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The GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman Magazine Reader's Survey

This is an investigative survey. GFWC West Virginia has a contract with the current printer of the CLUBWOMAN Magazine that runs through the 2014-2016 administration. We are asking you to help us decide the future of the magazine. Please complete this and mail to the address at the bottom of the page. PLEASE only complete ONE of these surveys. Thank-you!

Club Name: _____ Age: _____

1. How important is your Clubwoman magazine to you?
(1 to 5, with 1 least and 5 highest) 1 2 3 4 5

2. What section(s) do you read? (Circle all that apply)
 - a. From the Mailbox
 - b. Letters from the Editor
 - c. GFWC West Virginia President's Message
 - d. GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message
 - e. News from the Clubs
 - f. Event information & Registration
 - g. None of the above
 - h. All of the above

3. Do you believe that the Clubwoman magazine is a valuable membership benefit?
Yes No Don't Know

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Yes No Don't Know

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Yes No Don't Know

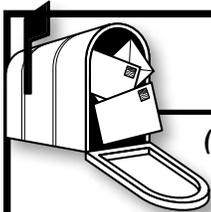
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Yes No Don't Know

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Yes No Don't Know

9. The Clubwoman magazine is currently funded through advertising dollars. Do you or your club sell advertising to local businesses currently?
Yes No Don't Know

10. In the past decade two other searches were done to evaluate costs from different printers. Our present printer was determined to be the most reasonable cost wise. However, GFWC WV is not receiving the financial support it needs from the clubs to continue producing the magazine, as we have, four times a year. Do you have any suggestions?

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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 Woman's Club of Montgomery members participated in the Memory Walk for Alzheimers at Elderly Care.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club is preparing for the Holly Trail, a major fund raiser.

GFWC South Parkersburg Woman's Club will serve cookies and hot chocolate at Parkersburg South High School's Christmas Lighting ceremony.

GFWC WV Woman's Club of Hamlin is selling That's My Pan as one of the fund raisers.

GFWC WV Belle Woman's Club is having a dollar auction at the December meeting. Members continue to have "Bingo Night" at Golden Living Nursing Home once a month.

Many clubs across the state are reading for the 150 WV Reads program. Lists will be turned in by 12/31.

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GFWC West Virginia President's Message



Recently I received a newspaper article about a Woman's club celebrating their 100th Anniversary of service to their community here in West Virginia. That in itself isn't too unusual. GFWC West Virginia federated in 1904 has several clubs that have reached that milestone. Historian Dollie A. Bassell writes that the West

Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, as it was known then, lived up to the GFWC purpose, "...to be a group of organized women in every community which can be depended upon to promote all movements leading to the betterment of the community". The state Federation embraced that philosophy and set a goal in 1921, to have 10,000 members by their 25th birthday. Astonishing as it seems to us today, our beloved federation reached that goal on the Silver Anniversary in 1929.

Over the years some clubs have left the Federation but have stayed together and continued their volunteer service to their communities. It is interesting that this Woman's Club still identifies itself as a member of GFWC-WV even though our organization has no recent record of their existence. It is evident in the type of projects that the club has accomplished that they were at one time Federation members but for whatever reason they are now an independent organization. The fact that they are no longer federated doesn't diminish their accomplishments in the community. One of their members credits their longevity to the camaraderie among members, the satisfaction of helping the community and the desire to carry on a long-time tradition are all reasons that our membership cites as reasons to belong to a Federated club.

Efforts to contact this Woman's Club have not been successful, but we will continue to try. Reaching out to independent Woman's Clubs in West Virginia is an area of membership that we should pursue. The advantage of this type of merger would surely benefit both organizations.

What would you tell this independent Woman's Club

about the benefits of belonging to GFWCWV? Personally I feel the benefit of belonging to an international organization is to have a greater impact on subjects that are important to me, as well as a part of what every other federated club achieves. Our Federation has been a strong advocate on women's and children's issues of social significance from health and safety to advocating political reform.

When we add our voices to those across our Federation, thousands of voices speaking together are too loud to be ignored on such projects as Child Labor Laws, Seat Belts, Voting Rights, and GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness.

As a member of a network of clubs woven together through districts, states and regions, GFWC members have the opportunity to expand their vision beyond the community boundary. The benefit of having a national presence with our headquarters in Washington DC provides a global awareness of woman's and children's issues. Projects such as UNICEF, CARE, Operation Smile and many others appeal to young people. There are so many young women out there looking for something to catch their attention. We have to make GFWC the best use of their limited free time and the most worthwhile organization for women who want to volunteer.

If we continue to deliver that message over and over – again and again – and create a working relationship that inspires creativity and productiveness -that sets an example to follow - we will be able to work together and move forward. What is at stake right now is whether we will gain new members and build a stronger federation – or whether we will allow ourselves to continue to lose our members to other organizations who are moving with the time, making good on their promises to have exciting meetings and provide opportunities to grow and expand horizons.

GFWC West Virginia cares about you and your club's important link to our worldwide organization dedicated to community service. By joining a GFWC club YOU are "Living the Volunteer Spirit through COMMUNITY SERVICE"!

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21 Lena Conte**

GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

With the holidays right around the corner we all get a little busy with cooking and shopping, spending time with family and friends. Do not forget about the families in your communities that may need help. This time of the year is a great time to teach your children about giving, whether it be volunteering at a soup kitchen, a local food bank, or letting them buy a toy to donate to a toy drive. We must teach our children the importance of volunteering because volunteering is one of the outstanding qualities that set America apart from the rest of the world. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, stay safe and warm and enjoy your time with your families because you just never know when this will be the last holiday spent with a loved one. I look forward to seeing you very soon!!!



Junior Love,
Mary

A large graphic with a black and white photo of a woman on the left. The woman has shoulder-length hair, is smiling, and wearing a denim jacket and a light-colored scarf. To the right of the photo is the text: "GFWC Fayetteville Woman's Club" in a large serif font. To the right of this text is the GFWC logo, a circular emblem with a shield in the center, the letters "GFWC" at the top, and "UNITY IN DIVERSITY" at the bottom. Below the club name is the word "PROUDLY" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "CONGRATULATES" in a larger, bold, sans-serif font. Below that is "Fayetteville's own" in a smaller serif font. A banner with a ribbon effect contains the name "CATHY JO CANTERBURY" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the banner is "on her new position as" in a serif font, followed by "GFWC Director of Junior Clubs" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "2014-2016" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font at the bottom.

Membership: A Proud Past and a Promising Future with Friends

"A proud Past and A Promising Future With Friends". Clubs are back in the swing of a new club year and are recruiting new members. To keep these new members, a club must find out who its members are, understand their expectations and make every effort to serve them well. Members will decide to stay with their clubs only if they feel that their time is being used effectively to improve their communities, and if they feel a sense of ownership, pride and belonging. Members need to feel that they play a role in club decisions and that their opinions count. To engage these new members, your club should ensure an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship and provide varied opportunities for them to exercise their talents and abilities. Also **RETAINING** our former members is important. Research shows that a positive program of continuing education on the benefits of belonging to GFWC and GFWC WV can help a club's overall retention rate. "FEDERATION REFRESHER" is essential for instilling a sense of pride and purpose in both new and seasonal members. Keep club projects fresh, exciting and interest to all members. Working together, experienced and new members can function like one healthy body, moving forward, and making strides toward accomplishing your club's goals. Members who actively participate in their club are more likely to want to continue their membership.

Just a reminder GFWC'S SEASONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN. We are now in the FALL Season and time to RAKE IN NEW FRIENDS. Period September, October and November. Report due December 1. Send name of the recruiter and the names of new members to Helen Moren. The state's form, Star Awards, identifies who sponsored the new members. We maintain a data base that has

cumulative totals for our members.

GFWC would like to know how many members you recruited per quarter. Please complete the form and send to GFWC. Clubs achieving and reporting three new members as a result of their seasonal recruiting efforts will be recognized in GFWC Clubwoman magazine.



GFWC is offering grants of \$50 to local clubs for membership activities. Please visit www.gfwc.org.

I'm available to help you with your membership campaign-remember it takes all of us working together to keep our federation alive and functioning.

Helen Moren, 2nd Vice President
Membership Chairman

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News from the Clubs

Woman's Club Of Shinnston Holds October Meeting

The GFWC WV Woman's Club of Shinnston held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014, at the clubhouse on Bridge Street. The hostess for the evening was Jean Currey.



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the program for the evening was presented by Shelly Dusic, M.A., from the West Virginia Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Screening Program in Morgantown. The fundraiser for the night raised \$51.00, which will be donated to Bonnie's Bus, a mobile mammography unit that travels across West Virginia offering breast cancer screening mammograms in a comfortable environment serving the uninsured or underinsured. The club would like to take this opportunity to remind all ladies to please schedule your mammograms! Attending the meeting were Joe Brooks, Sulayne Brooks, Judy Asel, Viviane Spagnuolo, Sandy Evanto, Rosemary Stewart, Mary Lee Hines, Jean Currey, Mary Ann Spadafore, Donna Mick and our guest speaker, Shelly Dusic.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Woman's Club of Shinnston may contact any member or attend a monthly meeting. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

Weirton WC hosts Meet the Candidates Night

Candidates in the Nov. 4 general election presented their platforms and answered questions at Meet the Candidates Night sponsored by the GFWC Weirton Woman's Club Oct. 2 at the Serbian American Cultural Center in Weirton.

Nearly 100 citizens turned out to hear Mark Zatezalo and Pat McGeehan, Republican candidates for the First District House of Delegates; Ryan Ferns, Republican candidate for state Senate; Democratic state Senator Rocky Fitzsimmons of Wheeling; Democratic Delegate Randy Swartzmiller of Weirton; and Hancock County Clerk George Foley.

Candidates whose representatives spoke were Democratic state Delegate Ronnie Jones of Hancock County; U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate; Republican U.S. Representative David McKinley of Wheeling; and Hancock County Commissioner-elect Joe Barnabei.



MEET THE CANDIDATES ORGANIZERS—Leaders of Meet the Candidates Night for the GFWC Weirton Woman's Club were, from left, Susan Baldt; chair of the club's Public Policy and Legislation Committee; club President Jeanne Amidon; and committee members Maralyn Ridgway, Carol Village and Anna Akis

Moderator was Bray Cary of Charleston, president and chief executive officer of West Virginia Media.

Susan Baldt, chair of the GFWC Weirton Woman's Club Public Policy and Legislation Committee, led the event, assisted by committee members Anna Akis, Maralyn Ridgway and Carol Village.

A lively discussion followed the candidate presentations. Topics of questions from the public included education, coal and gas production, taxation, equal pay for women, the state business climate, and the recently implemented public smoking ban in Hancock County.

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GFWC Pea Ridge ladies have been very busy. We planted 280 bulbs at The Village of Barboursville Elementary and David Creek Elementary, Sponsored Heros for Hire (Batman) who spoke to 800 students at VOBE against Bullying, ladies wearing purple at meeting against Domestic Violence, Members who ran in The Path to the Cure for Breast Cancer, Members who modeled in fashion show for Woman's Health Fair. Members are going to Midland Meadows once a month to do manicures, having book exchanges, made cookies for Veterans on 11/11, and took a road trip to Jenny Wiley State Park to see White Christmas.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club served coffee and donuts following the Veterans Day activities in City Park.



State Senator David Nohe stopped to visit along with the veterans. Clubwomen pictured are Dee Myers, Debbie Sasyn, Jane Graham, Patty Miser, and Sarah Jalbert, Public Issues Chairman. Not pictured are President Linda Walker, Sharon Sheridan, Judy Parrish, Kristy Champion, Barbara Sullivan. The Club has two military veterans Kristy Champion and Dianne Lee, who were honored at the club's November luncheon. They also attended a thank you dinner, along with Sarah Jalbert and President Linda Walker, on Veterans Day.

Pennies for Art

GFWCW Rupert Woman's Club held its annual picnic August 19th at



the Big Clear Creek Baptist Church picnic shelter. Members were given M&M containers at the April meeting. They were instructed to eat the M&M's and then began saving quarters in the cylinders. Members who brought their quarters to the picnic are seen dumping the containers in a glass collection jar. This is an ongoing project; members are saving and will dump quarters at each meeting. Quarters are being saving for the "Pennies for Art" project.

The Woman's Club of Wheeling welcome thirteen new members at the Dues Tea. The past presidents were honored for their past service to Federation. "Stepping Out in Style" featuring high heel shoes was the theme and the Hospitality Committee succeeded in making this a memorable event.



Pictured (l - r) Front row, Donna Zanke, Sherril Matoszka, Betty Gresak, Janet Bauer, Poochie Meder, Virginia Schultz (chairman), Bev Cavalier, Janice Ritner (CO-Chairman) and Dorothy Hill. Back row, Linda Dunnell, Phyllis Hill, Joann Appenzeller, Myra Simone, Cathy Lemmon, and LaVaughn Coulter.



Ravenswood Woman's Club members Corrine Catron and Sue Carter planted flowers, worked on the tree the Club planted and hung yellow ribbons to honor our military at Riverfront Park as part of their conservation project for the year..

Members of GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport has been busy! The Golf Tournament and the Benedum Festival were successful projects. The club is taking orders for the Sherwood Forest Farm evergreens. Members are (wo)manning the Angel Tree, supplying toys for the Toy Drive, donated to the Salvation Army, held a food drive collecting three times what the past drives have collected, and have collected rugs, towels, blankets, etc. for the local animal shelter. A Youth Writing Contest is being sponsored at the elementary, middle and high schools. Members are making treats to give out at the City Light Up Night. They traveled to Grafton to decorate the trees at the Anna Jarvis House. Next, they decorated trees at the Library. Also, they are planning to have a float with riders and walkers in the Bridgeport Christmas parade. Cookies were made to serve at the Library Celebration. Members have been asked by the Harrison Board of Education to serve as judges for county social studies and science fairs. Coupon books are being sold featuring many free and reduced products. Members participated in National Night Out. An International dinner was held with members supplying the food and the Junior Alumnae providing the SMILE cake and Juniors bringing salads. The Club had two tables for the North Central District fund raiser, a Calendar luncheon. The table decorations reflected the month assigned each table.



News from the Clubs

Hinton Wednesday Club Officers



l-r: Dorothy Jean Boley, installation and custodian, Judy Peterson, Treasurer, Barbara Parmey, Corresponding secretary, Susie Rogers, Recording secretary, Bobb Sorj, Vice President, Judy Dolphin, President



(left to right) Kathryn Sowers, SER President, Della Gowan, SER Treasurer and Mary Jo Thomas, SER Secretary dressed as women who supported the Women's Right to Vote Movement recently in Kingsport TN. You'll get your chance to highlight your favorite GFWC project at the Saturday Luncheon at Convention. Look for more information about this in the President's newsletters and other communications.



Patty Cooper (as Eleanor Roosevelt) of the West Virginia Humanities Council entertaining and informing the Woman's Club of Shinnston at their annual Fall Reception. See

page 12 for story.

Goings On at Rupert



G F W C W V Rupert Woman's Club was pleased to have Barbara Elliot, Public Relations, New River Technical College attend the September covered dish meeting at the Rupert Community Building to

deliver a talk on the upcoming WOW "Women on Wellness" Day to be held at Rainelle Elementary School in Rainelle on November 8, 2014 from a.m. until 5 p.m. This is an opportunity for women to have health screenings, nutrition counseling, fitness workshops, education opportunities and holistic offerings, breakfast and lunch included in the registration fee of \$25. Volunteer and Sponsorship opportunities available. To register or for more information, call 304/664-2500.



(l-r) Teresa Currence, local artist, attended the GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club covered dish dinner September 16 at the Rupert Community Building and judged the Arts and Crafts entries by Rupert members for entry into the Southern District Fall Convention Arts and Crafts Competition. Teresa is pictured with Kaye Burkholder, Vice-President, of the GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club as they show some of the articles judged.

SER Attendees



Over \$1100 was raised for the GFWCWV Central District Fundraiser and the winner of the WV Gear Tub was Janice Stone, member of Woman's Club of Omar. Pictured left to right: Sandra Godwin, who sold the most tickets and Faye Channell, Treasurer of Central District.



A member of the GFWC Beckley Woman's Club celebrated a very special milestone in October--her 100th birthday.

Sara Otto, a past president, is the club's longest serving living member, as well as the longest surviving past president. Otto, a member of the local club for an incredible 76 years, said she noticed membership has declined over the years, often because people seemed to be busier. But she encouraged others to undertake community service work, saying even the smallest and simplest tasks could significantly help others.

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News from the Clubs



GFWC Oceana and Pineville Women's Clubs hosted the 94th Annual GFWC WV Southern District Convention. Members were welcomed by Oceana Club President, Joan Webster, and Pineville Club President, Shirley Williams. Oceana Club members winning blue ribbons in the Arts and Crafts showing were Phyllis Clark, Patty Meredith and Teresa Runyon. Oceana members in attendance were Joan Webster, Betty Martin, Barbara Breeden, Teresa Runyon, Louise Cook, June Farren, Phyllis Clark, k Patty Meredith and Lori Stewart. Pineville Club members in attendance were Shirley Williams and Carol Stewart. Refreshments were prepared and served by Oceana Club members.



GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant served cake and punch at the Battle Day Heritage Queen Contest on October 3. Sharon Banck was elected Queen and the club provided her sash and bouquet. Shown are members Hilda Austin, Dotty Nott, Queen Ranck, Connie Rainey and Joyce Gardner-Lee.

(L-r) Jody Cunningham, GFWC WV President; Betty Long, GFWC WV Southern District President; Thelma McMillion, GFWC WV Southern District Elect; Ruth Carroll, GFWC WV Rupert Woman's Club; Julia Thompson, Kaysha Burkholder and Kay Burkholder,



GFWC WV Rupert Woman's Club members attended the 94th Annual Convention of the GFWC WV Southern District held at Oceana and hosted by Oceana and Pineville Woman's Clubs. Jody Cunningham was the keynote speaker prior to the business session. Following the business session, a delicious lunch prepared by the host clubs was enjoyed and several awards were given. The session ended with the reciting of the Club Collect and a fun fundraising auction for Southern District.



News from the Clubs

GFWC WV Woman's Club of Hamlin participated in the Hometown Hamlin event and sold walking tacos. At the October meeting members participated in a "hat and glove" costume competition and were provided ghoulishly good treats by the Education Department. Members are submitting favorite recipes that have been handed down in their families for a cookbook. Cookies are being made for the annual cookie exchange. Members bring three dozen cookies to share. A Veterans' luncheon was prepared for November 8. Plans are being finalized for the Christmas Parade and the Christmas Craft Bazaar.

GFWC Elk Valley Woman's Club have had a busy fall. They wore purple ribbons and collected items for the YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program. They held a raffle of a Christmas tablescape and snack basket with proceeds going to the Elk River Back Pack Blessing Project. A meet the candidate's night was held, hosted a Shop Til You Drop and sold hot dogs, drinks, and desserts, making pumpkin rolls and four flavors of Chex mix for fund raisers, made 60 pillowcases with children themes for ConKerr Cancer project, and participated in a Thank You Dinner for local firemen (pictured).



(l-r) GFWCWW Rupert Woman's Club President Ruth Carroll welcomes the club's newest member, Kaysha Burkholder at the September 16th covered dish meeting at the Rupert Community Building. Kaysha comes from a long line of women's club members, i.e. Kaysh's great great grandmother, the late Kathryn Coughlin, great grandmother, the late Meta Costa, grandmother, Kaye Burkholder, and great aunt, Rita Bostic all members of the Rupert Woman's Club. Kaysha's aunt, Kathryn Simmons, is a member and current president of the Cross Lanes Woman's Club. Kaysha will be attending the Southern District Fall Convention on September 20 with the Rupert Club members. Welcome, Kaysha!



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Shinnston Holds Fall Reception

The Woman's Club of Shinnston held their annual Fall Reception on Monday, September 15, 2014, at the clubhouse on Bridge Street in Shinnston.

The program for the evening was Patty Cooper of the West Virginia Humanities Council, with a most entertaining portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt. The program included a question and answer session, as well as an extensive display of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt memorabilia.

The monthly 50/50 fundraising project was won by Mary Lee Hines. Proceeds will be donated to our State Project, "Pennies for the Arts".

Members in attendance were Rosemary Starkey, Mary Lee Hines, Mary Ann Spadafore, Sulayne Brooks, Joe Brooks, Betty Tonkery, Barbara Rogers, Judy Asel, Lucille Anderson, Deloris M. Minor, Connie Leuliette, Sandy Evanto, Debra Herndon and Judy Wilson. Guests attending were Marcie Steadman, Suzy Mitchell, Judy Collett, Karen Morgan, Bill Morgan, Jean Daniel, Judy McVicker, Julie Watson, Mary Jane Armstrong, Cindy Jenkins, Jean Carr, Ruth Allen, Linda Rohrig and Bobby Bice.

GFWC 125th Anniversary Celebration

On April 24, 2015 GFWC will celebrate the 125th anniversary of Federation. Clubs are encouraged to use the Women's History and Resource Center's Timeline of GFWC History to educate your club women about the value of our organization. Your clubs are encouraged to plan at least one event that deals with the 125th Anniversary as it relates to the Federation Day celebration leading up to the 125th Annual GFWC Convention. Each state president will be sending a report on how the state has celebrated this milestone with reports postmarked by April 5, 2015. Be sure that you report your celebrations so that GFWC West Virginia can report that every club participated in some way.

During the 125th Convention in Memphis clubwomen can participate in a day of service at a local soup kitchen. GFWC had planned to hold a day of service at St. Jude's Children Hospital because it is just across from the convention hotel. Plans were changed after meeting with St. Jude's officials. Most of the children at St. Jude's have immune systems compromised due to their illnesses. They suggested having projects related to St. Jude's during the year. Your club might hold a walk-a-thon or bike-a-thon for St. Jude's. As the public service messages say, "No child has to pay for treatment" at St. Jude's so a special fundraiser for this charity is always appreciated. The hospital will still be on the tour schedule at the 125th GFWC Convention.

At the 109th Annual State Convention at the Greenbrier in March 2014, clubwoman will have several opportunities of service during the weekend. As a tribute to your favorite project or committee, the state president has issued a challenge to each member come to the Saturday luncheon wearing a costume/dress or hat that depicts something about GFWC in the last 125 years that they liked or would like to share with our fellow members. As a part of this luncheon the outfits and hats will be featured in a parade. To save a wardrobe change in the middle of the day, you may come to the Saturday morning session in your fashion creation. Please prepare a small sign to indicate the project or decade you represent. Sounds like fun! Can't wait to see our GFWC WV ladies at this event!

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Inspire Convention to Feature Service Projects

Come one, come all to the 109th Annual GFWC West Virginia Convention to be held at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs. This promises to be a great celebration of our history and the work of our GFWC members who give so selflessly to our neighbors and the larger community around the world. Our members lead the way in our communities and across the state and we want to celebrate your accomplishments. There are some exciting additions to the program of recent years. We want you to participate as we showcase our programs and projects and call attention to some very worthy programs in West Virginia.

Service is the name of the game. GFWC is all about service and you will have three great opportunities when we meet in March at The Greenbrier. GFWC's signature project is Domestic Violence Awareness, our Junior Special Project is Children At Risk and our State President's Special emphasis is the Arts. You will have a chance to support all three.

Friday's activities will end with a Pajama Party to benefit the Family Refuge Center and on Saturday at noon you will see the fruits of your generosity at the Junior/General Luncheon as we celebrate the work of GFWC members of all ages and help the Children's Home Society of West Virginia. The luncheon program will feature awards for your work in the Junior Director's Project Bullying, the Advocates of Children and other Program Awards. Seating is limited for lunch, so register today! The third opportunity will be a donation to the State President's Project and the arts. Simply include this donation on your registration form and we'll report our total at convention.

On Saturday night you are in for a treat as the GFWC International President Babs Condon will be our Keynote Speaker. Awards will be presented for the President's Special Project as well as our Signature Project and Membership. Additional news will be forthcoming in the newsletter and the e-messages from President Jody Cunningham and Domestic Violence Chairman Roz Roush. Don't get left out. A complete list of awards by session will appear in the Call to Convention.

We also want to call your attention to the \$25 fee that one-day attendees and those who are not staying at The Greenbrier will be assessed. This is a non-refundable fee that GFWC West Virginia must pay to cover the attendance of those members who are not overnight guests in the hotel. The fee covers afternoon tea and morning coffee service in the lobby as well as WiFi, free parking and shuttle service along with other amenities of the resort. Please check this fee and include \$25 with your registration if you are not an overnight guest.

We have some surprises in store for you as well. Don't miss this 109th State Convention and join in the fellowship that IS federation as we INSPIRE a new generation to service. See you in March!

Pajama Party Planned!

Are you ready to have a little fun AND help out others? Here's your opportunity!! Friday night we're throwing a good, old-fashioned PAJAMA PARTY in the Congressional Suite following session!! Oh, you don't have to actually wear pajamas, unless you want to. But we do ask you bring a new pair of pajamas to donate (ladies, girls, boys to age 16). The apparel will be given to Family Refuge Center, a community-based domestic violence project serving Pocahontas, Greenbrier, and Monroe Counties. Just think, at what other Convention event are slippers actually encouraged?! Please mark your registration form so we will have an estimate.

The Children's Home Society of West Virginia will be the beneficiaries of the donations from the Junior/General Luncheon on Saturday. They need young girl's hair products and makeup to help their Carry-On Campaign. Ribbons, bows, etc., and a little powder/paint make every girl feel special! Luncheon seating is limited!!! Get that registration form in early!!

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