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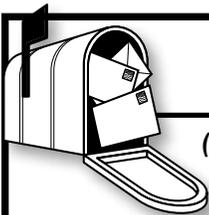
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From the Mailbox

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

GFWC WV Shinnston Woman's Club members placed blue and silver pinwheels at the welcome triangle coming into town.

GFWC Clendenin Woman's Club presented a style show to benefit the Wounded Warriors program.

Mountaineer Woman's Club member, Rita McCrobie, spoke on her work with the Governor's committee on bullying and child abuse at a recent meeting.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club president, Linda Walker, met with Mayor Newell who signed a proclamation recognizing Federation Day.

GFWC WV Shinnston Woman's Club made seventeen blizzard boxes distributed to Meals on Wheels clients.

GFWC South Parkersburg celebrated the club's 90th birthday at the May meeting.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club members have made caps for new borns and presented them to member Marty Booth, a volunteer at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital, at the May meeting. Maxine Ellison taught several members how to make the caps.

The **Woman's Club of Cross Lanes** held their March meeting on March 3, 2015. At the meeting club president, Kathryn Simmons, did a program on living and understanding the Club Collect.

Members of **GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club** planted a pinwheel garden at a busy triangle in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness.

GFWC Elk Valley Woman's Club promoted the club at the Pinch community yard sale. Members provided meals for twenty people staying at the Ronald McDonald House. A leadership workshop was held. Club members cleaned and trimmed the Herbert Hoover Memory Garden.

GFWC Woman's Club of Martinsburg is participating in Relay for Life. Barbara Henry is the chairman, and the club is walking in memory of Sonny Henry. A yard sale is planned. The awards dinner will be pot luck.

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GFWC West Virginia President's Message



Today the postman delivered a package that I have been anxiously awaiting, the arrival of the 109th Annual Convention pictures. Each picture brings back a flood of memories of the projects and the donations of time and money each club dedicated to the communities across West

Virginia. There are several pictures of the Parade of Presidents and the District President's Presentation. Special thanks to the ladies in this next picture of Kay Pauley and the Capitol District members who served so faithfully as hostess for the convention. Special thanks to Georgianna Tillis and Sally Kiner for their attention to details that makes the convention run so smooth. Thank you to all the club members who took the time to join in this celebration of the volunteer spirit we all share. I wish that I could have purchased all the candidate pictures taken during convention but I have memories of the nail polish and hair accessories and more than 300 pajamas donated

during the service events.

Convention Awards pictures are always special with the winners displaying their smiling faces. Who could forget this next picture of a jubilant club president accepting the award for the 1st and 2nd place winner of the Pennies for Arts contest? Do you think that Julie Bibbee was really excited with the student winner from Point Pleasant? The Best of Show 1st place winner was from Shinnston. Congratulations to all the clubs who sponsored young people in this contest. Congratulations to the Chairman, Linda Lemasters on the outstanding Pennies for Arts Contest with 54 Art entries and 15 craft entries.

Time for reflection must be brief as we head into the second year of this administration. As the club year is winding down, you should make plans to join clubwomen across West Virginia in the summer time activities available to all federation members. Each summer GFWC West Virginia sponsors a weekend of federation workshops, leadership training and fantastic fellowship with federation sisters. Of course I am referring to Summer Conference 2015. This year the event will be held at the Lakeview Resort & Conference Center in Morgantown, WV. The dates are August 7th & 8th, 2015.

Registration and hotel reservations forms should be printing in the Summer Issue of the GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman Magazine. This Clubwoman Magazine offers a sneak peak at the Friday evening opening that you won't want to miss. Arrange for a table with your friends or join me for the Friday night Federation Frenzy. See you there.

Jody Cunningham



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GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

What a tremendous Convention we had in March! It was very impressive to hear and see everything the GFWC WV Clubwomen accomplished this year! I would like to thank you all for your encouragement and support as I began serving in my new role as Junior Director. I cannot express how you have touched my heart and inspired me over these past few months. I know this year will bring even more wonderful programs, projects and fun with federation friends!

For the upcoming year, Bullying Prevention will remain the Junior Director's Special Project. Stopbullying.gov defines bullying as "unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose."

Nearly 1 in 3 students report being bullied during the school year. School-based bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25% while more than half of bullying situations stop when a peer intervenes on behalf

of the student being bullied. The effects of bullying not only affect those who experience the bullying but those who bully others. Those who bully others have an increased risk for substance abuse, academic issues and violence later in life while those who experience bullying have an increased risk of depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, etc. I would like to encourage all members to **SPEAK UP, TAKE A STAND AND LEND A HAND**. Together we can make a difference!



Additional information on program/project ideas will be provided during Summer Conference at the Lakeview Resort in Morgantown in August. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Have a great summer!

Sarah Jarrett



*Congratulations to
Outstanding Junior
of the Year,
Sarah Dodson!*

*Thank you, Sarah,
for being the true
embodiment of "Living
the Volunteer Spirit".*

*Love, The Bridgeport
Junior Woman's Club*



Membership: A Proud Past and a Promising Future with Friends

Membership is a big concern to everyone. This past year 47 clubs reported the following MEMBERSHIP activities. Projects-313, hours-5, 971, clubs contributed \$18,733.00, and \$8,519.00 in-kind donations. Six members received white stars, one-gold star, one red circle and one blue circle. Seventy nine Firecracker Awards were presented to each member who recruited one or more new member. A total of one hundred and eighteen new members joined the GFWC WV federation. We celebrated thirteen anniversary clubs, eleven fifty year members and eleven new life time members. Congratulations to GFWC Romney Club for the eleven new life time members. Thirty five Rhododendron certificates were awarded to clubs maintaining or increasing their membership.

This spring we "GROWED NEW MEMBERS" and now how are we going to retain those members? Understand and align their interest with opportunities in the club that excites them. Match the new member with committees or positions in your club, helping to ensure that she feels comfortable in her role. This will help the new member to use her talents to the fullest.

'WARM UP WITH NEW FRIENDS" is our seasonal recruitment theme and what better time to start recruiting new members is with summer outings by getting out, showing enthusiasm and wearing GFWC WV apparel to show the Volunteer Spirit. We can



attract new members by holding picnics in the park, swimming parties, ice cream socials, concerts in the park and many other summer activities. As you attend Memorial Day, and Fourth of July parades what better time to pass out information about your club and GFWC WV. This is the perfect season ladies who are just waiting to be invited to join one of these functions. Also when doing these activities think about the young girls who may want to attend one of these functions. This would be an excellent opportunity to introduce our JUNIORETTEs to GFWC WV. Summer recruitment includes June, July and August and activities must be reported by

September 1.

Belonging to GFWC WV is a place where kindly thoughts are cherished and high ideals are fed and nourished, and charity in all its beauty. Peace and harmony abound when all members meet on common ground. MEMBERSHIP IS THE HEART OF GFWC WV and we must increase our membership if we are to survive.

Helen Moren




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News from the Clubs

The GFWCW Woman's Club of Shinnston hosted the Coffee bar for the vendors at the Shinnston Community Arts and Craft Festival. Vendors were served coffee, breakfast muffins, cookies and donuts free to vendors from 7am to 12 noon. The members also displayed a GFWC poster for the



125 Anniversary of GFWC and a banner welcome new members to join our club. We displayed awards, media book, and Pennies for Arts winners. Our Pennies for Arts jar was placed out and vendors dropped money to be donated to the WV Pennies for Arts Scholarship winners. Club cookbooks were sold and membership forms were handed out to perspective members.

Members of the Woman's Club of South Charleston celebrated our 125th GFWC Anniversary on April 14th with dinner, cake, punch and a "Fashion Through History" dress up night with a program provided by Lois Coleman.



General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC) celebrated their 125th anniversary on April 24th. Pictured are members of the Point Pleasant Woman's Club displaying a banner that honors their 90th year of community service. The banner is located at 6th and Viand Street and will be on display for a few weeks.

GFWC Ravenswood Woman's Club members Sue Carter and Ruth Veg sharing a part of the recycling program. The club collects plastic, cans and paper.



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ion Highlights



News from the Clubs



GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club celebrated the 125th anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Club with a morning coffee hour April 19, at Bethany Memorial Church. The GFWC was organized April 24, 1890. Rev. Scott Thayer spoke on the history of the GFWC, GFWC WV and the accomplishments of the GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club. A Proclamation was issued by Mayor Jay Eisenhauer.



Rev. Scott Thayer, Helen Moren, GFWC WV 2nd Vice President and club Treasurer, Ruth Tye, Connie McVicar, President, Beverly Chambers, Secretary, Charlotte Chambers, Judy Pyle and Mayor Jay Eisenhauer.

Spring Workshop was held in Bridgeport and hosted by the Woman's Club of Bridgeport.

Natalie Hinkle gave a power point on the American Quilt Trail then challenged those in attendance to design their own quilt square. This 'hands on' project was completed prior to lunch.

During the afternoon, the guest speaker was from Hope, Inc. Items were collected for Hope, Inc. A United Way Agency for victims of sexual domestic violence and sexual assault. Items were: panties, sports bras, pants, tshirt, flip flops. Items were assorted as small, medium, large, etc. One of each item was placed in a large ziplock. These 'kits' are taken to the hospital for sexual assault victims as their clothing is taken as evidence. We collected over \$1000 in items.

Jody Cunningham, GFWC WV President state project for 2014-2016 is Pennies for the Arts. This project is a long time GFWC WV Junior Project that has been spotlighted for President Cunningham's two year term.

GFWC WV Woman's Club of Shinnston working with Carolyn Light, Art Instructor at Lincoln High School entered nine artist works to the GFWC WV Convention at the Greenbrier. This first year we had eight ribbon winners including "Best of Show" prize collecting \$250 for art school. Erin Huffman was our best of show winner with her scratch board picture of her two dogs. Other blue ribbon winners were Alison McIntyre, Prisma color, and Brooke Schull, Acrylic. Red ribbon winners were Erika Hayhurst, Graphite, and Michaela Swiger, Clay pottery. Third place winner was Brooke Schull, Prisma Watercolor. Rounding out the group were Raven Flanigan, Prisma color markers and Michaela Swiger and Armand Collocia, Kimono textiles with honorable mentions.



Lincoln High School Art Students who entered the Pennies for the Arts Contest with Carolyn Light Arts Teacher

All GFWC WV Clubs will be raising money again this year to contribute money to this Pennies for Art Fund to be used in years to come to insure the future for these awards.

Sulayne Brooks, Pennies for Arts Chairmen and Mary Ann Spadafore awarded Erin Huffman with her \$250 at Lincoln High School and met with all the winners to encourage them for next year. Also, recognized was Barbara Livreri, Shinnston Woman's Club member, for her first place short story "Molly's Candles". Her short story will be entered into the International competition. This is Barbara's second first place short story.

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News from the Clubs

The GFWC Fayetteville Woman's Club hosted and provided food for the free Community Chili Feed held in March at the Fayetteville United Methodist Church.



Members participating were: (L to R) Charlene Romans, Judy Scott, Rose Anne Michaels, Judy Learmonth, Deloris Nelson, Susan Hanson, Freda Akers, Bea Arthur, and Sally Kiner (Front)

Sandra Godwin stands with the General Federation of Women's Club's Central District display she prepared for the recent state convention.



To HONOR our 100 year old member Vivian McGinnis for over 50 years of devoted service to our community and helping form many of the ideals of the GFWC Pea Ridge Woman's Club. Thank you!

The Friends of The Library Foundation of Kanawha County are sponsors of the ninth annual "A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket."

For several years, the Woman's Club of Charleston has donated a basket to this annual fundraising event. Contributed items are auctioned at the event, with 100% of the proceeds directly benefiting the Kanawha County Public Library system. This year's event will be April 11.



Pink was the color choice for this basket, designed for a baby girl with a value of about \$250. Club members donated many items, including five outfits, baby blankets, socks, bibs, a stuffed bear, a book and CD story, and keepsake boxes. The basket was topped off with a beautiful pink (of course) bow.

Last year, the event raised \$52,000 for the Kanawha County Library system.

GFWC WV Bethany Woman's honored Ruth Tye on her 96th birthday at a morning coffee hour at Bethany Memorial Church.



A Pancake Dinner was March 17 with half of the proceeds donated to heating system at Bethany Memorial Church. Other activities a donation was made to Derek "IKE" Eisenhauser Scholarship for students at Brooke High School, collected items for "The Lighthouse", domestic violence shelter, socks for YWCA and items for Brooke County Animal Shelter.

GFWC WV Harrisville Woman's Club has been busy this year. The soup luncheons began in January. A profit of \$1196.83 was made from the lunch and \$98 from the 50/50. The soup luncheon in February garnered \$1358.50 with the proceeds being donated to the Packs of Plenty. The final soup luncheon in March made just a bit over \$1000 and was donated to the 4-H program. The first bloodmobile was held in February. A Cub Scouts dinner was worked on by some members. The club did concessions for the Friends of Fifth Grade bingo in April. The \$523 made from the bingo concessions were donated to the fifth grade for their trip to Washington, D. C. Club members were asked to set up tables for the American Cancer Society's Survivor's Luncheon and to do the banquet for the school track team. Another bloodmobile is being held the end of May.

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club will give 4 scholarships to graduating girls. Members had a bingo and furnished prizes for the Woodridge Assisted Living Home in Vienna. The club is planning a yard sale in August with proceeds used to assist with activities at Woodridge. Books were donated to the Wood County Library in memory of the three deceased club members and a memorial service was held at the May meeting. The membership committee is preparing for the Dues Tea on June 7.

News from the Clubs



Community partnerships are beneficial to the partners and the community, so say the Beaver Lions Club and GFWC Shady Spring District Woman's Club. Beaver Lions Club owns their club house in Beaver, and have graciously allowed the SS Woman's Club to use it for their meetings for the past few years. The woman's club provided a 'kitchen shower' for the building, donating towels, cloths, paper goods and other useful items to replenish the Lions' kitchen. Club members plan to provide two meals for the Lions' members in coming months as well. The women also donated a collection of used eye glasses for the Lions' Sight Program.

Lions President Bill Jewell attended a woman's club meeting to tell the women about his club's projects, which include two bean dinners a year, a golf tournament, and Christmas tree sale to raise their project funds. The women offered to assist in publicizing the bean dinners and selling tickets.



GFWC Shady Spring District Woman's Club spring projects include collecting items for the animal shelter, clean up of the Adopt-A-Spot and club meeting programs on Veterans' Affairs, and "Keeping Our Minds Sharp!"



Selling Easter eggs was a major fund raiser for GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club. Approximately \$4500 was made from the sale of eggs and suckers. Money was used for the scholarships.

Pictured are Patty Miser; Maxine Ellison

GFWC Elk Valley Woman's Club member, Pauline Stricker, presented Debi O'Dell a check for the Elk River Backpack Blessings program.



GFWC Shady Spring District Woman's Club president, Mary Haynes, and Bill Jewell, president of Beaver Lions Club, look at the many kitchen items which the club women provided for the Lions' building kitchen. Mrs. Haynes expressed her club's deep appreciation for the use of the Lions' building, as it is a convenient location for club members.

South Parkersburg Woman's Club

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Inspiring Leadership: 2015 Summer Conference

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We will start off with some workshops at 4 pm and then an all new event, the Friday Federation Frenzy will begin at 6 pm. This is a fundraising event that will highlight your GFWC programs and projects with your decorated tables. Clubs or individuals are encouraged to bring together 8 dinner friends to set at a decorated table with a Federation or holiday theme. The reserved tables are \$10 and will seat 8 people who have paid for a dinner ticket. The dinner ticket price of \$35 includes a buffet of sirloin steak and baked chicken. The winning table decoration will receive \$100 cash prize. The vendors will remain open throughout and may offer

some special Frenzy deal. There will be a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 drawing and everyone who buys a dinner ticket will receive a ticket to win a special travel package. To see a list of Chinese Auction items (all items over \$25), watch the President's newsletter and the website soon. You will not want to miss this one!

Saturday as always will be packed full of workshops, vendors and great fellowship. Workshops will begin at 9:00 AM and run all morning. See the detailed workshop schedule on the Registration form and indicate your first and second choice for EACH HOUR. Lunch will feature the Jennie announcement and the GFWC Awards revealed. Cathy Jo Canterbury will be the featured speaker during lunch with a Membership theme. The menu will include penne pasta w/ grilled chicken and alfredo along with salad, dessert and drinks.

You will be inspired, informed, motivated, moved and enthused about club work and the possibilities for projects and leadership in your community after you take part in this Summer Conference. Come and learn how you can "Inspire Leadership" in others. Register today!



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Federation Frenzy Table Reservation Form

All table guests must purchase a dinner ticket for **Friday, August 7th** (see Clubwoman magazine or website). Members not part of a decorated table will be assigned one so everyone will have a seat for dinner.

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Name for Table: _____

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2015 Summer Conference Registration Form

Name _____ () General () Junior () Juniorette () Guest
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Club _____ District _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

If you hold a position, please state:

- GFWC _____
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- District President _____
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GFWC WV REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 8, 2015 (No refunds after this date.) See late note above*

Registration Desk will be open Friday from 1 - 6 PM and Saturday 8 - 10 AM.

Generals, Juniors, and Juniorettes please pre-register for the workshops below.

Friday: You will be able to get in to decorate your Frenzy table by 5:00 PM. Everyone will be assigned a table for dinner on Friday night.

Please indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice for workshops in **each** hour slot.

Friday		REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS		
4:00	ALL Program Updates	Domestic Violence/ Bullying	Pennies for Arts/Arts & Photography	
Saturday				
9:00	Officers "So you want to be an Officer?"	Pennies for Arts/ Arts Program/ Photography REPEAT	Education Ideas	All Program Updates REPEAT
10:00	Communications & Public Speaking	Project Ideas Round Table	Junior Club Updates with Junior Director	
11:00	Reporting in 2015 ALL reporting		Social Media - Websites/ How to.....	Domestic Violence/Bullying REPEAT

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