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“Service, the Debt of Education”



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GFWC VIRGINIA PRESIDENT  
KELLY LANE  
*“Step Up”*



GFWC Virginia Clubwomen supported two State Projects during 2018. Members continued to “Dare to Dream of No More Hunger” and “Step Up to Stop Human Trafficking” During the year clubs volunteered 3,925 hours, donated \$54,369 and contributed both monetary and in-kind donations of \$51,337.

With 108 of 146 clubs reported, members supported their communities throughout Virginia. Members volunteered 345,160 hours on 6,262 projects resulting in \$741,732 monetary donations and \$946,864 in-kind donations.

In 2018, clubs emphasized various Community Service Projects and Partners, Advancements Areas and Special Projects. Clubs supported backpack programs, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, HOBY, collected school supplies for various schools, served as Educational ambassadors for Virginia State Fair, met and wrote letters to state legislators, provided wish list items and monetary donations to Domestic Violence shelters, painted rocks, attended theater productions, made hospital gowns and drawstring bags for Operation Smile, brought awareness to recyclable items, collected shoes for various programs, designed projects and held forums throughout the year for designated months, held wine and cheese and teas to recruit new members, attend leadership and reporting workshops and utilized social media with various techniques to promote projects and programs and continued to produce newsletters. Be sure to read all of the fantastic projects and programs highlighted in the Annual Report. Consider adopting some ideas during the club year.

Your GFWC Virginia Executive Committee and Board continue to evaluate the structure of the state. The Budget and Finance Committee and the Endowment Committee meet regularly throughout 2018. During GFWC Virginia Conference in Charlottesville, members had the opportunity to attend workshops presented by the state chairmen, learn about Human Trafficking from a RJI Board Member, complete some service projects and go offsite for a relaxing outing.

This officer attended many district meetings, forums, club events and fundraisers, GFWC Conventions and Board Meetings and Southeastern Region Meetings while meeting clubwomen throughout. Virginia Clubwomen are the most dedicated and generous by far. Thank you for all that you do throughout the year and the opportunity to serve as GFWC Virginia President.

**GFWC VIRGINIA 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT/  
DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS  
TRINA BEHBAHANI**



The Virginia Juniors found many ways to *Spread Joy and Serve Others* across the state, the country and abroad. Collectively we **donated \$180,043.34, spent \$17,776.73, gave 25,194 hours of service, raised \$208,708.55, gave \$90,112.35 in in-kind donations and completed 1086 projects.** Our members went above and beyond in giving of their time, talents and treasures in support of the community service programs and advancement areas. Read on for a snapshot of their work in 2018.

Home Life, Health and Advocates for Children were a primary focus. Members donated food and clothing, prepared and served meals at shelters, provided gifts during Christmas, made blankets for Project Linus and put together care bags for children in the foster care system. In two clubs, members took the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics, while others donated funds and supported local athletes. Clubs supported organizations that address mental health issues and suicide prevention campaigns. Juniors made health a priority by participating in variety of 5k runs, cancer awareness walks and the Go Red for Women campaign; they donated to organizations that focus on health causes and educated their members on health issues. Three clubs hosted or participated in events that outfit teenagers for prom and one club organized and participated in a prom for individuals with special needs. Several clubs held breakfast with Santa and provided children with gifts at Christmas. Local police departments received stuffed animals for distribution and members packed bags for children in the foster care system. Clubs donated backpacks and school supplies and one provided first day of school notes and gifts for children. Members donated pop-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and hygiene products for homeless youth and foster children. One club focused on positive self-image and anti-bullying by sponsoring Girls on the Run and donating books about bullying. Another club donated a fully stocked mobile playroom to a local hospital for pediatric patients that are unable to leave their room. Clubs supported GFWC partners by participating in their annual fundraising walks, donating money, making blankets and working at a radiothon.

Juniors supported the GFWC Signature Project by wearing purple ribbons, providing shelters with money and supplies and adopting clients during the holidays to provide gifts and necessities. Clubs planted pinwheel gardens, donated money to support human trafficking awareness and educated their members on this issue. To support the arts, one club decorated a local community center display case on a monthly basis; others hosted craft nights and fairs, judged local art events and supported local theaters and arts organizations. One club hosts an annual spring art show, donating all proceeds back to the community through an Arts Donation fund. Clubs focused on the environment by recycling and/or finding ways to reuse a variety of items, including pill bottles, pull-tabs, newspapers, magazines and plastic grocery bags, and by participating in community clean-up days. One club worked to clean-up an existing butterfly garden and helped to get it certified as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation, while another club created a bird sanctuary. Clubs sponsored scholarships, recognized teachers, donated books, supported local libraries, collected box tops, and purchased school supplies. One club sponsors a book club for middle school girls to strengthen their reading skills and encourage them to share their opinions. Several clubs supported students to participate in the HOBY Seminar and donated supplies. Juniors supported the military by sending cards and care packages to the troops and supporting organizations that offer services for veterans and wounded warriors. Several clubs provided meals to first responders in their community and made donations in the wake of natural disasters. Clubs participated in local safety awareness events and provided information to their members regarding issues like safe driving, fire prevention and fraud awareness. Multiple clubs participated in Wreaths Across America events. Our Juniors went global in their service by collecting pill bottles and bras that were sent to developing countries and filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. One club raised funds for 100 meals for Rise Against Hunger. All GFWC International partners received donations and during the GFWC-sponsored trip to Aruba one club participated in a "VolunTOURism Project" by collecting clothing and working alongside local members to write cards.

Members recognize the value of leadership and its vital role to the betterment of the state Federation and GFWC. Clubs host leadership workshops, file exchanges, board meetings, officer installations and transition meetings. Clubs review and update their bylaws regularly, utilize parliamentary procedure and develop leadership materials to facilitate continuity. Junior club members work with each other and their general counterparts to problem solve, share information and ensure adherence to bylaws and standing rules. Juniors focus on membership recruitment and retention and multiple clubs reported new members. Clubs host social outings and activities, recognize life milestones and club anniversaries, and provide support for their members in times of need. Open houses, happy hours and dinners are held for prospective members and orientation is provided for new members. Clubs and their members proudly displayed their club name, logo and symbols on banners, apparel, cups, bags, tumblers and car magnets and used an array of media to promote their clubs and activities.

None of this work was possible without some level of fundraising and in 2018 members raised over \$200,000! There were food sales, a dinner theater, raffles, bingo, bus trips, scrapbook events, dances, community breakfasts, craft festivals, direct sales, silent and live auctions, restaurant events and more. These projects were opportunities for the club to raise funds *and* increase community awareness.

As your 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs I am honored to serve alongside amazing district directors, junior and general officers, and Directors across the country. This opportunity challenges me, inspires me and continues to feed my soul. I appreciate all the support and guidance I receive, and the work of all the GFWC Virginia Juniors. I can't wait to what the Juniors will do in 2019!

**GFWC VIRGINIA**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT – DALE FISHER**  
**ASSISTANT JUNIOR DIRECTOR – JENNY HINEGARDNER**



GFWC Virginia clubs “stepped up” to the challenge of leadership training and truly pumped up their leadership potential. 80 clubs devoted 818 projects and expended 67,694 hours on leadership development and spent \$72,875, with an additional \$75,418 of in-kind donations, fulfilling leadership objectives.

Retreats, the SWOT analysis and Federation materials were utilized, to guide transitioning boards. Clubs held creative workshops, published leadership tips in club newsletters and tapped into the wisdom of past seasoned officers to educate members. Members served their district, GFWC Virginia, Southeastern Region and GFWC, sharing their experiences and knowledge with members. GFWC Virginia is proud to once again support a representative to GFWC LEADS. More clubs have turned to electronic means of keeping members informed on club structure & governance and of club and Federation activities.

Speaking of electronic . . . we were very pleased to have offered participation in an Electronic Reporting Pilot Study. A committee was appointed to explore and develop criteria for an electronic reporting process and three districts were randomly selected to participate. Electronic reporting was offered on the club level only and clubs were extremely receptive to the process, commenting on reduced cost, paper, and time. We are excited to move forward with this statewide.

Your GFWC Virginia leadership chairmen offered workshops at GFWC Virginia Summer Conference, attended Southeastern Region Conference in Winston-Salem, NC, submitted articles to the Virginia Clubwoman, and corresponded with State Chairmen and District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents and Assistant Directors of Junior Clubs. It has been a privilege to serve and we look forward to another productive year. We are *Pumped!*

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**GFWC VIRGINIA 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – LORI ROCKER**  
**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CHARIMAN – AMANDA PAEZ**



As we entered our 2018 -2020 administration, members across the Commonwealth were challenged to Step into Membership! We are asking every member to engage more fully in your GFWC membership by enhancing the connections you have to your fellow club members, clubs, Districts, GFWC Virginia, and GFWC. We kicked off the new administration at Summer Conference with a well-attended Step into Membership and Get Connected workshop. Goals for the administration include: increase membership 20% by 2020, one new club per District, and an increase in retention or connection among our members.

During the 2018 club year, 85 Clubs reported in the area of Membership, volunteering 26,757 hours and contributing \$77,670 in their efforts across all areas of Membership. On the Recruiting front, clubs are hosting formal membership events, fun nights out, and reaching out to invite community members to join them in their work. Thirty-eight clubs reported an increase in members during the 2018 club year! We received over 150 recruiting coupons. Many of our members are Stepping Up to Membership recruitment. Three Districts engaged in creating new clubs in 2018 and expect to welcome the new clubs in 2019.

On the Retention and connection front, clubs are stepping up to member orientation, sharing news from the levels of GFWC to ensure members understand all that our organization has to offer, and are taking surveys to learn what their members are interested in and where improvements can be made to their club. Clubs are also approaching Renewal by evaluating their Bylaws and requirements for membership and retiring projects that members are no longer enjoying or are no longer viable.

While our overall numbers are down by 116 members, a loss of 2.98%, there are lots of positive steps being taken by our membership. Let’s work each day to Step in to Membership to strengthen our connections and numbers!

**GFWC VIRGINIA SECRETARY  
BONNIE ROSEMOND  
DAWN KRIIGEL, JUNIOR SECRETARY**



Since being installed as GFWC Virginia Secretary and Junior Secretary, we have learned quite a bit. We have recorded the minutes of the 2018 GFWC Virginia Conference, Joint Executive Board, Junior Executive Board, Budget and Finance and Endowment Committee meetings. These positions brought on first awareness and second continuing development of better note taking techniques and better organizational skills.

We welcomed the opportunity to meet with our fellow District Secretaries at officer orientation that was held prior to the 2018 Convention and again at our 2018 GFWC Virginia Conference. Guidelines and Tips were emailed to District Secretaries to share with their respective District Clubs. Articles were submitted to *The Virginia Clubwoman* magazine and have continued corresponding with our district counterparts.

We are honored to have been given the opportunity to serve our Virginia Federation in our respective positions and look forward to another year of service that includes challenges, learning, fun and true comradery.

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**GFWC VIRGINIA TREASURER  
SUSIE MOWRY  
DAWN KRIIGEL, JUNIOR TREASURER**



It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you as GFWC Virginia Treasurers during this administration. It has been enlightening to participate in the many decisions that affect **your** GFWC Virginia. You can be assured that decisions made are well thought out, debated and made with the best interests of our members.

Monthly and other expenses were paid in a timely manner. All payments were pre-approved by our State President and our Budget and Finance Committee Chairman through our voucher system and copies forwarded to our GFWC Virginia Headquarters. GFWC dues have been submitted and GFWC Virginia Juniors have been reimbursed for their portion of state dues.

The Budget and Finance Committee and Endowment Fund Committee meetings were attended at conferences, convention and the mid-winter meeting. In addition, all Executive Board and /or Junior Executive Board meetings were attended with financial reports presented. Treasurer reports were presented to our General body at the 2018 State Convention and Conference. Articles were written for inclusion in each *Virginia Clubwoman* publication.

Having these positions certainly allows us to meet so many members of Federation. We work with each other, support each other and hopefully help each other when we can. We appreciate the opportunity to work for you and the trust you have put in us to safeguard the GFWC Virginia treasury during the 2018-2020 administration.



## **ALICE KYLE DISTRICT**

**Yolan Williams, President**

**Lynn Chapman, Junior Director**

**293 Members**

**375 Projects**

**19,824 Volunteer Hours**

**\$98,818 Donated & In-Kind**

The Alice Kyle District of the General Federation of Woman's Club of Virginia is located in south central Virginia. Eleven clubs make up this district, 7 general and 4 junior clubs. The attrition rate (3 clubs) has affected our annual performance, but the remaining clubs are a diverse, talented and energetic volunteer force and their results reflect dedication, passion and a strong financial commitment to their communities and the GFWC federation.

The reporting clubs supported the GFWC Signature Projects, and the community projects with their time, talent and creativity. The advancement areas were also well supported. Fundraising and state projects were also given the emphasis, resources and woman-power. One club, Amherst Woman's Club was presented with a Chamber of Commerce certificate for their work in enriching Amherst County with their products, service and commitment to their community. Our clubs, both general and junior, generated 375 projects, 19,824 volunteer hours, \$73,758.00 dollars donated, and \$23,060.00 in kind donations in community service projects. Community projects: Education (37 projects, 1436 hours, \$23,149.00, and 3945 in kind donations), Home Life (54 projects, 936 volunteer hours, \$7673.00, 3083 in kind donations), Health (26 projects, 1032 volunteer hours, \$4855.00 donations, 476 in kind donations) were the heavy hitters. Amherst Woman's Club's annual fundraising (over \$4000.00) to buy picture dictionaries for all county 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is one example of strong community support. Most clubs support high school scholarships. In Home Life our clubs support nursing homes, mental health facilities and shelters for domestic abuse. In Public Issues, clubs have cooked international meals for donations, supported veteran's causes, and many first responder organizations. During the holidays, clubs are most active in their communities with Trunk or Treats and Christmas Tree Lighting Celebrations.

The highest number of junior volunteer hours under the category of GFWC Community Service Programs, for the Alice Kyle District was Health with a total number of 365 volunteer hours, 5 projects, and \$300.00 raised. Junior projects in this area included donating blood, fitness initiatives, participating in Operation Santa at a local Geriatric Hospital for its patients, and participation in the Special Olympics. The bulk of those hours were dedicated to fitness, where club members participated in several fitness activities as well as competing against one another and sharing information on healthy living at meetings. Our second highest number of volunteer hours was in the category of Home Life, where the Alice Kyle Juniors had 214 volunteer hours, 20 projects, \$1,404.00 dollars raised, and \$675.00 in in-kind donations. Junior projects in this area included Christmas donations to Helton House, a local facility providing residential and day services to a variety of individuals, and another provided donations to Miriam's House around the holidays, who assists women and their children who are current residents of the shelter. Clubs also contributed to Angel Tree donations, Feed More, Food Bank donations, the St. Jude Trike-a-thon, as well as volunteering at Alms House, where members collect, sort, prepare, and distribute food and supplies in partnership with local churches. Our third highest reporting category was Education with 181 volunteer hours, 9 projects, \$5,300 dollars donated, and \$675.00 in in-kind donations. Junior projects included Books for Babies, Sterling Silver Program, Girls Rock Book Club, local graduating high school Seniors, as well as a member serving on the HOBY Virginia Corporate Board. GFWC Advancement and Special Projects were also supported by the Alice Kyle Juniors in great measure.

**Blue Ridge District**  
**Carolyn Fellers, President**

**212 Members    36,687 Volunteer Hours**  
**549 Projects    \$84,006 Donated & In-Kind**



**Domestic Violence, Prevent Child Abuse America, St Jude's Research Hospital, March of Dimes:**

Clubs planted Pinwheel Gardens in multiple places throughout the community in partnership with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) local Town Councils and Police Departments. Monies, toiletries, personal hygiene items and clothing were donated to Domestic Violence Shelters and the Roanoke Rescue Mission. The Turning Point Shelter through the Salvation Army also received First Night Bags made and filled by one club. Birthday bags with supplies for boys and girls birthday parties were also donated.

**Arts:** The Arts are alive and well in the Blue Ridge District. Members take classes in various art forms. They volunteer as docents in museums and art galleries. Many club members enter the GFWC Arts and Crafts Contests on District and State levels, create crafts at club meetings and enter items such as baked and canned goods at local fairs. Members serve on boards and committees for local events and festivals as well as volunteer in the preparation and implementation of the events.

**Conservation:** The ladies of the Blue Ridge are busy recycling, gardening, preserving foods we grow. We maintain wildlife habitats and public gardens. We maintain nature trails and Blue Ridge Parkway overlooks. Assist to clean the stadium at Virginia Tech. We keep bees and collect plastic to trade for Trex benches. We also donate to local animal shelters and other nature conservancies.

**Education:** Clubwomen are book club members, collect box tops for education, volunteer at libraries, donate need items and assisted at HOBY. Scholarships are provided by multiple clubs. We collected Dr. Seuss books as part of the Grand Initiatives. Volunteer in the schools and are members of the PTA.

**Home Life and Health:** We exercise, maintain our health through annual screenings and checkups. Support local organizations that provide food for those in need. We volunteer in nursing and assisted living facilities. Volunteer for a local horse rescue that matches at risk teens with horses and provides tutoring.

**International Outreach:** We support our GFWC partners and local organizations focused on helping victims of human trafficking and organizations focused on helping others in Rwanda and Argentina.

**Public Issues:** Our members vote and participate in the political process. We focus on the needs of local veterans and prepare goodies for first responders. Work as docents at welcome centers and the National D-Day Memorial. We work to preserve local historic sites and recite the Pledge of Allegiance at our meetings.

**Advancement Areas:** Communication is key in all we do. Whether it is in the form of newsletters or social networking sites, email or snail mail. We are leaders on all levels of GFWC. We reach out to our legislators to share our opinions on the issues at hand. We preserve our club history and find ways to recruit new members to our organization.

**Fundraising:** We hold craft shows, March of Ales, Paint Nights, sell drinks at local festivals to raise funds for our projects. The sky can be the limit when it comes to helping our neighbors.

**District Project:** Our district project is tied to Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. Clubs are reaching out to volunteer at local care facilities. At our fall district meeting we collected personal care items for the residents of Bedford County Nursing Home and signed Christmas cards for them and the staff. Our hope is to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association and to educate ourselves about this devastating disease and the impact it has on patients and their families.

**President:** I am very proud of the ladies of the Blue Ridge. They are dedicated to serving the people of our area and making their lives better.





## LEE DISTRICT

**Carol Outten, President**

**718 Members**

**58,011 Volunteer Hours**

**Joanne Dixon, Junior Director**

**1,517 Projects**

**\$591,474 Donated & In-kind**

Eight districts make up GFWC Virginia. Lee District is in Central Virginia and includes the Richmond Metropolitan area and surrounding counties as well as the counties of the Northern Neck located along the Rappahannock River.

**GFWC Signature Project – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention:** Clubs supported the “Success for Survivors” Scholarship with donations and the purchase of raffle tickets. Local shelters were supported by clubs; Safe Harbor, Hanover Safe Place, The Haven, Madeline’s House, and the Domestic Violence Program at Goochland Cares were provided donations.

**Partnership - Prevent Child Abuse America:** Seven General Clubs reported recognizing April as Prevent Child Abuse month by wearing blue, planting pinwheels, and sponsoring programs on child abuse prevention.

**GFWC Juniors’ Special Project – Advocates for Children:** Clubs participated in Backpacks of Love, others donated school supplies. **Partnerships: (St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, March of Dimes):** Several clubs supported the St. Jude walk.

**Arts:** Clubs supported the Arts through scholarships, donations of art supplies to local schools, attending local theater, art shows, and museums. General and Junior Clubs supported St. Joseph’s Villa with the donation of art supplies for the Dooley School for Autism.

**Conservation:** Clubs encouraged recycling, and several held “clean up days”. The River City Junior Woman’s Club participated in “Shiver in the River” to assist in cleaning the James River. Varina Woman’s Club had a speaker to educate them about the Chesapeake Bay and its wetlands.

**Education:** Club members served as hostesses for the Virginia State Fair Education Days and supported schools and libraries with donations of books, supplies and volunteer time. Woman’s Club of Essex County sponsored over \$100,000.00 in scholarships. A Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party is sponsored annually by Henry Clay Woman’s Club at their local library. Literacy was promoted with gifts of books. **HOBY:** Clubs awarded scholarships and gave supplies to the Leadership seminar.

**Home Life:** Clubs supported Feed More, and local community food pantries. The Junior Federated Woman’s Club of Chester donated \$47,000.00 to the Chesterfield Food Bank. The 2016-2018 State Project was supported with donations at the GFWC Virginia Convention.

**Saint Joseph’s Villa – The Lee District President’s Special Project:** General and Junior Clubs provided school supplies in the fall and gifts for families at the holiday through “Season of Hope” donating clothing, toys and other gifts. Clubs donated over 700 items of cleaning supplies to the Lee District “Bucket Brigade” at the Fall Meeting to support families transitioning to permanent housing.

**Partnership: Canine Companions for Independence:** Five Clubs supported with monetary donations.

**Health:** Clubs sponsored “bosom buddy” programs and encouraged wellness exams addressed preventative health topics, healthy life styles, and provided information in their newsletters. Donations were made to Rescue Squads, and other local health organizations.

**International Outreach: Community Service:** General and Junior Clubs held international dinners and supported Rise Against Hunger, the Peace Corps, and CARE. Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child was supported by many clubs.

**Partnerships: (Heifer, Operation Smile, Shot@Life, UNICEF):** Clubs informed members about the mission of Heifer and made donations. Operation Smile and UNICEF were supported with donations and Shot @ Life were supported by many clubs.

**Public Issues:** Members serve as docents at the Governor’s Mansion, and the Essex County Museum and Historical Society.

**Communications and Public Relations:** Club websites are informative and contain photos, information, news, and they link to Lee District, GFWC Virginia and GFWC websites. Clubs have a Facebook presence, and some had Twitter and Instagram links.

**Leadership:** Clubs attended District, State, SER and GFWC Conventions as well as Richmond Area President’s Council meetings. District clubs have members serving at all levels of Federation, and members are encouraged to attend those meetings.

**Legislation and Public Policy:** GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club had a member who chaired the GFWC Virginia Legislative Day and fifteen members of Lee District attended GFWC Virginia Legislative Day. Tri Club Woman’s Club discussed bills and they along with GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club, GFWC Goochland Woman’s Club, and Henry Clay Woman’s Club encouraged members to sign up and respond to GFWC Legislative alerts.

**Membership:** Clubs recruit new members by inviting friends, neighbors or colleagues to their meetings and through social events.

**Women’s History and Resource Center:** Clubs worked to educate members about the WHRC and the history of GFWC. GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club and Woman’s Club of Powhatan County historians wrote articles for the club’s newsletter. The Louisa Junior Women’s Club sponsored the Miss Louisa pageant at Louisa High School, a tradition of the Club for over sixty years.

**Fundraising:** Several General clubs worked Bizarre Bazaar. Four clubs sponsored Tea and fashion shows. The Junior Federated Woman’s Club of Chester sponsored a “Charity Ball”.

**District President’s and Director of Junior Clubs’ Activities:** The President and Junior Director attended all Lee District Executive Committee meetings, GFWC Virginia Convention, post-Convention Board Meeting and GFWC Virginia Conference and Pre-Conference Board Meeting. They presided at the Joint General and Junior Fall Meetings/Leadership Workshop and presented a workshop for Club Presidents. This meeting was the official visit of the State President, and Director of Junior Clubs. The President has enjoyed attending club meetings, luncheons, and fundraising events, and looks forward to attending more in the coming year. The Lee District Director of Junior Clubs has enjoyed the first half of her administration. She has led the Lee District Junior Executive Committee and has encouraged clubs to participate in all levels of the Federation.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT

Peggy Schlegelmilch, President

Kathy Cain, Junior Director

860 Members 1,003 Projects

80,492 Volunteer Hours \$397,572 Donations



**Domestic Violence Awareness, Prevent Child Abuse America, and Advocates for Children:** Clubs supported local domestic violence and abuse shelters. They also worked with child and youth abuse organizations, created Pinwheel Gardens, provided holiday gifts to a shelter, and had a Fair to support.

**Arts:** Several Clubs held their Annual Arts and Crafts Contests. Clubs supply art supplies to Title I schools. More clubs are creating craft groups to learn crafts. Many of the clubs attend the theater. One club formed a chorale and performs for free at senior centers. Clubs also support music programs in schools.

**Conservation:** Clubs recycle. One club raised club plant beds and donated over 1,000 lbs. of vegetables to a food bank. Clubs helped beautify various areas. 365 pairs of shoes were collected for "Soles 4 Souls". One club has a thrift store. Another adopted a local road to keep clean. Club members helped with the cleanup of the Chesapeake watershed.

**Education and HOBY:** Lending libraries were built and maintained. Books were donated to many schools. One club had lunch buddies and reading pals. They promoted math skills, by having a contest to learn math facts. The clubs donated \$74,459 in educational scholarships. Clubs also did 9 projects, donated \$2,025 and \$516 in In Kind donations to HOBY.

**Home Life:** Clubs focused on providing help to women and children. Diapers, layettes, car seats were provided to infants and moms. Food for backpack programs and supplies were provided for children. One club also provided books for children visiting incarcerated parents. Clubs provided feminine hygiene products and supported teens in crisis. Prom gowns were provided at Boutique Day. Women received clothing, food, etc. Seniors had special activities. Canine friends were also supported.

**Health:** Many clubs made donations to health organizations, etc. One club worked with two organizations to create a Learning Garden for kids to learn, prepare, taste, and love healthy food. Clubs had various "health" speakers and programs. One club member made hospice visits with her son and dog. Clubs worked on making heart pillows for heart patients. Some participated in health relays/walks.

**International Outreach:** Clubs participated in various community service programs related to International Outreach. Five clubs helped Heifer International, six clubs assisted Operation Smile, two clubs donated to the Shot for Life Campaign, and 2 clubs supported the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

**Public Issues:** Club members worked on 70 projects spending 3,304.5 hours. They donated \$14,166.29 community service projects in this area.

**Communication and PR:** Members worked 2,910.25 hours on 81 projects. The clubs spent \$4,697 and made \$2,242 in In Kind donations.

**Leadership:** One club member spent 98 hours yearly doing District Meeting credentials. Club members serve on the GFWC Virginia Executive Board. Clubs "Celebrate the Volunteer Spirit" by showing appreciation for leadership and one club gives leadership awards. Club officers show dedication for their duties.

**Membership:** Clubs had a strong emphasis on this area with 24 projects. They had a variety of social events, such as groups for bunco, movies, bridge, lunch, book clubs, game nights, socials, and crafts. Clubs increased their memberships by revamping bylaws, strategic planning, updating websites and revising brochures. Clubs have special membership orientations.

**Women's History and Resource Center:** Clubs are diligently recording their history. Many scrapbooks are going into libraries or heritage centers. Clubs are continuously educating members on the role that GFWC played in the history of our country.

**Fundraising:** Clubs raised \$207,870.70 in fundraisers. Two clubs participated in endorsed fundraiser projects: one in Flower Power and one in Terri Lynn, Inc.

**Northern District Project: "Heart Health":** Club members participated in 6 projects, donated \$885.00, and made \$3,474 in In Kind donations.

**District President's Report:** What a privilege it is to be the president of the Northern District Clubs! We have an excellent district with very dedicated members. I had the honor of installing officers for clubs, attending club meetings, sharing information about the Federation with members, etc. It is awesome to see clubs collaborating on projects and events. How fortunate I am to work with an awesome district executive board!

## SHENANDOAH DISTRICT

Ingrid Sinclair-Day, President

338 Members

38,888 Volunteer Hours

Tara Widener, Director of Junior Clubs

565 Projects

\$52,440 Donated & \$79,927 In-Kind



**GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention:** Clubs participated in 13 Projects; 217 Volunteer Hours; \$626 Donated, and \$2500 In-Kind Donations. The **Woman's Club of Greene County** delivered 162 pairs of socks, 15 nightgowns to the local shelter for the "Step Away from Abuse" program. The **Haviland Woman's Club** filled 24 purses with toiletries, one \$5.00 bill, and donated them to SHE (Shelter for Help in Emergency).

**Arts:** Clubs participated in 16 Projects; 1190 Volunteer Hours; \$430 Donated, and \$953 In-Kind Donations. Club activities involved student/member art shows; art supplies to local schools, scholarships and support of museums.

**Conservation:** Clubs participated in 31 Projects; 1623 Volunteer Hours; \$1335 Donated, and \$946 In-Kind Donations. Conservation activities included recycling, beautification projects and planting trees and gardens. The **Madison County Woman's Club** supported the construction of a stage in Hover Ridge Park. The **Covington Woman's Club** partnered with various agencies to bring back the Children's Eastern National Forest from the brink of extinction.

**Education:** Clubs participated in 57 Projects; 2,701 Volunteer Hours; \$30,286 Donated, and \$8,559 In-Kind Donations. Club activities included helping in schools and libraries, providing snacks and school supplies for children, working with Head Start Programs, and donating scholarship funds to graduating seniors or young people attending camps. The **Waynesboro/Augusta Woman's Club** installed their first "LITTLE LIBRARY".

**HOBY:** 6 Projects; 59 Volunteer Hours; \$1,370 Donated. Clubs provide scholarships for students to attend the HOBY seminar at JMU.

**Home Life:** Clubs participated in 57 Projects; 8550 Volunteer Hours; \$9,492 Donated, and \$23,972 In-Kind Donations. Clubs gave generously to their local food banks and shelters. Projects included operating clothes closets, providing transportation to medical appointments, and volunteering with the Backpack weekend program. The **Wayland Woman's Club** made 76 blankets for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the U. of VA Medical Center.

**Health:** Clubs participated in 22 Projects; 2496 Volunteer Hours; \$3780 Donated, and \$439 In-Kind Donations. Projects included programs on healthy living, wearing red in recognition of healthy heart month. Donations were made to local day care centers, Hospice, Camp Easter Seals. Scholarships were provided for LPN students.

**International Outreach:** Clubs participated in 2 Projects; 288 Volunteer Hours; \$360 Donated and \$826 In-Kind Donations. The **Lexington Woman's Club** organized their 26<sup>th</sup> International Dinner for 49 students from 25 countries attending Washington & Lee, VMI, and local high schools.

**Operation Smile:** Clubs participated in 13 Projects; 1366 Volunteer Hours; \$1543 Donated, and \$5190 in-Kind. Members from the **Lexington, Covington, and Wayland Woman's Clubs** collected toiletries, made hospital gowns, no-no armbands, and smile bags that were filled with toys and coloring books. Seven members of the **Lexington Woman's Club** traveled to Operations Smile Headquarters in Virginia Beach to deliver the goods.

**Public Issues:** Clubs participated in 37 Projects; 1302 Volunteer Hours; \$1,576 Donated, and \$746 In-Kind Donations. Members volunteer with the Red Cross on disaster relief missions. Members of the **Covington Woman's Club** volunteer with the Salvation Army in staffing the Kettles at Christmas. The **Lexington Woman's Club** made quilts for families of deployed service men and women. The **Wayland Woman's Club** had programs to help members better understand the problems non-English speaking students face in high school.

**Communications and Public Relations:** Clubs participated in 30 Projects; 845 Volunteer Hours and \$1,320 in-Kind Donation. Clubs advertise through newsletters, websites, 'rack cards', FB accounts, special 'branding' outfits, the annual yearbook, articles in newspapers, the District and State newsletters.

**Leadership:** Clubs participated in 77 Projects; 8179 Volunteer Hours, and \$8,617 in-Kind donations.

Members serve in leadership positions on the club, district, and state level. Members attend district and State convention, Summer Conference, and SER. Clubs also held officer transition meetings and reporting workshops.

**Membership:** Clubs participated in 39 Projects; 1583 Volunteer Hours, and \$1,992 in Kind Donation. Recruiting and retaining members are top priorities for all 7 clubs reporting.

**Women's History and Resource Center:** Clubs participated in 9 Projects; 390 Volunteer Hours, and \$6,203 in-Kind. The **Lexington Woman's Club** presented as a fashion show a "Stroll through Lexington Woman's Club History" from 1911 to present. The **Waynesboro/Augusta Woman's Club** provided monthly focus on one past president of the club.

**Fundraising:** Clubs participated in 41 Projects; 5903 Volunteer Hours; \$59,218 Raised, and \$16,883 In-Kind.

Club fundraisers included craft and baked goods sales, ornaments, bridge luncheons, box lunches, and yard sales. The **Lexington Woman's Club** started a new fundraiser "The Year End Campaign" asking for end-of-year donations with an offer of matching contributions up to \$750. Three clubs participated in selling GFWC endorsed products of Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy. One club sold GFWC products of 'Flower Power.'

## SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT

Lori Chevalier, President

487 Members 45,354 Volunteer Hours

Stephanie Griffin, Director of Junior Clubs 1,236 Projects \$196,229 Donated & In-Kind



The members of Southside District (14 Generals, 3 Juniors and 1 Juniorette clubs) supported all of the community service programs, partnership organizations, and advancement areas.

Education and Public Issues were the most popular with Home Life a very close third.

**Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevent Child Abuse America:** Collected and delivered toiletries to shelters in their communities. Blankets were also collected and donated. A club took ½ of the candy left over from their cancelled Christmas Parade and bagged 45 treat bags for children in a local shelter. Planting pinwheel gardens for Child Abuse Awareness is an activity that many participate in during April.

**Advocates for Children:** Pop tops collected for Ronald McDonald House, assisted at a community movie event, provided refreshments for a summer recreation program, provided prom dresses to high school ladies at a discount, and provided encouragement sayings and pencils to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. JILTS Juniorettes reached out to a Juniorette Club in Florida after the school shooting with notes and prayers.

**Arts:** Southside Ladies are crafty and artsy! Held member craft shows, learned about different drawing and painting techniques and supported local artists and crafters. Members attended plays, went to museums, art openings and volunteered as docents at local arts centers. Clubs supported art teachers by providing supplies.

**Conservation:** Local streets, parks or state roads adopted to keep free of litter. Clubs love to recycle! Batteries, aluminum cans, old oyster shells, newspapers, dryer lint, used markers and plastic bags! Smithfield participated in the TREX recycling program for plastic bags and had another bench donated to the town. Winner of the district Conservation Runway Contest won at State and attended GFWC Convention in St. Louis to model her ensemble.

**Education & HOBY:** Southside clubs fully support learning in their communities by volunteering at their local schools and libraries; donating to local scholarships; funding and awarding their own club scholarships; and donating supplies/funds to elementary schools. Members assisted at the State Fair of Virginia. Dr. Seuss books were collected and donated to schools as well as members reading to children. Several clubs created/maintain Lending/Free Libraries in their communities. HOBY support included full or partial scholarships; donating requested supplies; working on-site registration for seminar and the GFWC VA HOBY State Coordinator is a member of the district.

**Home Life:** Clubs 'adopted' families or children at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations were made to local food pantries and animal shelters. Pillows, toys, clothes and personal hygiene items were donated to local women's shelters. Gently used work clothes were donated to women re-entering the work force and for job interviews.

**Health:** For Heart month, members wore red, served healthy snacks/refreshments, hearts themed door prizes, guest speakers and donations were made to the American Heart Association. For Breast Cancer month, members wore pink, information distributed at meetings, and assembled breast cancer goody bags for local teachers and staff at an elementary school. **District Project** continues to provide funding for lymphedema sleeves to those who cannot afford them. Our Silent Auction at our Spring Meeting each year helps to fund these sleeves as well as club donations.

**International Outreach:** Two clubs decided to "Free the Girls" and donated over 314 new and gently used bras! Over 74 shoeboxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child. All 4 partnership organizations were supported with a wide range of animals purchased through Heifer International; monetary and item donations (Smile dolls, bags, gowns, no-sew blankets and no-no arm bands) made and delivered to Operation Smile.

**Public Issues:** Items collected and delivered to McGuire's Hospital in Richmond. Sweat suits, Depends and other items were delivered to VA hospital in Hampton. Participated in laying wreaths for Wreaths Across America and placing flags on graves for Memorial Day. Monetary donations were made to first responders (police, fire, EMS). Members were provided with sample ballots and encouraged to vote in local elections and candidate forums were held.

**Leadership:** Incoming and outgoing leaders get together and swap information and plan for the new club year. Clubs showed appreciation for their leaders throughout the year. Clubs showed they are open to change and listening to their members—by changing meeting times. Many members serve at District, State, Region and International levels.

**Membership:** Members reported inviting potential members to club functions, membership recruitment socials and dinners. Many clubs also recognize members for years of membership, Perfect Attendance, Rookie of the Year, and Member of the Year. Clubs help members during both difficult and joyous times.

**Juniors:** Southside District is proud to report the charter of the GFWC JILTS Juniorette Club!! Juniors traveled to Aruba and donated clothing to Aruba's Woman's Club for distribution to children on the island. Juniors and Juniorettes volunteered at a Night to Shine. Juniors held creative ways to increase Membership by hosting a "Murder at the Juice Joint", a "Spoughetti Dinner", Paint Night, held a pool party, and painted rocks.

## SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Faye Boccock, President    195 Members    26,208 Volunteer Hours  
399 Project    \$48,444 Donated & \$46,835 In-Kind



**GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention:** Clubs made monetary donations to women's shelters, along with clothing and hygiene products. They advocated for stronger legislation dealing with abusers. They persuaded their local governments to declare April Domestic Violence awareness month, planted pinwheel gardens and supported their local social services organizations by becoming foster parents to neglected children.

**Advocates for Children:** Clubs observed Advocacy for Children week, participated in a 5k run for Children's Miracle Network, painted their town with blue puzzle pieces. They purchased socks for one an elementary class of underprivileged children, and provided bags of food. Children were treated to a night with Santa and given gifts and a meal was provided. Clubs raised money for St. Jude's Hospital and the St. Jude's Ranch.

**Arts:** They arranged a crafters day at their local park and held art classes for individuals in their homes, supported and visited art centers and local theaters.

**Conservation:** Clubs recycled everything possible. They observed Earth Day with special programs that included planting flowers and trees. They donated bird feeders and bird seed. Prescription bottles were cleaned and donated to programs that could reuse them. They helped clean up the river in their town.

**Education:** Clubs donated many scholarships to worthy students to help defray the cost of tuition and books. Clubs donated to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, served on the Adult Education Board, and on the Library Board

**Home Life:** Southwestern Clubs supported Camp Easter seal, Canine Companions, food pantries, and distribution centers. Handmade hats were given to Veterans and clubs supported "dare to dream".

**Health:** Clubs were quick to support Breast Cancer Awareness, Red Dress project for Heart Month. They continued donations of supplies to the Health Wagon, donated blood, and supported an organization to help purchase glasses for the less fortunate.

**International Outreach:** Members donated to Operation Smile, Heifer International, Shot at Life, and UNICEF. Some clubs chose a country and had a meal with the country's cuisine.

**Public Issues:** Members honored vets, police officers and first responders by providing gifts and home cooked meals, Flags were flown throughout their town and surrounding areas to honor holidays. They supported youth government day and members serve on the board of their local government.

**Communication and Public Relations:** Clubs are proud of their affiliation with GFWC and display signs and wear clothing with the logo displayed. They publish articles in regards to projects they are working on in their local media. They use Facebook and other social media sites to promote GFWC.

**Fundraising:** Clubs raised money by sponsoring beauty pageants, festivals, yard sales, selling apple butter, silent auctions, and television auction.

**Leadership:** Southwestern members hold offices on every level, Local, District, and State. They are willing to step up and take District Chairman positions. Members attend meetings at all levels.

**Legislation and Public Relations:** Members serve on various local and county government seats. They stay abreast of all issues before congress that affect their livelihood, their children, the elderly and their health.

**Membership:** Clubs hold membership drives; They use every opportunity to recruit new members. The club with the largest NET increase in members is recognized at Spring district meetings.

**Women's History and Resource Center:** Members support the capital improvement project, made visits to headquarters and shared the history with their members.

**State and District Project:** Club members supported "STEP UP TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING" by making monetary donations and my sharing the information with local officials and securing the recommended movies to be shown to local school students. They continued to support "DARE TO DREAM OF NO MORE HUNGER" by supporting local food pantries, feeding America, and providing extra food to home for children.

## TIDEWATER DISTRICT

Wanda Alvis, President  
Ann Schultz, Junior Liaison

796 Members  
39,990 Volunteer Hours

865 Projects  
\$169,299 Dollars Donated



**Domestic Violence and Advocates for Children:** Several clubs wore purple ribbons or purple paper flowers in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Clubs gave supplies and monetary donations to shelters for victims of domestic violence. Gifts were given to children at Christmas and birthdays.

**Arts:** Club members toured museums, attended musical play, symphonies, and art galleries. Art supplies were collected and donated to schools. One club sponsored a child for Soundscapes, an after-school program to teach children to play a musical instrument.

**Conservation:** Activities of the clubs supported environmental protection and awareness. Members engaged in recycling various items. Clubs included programs on conservation awareness in their meetings.

**Education and HOBY:** Most of our District clubs provide scholarships to high school or college students. Two clubs have established a "Little Free Library" in their neighborhoods. Several clubs have adopted a school or classroom to help throughout the school year. Several clubs support the Mayor's Book Club by reading monthly to a preschool classroom and some donate books to Reach Out and Read. Several clubs have a Member Book Club to encourage reading and discussion. Several clubs made donations to HOBY.

**Home Life:** One club maintains an Emergency Assistance Fund to help families who encounter an unexpected emergency. Several clubs provide for the homeless with food, clothes, and toiletries. Some clubs work with the Salvation by making sandwiches or filling food bags for school children. Three clubs donated to Canine Companions.

**Health:** Many clubs had programs to inform and encourage good heart health. Two clubs knitted hats for infants and turbans for cancer patients, many clubs have projects to bring awareness to breast cancer and fundraisers to make donations to the American Cancer Assoc. Members are encouraged to eat healthy diets, to exercise and get vaccinated.

**International Outreach:** Clubs sent stamps to the UK for the Baransby Home for Horses, and collected stamps for the Lion's Club project, Stamps for the wounded. Many participated in Operation Christmas Child., Soles for Souls, and Shoes for Thrive Clubs had programs on other countries with an international meal. Shelters for Human Trafficking survivors were supported with donations of money and supplies. One club supported a mission school in Ecuador for street children while another supported Elevate, an organization in Senegal that makes education available for girls. Clubs made donations to UNICEF Members used key tags or wore bracelets promoting awareness of Human Trafficking. Clubs donated to Heifer and to GFWC's Tanzania Milk Project. Clubs supported Operation Smile by paying for operations, sewing gowns and no-no bags, collecting suitcases for transporting medical supplies and packing Smile Bags.

**Public Issues:** Clubs participated in activities such as collecting note cars for the military, donating baby afghans to a Marine Relief society laying wreaths at Arlington, . Others donated to a fire department, to wounded Warriors, the USO and other similar groups. Tray favors were made for Hampton VA Hospital, one club had a dinner for female patients at the VA Hospital. Stuffed animals were given to the police, toiletries to Samaritan House and pill bottles to the SPCA and the Living Museum. One club supported the USO at the airport and another took veterans on a fishing trip/picnic.

**Communications and Public Relations:** Clubs communicate through newsletters, web sites, face book, newspapers emails, and telephones. They display brochures, wear clothing with club emblem and hang portable signs out with GFWC symbol and information.

**Leadership:** Members are encouraged to attend LEADS, and District and State meetings. Files are kept to pass to incoming officers, and chairman. Informational programs on District, GFWC VA, and GFWC are held at meetings. Members are provided with handbook, manuals, and job descriptions.

**Legislation:** Clubs are encouraged to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center and to contact their representatives/ senators/delegates.

**Membership:** Membership was a priority in 2018 and the District took in 60 new members. Clubs held various activities for prospective new members.

**WHRC:** Several clubs celebrated milestone anniversaries. Clubs helped programs on founders and important women in history.

**District President:** Planned and conducted Districted meetings. Installed officers, visited clubs, attended state meetings.

# 2018 AWARD WINNERS



## ARTS DEPARTMENT Helen Hill Chairman

### **372 Projects 15,638 Hours \$20,508 Donated \$30,884 In Kind Donated**

The clubs of GFWC Virginia offered many opportunities for their members to be a part of the Arts Community. They crocheted, knitted, gave these to the community, made favors for every holiday and went to many plays. The clubs supported many theatrical venue with dollars donated.

#### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Woman’s Club of Jonesville– Southwestern District**

This club hosted the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Festival in the Park. The festival offered crafters, demonstrators, singers/musicians and this year a pet show for everyone’s entertainment. The club took care of the advertising, securing the artists and registration on the day of the event. The members set up the venue and staffed the event.

#### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Pearisburg Junior Woman’s Club – Southwestern District**

This club held three book drives collecting books from members, the community and a local university. The books were distributed to two elementary schools, the Head Start Program and the Veteran’s Hospital in Roanoke. Each book had a book plate marked as “Donated by PJWC.”

#### **Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Sedley Woman’s Club – Southside District**

This club had monthly demonstrations of crafts to encourage members to participate in the District Arts & Crafts Contest. The members did participate and won several blue ribbons. Each month the club had an activity for the Arts as well. The club had a photo booth at a local Halloween Party to take pictures of children in costume for the parents. Christmas ornaments were made for members’ trees. The club decorated the public spaces for Christmas. Members also judged homes decorated for the holidays. The members also joined with the local Fire Department to host Breakfast with Santa and the Snow Queen.

#### **Best Overall – Large Club – Woman’s Club of Springfield, Inc. – Northern District**

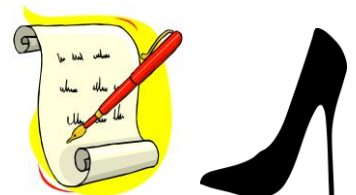
This club joined with the Education Committee to sponsor the Head Start Classes at a local elementary school to attend a theater production. The children made crafts after the play. Members volunteered at the venue. The club held an Arts& Crafts Contest for members and entered the blue ribbon winners in the District Contest. The club offered a new art or craft each month for the members. This resulted in knitting and sewing projects of baby blankets, chemo hats and cough pillars for the community. The members made decorations for other functions.

## ART CONTEST-MEMBER ENTRIES

### WRITING CONTEST, Helen Hill Chairman

#### Member Short Story – Amateur

- 1st Pamela B. Williams – “Little Fellow”  
Woman’s Club of Accomack County – Tidewater District
- 2nd Ida Murhl Blessings – “The Flower”  
Waynesboro/Augusta Woman’s Club, GFWC – Shenandoah District
- 3rd Sylvia Auton-Hanvey – “As Time Goes By”  
Clifton Community Woman’s Club – Northern District



#### Member Poetry – Amateur

- 1st Ida Murhl Blessings – “Birthdays”  
Waynesboro/Augusta Woman’s Club, GFWC – Shenandoah District
- 2nd Audra Anderson – “From Beyond the Rainbow”  
GFWC Tarrara Woman’s Club – Southside District
- 3rd Andrea Williams Reed – “Borrowed Walls”  
GFWC Mary Ball Woman’s Club – Northern District

**ARTS DEPARTMENT  
ARTS CONTEST – STUDENT ENTRIES  
Helen Hill, Chairman**



**Student Short Story**

**Grades K-2**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Ronald Moore</b>	<b>“Freddy Learns to Love”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>
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**Grades 3-5**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Jashaun Morris</b>	<b>“Night Night”</b>	<b>Waynesboro/Augusta WC</b>	<b>SH</b>
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**Grades 6-8**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Emily O’Dell</b>	<b>“Normal”</b>	<b>GFWC Mary Ball WC</b>	<b>NOR</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Hannah Wells</b>	<b>“A Twist in Life”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>

**Grades 9-12**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Heidi Hanson</b>	<b>“Meant To Be”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>
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**Student Poetry**

**Grades K-2**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Deondre Long</b>	<b>“The Game I Love”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>
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**Grades 3-5**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Langley “Poppy” Sullivan</b>	<b>“Where I Come From”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>
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**Grades 6-8**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Josephine Martinez</b>	<b>“Difference”</b>	<b>GFWC Mary Ball WC</b>	<b>NOR</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Claire Crossman</b>	<b>“The Mountains Gifts”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>

**Grades 9-12**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Abigail Lynch</b>	<b>“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag”</b>	<b>Lexington WC</b>	<b>SH</b>
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**COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLIC RELATIONS      451 Projects**  
**Pat Jeffress, Chairman      14,286 Hours      \$12,791 Donated & \$13,295 In-Kind**



GFWC Virginia clubs put their names into the public eye through various means including Social Media, Club Websites, and Newspapers. They used hats, aprons, t-shirts, car decals, GFWC Road Signs and badges. They also thought outside of the box with baseball field fence signs, town banners, sponsored radio programs and Christmas Light tour displays. Clubs promoted and brought attention to GFWC, their state federation, districts and clubs and enjoyed themselves while doing so.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Sycamore Woman’s Club – Lee District**

Has re-designed and maintained an easy to navigate website. Re-design was instigated to obtain a security certification.

Website displays GFWC, GFWC Virginia and Lee District emblems along with group photo of club members.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Staunton-Augusta Junior Woman’s Club –Shenandoah District**

Decorates an oak tree in Gypsy Hill Park for the Christmas Light Tour with Club signs, ornaments and give away scarves, mittens and hats. Giving away over 340 items, the tree has become so noticeable that the community adds to items to the tree.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Dominion Woman’s Club – Northern District**

Partnered with a winery and had their second booth, a wine tasting garden, at The Fall Haymarket Day event that draws over 35,000 people to the area.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – No Award**

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Sedley Woman’s Club – Southside District**

Sponsored Youth Baseball/Softball with a club banner w/ logo and club name that hung on the outfield fence through youth baseball season. GFWC Road sign at two entrances to town, Club car decals, GFWC in club name, GFWC emblems used on print materials, Social Media presence and publishes articles in local print media.

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Grundy Woman’s Club – Southwestern District**

Club members holding public office and working in local businesses publicize their GFWC affiliation in their public bios, the club uses Facebook, Twitter and Instagram along with a club web site. Has contributed over 30 articles and pictures to the local print media and uses affiliation clothing at public events.

**Honorable Mention – Small Club – Junior – Narrows Junior Woman’s Club, GFWC – Southwestern District**

Sponsored a radio program for their High School Girls Volleyball Tournament. The AM and FM radio station reaches 10 counties and also streams live on the internet reaching over 100 people. The radio station also offers a CD for sale of the Tournament Games with their sponsors.

**Honorable Mention – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

Participated in their community’s Christmas Parade by having a booth with a banner. Club members made an “Instagram” Picture Frame with GFWC color logo so parade participants and parade-goers could have a memento of the day. Santa and the Powhatan Christmas Mother had their pictures taken with the Instagram/GFWC frame. Parents and children throughout the county went home with a picture of their loved ones with the GFWC logo above their heads.

**CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT      332 Projects      21,602 Hours**  
**Cynthia Baroody, Chairman      \$15,058 Donated and \$31,123 In Kind**



GFWC Virginia Clubs continued to make a difference by recycling, reusing and reducing all types of products; club members were involved with trash pick-ups of all kinds along the roadsides, in rivers and streams; members worked on beautification projects in parks and gardens all over the state; members collected shoes for “Soles 4 Souls” as well as Nike Grind.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – South Boston-Halifax Junior Woman’s Club GFWC – Alice Kyle District**

Club members collected old mascara wands and sent them to the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge. The mascara wands are used to remove fly eggs and larva from the fur of wild animals. They work great because the bristles are close together.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Henry Clay Woman’s Club of GFWC – Lee District**

Members of the club continued their longstanding efforts to maintain a hummingbird and butterfly garden at Alpha House, a local Alzheimer’s assisted living facility. Members cleaned and revitalized the enclosed outdoor garden for residents, staff and visitors to enjoy.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Pennington Gap Woman’s Club – Southwestern District**

Members packed over 500 sets of old Christmas mini-lights to be recycled for the copper wiring, they also maintain a recycling location at their local park for residents to recycle electronics. Members planted flowers in the local park to celebrate Earth Day. Old pallets were picked up and moved to an area of the park where they were used for a bonfire and marshmallow roast on New Year’s Eve. Members also teamed up with local Boy Scouts for a “Clean River Project”.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Woman’s Club of Springfield, Inc. – Northern District**

Club members run a Thrift Shop to sell recycled goods which in turn supports their conservation projects. Club members invited the President of the Virginia Native Plant Society to speak at a meeting about native and non-native plants. Club members recycle medicine bottles for the Matthew 25 Ministries which provides medical care overseas. The club continues to support Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield giving them a Digital Display Board and an electronic Microscope for their school programs.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT    631 Projects    21,748 Hours**  
**Jenny Martin, Chairman    \$255,933 Donated & \$207,524 In-Kind**



GFWC VIRGINIA clubs focused on Community Service Programs by reading to students in elementary & Head Start classrooms. Members built Little Free Libraries and purchased “Buddy Benches” so children would have many books to read and with the benches they would have a safe and comfortable spot to sit, read, and talk. Dr. Seuss books were purchased and sent to Headquarters as well as being given to area libraries. Also, many scholarships were given to students that desired to continue their education to a higher level.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – GFWC Woman’s Club of Tidewater – Tidewater District**

This club read a marathon (26.2) miles of literature including children’s books, books on tape, magazines, and newspapers.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – GFWC Worthington Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club established a “ROAR” program where children are rewarded for having better grades, making good decisions, and doing good deeds. Children with the most points received a token and could purchase prizes and “ROAR” t-shirts.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Roanoke County Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District**

Members worked on “STEM” and collected trash which consisted of egg crates, bottle caps, paper rollers, plastic containers and lids, string and yarn. Students used these items to build vehicles, bridges, and buildings. This aided the students in learning science, technology, math, and engineering skills.

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Dominion Woman’s Club – Northern District**

This club partnered with their local Hilton Hotel and held an American Girl Tea. Funds raised from this project were used to buy a child a book project. The Hilton donated an American Girl Doll, an overnight stay, and some special treats for mom.

**FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENT    330 Projects    67,957 Hours**  
**Joanne Hamner, Chairman    Dollars Raised \$682,481**



**Best Single Project – Small Club – GFWC Sedley Woman’s Club – Southside District**

This Club sold personalized Santa letters for \$5 each. The purchaser provides the child’s information such as name, age, eye color, siblings, friends, favorite Christmas activity etc. Information is used to personalize the letter from Santa, which are printed on Christmas paper with matching envelopes. The envelopes are then bulk mailed to North Pole, Alaska to be postmarked and mailed back to the children.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Lexington Woman’s Club – Shenandoah District**

This large club continued its “Shop ‘til you Drop” fundraiser. This fundraiser involved 21 participating businesses offering to give the Club a % of sales that day, if the customer mentioned the Club. Balloons in the club color were placed outside the businesses, it was promoted on the community Facebook pages and several members braved the cold and handed out purple stickers for the shoppers to wear on the day of the event by “Walking the street”.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Woman’s Club of South Norfolk – Tidewater District**

This small club held several very diverse projects during 2018 to raise funds in their small community. From selling donated jewelry and accessories at meetings and events, to holding a yard sale, producing an historical calendar, coordinating a Holiday tour of several historic sites including a local candy store celebrating their 100 year anniversary, and then hosting a Breakfast with Mom.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Woman’s Club of Windsor – Southside District**

This large club’s members serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in their community throughout the year with various groups to raise \$ and while these “foodie” events raise a tremendous amount for their club, they also sponsored a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, a Spring Craft Fair, a Christmas Craft Fair and a 5K race “Run Through the Heart”.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT                      307 Projects   18,561 Hours**  
**Barb Kiker, Chairman      \$40,403 Donated & \$48,525 In-Kind**



The GFWC Virginia clubs have embraced bringing awareness to health causes, and encouraging members to live healthy life styles with enthusiasm, creativity, and energy. Projects included participations in walks and runs, educational programs, healthy cooking demos, and making a variety of helpful items for patients (cancer turbans, cough pillows, comfort bears).

**Best Single Project – Small Club – GFWC River City Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club brought in a Healthy Living Coach to their meeting to demonstrate healthy, nutritious, and easy recipes featuring the Instapot. Club members helped with the preparation of vegetables. Different recipes were sampled, and instructions were taken home.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Woman’s Club of Springfield, Inc. – Northern District**

This club held a “Stuffing Party” at their meeting. Members donated fabric, sewed pillows covers, and brought the stuffing to the meeting to make “cough pillows” for heart patients. At the meeting, all members stuffed and finished off the pillows. Over 100 pillows were donated to Mended Hearts.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Tarrara Woman’s Club – Southside District**

This club supported health awareness throughout the year. They encouraged club members to get involved in health issues by using colors. Members were provided at each meeting a different color ribbon to wear and encouraged to “pinkie paint” one fingernail in the corresponding color (pink for breast cancer, red for heart month, etc.)

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman’s Club – Northern District**

This club encouraged their members to embrace a healthy life style. They created a walking group – “Members and Miles”, had a speaker from The American Physical Therapy Association discussing improving balance and preventing falls, embraced Tai Chi and Qigong, and educated their members on a variety of health topics.

**HOME LIFE DEPARTMENT                      704 Projects   41,636 Hours**  
**Sandy Stiltner, Chairman      \$116,612 Donated & \$191,924 In-Kind**



GFWC Virginia Clubs took care of the Homeless, hungry, Nursing Home residents, needy children, women reentering the community after incarceration and other areas in the home life area. Clubs continued to work with Backpack programs, food pantries and food banks in their local area.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – GFWC Staunton-Augusta Junior Woman’s Club – Shenandoah District**

Almost half of the members supported a local homeless shelter by providing a meal. The club prepared the meal the night before the meal and nearly 90 people enjoyed the meal.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Woman’s Club of McLean – Northern District**

Every second Friday of the month members cook dinner for the teens and staff of Second Story, a shelter for homeless and at-risk teens. Club members also joined them for dinner and try to help the teens by interacting and talking with them.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – Canine Companions – No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – Canine Companions – No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – Easter Seals UPC – GFWC Regency Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club helped sponsor a Community family egg hunt, with funds going to support camperships.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – Easter Seals UPC – No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Dare to Dream of No Hunger – Cape Henry Woman’s Club – Tidewater District**

This club held a Card Party Luncheon, with proceeds going to the “Dare to Dream of No Hunger” program.

**Best Overall – Small Club – Brandon Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This small club held a bingo prize shower to benefit local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, collected cleaning supplies and school supplies for St. Joseph’s Villa, collected cards for the St. Jude’s Ranch and helped the Salvation Army Stocking Program.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

This large club donated to suicide prevention, delivered meals to class rooms, donated pies for Salvation Army Thanksgiving dinner, made and donated blankets to the Linus program, grant a wish with sprout program and many other areas of feeding the hungry.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

**Buzzy Benton, Chairman**

**341 Projects 8,350 hours \$27,808 Donated \$36,218 In Kind**



**Best Single Project – Small Club – South Boston-Halifax Junior Woman's Club GFWC – Alice Kyle District**

Supported “Rise Against Hunger” with a donation of 100 meals at 29 cents per meal. This helps to support GFWC's goal of 36,000 meals. The club challenges other clubs to buy one or meals per member.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – GFWC Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club – Southwestern District**

The club decided to fund a water tank (\$600-\$800) to provide a water collection site at Mordeliza Academy in the Nygeta Village in Kenya. This will provide a storage place for rain water that will replace the hard water from a bore hole. \$740 has been collected to date.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – Heifer Int’l – GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

Club members wore homemade “bee antennae” while working their yard sale promoting their fundraiser for Heifer International. Each donor received a packet of wildflower seeds with a thank you message. They purchased three bee hives.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – Heifer Int’l – Woman's Club of Newport News – Tidewater District**

Built a stand with cow motifs and sold ice cream with all the toppings served by members with cow pictures on their aprons. Sold at meetings, the church where their club meets and made enough to purchase a heifer (\$500), ducks, and chicks (\$40)

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – Operation Smile – Woman's Club of Cumberland, GFWC – Alice Kyle District**

Jewelry sale and love offering paid for a cleft palate surgery sent as a memorial to Juanita Urban.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – Operation Smile – Lexington Woman's Club – Shenandoah District**

Made no sew blankets and no-no arm bands, collected items for smile bags, and traveled to Headquarters to deliver the items and have a tour of the facility. Donated \$100 and \$2614 in kind

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – Shot @ Life – No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – Shot @ Life – The Tri Club Woman's Club – Lee District**

Club was given information about Walgreens matching shots for undeveloped countries. 18 members participated in getting shots from Walgreens.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – UNICEF – No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – UNICEF – Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC – Lee District**

“Trick or Treat” for UNICEF USA. Money was collected and donated to the “End Trafficking Project” \$100 donated.

**Best Overall – Small Club – Woman's Club of Suffolk – Southside District**

Collected over 1400 items to fill smile bags, made 185 bags, 135 gowns, 1 blanket and 87 no-no arm bands. They delivered all to Op-Smile Headquarters with 172 smile dolls, sponsored a club member to go on a mission and budgeted two surgeries. Donated \$980, and in kind donations of \$3247.

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Mary Ball Woman's Club – Northern District**

From Conference thru December, planning a forum on Human Trafficking involved three clubs in the Fredericksburg area and ended with a panel of six: “Just Ask Prevention”, the mother of a victim, the “Executive Director of Central Virginia Justice Initiative”, Homeland Security, Investigations in Virginia, a Stafford County

undercover officer, and a trafficking victim. Five months of planning, culminating in the forum with lunch for any who wished to stay and talk with the panel. January 21, 2019 was the forum date and will be reported next year.

**LEADERSHIP**                      **818 Projects 67,694 Hours**  
**Dale Fisher, Chairman**      **\$72,875 Spent and \$75,418 In-Kind**  
**Jenny Hinegardner, Junior Chairman**



Clubs “stepped up”, *pumping* up their leadership potential through creative orientations and workshops, utilizing Federation materials, and attending Federation meetings.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Sycamore Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club utilized a Club Manual and Club Activity Planner to keep members abreast on club and Federation structure, leadership development skills, membership responsibilities, and reporting documentation.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC River City Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District**

Developed job descriptions and created an online officer and member interest form.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Mary Ball Woman’s Club – Northern District**

The club president hosted a day-long strategic planning meeting at her lake cabin which included a SWOT analysis, breakouts for assessing past and future club projects, and large group exercises.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – GFWC James River Junior Woman’s Club – Southside District**

The club utilized the Leadership Tool Kit for preparation of workshops and assessments. The tool kit was an integral part of how they promoted leadership within the club.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club – Lee District**

Held planning meeting at beginning of the new administration and prepared notebooks of information for each officer. Devoted one club meeting to leadership training. In recognition of the President’s symbol – a bee, the 1<sup>st</sup> VP prepared “Bee a Leader Boxes” for each member and, monthly, gave them a small token representing leadership qualities to put in their boxes. Strong presence on Lee District and GFWC Virginia levels.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Woman’s Club of Windsor – Southside District**

Leadership was creatively promoted as this club utilized their newsletter to educate members on Federation topics such as HOBY, LEADS, Dogwood Society and the award process. A Leadership Academy was held 1 hour before each club meeting to address Parliamentary Procedure and other questions pertaining to the club structure and objectives. The Leadership Committee presented a program entitled “What is wrong with this picture?” or how not to run a club meeting. Skits and songs are used throughout the year as team building exercises.

**LEGISLATION and PUBLIC POLICY**      **75 Projects**

**Lynne Wherry, Chairman**                      **1,347 Hours \$1,444**



GFWC Virginia clubs focused on educating the members policy and pending legislation in the General Assembly such as review of truck weight, explaining Constitutional Amendments, attending Town Council meetings and encouraging members to vote. Several clubs promoted and attended the GFWC Virginia Legislative Day.

Clubs encouraged civic engagement by hosting Legislative Forums and supporting local and triggering support of starting advisory committees in their areas.

Members mobilized to advocate for GFWC Policy priorities through the GFWC Legislative Action Center.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Woman’s Club of Vinton – Blue Ridge District**

Seven members of this club attended the local Town Council meeting supporting legislation and zoning regulations that involved projects and programs of club interest.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior- No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of Newport News – Tidewater District**

This club hosts an annual “Meet the Candidates” program. All candidates for the office of Senate and House of Representatives that represent their area are invited to attend.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – No Winner**

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club – Lee District**

Several members attended the GFWC Legislative Day and participated in GFWC Take Action campaigns. Club members reviewed the proposed Constitutional Amendments to Article X, a list of candidates for US Senate and for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Districts for the House of Representatives prior to the election.

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Grundy Woman’s Club – Southwestern District**

The club was the catalyst for the creation of government – supported Special Education Advisory Committee. The Club’s repeated reminders to its local Board of Supervisors of it special needs. Community, particularly those with autism, let to the Board’s creating a Special Education Advisory Committee. This club is a member of the Chamber and attends its meetings. The club was also kept abreast of legislation that affected their town, state and nation.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Lori Rocker, Chairman 618 projects 26,757 hours**

**Amanda Paez, Junior Chairman \$77,670 (\$26,218 spent and \$51,452 in kind)**



GFWC Virginia clubs have Stepped In to all areas of Membership this year. Recruiting occurred through both formal and informal events. Clubs are strengthening the connections of members and federation through orientation programs and supporting activities of nearby clubs. Members are also recognized in a variety of ways throughout the year. Our membership programs exemplify true Unity in Diversity across our organization.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Capitol Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club held a “Getting to Know You” program at a meeting. Members shared personal history, pictures from childhood, and answered a script of questions so all members learned more about each other. They connected to each other through the program.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – Farmville Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

Responding to requests for additional insight into club history, structure, and protocols, this club created an orientation program for new members. Experienced members present information on all levels of GFWC, their club, and expectations.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Botetourt Town and Country Women’s Club – Blue Ridge District**

This club rewards recruiters by entering a ticket into a year-end drawing for a free installation dinner and dues paid for the following year. The member’s name is added to the drawing whether or not their prospective member joins or not.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – Junior Federated Women’s Club of Chester – Lee District**

This club goes a step beyond when recognizing its member of the month. Members vote on the member of the month at each meeting. The recipient is recognized with a Member of the Month sign in her yard and social media posts. Not only is the member recognized, the club’s name is out and about the community to support needs.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club’s Membership program included activities for Recruiting, Retaining, and Renewal, including a club orientation and supporting nearby club’s activities. A highlight of this year was the Hallmark Movie Day where members gathered in a member’s home to watch Hallmark holiday movies, play movie bingo, and share social time during the holiday season.

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman’s Club – Northern District**

This club stepped into all areas of membership through Recruiting, Retention, and Recognition activities. Their Girls Just Want to Have Fun game themed recruiting event resulted in 3 new members. They held orientation for six new members and supported each other with rides to various appointments. Their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a team effort, including current and past members, review of the club’s history, and recognition of the club’s long serving members.

**WEBSITE CONTEST**

**Lela Martin, Chairman**

**Winner – GFWC Grundy Woman’s Club**

Southwestern District

[www.gfwcgrundywomansclub.com](http://www.gfwcgrundywomansclub.com)



## NEWSLETTERS

### Pat Jeffress, Editor of *The Virginia Clubwoman*

GFWC Virginia Newsletters were judged based on the following criteria: Appearance and organization, readability, GFWC affiliation logos, name of the club on the front cover, reports of officers and chairmen, member recognition, minutes, treasurer's reports, federation information, and reminders.

The number of attractive, well organized newsletters made deciding the winners very difficult. Many clubs used colorful graphics or pictures of club activities to enhance their newsletters. The bottom line is, "Did the newsletter make me want to continue reading?"

- 1st Place      *Riparian Currents*  
Riparian Woman's Club (Southside District)
- 2nd Place      *Worthy News*  
GFWC Worthington Woman's Club (Lee District)
- 3rd Place      *Junto Jottings*  
GFWC Junto Woman's Club (Southside District)
- Honorable Mention      *The Bulletin*  
Woman's Club of Hilton Village (Tidewater District)



**PUBLIC ISSUES                      499 Projects   15,399 Hours**  
**Gloria Worrell, Chairman      \$64,398 Dollars Donated & 79,090 In-Kind**



### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Brandon Woman's Club – Lee District**

This project provided manufacture coupons with \$1.00 or less value to military families stationed overseas. The Members clipped and sorted 25,123 coupons into piles of food, nonfood, pet and baby items. These coupons totals a face value of \$119,709.23, they were mailed to an appropriate military facility where they could be redeemed at double the face value at their local commissaries.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – GFWC Yorktown Woman's Club – Tidewater District**

This club assisted and organized tours of the courts and jail for senior high government students. They worked with Judges, teachers, Local Jail, commonwealth attorneys and bar association. Over 750 students partake of this program. They toured the court house and actually sit in the court room during a case seeing in action how the system works. They also tour the local jail and are giving information on type of crimes and gang activity in the local area. Students learn that it is much easier to stay within the law than participate in any illegal behavior and end up losing their freedom. What an impactful why to reach so many teen and make an impact.

### **Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater – Tidewater District**

This club Helped the USO Airport Lounge during the holidays the members donated a large number of items which filled a pickup truck full of supplies for service people to enjoy during their travels, this also included a large giant size Christmas card signed by the club . They gave USO call home cards for troops to call their loved ones. This club sent 17 boxer shorts to Sew Much Comfort. They collected stamps and related materials for wounded veterans to be used for occupational programs in activities to provide therapeutic activates for hospitalized veterans, 3,915 stamps were collected, trimmed and forwarded for this project. This club informed members of safety issues, Peep Holes for Safety, Porch Pirated, and Risk of Identify Theft. Club gave a donation to All Night Graduation Party for local High School, an event to provide an alcohol, drug free evening of celebration. They also donated candy to a local Elementary school for their Safe Halloween event.

### **Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Swift Creek Woman's Club – Southside District**

This club recognized law enforcement on "National Law Enforcement Day" they delivered cookies to the city police and sheriff's department. They made valentine cards for Vets, Teddy Bears for Vets for their "Hug a Bear" rescue program, honored 911 emergency response workers during "National Public Safety Telecommunication Week", assisted at the polls on election day, donated to the D-Day Memorial, gave a donation to the American Legion Ladies to use for Bingo games at The Veteran hospital , assisted with a Halloween holiday community event for a safe environment for over 3000 area residents, supported "Wreaths Across American", purchased 17 pine wreaths to lay on veterans graves, collect worn and damaged flags and delivered to the American legion for honorable disposal , and donated funds to GFWC North Carolina to assist with their relief efforts in aftermath of Hurricane Michael.



## **GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM**

### **~ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

**Tricia Duvall, Chairman    220 Projects 5,062 Hours**  
**\$10,516 Donated & \$39,977 In-Kind**

GFWC Virginia clubs focused on local shelters by donating items such as clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies, hats, gloves and coats. Clubs adopted families supporting them at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Clubs had speakers at meetings, made crafts, supported 5k runs, donated backpacks, held clothes exchanges and supported the GFWC Success for Scholarships Program.

#### **Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Regency Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club held a Membership Clothes Exchange fundraiser donating \$1,020 to Flagler Home at St. Joseph’s Villa, Safe Harbor and Bon Secours Forensic Nursing Program. Members donated clothing, shoes and jewelry items which were then sold for \$2 each. Items not sold were donated (\$2,500 value) to the St. Joseph’s Villa store (district special project).

#### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC River City Juniors Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club supported Safe Harbor and Hanover Safe Place with money, gift cards and wish list items.

#### **Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of Springfield, Inc. – Northern District**

This club held a Spring Faire to benefit Bethany House, an organization that helps domestic violence victims. They sold booths to organizations for \$50. They highly publicized the event in The Wall Street Journal, Fairfax Times, Buyers Guide and local website. They handled all the vendors, setting up the night before. They donated \$1.050 to Bethany House.

#### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg – Lee District**

This club donated \$1,000 to the Avalon Center for general operating support.

#### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – GFWC Kanawha Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club assisted Families Forward (FKA Prevent Child Abuse Virginia) by hosting a packing party, checking pinwheel orders, constructing, packing and labeling shipping boxes filled with pinwheels (30,000) for distribution across the state to individuals, corporations, clubs and business who planned to plant pinwheels in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

#### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – Woman’s Club of Newport News – Tidewater District**

This club assisted the City of Newport News in their annual Silent Garden. They planted over 3,000 pinwheels on the corner of Warwick Blvd. and J. Clyde Morris Blvd. They also planted pinwheels in front of their meeting place. A 5-foot sign was erected declaring their support for Healthy Families of the Peninsula and support for Child Abuse Prevention month.

#### **Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club collected school supplies for Hanover Safe Place; adopted a family at Christmas providing a mother and two children with clothes, toys and food; promoted a candlelight ceremony at historic Hanover Courthouse in October; planted purple pinwheels in October at town hall; collected household items for Safe Harbor; educated members on Domestic Violence issues and donated \$5,000 to the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship. One member serves on the Hanover Safe Place board.

#### **Best Overall – Large Club – Great Bridge Woman’s Club – Tidewater District**

This club supported H.E.R., a domestic violence shelter by donating handmade scarves. Eight members attended H.E.R.’s Annual Financial Meeting and their Night of Gratitude. They also supported Cats for a Cause 5k. They adopted a family for Christmas; wore purple in October and attended the S.M.A.R.T (Successful, Motivated and Really Tired) luncheon benefiting H.E.R.

## **STATE PROJECT: STEP UP TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**Danielle Basham, Chairman**

**64 Projects 1,265 Volunteer Hours**

**720 Members Participating \$2,790 Donated**



Clubs supported the GFWC Virginia State Project: Step Up to Stop Human Trafficking in 2018 by making monetary and in-kind donations to the state project and to organizations supporting survivors of human trafficking. Clubs formed committees to help educate their members and their communities. Members shared information in their newsletters, shared Facebook posts and created and handed out literature at local festivals. Clubs invited speakers



such as the GFWC State President, Police Officers, Richmond Justice Initiative, Safe Harbor, Samaritan's House, Butterfly House, ImPACT Virginia, and Central Virginia Justice Initiative to their club meetings to provide information to their members. Several clubs held a movie/discussion night (SOLD, Not My Life, I am Jane Doe). Clubs have begun talking to local school divisions about the Prevention Program that is offered by Richmond Justice Initiative. Clubs also partnered with other clubs as well as outside organizations to plan symposiums to provide information about the crisis of human trafficking to their communities.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater – Tidewater District**

This club created a permanent key chain for each club member displaying the Hotline Number for instant access to services for support to victims and survivors of human trafficking.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – GFWC Woman's Club of Manassas, Inc. – Northern District**

This club purchased 500 "End Human Trafficking" rubber bracelets. The members prepared bags that included handouts which included facts, statistics, signs and the hotline number, a bracelet, and information about their Woman's Club. 220 bags were distributed at the community's Fall Festival.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Kempsville Woman's Club – Tidewater District**

This club invited a speaker from a local organization that serves individuals who have escaped from abusive situations and human trafficking. Club members also made in-kind donations over \$1300 worth of clothing and personal items such as toiletries and wash cloths.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Woman's Club of Hilton Village – Tidewater District**

This club joined in a partnership with other organizations to plan a symposium. Four members attended RJJ's Ambassador Training. Members presented at a local PTA meeting, handed out literature at the local Fall Festival, signed a petition and mentored a survivor of human trafficking.

**GFWC WOMEN'S HISTORY and RESOURCE CENTER**

**Suzie Smith, Chairman      129 Projects 1,751 Hours  
\$2,245 Donated \$9,563 In-Kind Donations**



**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club – Lee District**

"Countdown to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"-The Anniversary Celebration Committee started in May 2018 to select a venue, menu, guest list and decorations. "Save the Dates" were sent. Every monthly newsletter and meeting until the anniversary, focused on the history of the Federation, the Club and its members.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – No Winner**

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Great Bridge Woman's Club – Tidewater District**

Enlivening Club History- The Spring Installation Luncheon premiered the updated club history in DVD form. The "Year in Review" featured animated photos and music, portraying members participating in club projects and activities. Ten members spent 150 hours producing this entertaining retrospective and presented each member with a keepsake copy.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

This club modernized the Lion's Club 60 year old "Miss Louisa" contest. Working through Louisa High School Leadership Club, led by a club member, all female residents, aged 16-22 are encouraged to compete for the college scholarship. The Louisa JWC insures that a diverse group of young ladies are judged for their future aspirations, confidence and comportment.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Roanoke County Woman's Club – Blue Ridge District**

The Club held a Club Archive Adventure where members gathered up 95 years of club records, certificates, scrapbooks, newspapers, trinkets and treasures which were scattered among older members in closets and basements. The Club rented a storage container and four intrepid members are conducting a long-term project to condense these memories into a useful, meaningful archive.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Woman's Club of Newport News – Tidewater District**

Branding your Proud History-This club spreads its fame around town with branded shirts, vests, aprons, buttons, bumper stickers, and banners. Four members dressed as suffragettes, with sashes proclaiming their club name and logo, for the centennial celebration of Hilton Village and City Council meeting.

## **JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM ~ ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**

**Joy Matkowsky, Chairman 112 Projects 2,916 Hours**

**\$13,935 Donated & \$16,302 In-Kind**



### **Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Pennington Gap Woman's Club – Southwestern District**

This club sponsored a Earth Day Celebration where the children listened to music encouraging them to protect the earth, they witnessed how to grow food and each guest was given a sapling and instructions on how to plant and care for the tree.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior –No Winner**

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – General – No Winner**

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – TIE!! – Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester – Lee District**

The club's newest members researched, created and facilitated a program for children aging out of foster care that would teach them life skills. Workbooks were created and classes held, the most popular being resume writing and preparing for an interview.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – TIE!! – Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

This club donated a fully stocked mobile play room to a local hospital pediatric department. The cart goes to the rooms of children who can't get to the playroom because of illness. The cart contains puzzles, books, games and arts/crafts supplies.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – St Jude Children's Research Hospital – GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

The members had a mother of a St. Jude patient come to their meeting to speak. Members also raised money for and participated in the St. Jude Walk in Richmond and answered phones at the K95 St. Jude Radiothon.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – St Jude Children's Research Hospital – Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC – Lee District**

This club had members and their husbands walk in the St Jude Walk in Richmond, members made monetary donations and one member answered phones at the K95 St. Jude Radiothon.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Partnership – March of Dimes – GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

This club made 8 fleece "no-sew" blankets for March of Dimes Healthy Baby program complete with GFWC blanket labels. The members also put together more blankets at the Junior Caucus at GFWC VA Conference.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Partnership – March of Dimes – Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

Members walked in the annual walk in their area, raised \$1126 in donations for the walk, hosted a speaker from March of Dimes at a club meeting and manned a Mission and Remembrance booth at the walk.

### **Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club – Lee District**

This well-rounded club assisted with food donations to children, has an award for domestic violence which includes violence against children, educates members on childhood mental illness, donated art supplies, purchased Dr. Seuss books along with several other projects.

### **Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC James River Junior Woman's Club – Southside District**

This club organized a prom type event for those with special needs, adopted 6<sup>th</sup> grade students by giving each a set of pencils with an encouraging note, and held a Say Yes to the Dress event to offer a budget friendly option for prom dress shoppers.

### **Honorable Mention – GFWC JILTS Juniors – Southside District**

These young ladies served as "buddies" for the attendees at a prom event for those with special needs, sent encouraging letters to fellow Juniors in Florida after the school shooting in their area, and had a lemonade stand to raise money to benefit those with childhood cancer.

## **JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT – CAMP EASTER SEALS UCP VIRGINIA**

**Tara Roberts, Chairman**

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater – Tidewater District**

For donation to the campership fund at Camp Easter Seals UCP

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – Narrows Junior Woman's Club of GFWC – Southwestern District**

For donation to campership fund and staff recognition fund

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

For donation to campership fund and staff recognition fund

### **Best Overall Project – Small Club – GFWC Staunton-Augusta Junior Woman's Club – Shenandoah District**

This club had 5 members at camper check-in and purchased 2 heavy duty carts to haul luggage as well as donated to the campership fund.

# Director of Junior Clubs Awards



## **Trina Behbahani, GFWC Virginia Director of Junior Clubs**

The GFWC Virginia Director of Junior Clubs is intended to recognize Outstanding Achievement to one club in each size category whose Annual Club Record and reports demonstrate work that was most well-rounded and most beneficial to their community and the Federation with the best use of resources and their members. The winning clubs will also have participated in the GFWC Virginia State Project (Step Up to Stop Human Trafficking), at least one project for a GFWC partner in the Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children – March of Dimes and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, recognized Advocates for Children Week and participated in at least one of the “7 Grand Initiatives” from GFWC. The awards will consider all work reported.

### **Small Club Winner – GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

This club experienced a growth in membership from 2017 to 2018, reporting nine members for the year. Their reports demonstrated a variety of work across the community service program areas, including projects in support of the GFWC Signature Project and the GFWC Juniors’ Special Project. The club supported a GFWC partner under Advocates for Children by making blankets for babies for the March of Dimes; they supported the GFWC Seven Grand Initiatives by collecting and donating Dr. Seuss books; and in support of the GFWC Virginia State Project, they donated to Safe Harbor’s Human Trafficking Program. The club had representation at all of their district meetings and at the GFWC Virginia Convention and Conference. As evidenced by their growth in membership, these women make both recruitment and retention activities a priority. They hosted a recruitment event, multiple socials and recognized their club members’ life events. They developed a membership handbook in 2018 to provide specific information on their club, as well as the district, state and national organizations and outfitted every member with club t-shirts. These women promote their club by using several social media outlets and have been known to “go live” on Facebook so they can be seen in action. They collaborated with other clubs for projects, invited district and state officers to participate in events and had members serving in positions at the district level.

Overall, this club is well rounded and demonstrates an understanding of the importance of connecting to GFWC at all levels.

### **Large Club Winner – Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

This club’s reports demonstrated a broad range of activity across all of the community service program areas. In support of the GFWC Juniors Special Project: Advocates for the Children, the club supported the March of Dimes with financial contributions and womanpower at their annual March for Babies. They also recognized Advocates for Children week by assembling and donating activity bags for the Pediatric ER department at a local hospital. Most notable in their work in support of children, the club donated a fully stocked mobile playroom for the pediatric patients at INOVA hospital. This playroom allows children who are unable to leave their room a respite from their hospital stay by bringing activities and games directly to them. This club supported the GFWC Seven Grand Initiatives by donating Dr. Seuss (and other children’s books) to the Loudoun Literacy Council and by donating to Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness, a local organization recognized nationally for its programs in support of women who have served. Finally, this club supported the GFWC Virginia State project by collecting bras for Free the Girls to support survivors of human trafficking and with a donation to the NOVA Human Trafficking Initiative. In addition to their activity in the CSP areas, this club has members in attendance at all district and state meetings, has members serving at the district, state and international levels and promotes their club activity utilizing Facebook, and new in 2018, Instagram.



# GFWC VIRGINIA JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD 2018-2020 ADMINISTRATION

This award is intended to honor clubs whose members work together to make their club a welcoming environment for service for their current members as well as prospective members. It is also intended to honor those clubs whose members go beyond the ordinary courtesies to care for each other or members of other clubs in times of need or stress and who offer an exceptional support system for club members. Every club in our federation offers courtesies to its members – this award is intended to recognize the club whose members are going above and beyond what is expected of them and who go that extra mile for their fellow club women.

## No Entries Received for 2018 Club Year



## GFWC Virginia Junior Honor Society



The Junior Honor Society is recognition of a club's high level of participation in Federation activities, particularly those that are directly sponsored by the Junior organization. In order to qualify, clubs must meet a minimum point level in the following sections: Federation activities, Federation Funding, Federation meetings and Special awards. There are three award categories (participation award for those who submit information but don't meet minimums): Gold, Silver and Bronze. Participation certificate given to clubs who do not meet the minimum criteria.

### **Silver**

Narrows Junior Woman's Club of GFWC  
Southwestern District  
GFWC Staunton-Augusta Junior Woman's Club  
Shenandoah District

### **Gold**

Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun  
Northern District  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell, Inc.  
Southside District

### **Highest Point Total**

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell, Inc.  
Southside District

# **SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS**

## **CORRINE MURRAY AWARD**

### **Large Club – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

The majority of the members of this club have joined the ESO Society and are encouraged to write an educational or informational short story for their newsletter, “Tidings”. They had two “Little Libraries” built over the past year and donated headphones to classroom students. Plus, they offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior in their local school district.

### **Small Club – No Entries Received**

## **MARGARET ALLEN THOMAS LEADERSHIP AWARD**

### **Large Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

JWCL members have a tradition of supporting and encouraging leadership development and featured a series of articles in their newsletter to highlight various leadership roles, including the duties of the position and information from those who have previously held the position. This series helped to demystify leadership positions and encourage our members to see leadership as something they are capable of doing and enjoying. For the 2018-2019 administration we had a several new members seek and be elected to a position on the board, which is a testament to our efforts to engage new members in leadership.

JWCL had 28 club members in 2018, 741 hours were attributed to leadership activities and over \$3,975 was spent in this area to attend state training, convention, conference and executive board meetings.

### **Small Club – No Entries Received**

## **MARJORIE BRANCH AWARD**

### **Large Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District**

This club was selected for the Marjorie Branch award in promotion of GFWC and GFWC Virginia. This club worked to learn even more about the community in which it resides by welcoming guest speakers at monthly meetings to talk about various programs and organizations in their community. Through these guest speakers, club members learned about a variety of organizations including; March of Dimes, Inova Loudoun Hospital, Loudoun Literacy Council, and The Arc of Loudoun. Having representatives from local organizations attend our meetings was not only educational for our club members, but also provided us with an opportunity to educate the organizational representatives about JWCL and our mother and grand-mother organizations of GFWC Virginia and GFWC.

The Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun reported 28 members in 2018. JWCL had 3 hours of volunteer hours for legislation. There were 24 volunteer hours of PR on our web site, newsletter and Instagram account which were seen by all 28 members and many more people in our community. The orientation took 17 volunteer hours and was presented to 15 club members.

### **Small Club – GFWC Staunton-Augusta Junior Woman’s Club – Shenandoah District**

This club was selected for the Marjorie Branch award in promotion of GFWC and GFWC Virginia. They incorporated education of members and the public about GFWC as they promote club programs and projects. When they have guests attend, they tell them who they are in relation to the “big picture” convey the structure starting with GFWC and how it flows through the Regions, to States, to Districts and to Clubs. They also describe Generals, Juniors and Juniores. They also have four members sitting at leadership positions from district to state.

Throughout or 2018 Community Support Programs, SAJWC had 15 members, completed over 40 projects and hosted four successful fundraisers, donating more than \$7,000 and volunteering over 1000 hours.

## **PHYLLIS V. ROBERTS AWARD**

### **Large Club – No Entries Received**

#### **Small Club – GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

The GFWC River City Junior members worked together with the GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club throughout the year. The Juniors attended a meeting of the general club and with a speaker from the FBI and learned about identity theft. The Juniors supported the General's club with \$200 worth of in-kind donations to benefit Operation Smile. The River City Juniors helped install the Ashcake Woman's Club incoming President and in turn, the Ashcake Woman's Club performed the installation ceremony for the Juniors. For the past 5 years these two GFWC clubs have worked together in Federation spirit and the Juniors are very grateful for the support, advice and guidance they have received from the Ashcake Woman's Club.

## **SHELBY PAISLEY HAMLETT AWARD**

### **Large Club – Junior Woman's of Loudoun – Northern District**

This club identified that 13,000 children qualified as food insecure in their local area, lacking reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable nutritious food. The club supports Backpack Buddies through two programs and participates in an annual fundraising event for this organization. They helped pack 400 bags of food and helped distribute 122 meals in 2018 to classrooms at an elementary school. They partnered with Backpack Buddies to hold a fundraiser bringing in \$1328.00 for donation to the organization. Members also provided 22 backpacks full of schools supplies in partnership with The ARC of Loudon, an organization providing services to families of disabled children.

#### **Small Club – GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

This club sponsored a child through Worthdays, a project working with children that have aged out of the foster care system, have not been adopted or were reunited with family. Items, such as clothing, gift cards, luggage, purse, wallet, a journal, etc. were purchased with monies budgeted to give to a young lady during the Christmas holidays. Each item was tagged "To Monai, From Santa" and dropped off at the Worthdays drop off location. The members stated even though they would not be able to meet her, they found this to be a rewarding project and enjoyed bringing Christmas to her.

## **SHENANDOAH DISTRICT AWARD**

### **Large Club – Junior Woman's of Loudoun – Northern District**

This club is a great example of going up and beyond for Leadership. Ensuring their members not only understand the leadership positions that are available to them, but make sure that the incoming leaders are well equipped to handle their new position. They make sure that not only new members are being encouraged to take on new leadership roles, but to help them see they are capable but also that it can be very enjoyable. Overall this club represents leadership from small roles to large roles.

#### **Small Club – No Entries Received**

## **SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT JUNIOR AWARD IN LEGISLATION**

### **Winner – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

This club sent delegates to all District, State and National Federation Meetings. Members were encouraged to use the Legislative Action Center and voice their concern/opinion to the appropriate Legislator. This club also had candidates running for their local Sherriff come speak about their policies at a meeting. Candidates listened to feedback, concerns and ideas from a community standpoint.

