in the report. Planning year round activities with friends ensures that we can have a fun, successful recruitment year. Coordinating club activities with community activities, commemorative days, or invitational events creates interest and is an excellent way to promote GFWC ~ *living the volunteer spirit!*

The Woman's Club of Grafton

Invites You To Visit

Tygart Lake State Park

**The International Mother's Day Shrine
(Newly Renovated)**

The Anna Jarvis Birthplace

West Virginia National Cemetery

Memorial Day Parade

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF ELKINS

ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

OCTOBER 6-8, 2016

DURING THE MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

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GFWC International Convention



Lori Rocker of GFWC Virginia announced the processional at GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, MD. Lori is a former member of Woman's Club of South Charleston.



Members of GFWC South Carolina present a donation check of \$500 to GFWC WV to assist flooding victims in the state. Other states also donated money and GFWC WV President Sharon Sheridan and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Sarah Jarrett returned home with a total of \$835 which was donated to VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disasters).

GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club celebrating Ruth Tye's 97th Birthday



Helen Moren, Beverly Chambers, Mrs. Tye, Charlotte Chambers & Judy VanHorn

*All Clubs are
Encouraged to Support*

**Feed Our
Future**

*GFWC WV President
and GFWC WV Junior
Directors Special Project*

Summer Conference Highlights



Fourteen GFWC West Virginia volunteers worked the Friday night of Summer Conference to count and sort school supplies generously donated by club women from across the state. The 3,045 items/ packages were given to West Virginia school students impacted by June's devastating floods.

At Left, Leigh Ann Gardner, Georgianna Tillis and Linda Walker work with crayons, pencils, pens and glue sticks. Below, Sarah Jalbert, Sally Carter and Margie Miller count notebooks, folders and binders.



GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan reviews the 2016-2018 state directory during the club president's workshop at Summer Conference



Thank You
GFWC
WV!



Julie Bibbee, GFWC West Virginia LEADS Candidate, speaks about her experience at LEADS training in Baltimore, during GFWC West Virginia Summer Conference.

Summer Conference/News from the Clubs



GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan announced during Summer Conference state clubs and individuals received recognition during the 126th Annual GFWC Convention in Baltimore, MD in June.

These honors included: Writing Contest, Short Story, second place to Barbara Ann Boyd; Photography Contest, Volunteers In Action, second place to Sarah Dodson; Bridgeport Juniores- Juniores Participation Award; March of Dimes Partnership- GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club \$304, GFWC Nitro Woman's Club \$319.50 and GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant \$441; GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport received Bronze Status with Shot @ Life Partnership; and HOBY Partnership Category II was presented to GFWC West Virginia, Cynthia Kolsun chairman.

Also recognized was Communications & Public Relations, Diana Fleek chairman; and Fundraising & Development, Julie Bibbee, chair.

Jody Cunningham, 2014-16 GFWC West Virginia President, was awarded the 2016 Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for State Leadership.



The Woman's Club of Clarksburg recognized the "Girl of the Month" at their May luncheon.

Seated l to r: Gloria Mazzei, Lyda Lister, Club President, and Sharon Twentier. Back row l to r: Pat Martino, Nancy Scardina, JoAnne Thomas and Girl of the Month, Marris Bailey.



GFWC West Virginia clubs and individuals were recognized at Summer Conference after being honored at GFWC's 126th Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD in June. Pictured are, from left, GFWC West Virginia Junior Director Sarah Jarrett, Fundraising and Development Chair Julie Bibbee; Michele Clark of GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant; Terry Bracken of GFWC Bridgeport Woman's Club; Linda Walker of GFWC Woman's Club of Parkersburg; GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan; HOBY Chair Cynthia Kolsun; and Karen Henson-Bibbee representing Capitol District.



Ravenswood Woman's Club members visited the "Little Free Library" at Riverfront Park in Ravenswood. Education department members donated ten inspirational books for people visiting the park to read. Shown at the Little Library are Sue Carter, left and Corrine Catron.

While visiting at the park members planted some flowers in the two beds at the Sayre Log Cabin.

WV Proud for SER



Mary Jo Thomas
GFWC Southeastern Region
President 2016-2018

We are so proud of you!
 GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Club



President Sharon Sheridan is hoping that you will make your reservations NOW for Southeastern Region Conference. GFWC West Virginia will be hosting the clubwomen of SER on November 4-5 for our annual regional fall conference. We are also honored to have our own Mary Jo Thomas serving as SER President. You will want to arrive in plenty of time for the West Virginia State Night dinner. Sharon would like to see you decked out in your Blue, Gold or Green or any combination of those colors which appear in her administration logo "GFWC West Virginia Proud." We will need table hostesses for the night as well as volunteers to help throughout the weekend as door pages and registration workers. If you are interested in helping in anyway, please email Meetings Planner, Georgianna Tillis at gtillis@suddenlink.net.

The opening session will begin at 1:30 on Friday afternoon and the conference will wrap up on Saturday evening with a Reception honoring Mary Jo. There will be platform workshops sprinkled throughout the meeting so you will not have to choose and everyone will benefit from the great presentations from our region leaders. Friday night's program will be all about GFWC West Virginia Proud. The entertainment will be the WV's own, Mountain Thyme Band presenting traditional Appalachian Celtic music. The all female band was last with GFWC WV during 2011 when they performed for the GFWC West Virginia Convention. For more information on them see www.mtntyme.com or check them out on FB.

MOVING?

If you are planning to move soon, you won't want to miss an issue of your "WV Clubwoman." Fill out the following change of address form and send it to: Mrs. Michele Clark, 332 Valley Brook Ln., West Columbia, WV 25287. Your "Clubwoman" will follow you wherever you go!

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Saturday will feature our GFWC International President Shelia Shea as the Keynote speaker during the Saturday night session and the luncheon speaker will be GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Brock. These ladies were installed in Baltimore this summer and bring a wealth of experience and leadership to us. You will not want to miss either speaker. Sign up today!

Complete registration is this issue of the Clubwoman magazine or available at <http://www.gfwcwestvirginia.org/>. We hope to see you there! GFWC SER is a great meeting and we hope you will join us in November.



Advanced Registration
Deadline: Oct. 1, 2016

Preliminary Agenda Snapshot

Friday

10 am SER Board Meeting
 1:30 pm Opening Session
 5:00 pm Social Hour Cameo lobby
 6 pm WV State Night Dinner
 Planned dinner in Cameo Ballroom
 9 pm Junior Fun Night
 Bowling @ The Greenbrier

Saturday

Breakfast on your own
 9 am Reconvene
 12-2 pm Luncheon - Main Dining Room
 Mary Ellen Brock, speaker
 2 pm General session
 5-8 pm Dinner on your own
 8:00 pm General Session
 President Shelia Shea,
 Keynote Speaker
 9:30 pm Reception - Governor's Suite

Sunday Check out
 Platform workshops will
 be sprinkled throughout.
 No break-out sessions will
 be held.

Southeastern Region Conference

November 4-5, 2016

The Greenbrier Hotel

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Meal Form

Please make copies for EACH person attending

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6:00 pm **West Virginia State Night Dinner** \$92 _____
 Planned Dinner in Cameo Ballroom

9:00 pm **Junior Fun Night - Bowling @ The Greenbrier** \$30 _____
 Bowling will be arranged following the State Night Program
 This activity will be cancelled if enough interest is not shown

Noon **Luncheon** \$42 _____
 Planned meal in Main Dining Room

Evening Dinner on your own before Evening Session
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Sunday Check-out - No planned meetings

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 as noted on each form. Thank you!*



Southeastern Region Conference

November 4-5, 2016

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Registration Form

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Address _____

GFWC/SER/State/Club Position _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

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Late/On site Registration (after 10/1/16) \$35 _____

One Day Registration Only \$15 _____

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Southeastern Region Meeting
November 4-5, 2016
The Greenbrier**

*GFWC of Romney
dedicates this poem to
all members of GFWC-WV.*

Friendship

There's a miracle called friendship
That dwells within the heart.
And you don't know how it happens
Or when it gets its start.
But the happiness it brings you,
Always gives a special lift.
And you realize that Friendship
Is life's most Precious gift.

Author Unknown