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Hello, Fellow Club Members.

I hope you have enjoyed your Fall as we go into our Winter season. I had a wonderful time attending District Conventions and being a part of your membership. I started off the Fall attending the Southeastern Region Convention. (pictured on back page) The West Virginia contingent is gathered around GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brockus, SER President Della Gowan, and GFWC Secretary Wendy Carricker in Richmond, Virginia.

We had sad news recently with the passing of Jody Cunningham, GFWC WV President 2014-2016 and Director of Junior Clubs 1990-1992. She lived in Williamstown with her husband, Dave. She had two children, Carrie and Rob, and seven grandchildren. She loved the Woman's Club, and what the organization represented. Georgianna Tillis was invited to speak at Jody's funeral about her Woman's Club experience. Georgianna gave a touching presentation of their relationship in club work, and what it meant to both of them.

By the time you receive this newsletter, your club has made many contributions to your community and to the world through your year of service. As you prepare your club reports, review your Reporting Guide that each club President received in August, 2018. Have a meeting with those writing the reports, your Treasurer, and your President. That way you can gather the needed material to write a report. Check your calendar to remind yourself of your club activities. What you do is so important. Reviewing the We Power, available on our website – gfwcwestvirginia.org – will provide additional ideas of projects for the future.

Dana and I have been so pleased with the response to the State Special Project, Children's Hospitals in West Virginia. There are so many ways you have provided for needs of these facilities. You have provided diapers, toys, books, pacifiers, snacks, and money for programs and facilities. Truly, an inspiration. In your

packets received at Summer Conference there was a bulletin sheet about reporting your activities on the Children's Hospitals. It is written by Julie Bibbee, and she reminds you that your activity with the Children's Hospitals should be reported in TWO places, State Special Project, Julie Bibbee, Chairman, and Advocates for Children, Melissa Matheny, Chairman. You may use the same report for both chairmen. We need BOTH reports. Julie's report stays in WV and does not go to GFWC. A report must be made to Melissa Matheny so that GFWC knows what you have been working on. Please follow through on the reporting. Addresses for Julie and Melissa are:

Julie Bibbee, 2651 Rayburn Road, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Melissa Matheny, 111 W. North Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330

GFWC West Virginia Annual State Convention will take place at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, March 20-22, 2020. The hotel reservation form and convention registration form are printed in the newsletter. Please observe the deadlines for these two items. We promise an enjoyable convention. The luncheon program will be most interesting, and our special GFWC guest will be First Vice President Deb Strahoski. She is challenging and exciting in her presentations. Our organization is fortunate to have great officers.

Besides our reports and awards, we will have our Arts and Crafts competition with registration Friday morning. The Pennies for Arts and the GFWC Photography Contest will be setting up also. Please refer to your State Directory for information and entry forms for Pennies for Arts and GFWC Photography Contest. There is additional info on the Photography Contest in the GFWC Club Manuel at gfwc.org.

We, also, will be electing a new slate of officers for 2020 – 2022. An Installation ceremony and reception will end our 2020 State Convention. A pleasant way to top off the evening.



In Federation,
Pamela McCoy
GFWC West Virginia President

Connect the Dots
GFWC WV



One picture that GFWC has in the Membership Advancement Guide says:

DIVERSITY
Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless of
Skin
Intellect
Talents or
Years.

The possibilities are endless when we look to DIVERSITY for guidance.

Many have asked about

GFWC Membership: *Natalie S. Hinkle, Chairman*

the 2018 Summer Conference program I wrote and presented on our Chocolates (Members) and Diversity. So here it is:

"Each of you have been given 2 pieces of chocolate.

Let's imagine these chocolates are potential members.

You will first notice that their colors are different.

Some are white (chocolate), some are milk (chocolate) and some are dark (chocolate).

They are all chocolates, we are all human, Just different colors.

This is our first sign of diversity.

Next, you will notice their shapes.

Some are round, some square and some are rectangular. And some are just pretty bumpy! Some of us are tall, some are short, some are skinny and some are curvy.

This is our second sign of diversity.

Let me ask this question, if you were at home, and planned to eat this chocolate candy not knowing what was on the inside, do you poke your finger in the bottom, or gently slice the chocolate in half, or do you just pop the whole piece in your mouth and hope you like it??

Well, for the sake of our potential members let's take our time to open them up and see what we find.

You will find that most of our chocolate candies are cream filled, caramel filled or have nuts in them.

If we use these descriptions as analogies to describe our potential members you will see that some of them are pretty smooth and creamy on the inside; easy going, goes with the flow, and easy to work with.

Some are a little stiff on the

inside like the caramels; a little firm, a little timid, needing some warming up and some coaxing, needs a friend to encourage them to participate.

Then you have those that are a little nutty; fun loving, ready to jump right in and do whatever she can do.

This is our third sign of diversity.

Now the taste, each chocolate, each potential member, has a different taste, just remember that we are diverse, each member bringing a different taste to your club and to GFWC.

If I can leave you with one thought on this, we are not perfect, we all make mistakes, we all think differently, as it says in the Junior Pledge, we are all trying to make a difference, not merely to exist!"

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GFWC West Virginia Officers 2018-2020

President:.....	Pamela McCoy
President-elect:	Helen Moren
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GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

It was so much fun spending my Saturdays with four of the eight Districts at their Fall District Conventions. Thank you for making me feel so welcomed. Dusty and I wanted to stress the importance of leadership within GFWC WV. West Virginia did not have a LEADS representative at the 2019 International Convention.

We don't want that to happen again. NO WAY! Nominate someone in your club to be our LEADS candidate. There are no pre-requisites. The next International Convention will be in Atlanta and there is money in GFWC WV and GFWC's budget to help offset the costs. The information you obtain is invaluable and as a LEADS graduate, I can attest to the worthiness of the program.

The Southeastern Region Conference in Richmond, Virginia was full of cheers. For those of you who were there, you know what I mean by cheers, and for those of you who weren't there, you missed a laugh of a lifetime. Congratulations to Sharon Sheridan who won the election

for SER's Treasurer. West Virginia is proud to have Sharon on the SER Executive Board. SER's Junior Fun Night was a fundraising event by playing BINGO. The money raised that night was split between the States and DC for the state's choice on how to spend the money on a program under Advocates for Children. The Junior Sponsored event raised \$300 for each State and DC.

On a somber note, we lost a great friend, Jody Cunningham on October 8, 2019. She loved GFWC WV and her special project was Pennies for Arts. During her administration, the Junior and General Board was combined, and it was very important to her that the Juniors were included and felt included with the Generals. I will always be grateful for her for that. She will be remembered in many ways, but let's show her how much we appreciate her contributions to GFWC WV by making the Pennies for Arts competition the biggest ever! She would love that.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I'll see you all in March!

In Federation Love,

Dana Richardson

We honor all club members
who have given numerous years
of service to their communities.

We thank you for
“Connecting the Dots!”



*Connect
the Dots*
GFWC WV

**GFWC Woman's Club
of Montgomery**

Woman's Club of Beckley Welcomes New Members



Kelly Elkins, Nicole Hoye, Danielle Stewart, Christina Baisden,
President Linda Conte, Pam Upton, and Amanda Bodkin

**We are delighted to welcome these
ladies into our 110 year-old club!**



GFWC Leadership: *Sharon Parks, Chairman*

If you desire to assume a leadership position on any level, GFWC LEADS is for you. It can help you gain the capabilities, confidence, and

commitment necessary to serve with distinction. The program includes: GFWC resources, materials, parliamentary procedure, policies, mediation, time management, public speaking, and many tips and techniques. Ask any West Virginia club woman who has attended. She will recommend and encourage you to apply. GFWC WV would be proud to sponsor a LEADS candidate this year. (Unfortunately, we did not

have a candidate last year.)

Here's that opportunity to become that potential leader. GFWC will provide a stipend of \$250 for the winning West Virginia candidate to attend the one day seminar which will be held the day before the GFWC Convention. This year the seminar will be held in Atlanta, Georgia at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel on June 26, 2020. Breakfast and lunch are provided during the program.

Please note, GFWC WV also provides \$250 to assist with expenses.

Call me for an application today at 304-442-4848.

Applications should be sent to Pamela McCoy, 6167 Birkwood Road, Huntington, WV 25705 by March 1, 2020.

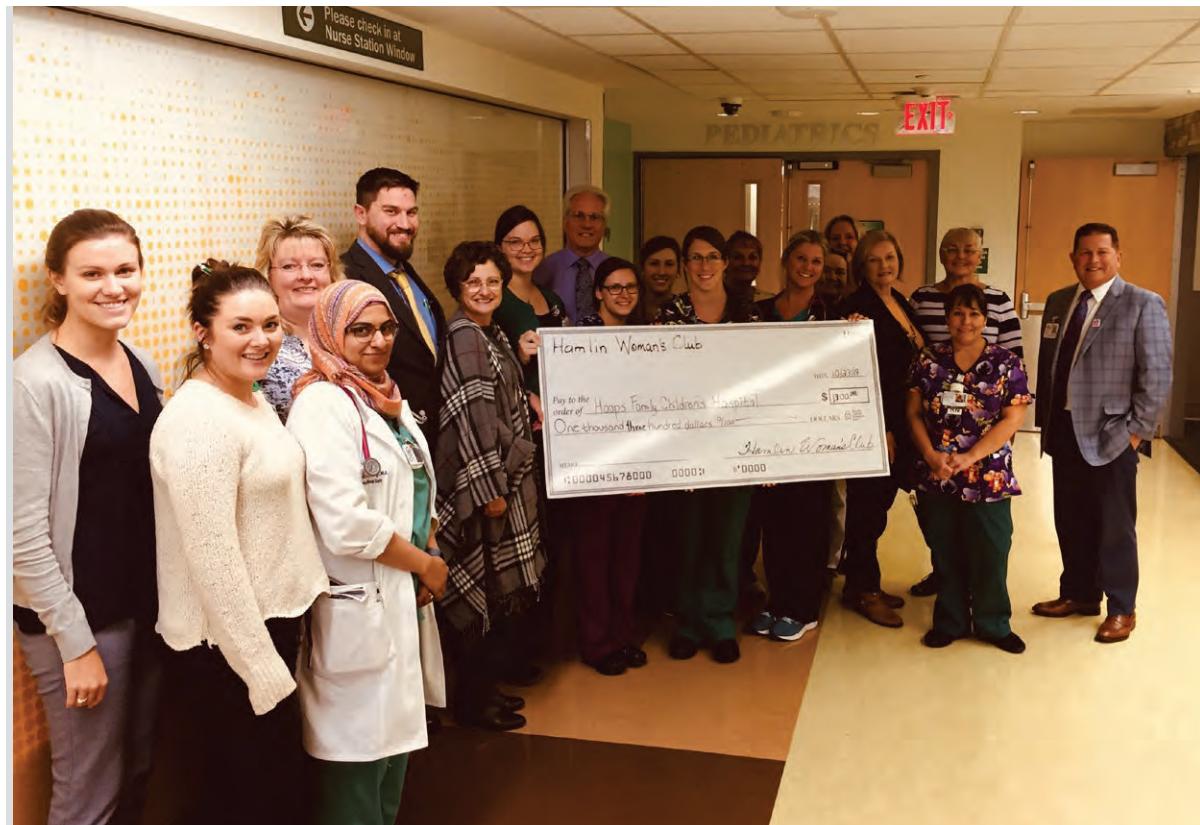
Let's have a GFWC WV candidate represented this year in LEADS!

Seven Grand Initiatives & Three Brand Ones

The last Clubwoman Issue from GFWC contained a lot of information about the progress of the Seven Grand Initiatives. Clubs across the nation have collected shoes, purchased books, planted trees, had projects for women in the military, used MLK Day as a day of service, and joined The Million Dollar Club to support renovation of GFWC headquarters. Legislation has been in front of us with the promotion of two bills in Congress. The Miranda bill will develop a clearinghouse to identify possible dangerous school bus drivers. The 3D Printed Gun Safety Act will limit the use of 3D printers to build guns. The Legislative Action Center keeps us up to date on the action of Congress, and it is easy to sign up. The last item concerns the passage of the 19th Amendment 100 years ago on August 26th. Start your plans now to celebrate this special event for women. You could bring various community groups together for the celebration.

"Don't miss out on these opportunities to contribute to your community"

Hamlin donates to Hoops



GFWC Woman's Club of Hamlin presented a check of \$1300 to the Hoops Family Children's Hospital. The Medical Director of the Children's Hospital Eduatdo Pino, M. D. Dr. Day, and the President of Cabell Huntington Hospital Kevin Fowler along with other staff members observe the presentation of the donation to the Children's Hospital.

Big Events in Beckley

The Beckley Woman's Club had an exciting summer and fall. First, in June the club members hosted a Vendors' Fair at the clubhouse. Artists, crafters, and independent businesswomen set up tables and sold their wares, ranging from handmade jewelry and wreaths to clothing and natural oils. Clubwomen sold used books, hot dogs and snacks at the event, which was a fundraiser for the club. The vendors were so happy with the fair another is planned in the future.

Then the ladies hosted a Fall/Halloween Festival. Some 100 children under 12 came to enjoy games, treats, prizes, hot dogs and snacks, a "witches' dance," a photo booth, and have their fortunes told by Maleficent. Local businesses sponsored the event, allowing the club to offer it for free to all who came.



Pearl S. Buck Birthplace

GFWC-West Virginia has been a loyal supporter of the Pearl S. Buck (PSB) Homeplace for almost a half-century. Not only have our women worked to serve visitors to the Hillsboro Birthplace, but items have been made and supplied to its gift shop, monetary donations have been given to its Foundation and Statewide events have been supported by our Clubmembers. Consider at this giving time a gift from your club or one you may personally send to their Foundation as this 2019 year closes. Forms for this were enclosed in Summer Conference club president packets. Because of our efforts, our children and grandchildren will continue to be reminded of this great humanitarian's work. Surely, this lady's stories are worth remembering. Any contribution you or your club can send is deeply appreciated.

Hike for Hunger



The Kay Hall Hike For Hunger occurred on October 6. It is an event that the Heart and Hand House of South Charleston sponsors. The GFWC WV Woman's Club of South Charleston had ten club members "Hiking for Hunger"

*In Memory Of
Plancy Flamm*

50 Year Member
GFWC Woman's Club
of Point Pleasant



Clendenin Woman's Club
would like to thank all
our members for all their
hard work in our community.



News from the Clubs



The GFWC WV Woman's Club of Cross Lanes has a goal of supporting local arts and crafts. Four members and one guest had a delightful time at the Third Annual BB&T Malden Salt Fest on September 28. They enjoyed a tour of J. Q. Dickinson Salt Works, music, food, and shopping for handcrafted items. The Dickinson Family was producing salt on the Kanawha County property by 1817; today the seventh generation of the family uses a hand-harvested, small batch finishing process to produce artisan salt. Shown in the photo on the left are Peg Thompson, Joyce Townsend, Amanda Maxwell, Mary Stout, and Melinda Kuhn as they ride the train to the old salt works and old company store, now a museum.



(L-r) GFWC WV Rupert Woman's Club President, Julia Thompson, and Margaret Golden, retired teacher and artist.

Thank you Margaret for judging and reporting results of club crafts! First place winners will go to Southern District Convention October 26 to be judged among all clubs in the District. First places will go to GFWCWV State Convention in March 2020 to be judged with crafts from all over the state!



> (L-r) Rupert Mayor Stephen Baldwin and Julia Thompson, President GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club.

Mayor Baldwin signed proclamations proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness month in Rupert! The Mayor also updated club members on plans and progress for Rupert, siting street paving, Park security and plans for Friendship Park! Thank you Mayor Baldwin.

News from the Clubs



GFWC Pea Ridge Woman's Club dressed in pink in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



September 21st GFWC WV Woman's Club of Hamlin participated in the Hamlin Fall Festival, and raised enough funds to purchase from Heifer International a cow for \$500 for International Outreach and honeybees for \$30 for Conservation. Pictured are Shirley Lawson and Cathie Davis with a friendly cow.



Pea Ridge Woman's Club dropped off Halloween treat bags at Hovah Underwood Children's Home for GFWC Child Advocacy Project. Bags were designed to promote good behavior and oral hygiene in children who are staying @ the home and include snacks, candy, gift card and toothbrush/paste.

Huskey's

304-776-2561
Cross Lanes, WV
ICE CREAM FUN



Having a party, company picnic, sundae social, or just want to have some ice cream fun... WE CAN DISH IT OUT!

Cones or sundae bar with all the toppings

Bob & Mike are proud to support GFWC Woman's Club of Cross Lanes!

News from the Clubs

As the GFWC WV Sissonville Woman's Club convenes in the Fall, we are busy scurrying to homecoming and group projects, such as, our Veterans reception and the library's Halloween Party. We are hosting the Capitol District Convention this year with the Clendenin club. At our October meeting, we created an international flavor with a West Virginia native, Lori Frees, who spoke about her work in Cambodia. Over nine years, she learned about the language, the people, and the culture. She shared pictures and stories about getting healthy water to the villages, which is a project she worked on during her time there. She encouraged us to look at projects with a WISE evaluation. Is it WHolistic, Inspirational, Sustainable, and Empowering to those who are served? The evening was completed with food brought by the members from many different countries.



News from Oceana Woman's Club

The GFWC Oceana Woman's Club held a yard sale and sold hot dogs to provide funds for the after school back pack program. Miscellaneous items that were not sold were donated to HELPING HANDS. Sweaters were donated to a local rehabilitation and nursing center.

Members donated food items for the food basket program, The Club participated in the Soles4Shoes and Nike Reuse-a-shoe program.

The Club is very proud and excited to announce that Club Vice-President, Joan Webster, has been elected to serve the next term as President of the GFWC West Virginia Southern District. Reception for Joan will be held at a later date.

Six Club members attended the GFWC WV Southern District 99th annual convention. At the arts and crafts exhibit, three members were awarded 1st place-blue ribbons. They were Barbara Breedend-club secretary, Patty Meredith-club treasurer and Phyllis Clark-club publishing chairperson.

*In Memory Of
Nola Gaye Keech
37 Year Member*



GFWC WV Rupert Woman's Club

114TH GFWC WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONVENTION

MARCH 20-22, 2020

THE GREENBRIER, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV

GFWC WV President Pamela McCoy and Director of Junior Clubs Dana Richardson invite all clubwomen and guests to attend the 114th Annual GFWC West Virginia Convention hosted by Central and North Central Districts.

Make room reservations by calling 1-855-453-4858 option.2 by February 18, 2020. Room rates begin at \$179. See the Greenbrier registration form in the newsletter.

Deadline for this Convention reservation is February 28, 2020. Send separate form for each participant.

2020 Convention Registration Form

Name _____ () General () Junior

() Juniorette () Guest

Address _____ City _____

Zip_____

Club

District _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If you hold a position, please state:

GFWC _____

Registration Fee \$20

GFWC WV _____

Late Registration add* \$5

District President _____

Saturday Luncheon \$39

Club President _____

BBQ, Slaw,Roll,Salad,Cookie

Guest (non-members) _____

Resort Fee - if not \$25

Please indicate special
request here:

Vegetarian _____

Send to: Georgianna Tillis

staying in hotel

2806 Meadowbrook Dr.

Total

\$ _____

Point Pleasant, WV 25550

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GFWC WV REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS February 28, 2020 (No refunds after this date.)

See late note above*

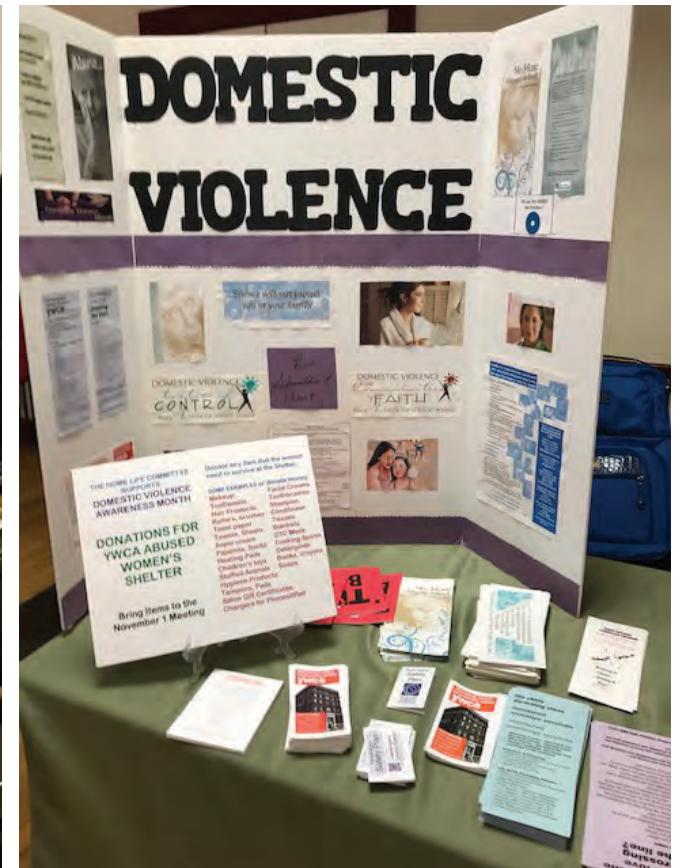
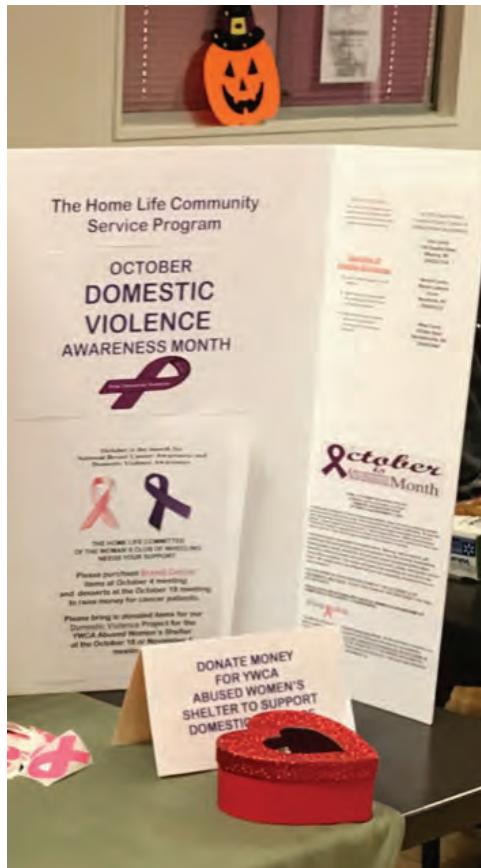
Registration Desk will be open Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:30 - 11:00 am.

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

News from the Clubs

News from the Woman's Club of Wheeling

At the October 18 meeting, Elizabeth McKee and Tess Vaonakis, Co-Chairs of the Home Life Committee of the Woman's Club of Wheeling, are shown working at the table to promote support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Members donated 130 items to the YWCA Abused Women's Shelter and more expected in November. Patricia Flanigan, YWCA Director of Family Abuse Prevention, spoke to our club members about domestic violence. Committee members Connie Nolte and Marianne Wiethe sold desserts to raise money for cancer patients at Wheeling Hospital. Money raised for selling cancer items and desserts totaled \$171. Thanks to club members for their generosity. In December, Home Life will be providing donated Christmas Gift Bags from our members for the Salvation Army project to help needy children in our area.





RESERVATION FORM

We are delighted your group has selected The Greenbrier and look forward to welcoming you. Many times, rooms become available prior to and following the official dates listed below. If you would like to enjoy a longer stay, please indicate below.

General Federation of Women's Clubs

March 18th – March 21st, 2020

Please print or type the following and mail form with deposit check to: Reservations Department, The Greenbrier, 101 Main Street, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia 24986. FAX: 304-536-7818 E-Mail: sara_markum@greenbrier.com Phone: 1-855-453-4858 option.2

Name(s) _____

Firm Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ Transportation: _____ Auto _____ Plane _____ Train _____

Accommodations shared with _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Please indicate preference of _____ king bed or _____ two beds. Guest room assignments are based on availability and will be honored in the order in which the registration form is received. All rates are based on the European Plan; meals are billed a la carte. *All Greenbrier accommodations are non-smoking.*

HOTEL GUEST ROOMS

Gable Guest Rooms	\$179.00 per room, per night
Traditional Guest Rooms	\$199.00 per room, per night
Superior Guest Rooms	\$219.00 per room, per night
Deluxe Guest Rooms	\$229.00 per room, per night
Draper Suites	\$269.00 per room, per night
Spring/Paradise Row Cottage	\$299.00 per room, per night

Third person occupancy rate available upon request.

Please inquire about hotel suites and guest houses.

NOTE: Rates are available based on contracted block. After block if filled: additional rooms will be subject to availability at the prevailing rate.

DEPOSIT POLICY: A deposit in the amount of first nights stay and tax is required. The Greenbrier will accept deposits by check or major credit card. Rooms will be available only to those requests secured by deposits. Please indicate method of payment: Charge my deposit in the amount of \$ _____ to AmEx Visa M/C Discover Card Diner's Card. Card # _____ exp. date _____. Check for deposit enclosed. Amount \$ _____. Your deposit is applicable to the fulfillment of your designated length of stay. When requesting reservations, **please note arrival and departure dates carefully. LATE ARRIVAL or EARLY DEPARTURE causes forfeiture of deposit, unless cancellation or changes are made 14 days in advance of your scheduled arrival date. Please make checks payable to The Greenbrier. Reservations will be filled in the order in which they are received and must be received by February 18, 2020.**

RESORT FEE: A resort fee of \$39.00 per room, per day is added to your account for service provided under the European Plan. This includes local and toll-free phone calls, wireless internet access, daily newspaper delivery Monday through Saturday, on property ground transportation, use of the swimming pool, fitness center, historical tours and slide presentations. Bellmen, doormen and others who render intermittent personal services are not included in the service charge.

Subject to 6% West Virginia state sales and 3% county occupancy tax and HPF tax of 6.5 %

VALET PARKING: \$25.00 per day; complimentary self-parking is available.

CHECK-IN TIME BEGINS AT: 4:00 PM

CHECK-OUT TIME: 11:00 NOON



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