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## GFWC West Virginia President's Message



What a wonderful time we had at Summer Conference! The workshops were full of information, they were fun, and they were serious. There were jokes, stories, and projects. We played games at the District Get-Togethers and went crazy at the Dollar Auction. The

meals were very good and tasty. It took a village to pull it together. The Central District was the hostess, and they were led by Cynthia Kolsun; the Meetings Planner, Patricia Walker, and the Registration Chairman, Georgianna Tillis, kept everything in order; and the Program and Committee Chairmen presented the workshops. Wow, what a cast!

Now we are on to another club year with meetings starting in September. You will enjoy being with your club members, and working to make your communities greater than ever.

The District Fall Conventions will begin in September and continue through October. Helen Moren, President-Elect, and I will visit each district, and be a part of your meeting. We look forward to these meetings. It is the highlight of Autumn. We will be bringing some fundraising items along.

The Southeastern Region (SER) meeting will be held in Winston-Salem, NC, the weekend of November 1-4. The meeting will be at the Doubletree by Hilton, phone: 336-767-9595, Group Code: GFW. It is a pretty drive down I-77 from West Virginia to North Carolina, and the meeting offers an expansion of your knowledge about GFWC. Members who would like the registration form and other info, please contact me.

I encourage everyone who receives the new State Directory and a Packet from Summer Conference to read the material. Additional State Directories are available for sale. There are some changes on the Dues and Contributions form about reporting. Pearl S. Buck Birthplace and Anna Jarvis Home are to be reported under Public Issues; because they are historical buildings, and they come under the purview of Public Issues. The other change on the form is the

addition of a Membership Update Fee which is a fee of 25 cents per club member annually. The fee will be included in the check written for Dues and Contributions, and sent to the Treasurer by the December 1 deadline. The Strip List Charge will no longer be collected. A recommendation from the Strategic Committee to the GFWC West Virginia Executive Board in July requested that the annual Membership Update Fee be instituted in place of the Strip List Fee. With the changes to our Clubwoman delivery between email and USPS mail, a third Master Membership List needs to be maintained. Therefore, the change was approved. This eliminates the Strip List Charge.

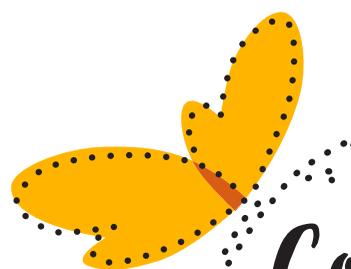
The Arts and Crafts listing has a few changes. Under "quilting" there is an addition of "long arm quilting" in five different quilt entries. Under "wreaths" there is an addition of 2 more categories – the use of "mesh ribbon" and "miscellaneous". Also, under "photography" all photographs are to be either 5"x7" or 8"x10" size and only mounted. There is not to be a frame or glass used. This change will be in line with the GFWC Photography Competition.

The Honor Club form has the change on the Membership Update Fee (#5) listed. Please observe these changes and use the most recent forms! It is important for all clubs to use the updated forms for 2018-2019.

The new Reporting Guide is in the packet and contains valuable information. Be sure to check it out. Don't forget to open your packet and enjoy reading everything.

Travel this Fall to see the beauty of West Virginia.

Yours truly,  
Pamela



Connect the Dots  
GFWC WV



## —GFWC Membership: *Natalie S. Hinkle, Chairman*

Recruitment is like planting a tree from a seed. The seed demonstrates that we are all grafted from many diverse backgrounds. Neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family all deserve the chance to be a part of GFWC, because GFWC has, does, and will continue to change lives for the better.

It is vital to our success in recruiting members that GFWC be recognized in all communities across the country and beyond. Recruiting, welcoming, and incorporating new members into your club must involve everyone. Member recruitment is an ongoing process that requires the focus and commitment of all members. The most important thing during this process is to be determined to succeed with your recruitment efforts. Without dedication and follow-through, no recruitment program will be as successful as it could be. Recruitment must have the full support of every club member and viewed as a responsibility of all to increase their club's membership.

Join GFWC clubs nationwide and participate in our popular membership recruitment campaign, "United by Our Diversity".

**September, October, and November  
RECRUITMENT :Report due December 1**

**December, January, and February  
MENTORING : Report due March 1**

**March, April, and May  
RECOGNITION : Report due June 1**

**June, July, and August  
RETENTION : Report due September 1**

Clubs achieving and reporting three new members as a result of their recruiting efforts will be recognized in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. But even if you recruit only 1 or 2 new members, still report, every member counts.

To help your club's membership recruitment plans, GFWC offers grants. GFWC grants are available to clubs to assist with recruitment efforts and to districts to assist with club building efforts. Funds are designated each GFWC fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 to help underwrite membership recruiting and rebuilding in your community. GFWC offers \$50 for club member recruitment programs and \$100 for district new club building programs.

To apply for a club membership grant, please visit [www.GFWC.org/Membership](http://www.GFWC.org/Membership).

*Information found in the GFWC Membership Advancement Guide*

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## GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

As the summer months go behind us, we look forward to the beautiful season of fall. Life tends to go back to a normal schedule in the fall; school starts again, fairs and festivals come to an end, and vacations were enjoyed.

It was great seeing everyone at Summer Conference in Flatwoods, WV. Thank you

to everyone who attended and to everyone who made it a great success. I also want to thank everyone for their donation to WV Children Hospitals at the luncheon. We raised \$1,275. This is fantastic. Please don't forget to report your donation, and remember that whatever you report under the President's/Director's Special Project can also be reported under Advocates for Children.

I want to announce that Melissa Matheny has graciously accepted the Advocates for Children Chairman position. Pam

sent her contact information to all the Club Presidents in an e-mail. Please make sure you update your directory. Melissa is a member of the GFWC Bridgeport Junior Woman's Club. Thank you Melissa for taking on this leadership position.

Advocates for Children's Week is October 21-27 so start planning your projects to make a difference in a child's life. You can support our partners, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and March of Dimes or consider our General and Junior Special State Project, West Virginia Children Hospitals. Our Purple for a Cause project for the March of Dimes made the top 10 project list for GFWC. Way to go West Virginia!

District Conventions are fast approaching and I'm looking forward to traveling the state with our President and joining you during your District Convention.

With GFWC love,  
Dana Richardson  
GFWC WV Director of Junior Clubs

## News from the Clubs



The Keystone-Northfork Woman's Club hosted Christmas in July on July 25, 2018 at the Northfork Town Hall. Children of the communities were offered new winter jackets or backpacks. The club provided more than 85 jackets which were very much appreciated. Refreshments of milk and cookies took their place waiting for Santa.

GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club has been busy making bags and filling them with educational supplies underprivileged children and refugees and surgical hats for a New York hospital. Donated to GFWC Domestic Violence Scholarship, Derek Eisenhauer Scholarship, collected items for the Gabriel Place and made favors for two local nursing homes.



Honoring Ruth Tye, on her 99th birthday with a coffee hour at the local church. From left to right: Connie McVicar, Charlotte Chambers, Ruth, Judy VanHorn and Helen Moren

# Conference Highlights



## Mary Fletcher Breast Awareness Walk

The Woman's Club of Cross Lanes held the third annual Mary Fletcher Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at the Cross Lanes Elementary School track. CAMC provided goodie bags to all attendees.



Cancer Walk Attendees Seated: Thelma Haynes, Peggy Thompson, and Mary Ann Young. Standing: Diana Fleek, Linda Baughman, Cindy Norman, Helena Lee, Mary Fletcher, Mary Purdy, Sharon Morrison, and Kat Simmons.

A check was presented to CAMC for funds raised. Members then toured the facility and went out to lunch together.



Front row: Betty Watson, Carolyn Titcher, Mary Stout, Diana Fleek, and a CAMC representative. 2nd row: Cindy Norman, Sharon Morrison, Helena Lee, and Peggy Thompson. 3rd row: Barbara Hunt.



GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club and GFWC South Parkersburg Woman's Club sponsored a Reading in the Park to kick off the state's birthday celebrations. Local dignitaries read to the children, and all children chose books to take home. Among those reading were the mayor, police chief, firemen, newspaper editor, and a local author, Ken Gilbert, who donated several signed copies of his book to the children.



At left the GFWC Williamstown Woman's Club works with the Williamstown Library promoting and assisting with a five week summer reading program for the children in the community. The children are fed lunch and then participate in a program designed to encourage their interests in reading and social interaction with their peers.

# News from the Clubs



The GFWC Williamstown Woman's Club in association with The American Legion Auxillary Post 159, sponsored a Poppy Poster Contest in May. Fifty-nine 5th graders entered posters for judging. Judges included Club members from Williamstown, Parkersburg, and The Auxillary. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were given. The posters were hung at The Williamstown American Legion during Memorial Day, honoring our veterans and soldiers.



At right: GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club held its annual Membership Picnic in City Park.

## Honoring Julie Spiegler

June 28 there was a reception honoring retiring Librarian Julie Spiegler; our club presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as several small gifts.



Members present: Cindy Norman, Julie Spiegler, Diana Fleek, Sally Snyder, Alice Riecks, Carolyn Titcher, Mary Stout, and Peggy Thompson.



Benches were installed by the four Little Libraries that GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club had installed in Parkersburg and Vienna.



GFWC South Parkersburg Woman's Club, represented by Cathi Wermter and Annie Johnson presented 5 scholarships to Hailey Caplinger, Landon Flinn, Tristan Heket, Miranda Heckert, and Zachary Wilcox.

GFWC West Virginia scholarship committee represented by Judy Parrish presented a scholarship to Hannah Farish.

The presentation of scholarships took place May 24 at the Rod Oldham Athletic Center at South Parkersburg High School.

## Library Aid

For many years, the Woman's Club of Cross Lanes has worked closely with the Cross Lanes Branch of the Kanawha County Library System. We have helped with pool parties, yard sales, and have made baskets and/or donated money for baskets for the Library's Christmas Fundraiser. We have always donated cookies and fudge to their Christmas Open House and regularly provide sodas for their after school and summer programs for youth. This year we made cookies and served cake at the WV Day Celebration on June 20.



Helping that day were (l-r) Peggy Thompson, Mary Fletcher, Mary Ann Young, Sharon Morrison, Diana Fleek, Mary Stout, Carolyn Titcher, Cindy Norman, and Barbara Hunt. Entertainment was provided by Mick Souter.

# News from the Clubs



Stephanie Carter and Bettina Freeman, Chairmen of Backpack program collected many food items from Club Members to deliver to the school Pea Ridge Woman's Club sponsors for their Summer Program.



Pictured left to right Paula Peatross, Janet Smith, Bettina Freeman. The GFWC Pea Ridge Woman's Club were the hostesses at the V.I.P. Party at the Vineyard in the Village Event which is an annual event sponsored by the Village of Barboursville.

In memory of  
**Marylou Lilly**  
for her dedicated  
years of service.  
She is dearly missed.  
Mountaineer Women's Club  
North Central District  
1926-2017





GFWC South Parkersburg Woman's Club celebrated Christmas in July with a traditional dinner and an auction of Christmas related items. Guests included the recent scholarship winners accompanied by their families and three guests from GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club. Money raised from this event will be used for scholarships and community projects.

  
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## CALL to the Annual Meeting GFWC Southeastern Region

All Clubwomen belonging to the GFWC State Federations of Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia are hereby called to the GFWC Southeastern Conference

November 1-3, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton (Winston-Salem University)  
5790 University Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27105  
336-767-9595 **CODE: GFW**

Hostess State: GFWC North Carolina  
Conference Chairman: Sandy Jahn

GFWC Theme - Living the Volunteer Spirit

SER Theme – Reaching Across the Region

The purpose of the region shall be to provide a better understanding of the structure, programs, and challenges of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.