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From the Mailbox

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

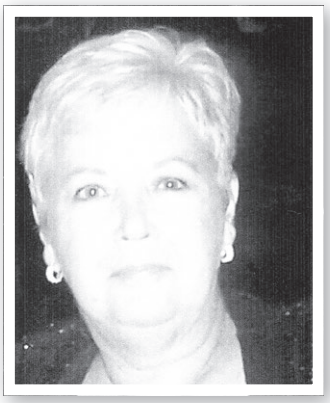
GFWC South Parkersburg Woman's Club donated over eighty suitcases, duffle bags and totes to the Arthur Gustke Society for use by children who have been temporarily housed there.

A reception was held for Western District President, Linda Walker, by **GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club.**

GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport is saving used greeting card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch to be used for various projects.

From the Editor's Desk

Barbara Sullivan, *GFWC WV Clubwoman Magazine*



I am looking forward to serving as editor for the GFWC WV Clubwoman. The format will change with the next issue (see President's message), but the information will remain the same. Please continue to sent your newsletters, articles and/or pictures to my email (preferably) or my home address.

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GFWC West Virginia Proud 2016 - 2018

On the Cover: **GFWC West Virginia President Pamela McCoy and Dana Richardson at the 112th West Virginia Convention at The Greenbrier.**

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GFWC West Virginia President's Message

To begin with, I must say thank you to all of our wonderful club members across the state. You have been so kind and willing to assist me with organizing the 2018-2020 administration. I have had good teachers prepare me. The installation service was wonderful, and Mary Jo Thomas's presentation was right on. Sharon Sheridan has stayed right with me to answer questions along with many others. My local club, The Woman's Club of Huntington, has been supportive of everything I have done. When we work together, we can do great things.

As you know, this printing of the Clubwoman Magazine will be the final issue. Our next communication tool will be a Newsletter. The format is different, but you will continue to receive all the news, articles, and photos as we have had in the past. Even though the cost will be lower, there is still an expense for the publication. Therefore, advertising will continue to assist in paying for the publication, and it is an "honor point." The biggest difference will be the ability to send the newsletter over the internet. I am sure your Club President has already asked you how you would like to receive the newsletter, by the internet or USPS. If you would like to receive it over the internet, we need your email address. Your President is collecting those requests and email addresses now. When the notice went out, we asked for a return by June 15 to Judith Short, 121 Elwood Ave., Huntington, WV 25705. Judith also receives the advertising info. Continue to send photos and articles to Barbara Sullivan, Clubwoman Editor, at 3454 Cadillac Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26104 or email, wvclubwoman@gmail.com. The deadline for the Fall issue will be August 1.

There are some important dates coming up this summer. The officers and organizers hope you will take advantage of them. The GFWC Convention will be June 23-26 in St Louis, MO, at the Union Station Hotel. Registration information is online at http://www.cvent.com/d/ytqrfx and The Call to Convention is online.

The Summer Board Meeting will be held July 13-15 in Huntington. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please let us know. The Strategic Plan, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rules of Policy are discussed and addressed.

Summer Conference will be held August 2-5 at the Days Inn Conference Center at Flatwoods off of I–79. It is centrally located and easy to travel to. With a new administration there is always a new look at our programs. We want you to come and enjoy the learning along with us. Patricia Walker, the Meetings Planner, has a comprehensive article in this Clubwoman about the Conference. Georgianna Tillis, the Registration Chairman, has prepared the registration form for you to complete and send to her by July 7. We promise you will have a good time and go home reinvigorated to excite your club.

In September and October, the District Fall Conventions will occur. President Elect Helen Moren, Director of Junior Clubs Dana Richardson, Director Elect of Junior Clubs Dusty Smith, and myself will be attending the districts business meetings. It is a wonderful time to be with clubs all over the state in their own backyard.

The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, November 2-4. This is another group of club members from the southeastern section of our country. It is great to exchange information with them and to learn about their activities.

The State Project for the Generals and the Juniors, the Children's Hospitals in West Virginia, is one that has a great need and is needed by those so young. Julie Bibbee, State Project Committee Chairman, has an excellent article in the magazine on the State Project.

This administration hopes that you will enjoy being a part of the theme, "Connect the Dots…", and put it into action by being deliberate in your club planning and your goals. Remember to "soar like a butterfly" and follow your ideals.

Pamela McCoy

GFWC West Virginia President

GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

The 2018 State Convention is in the books! It was a pleasure to see our Federation Sisters and celebrate together on our wonderful accomplishments. It was a joy to have Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, to join us and be our special guest. Thank you to the Northern District for being such wonderful hostesses.

Summer is here, finally!!! Summer Conference is right around the corner so pack your bags and your dollars and meet me in Flatwoods. Information from GFWC will be provided in the workshops and your President's packets. You don't want to miss it. There will be a Junior Session Saturday at 11:30. We will discuss Junior news from GFWC and discuss a possible Junior Fun Day where we can all get together and visit one of our Children's Hospitals. I would like to see 100% of the Junior Clubs represented this Summer Conference.

Last final thought before I see you all in August, enjoy the summer, enjoy your family, enjoy your GFWC sisters, and enjoy the connection we all have with each other. Connect the Dots with GFWC WV.

Connect the Dots

GFWC WV

GFWC Membership: *Connecting the Dots*

Natalie Hinkle | GFWC WV Second Vice President

Hello GFWC West Virginia!

I am so grateful to be a member of GFWC! Over my 25 years of membership, I have had many wonderful opportunities to experience the benefits of belonging to GFWC. As I was preparing this article I ran across a reading that sums up some of my experiences, and I am sure the same can be said by you. Enjoy this reading and plan to attend Summer Conference August 3-5, 2018 in Flatwoods for another Sweet Membership Workshop!!

Share the Experience

- If, through membership in your GFWC club you…
- Feel more at home in your community, then Share the experience!
- Have met wonderful women and made good friends, then Share the experience!
- Felt a network of support when you really needed it, then Share the experience!
- Made important business or social contacts, then Share the experience!
- Developed leadership abilities and self-confidence, then Share the experience!
- Know the rewards of volunteering, from the smile of a grateful child to the whispered thanks of a nursing home resident, then Share the experience!
- Your club membership adds greatly to the quality of your life. Enjoy every minute of it and Share the experience! With someone NEW!

President's Special Project: Come to Summer Conference to hear more!

GFWC West Virginia President, Pamela McCoy, and Director of Junior Clubs, Dana Richardson, have chosen a joint Special Project for the 2018-2020 administration. One that we can surely get excited about!! They recognize that children need specialized health equipment and care. The children's hospitals of West Virginia are all expanding to provide this care and **WE CAN HELP!** Come on out to Summer Conference and learn more about the hopes that this project will realize.

During the **Saturday luncheon** there will be a speaker to share with us the plans for each hospital. The centerpieces on each table will need to be "decorated" by you, the clubwomen. Bring your "green back" donations for our butterfly gardens. Trade your donation for a packet of wildflower seed to feed bees and butterflies at home. There will also be a President's Special Project session. It will be held after lunch where we will answer any further questions you may have about the project purpose and judging of reports.

All cash donations to each hospital will be funneled through GFWC West Virginia. We hope the totals at the end of the administration will be recognition worthy in some concrete way. Wouldn't it be great to see our **Organization NAME** on something when you visit one of these facilities?

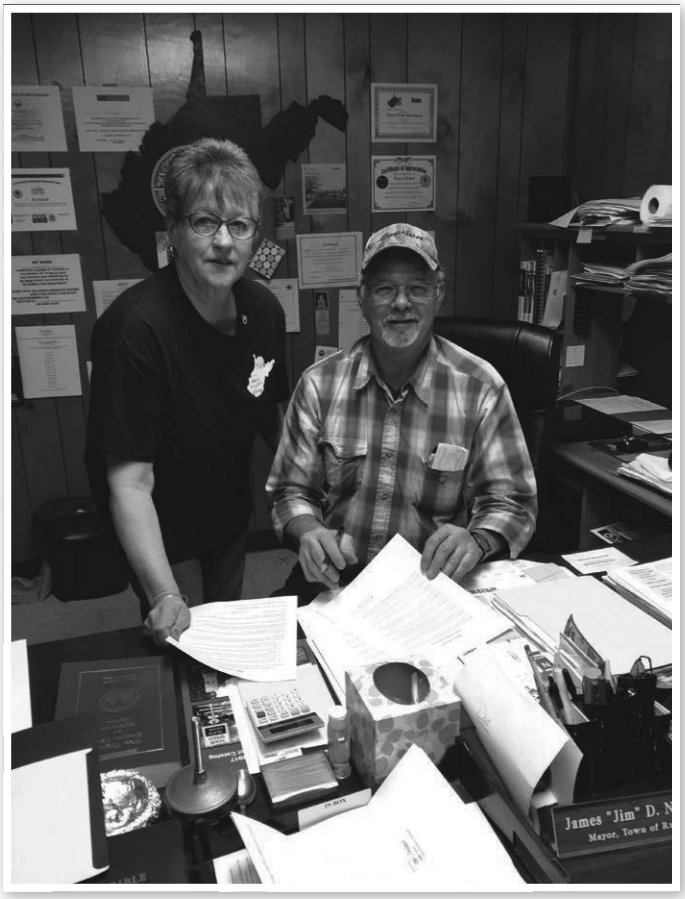
Also, bring a book for a hospital library to be added to the Butterfly Gardens on the tables at dinner on Saturday. It may be a board book, picture book or short chapter book. Thanks!

See you in August at the Days Inn Flatwoods for Summer Conference!!

Rupert celebrates birthday of Pearl S. Buck

These ladies, CEOS, and Friends of the Library attended a presentation and the Rupert Library on the Pearl Buck Birthplace and restoration plans and progress! Phyllis Lubin-Tyler presented a slideshow featuring the rooms in the Birthplace narrating live as she gave interesting and historical facts regarding the family and contents of the house! Having visited China and all of the places where Pearl grew up, Phyllis passionately described her trip and encouraged everyone to read Pearl's books and visit the birthplace, keeping alive the importance of knowing, through her written works, the famous Nobel Peace and Pulitzer Award winning Pearl Buck! Contact peacephyl@me.com or 304-653-4430 for more info or to arrange tours!

(L-r) Julia Thompson, GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club President, Phyllis Lubin-Tyler, Head Docent, Pearl Buck Birthplace, Hillsboro, WV; Sue Nickell, Verna Bowes, Rupert Woman's Club, and Carol McClung, Librarian, Rupert Public Library and Mutual Improvement Woman's Club if Ronceverte.



(at left) GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club President, Julia Thompson presented proclamations to Rupert, WV Mayor Jim Nichols for signature.

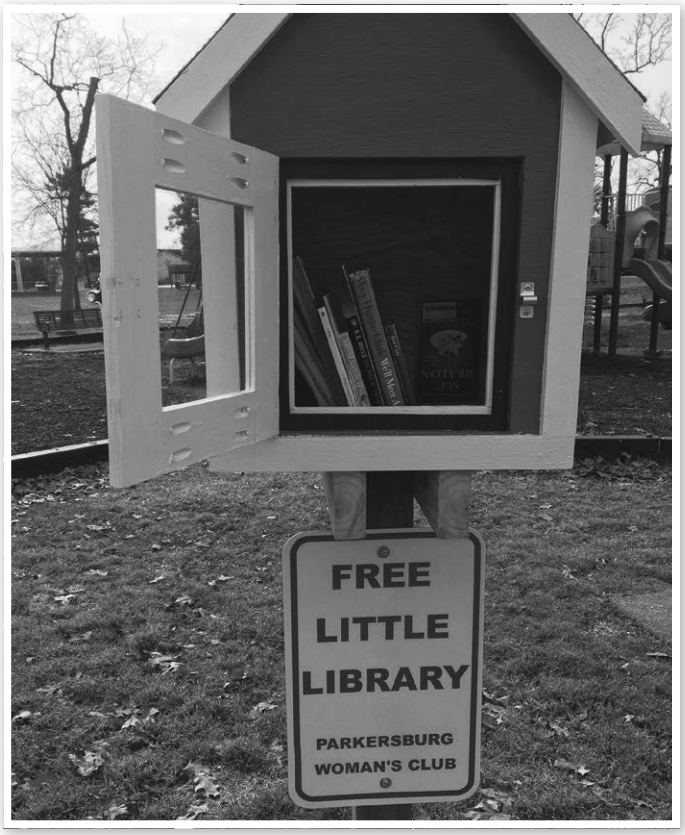
Mayor Nichols signed a proclamation declaring April 24th GFWC Federation Day Anniversary in Rupert(GFWC was federated April 24, 1890, The Rupert Club was federated in 1950.) Mayor Nichols also signed a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention month in Rupert! Thank you Mayor Nichols! GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club also raised awareness for Autism, Earth Day and Arbor Day at their April meeting presenting facts, using poetry, and wearing awareness ribbons, and presenting members with clay pots and flower seeds!

Harrisville Woman's Club has a reputation for fixing great meals. In April they cooked for the Republican Dinner. Four soup luncheons are planned for the summer with part of the proceeds being donated to the 4-H Program and the Ritchie County Historical Landmark Commission.

Convention

Highlights

News from the Clubs



The Education Community Service Project of GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club has installed four little libraries in the community. (below) Chairman Judy Parrish and Susan Gardner stopped to give two visiting youngsters books while they were refilling the little library near City Park.

GFWC Williamstown Woman's Club honoring our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Edie Lindley, our Education Chairman leaves cookies and gifts in the teachers lounge at Williamstown Elementary School and The Williamstown High School. Later in the month we presented two Mildred Carlise $600 scholarships to seniors . Miss Carlise was a Librarian at WES for many years and a Woman's Club member.

Bridgeport Spring Projects

GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport has been busy at work this spring.A Spring Craft Show was held;items colledted for the Humane Society; dresses made for club member, Janit Satterfield, to take on her mission trip to Haiti, and the Allied Health Scholarship Card and Game Party was held with the proceeds going to a graduating senior fromBridgeport High School. Still to come is the Golf Tournament in June and the Relay for Life.

News from the Clubs

Lori Thomas, Gaby Thomas, Brenda Baumgartner, Harriet Starr planting 50 Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Pictured below is Michael Coffey, Barboursville Chief of Police, Joy Adkins, Community Outreach Coordinator, Joy Bryant-Harris, and Barboursville

Mayor Chris Tatum with the Police Cruiser they wrapped with the Donate Life Symbol in recognition of April being National Donate Life Month.

The fifty year members of GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club were honored at a recent meeting. They are Janet Eppert, Marty Booth, Jo Helen Baxley and Patricia Miser.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club donated to Operation Wildflower. Wild flowers friendly to pollenators are planted along Interstate 77 near the Emerson Avenue exit. A sign signifying the club's will be posted. A team was formed for the Relay for Life, and the International Outreach CSP donated money to the Building A Better Burkina, Inc. for malaria prevention projects. To celebrate West Virginia's birthday a celebration toencourage reading and learning more about our state will be held at City Park on June 19. Books by West Virginia authors will be donated, along with WV items and birthday cupcakes. The event is open to all children.

President's Reception

Dunbar hosts open house and tea

On Thursday April 5, 2018, the GFWC WV Woman's Club of Dunbar celebrated 80 years of Federation with an open house and tea. The community was welcomed to come and see what the club is about and enjoy some light refreshments and tea or lemonade. Although white gloves and fancy dresses were not required, many of the ladies of the club dressed in their finery and hats. The meeting focused on the history of the club with a display of memorabilia and a recitation of club milestones. A presentation was given by a local historian about some of the monuments at the state capitol grounds. Mrs. Gayle Manchin was present and gave congratulations from Senator Joe Manchin and encouraged the club to carry on in its important contributions to the community. Gifts of appreciation were presented to our longest serving members, a few of whom are in their nineties. This meeting also served as our membership drive for the year and resulted in five new members!

(pictured l-r at left) Carol Samson, Ann Tucker, Jane Grimm, Pam Godwin, Brown Bag Chairman

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club has been distributing Brown Bags containing nonperishable food items for nine years to area elementary schools. This school years 350 students at McKinley and Emerson Elementary Schools have received Brown Bags each Friday. Principal Allen Lough commented "there are nearly zero absences on Friday because students want to receive the bags."

"CONNECT THE DOTS" SUMMER CONFERENCE
AUGUST 3-5, 2018
DAYS INN CONFERENCE CENTER, FLATWOODS, WV

GFWC WV State President Pamela McCoy invites all clubwomen and guests to attend the 45th Annual GFWC WV Summer Conference hosted by Central District. Make room reservations by calling 1-866-700-7284 or 304-765-2032 before July 16th. Room rates are $89.99 for 2 and $99.99 for 3-4 in a room plus 12% taxes.

Deadline for this Conference reservation is July 7, 2018. Send separate form for each participant.

2018 Summer Conference Registration Form

Name _____ ( ) General ( ) Junior ( ) Juniorette ( ) Guest
Address _____City _____ Zip_____
Club _____District _____
Phone_____ Email_____

If you hold a position, please state:
- ◯ GFWC _____
- ◯ GFWC WV _____
- ◯ District President_____
- ◯ Club President
- ◯ Guest

Vegetarians will have options at all the buffets. Indicate GLUTEN Free here_____

_____ Registration Fee $15
Late Registration add* $5
_____ Friday BBQ Buffet $28
_____ Butterfly Luncheon $24
_____ Saturday Dinner $36
Circle one: Chicken or Pork
_____ Saturday Dollar Auction $20
_____ **Total Due**

Send to: **Georgianna Tillis**
2806 Meadowbrook Dr.
Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Make checks payable: GFWC WV

GFWC WV REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 7, 2018 (No refunds after this date.) See late note above*

Registration Desk will be open Friday from 1 – 6 PM and Saturday 8 am – Noon.

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Generals, Juniors, and Juniorettes please pre-register for the workshops below. Please indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice for workshops in **each** hour slot.

Friday	**REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS**			
4:00	GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence		Connect The Dots: Resolution, Leadership and Public Policy	
Saturday				
8:30	ALL Club Presidents ONLY			
9:30		Public Issues – Save a Life	International Outreach	Law & Order – Parliamentary & Protocol
10:30	Membership Workshop for Everyone!		STATE Board & Council Reporting Chairmen with President McCoy	
11:30	Junior Session – for all Junior members			
2:00	Club Reporting		State Project: WV Children's Hospitals	
3:00	Conservation - Water Resources	Arts	Home Life	
4:00		Education	Human Trafficking	Pearl S. Buck
6:00	Banquet followed by Dollar Auction (separate tickets will be sold – See registration above)			

Late Registration does not guarantee availability of meal functions. Please register by deadline to avoid problems.

"Connect the Dots…"
Summer Conference with New Administration
August 3-5, 2018

Things to Know as You Register

Excitement is growing as we prepare to travel to the center of our wonderful state for Summer Conference and assist in building our Butterfly Gardens. Our Vendors will set up before you arrive with beautiful jewelry, clothing, purses, and unique gifts, so be prepared to shop early. Remember gals we receive 10% of all sales so plan to shop often, think birthdays, Christmas and all special days.

To help grow our leadership skills and knowledge of our project areas, we begin on Friday afternoon with stimulating workshops at 4:00. GFWC Signature Project, Domestic Violence/Amy Ricard, "Connecting the Dots": Resolution / Rita Lynch, Leadership / Marnee Beck, Public Policy / Sharon Parks.

Our Barbeque Buffet dinner begins at 7:00 pm with District Meetings afterwards that will energize and inspire all District members.

Saturday 8:30 am President, Pamela McCoy will meet with all Club Presidents to provide them with pertinent information designed to make your clubs successful for the next two years.

9:30 am workshops begin for Public Issues / "Save a Life", Julie Perry, International Issues / Thelma McMillion and Parliamentary Procedure," Law and Order" / Barbara Henry, State Parliamentarian.

10:30 am workshops are Membership, "How to Grow and Retain Membership", and State Board and Council Reporting Chairmen with President McCoy.

11:30 am Junior Session / Dana Richardson for all Junior Members followed by our delicious "Butterfly Deli Fresh Luncheon" at Noon. Special guests will be representatives from CAMC Woman's and Children's Hospital, Charleston, WV, CHH Hoops Children's Hospital, Huntington, WV and WVU Medicine Children's Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

2:00 pm workshops are Club Reporting / Cathy Jo Bryant and State Project / Julie Bibbee with Hospital Representatives present to provide answers to questions you might have.

3:00 pm workshops are Conservation, Water Resources / Vicki Cline, Arts / Leigh Gardner and Home Life / Joy Bryant- Harris.

4:00 pm: Education / Joan Tacy, Human Trafficking / Joy Bryant-Harris and Pearl S. Buck / Shannon B. Campbell. Complete your shopping with our delightful Vendors.

At 6:00 pm meet for our Evening Banquet of Herb Roasted Chicken or Coffee and Spice Rubbed Pork Loin followed by our Famous Dollar Auction with VERY special gifts by two creative shoppers! Guess Who?!

Please mark your calendars, make your reservations early, plan to meet new friends, see dear ones and have a happy, fulfilling, creative GFWC WV Gals Week End designed just for you!

If you have any questions, please contact:

GFWC WV Meetings Planner
Patricia Walker, pkwalker5@msn.com
1-304-633-4305

(from left) Joy Bryant-Harris, Irene Lewis, Brenda Baumgartner, Paula Peatross

We helped hide 13,000 eggs at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Barboursville! Many prizes were given including 2 Bicycles and 40 Baskets.

Plan to attend Summer Conference August 3-5, 2018 at Day's Inn Conference Center

The Woman's Club of Wheeling held their Inaugural Luncheon and Installation of Officers on Friday, April 20, 2018. Honored guest, GFWCWV State President, Pam McCoy installed the new officers for 2018-20. GFWCWV State President Elect, Helen Moran and GFWCWV Northern District President, Diana Durst, also attended the event. Following the luncheon and installation ceremony members and guests were entertained by singer Mark Preston.

Pictured below, left to right, Diana Durst, GFWC Northern District President, Helen Moran, GFWCWV State President Elect, Pam McCoy, GFWCWV State President and The Woman's Club of Wheeling 2016-2018 President Sandy Smith, First Vice President, Patty Travis and Second Vice President Joyce Spurlock.