

GFWC Virginia Nominating Committee Lori Rocker, Chairman February 2024

The GFWC Virginia Nominating Committee met virtually on Saturday, January 20.

Committee Members in attendance, representing all Districts were:

Debbie McClintock, Alice Kyle District	Ingrid Sinclair-Day, Shenandoah District
Kathryn Sowers, Blue Ridge District	Helen Hill, Southside District
Hope Royer, Lee District	Jenny Martin, Southwestern District
Peggy Schlegelmich, Northern District	Judy Middleton, Tidewater District
Michelle Clary, GFWC Virginia Junior Nominating Committee Chairman	
Lori Rocker, GFWC Virginia Nominating Committee Chairman	

The Committee presents the following proposed slate of officers for the 2024 – 2026 GFWC Virginia Administration at the Annual Convention in April.

GFWC Virginia First Vice President/President-elect: Cynthia Baroody, Shenandoah District
GFWC Virginia Second Vice President: Carolyn Fellers, Blue Ridge District
GFWC Virginia Third Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs: Joanne Dixon, Lee District
GFWC Virginia Secretary: Amy Riggs, Southside District
GFWC Virginia Treasurer: Lynne Wherry, Lee District

GFWC Virginia First Vice President/President-elect: Cynthia Baroody, Shenandoah District



Cynthia has been a federation member for thirteen years. After retiring from teaching elementary school in New York, she moved to Virginia in January 2010 and was invited to become a member of the Covington Woman’s Club the following year. Cynthia went on to serve at every level of club work from recording secretary to club president and became Shenandoah District President in 2016-2018.

Cynthia has served as GFWC Virginia Environment Chair, editor of the Shenandoah District newsletter, Shenandoah District Chair for the GFWC Virginia State President’s Project 2022 -2024, Shenandoah District Reporting Chair as well as District Environment Chair. She served as GFWC Virginia Treasurer during the 2020-2022 administration. She currently serves as GFWC Virginia Second Vice

President/Membership.

When she is not involved with club work, you can find her serving as vice president of her garden club (The Jackson River Garden Club) or volunteering for the Alleghany Highlands Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists, where she served as treasurer for four years. Cynthia and her husband Roger also are members of the Cowpasture River Preservation Association and serve as river monitors, checking the water quality by doing “bug picks”. She also serves as a docent at the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center in Clifton Forge twice a month.

Cynthia has two married daughters and four grandchildren living in New York. When time permits, Cynthia and her husband Roger enjoy spending time outdoors, working in their gardens or searching for native wildflowers, most especially native orchids.

GFWC Virginia Second Vice President: Carolyn Fellers, Blue Ridge District



Carolyn has been a federation member for 12 years and is currently a member of the GFWC Bedford Woman's Club. She has served as club Secretary and President. Carolyn has served the Blue Ridge District as Secretary, First Vice President, and Blue Ridge District President 2016-2018. Carolyn has served on the GFWC Virginia Resolutions Committee, Legislation Committee and is currently serving as the CIP Awards Chairman. She is a graduate of the 2015 GFWC Virginia LEADS program.

In addition to club work, Carolyn serves as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer on the Bedford County Fair Board and is chairman of the Ag Competition Committee. She lives on a farm in Bedford County with her husband Pete. Pete is retired from farming and now a local family raises beef cattle on their farm. They married 17 years ago and have a blended family to include four children and eight grandchildren.

Carolyn and Pete like to garden and travel. Plus, she likes to bake and read, belonging to a small book club made up of friends from her days at J Crew. Newly retired, last job working for an eye doctor, she is helping bring the Bedford County Fair back online this year and has some more volunteer opportunities in mind.

GFWC Virginia Third Vice President / Director of Junior Clubs: Joanne Dixon, Lee District



Joanne has been a federation member for 10 years as a member of the GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club. She has served the club in many capacities, including two terms as club president. She has served GFWC Lee District as Assistant Director of Junior Clubs from 2016-2018 and as 3rd Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs from 2018-2020, and as Parliamentary Advisor from 2020-2022. Joanne currently serves as the GFWC Virginia Assistant Director of Junior Clubs. Joanne represented her club at district, state, regional, and international meetings and was the 2019 graduate of GFWC LEADS in Austin, Texas.

Joanne is the Director of Imaging Services for Virginia Women's Center and has over 20 years of imaging experience. She has been married to her husband Allen for 19 years and together they have a fifteen-year-old son, Walker. In addition to GFWC, Joanne enjoys biking, shopping, hiking and being a sports mom.

GFWC Virginia Secretary: Amy Riggs, Southside District



Amy has been a federation member for 16 years as a member of GFWC Sedley Woman's Club. She has served as club president along with other roles. She has served the Southside District as Treasurer, First and Second Vice President, and is currently serving at District President. Amy is a graduate of the 2017 GFWC Virginia LEADS and the 2023 GFWC LEADS program. Amy is currently a specialty senior clinical pharmacist and team coordinator for Proprium Pharmacy in Chesapeake. Amy was exposed to club work at an early age by tagging along with her mother to club events.

Amy is a graduate of Longwood University (MBA) and received her Doctorate in Pharmacy from Medical College of Virginia. She has been a pharmacist for 22 years. When not working or participating in club work, Amy enjoys walking, traveling, crafting, photography, reading, and spending time with family and friends. She resides in Franklin with her son, Jacob.

GFWC Virginia Treasurer: Lynne Wherry, Lee District



Lynne Wherry has been a federation member since September 1998, when she joined the Ashland Junior Woman's Club. She went on to join the GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club in 2001. She has served in various leadership roles, as treasurer, second vice president, vice president, and 1-two-year term as president. In addition, she served as Co-chair of the club's successful Ashland Harvest Run/Walk for ten years before passing the leadership role on to fellow club members. She now serves as registrar for the run/walk. As a member of the Lee District, Lynne served in many chairmanships.

As a GFWC Virginia Clubwoman, Lynne has served as Legislative Chairman for two administrations, serving on the Resolutions Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee as a committee member and as Chair. Lynne currently serves as the GFWC Virginia Treasurer.

Lynne has been employed by the Virginia Association of REALTORS® for 24 years and is currently the VP of Association of Relations. She is married to Dave (42 years) and has two grown children; their son lives in Richmond, and their daughter and son-in-law live in Crozet with their two grandchildren. In addition to her involvement with GFWC, Lynne likes to read, walk several times a week, and attend UVA football and basketball games.

Report of GFWC Virginia Junior Nominations Committee:

The GFWC Virginia Junior Nominations Committee met over Zoom to discuss and vote on the slate of officers for the 2024-2026 Administration. We present the following slate of GFWC Virginia Junior Officers for 2024-2026:

GFWC Virginia 3rd Vice-President/Director of Junior Clubs- Joanne Dixon

GFWC Virginia Assistant Director of Junior Clubs – Lynn Chapman

GFWC Virginia Junior Secretary/Treasurer – Jessica Thomas

We will be voting on this slate of officers at the GFWC Virginia Convention in April. I want to thank my committee members for their help this year. Those serving on the committee were Lori Chevalier, Amanda Paez, Alaina Chafee, Susie Burracker, and Rachel Frye.

In GFWC Sisterhood,

Michelle Clary
GFWC Virginia Jr Nominations Committee Chair

GFWC Virginia Assistant Director of Junior Clubs: Lynn Chapman, Alice Kyle District



Lynn has been a federation member of the Farmville Junior Woman's Club for 16 years. She has served her club in many capacities including Club Secretary, Club President for three terms, and Club Parliamentarian for two terms. She has served the Alice Kyle District for the past 12 years, as the 2012-2014 Junior Secretary, 2014-2016 Junior Treasurer, 2016-2018 Assistant Director of Junior Clubs, 2018-2020 Third Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs, 2020-2022 Second Vice President and Membership Chairman. She is currently serving as the 2022-2024 First Vice President and Leadership Chairman for Alice Kyle, and the 2022-2024 GFWC Virginia Secretary/Treasurer. She has served GFWC Virginia as the Junior Membership Chairman in 2020-2022. Lynn has represented her club at district, state, regional, and international meetings and is a 2019 GFWC Virginia LEADS graduate.

She has been employed at Prince Edward County Public Schools since 2017 as a third grade Math and Science Teacher. She serves her school in many capacities including the School VTSS Coach, Grade Level Chair, School Leadership Team, and Math Planning Team. She has been married to her husband Sean for 15 years and share two boys, Zachary (11) and Landon (7). In addition to club work, Lynn enjoys golfing, shopping, going to the beach, and spending time with her family.

GFWC Virginia Junior Secretary/Treasurer: Jessica Thomas, Lee District



Jessica has been a federation member of the Junior Federated Women's Clubs of Chester since 2016. She has served as club president, secretary and co-chairman of Mary's Charity Ball. She is currently serving Lee District as the Third Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs. Jessica has served GFWC Virginia as a member of the resolutions and junior fundraising committees. She is a 2019 graduate of GFWC Virginia LEADS and GFWC SER LEADS.

She is the Director of Operations for The Pace of Richmond, Keller Williams Realty. She is a graduate of Longwood University and has over 15 years of experience in Operations Management and Client Services. She and her husband Daniel are proudly raising their nieces, Jessica and Jaela in Chesterfield, Virginia. She's actively involved in their school organizations, her own club JFWCC, and an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association. In her free time, she enjoys camping, volunteering and cooking. Her personal mission is to create a legacy worth leaving while impacting the lives of others along the way.