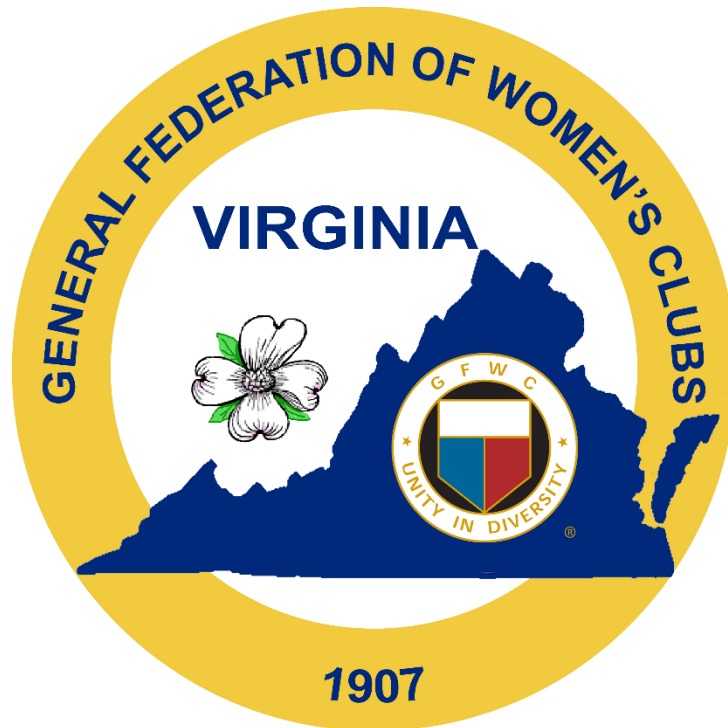


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Susie Mowry

"We Rise by Lifting Others"



It is almost impossible to believe that a whole year has gone by since the last annual report. I was almost tempted to just write a report that said "ditto from last year" but since you again did an incredible amount of work in your communities I needed to let you know how incredible it really was. You were able to do 5,688 programs or projects, volunteered 304,763 reported hours, raised \$630,439 through your fundraisers and gave over \$573,302 of in-kind donations. And we all know that none of us can keep track of ALL the hours we volunteer. You ladies have done an awe-inspiring amount of work for your communities, which I am confident will have a lasting, positive impact for years to come.

The 3rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs Joanne Dixon and I were able to visit 3 of our districts for our "Official Visit" this past year. We went to Southside, Lee District and Alice Kyle during 2025. Though each of these meetings were different, it was remarkable how the meetings took on the personality of the district. Lee District celebrated their 100th Anniversary with style from information about each decade of their existence to the "champagne" toast at the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting in Southside was in the Spring. Joanne and I got to experience the awards presentations, which were done with such exuberance and glee. The Alice Kyle District allowed us to meet and visit with members and experience their district workings in a beautiful and homey atmosphere. These official visits are such an important and valued part of this position, and the experiences will be cherished.

Attendance at the GFWC Convention in Atlanta and the GFWC Board meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah gave me the opportunity to represent Virginia at the General Federation of Women's Clubs level. From attending meetings to group discussions, this level of interaction enabled me to see that the clubs in Virginia are as remarkable as I always knew. In fact, Virginia clubs and members were used as positive examples by one of the main speakers at the Board meeting in Utah.

Since Virginia was the host of this year's Southeastern Region Conference, I was so proud of the response of all our districts. From the decorations at each meeting to the host duties, each district stepped up and worked together as a cohesive team. Acknowledging and honoring my request to have decorations that could be donated even heightened my pride in GFWC Virginia. Thank each one of you for the work that was put into the success of SER.

The work that goes into each of the state meetings is extensive, from planning the venue to selecting the menus to making sure the meetings are of value to our members, all while trying to make the events affordable. The Executive Board of GFWC Virginia values its members to the extent that it has chosen to monetarily support these state meetings to some degree. It is my hope that by filling these meetings with significant content and supplementing some of the cost, more of our members will participate in our state meetings. The value of knowing members from across the state is invaluable and makes being a member of GFWC Virginia even more wonderful!

**GFWC VIRGINIA 3RD VICE PRESIDENT/
DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS
Joanne Dixon**



The GFWC Virginia Juniors experienced an impactful and service-driven year in 2025, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to improving communities across the Commonwealth. Through a wide variety of programs and initiatives, members dedicated an impressive **22,627 volunteer hours**, contributing both time and resources to causes that uplift individuals and families alike. From supporting victims of domestic violence to advancing early childhood education, Virginia Juniors continue to embody the spirit of service and leadership.

The **GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention** remained a priority, with 15 projects completed and 204 volunteer hours contributed. Clubs donated \$2,640 while also providing critical support through hands-on service. Many participated in the International Day of Service, while others collected clothing for emergency room patients experiencing domestic violence, donated household and hygiene items to shelters, and supported the Virginia State Nurse Forensic Examiners Program with new clothing collections.

The **GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children** saw remarkable engagement, totaling 69 projects, 880 volunteer hours, \$17,400 in donations, and an additional \$55,000 in in-kind contributions. Clubs focused on supporting children's health, education, and well-being through initiatives such as creating "smile bags" for hospitalized children, hosting literacy events like "Camp Read S'more," collecting can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and donating activity kits to hospitals. Contributions at the GFWC Virginia Convention included gift cards, crayons, and coloring books. Fundraising events such as "Taste and Tunes" further supported organizations like the Valley Children's Advocacy Center, reinforcing the Juniors' dedication to improving the lives of children across Virginia.

Efforts in **Arts and Culture** included 23 projects and 878 volunteer hours, along with \$33,227 donated. Clubs supported creative expression and healing by donating crochet squares for chemo patient blankets, judging artwork from nursing home residents, and hosting art shows. These initiatives brought joy, recognition, and comfort to individuals of all ages. The area of **Civic Engagement and Outreach** recorded 98 projects and 1,329 volunteer hours, with over \$20,000 donated and \$23,055 in-kind contributions. Clubs worked tirelessly to meet community needs by supporting military members through Operation Soldier Box, donating food to local pantries, adopting elderly individuals during the holidays, and recognizing first responders. Additional projects included improving youth recreation spaces, providing Thanksgiving meals, purchasing Christmas gifts for children in need, building blessing boxes for food insecurity, and donating eyeglasses to the Lions Club.

In **Education and Libraries**, Juniors completed 61 projects and contributed 2,659 volunteer hours, along with \$27,841 in donations. Their efforts supported students and educators through scholarships, school supply and book donations, and innovative initiatives like Career Closets that provide professional attire to community members. Clubs also participated in ESO book clubs and supported literacy programs such as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, further reinforcing the importance of education in shaping future generations.

Environmental stewardship remained a focus through 31 projects and 228 volunteer hours. Clubs contributed \$1,183 and provided \$1,210 in in-kind support while participating in activities such as roadside cleanups, park beautification, tree planting for Earth Day, and partnering with Girl Scout troops on pollinator projects. These efforts reflect a commitment to preserving natural resources and promoting sustainable communities.

The **Health and Wellness** program encompassed 59 projects and 1,707 volunteer hours, with \$23,285 donated and \$8,894 in-kind contributions. Juniors supported numerous health-related causes, including hosting "Drink Pink" fundraisers for breast cancer awareness, participating in suicide prevention and Alzheimer's walks, organizing blood drives, and providing holiday gifts for patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. These initiatives demonstrate a strong commitment to both physical and mental well-being.

In **Communications and Public Relations**, 48 projects and 1,198 volunteer hours were dedicated to keeping members and communities informed. Clubs utilized social media and other communication platforms to promote events, share successes, and enhance visibility, investing \$7,628 to strengthen outreach efforts.

Leadership development remained a cornerstone of the Juniors' mission, with 109 projects and an impressive 5,491 volunteer hours. Members invested \$29,371 in attending meetings, holding leadership positions at district, state, and national levels, and preparing agendas to ensure organizational success. These efforts cultivate strong leaders who are prepared to guide the future of the organization.

The **Legislation and Public Policy** program included 16 projects and 103 volunteer hours, encouraging members to stay informed and engaged in advocacy efforts that impact their communities.

Membership growth and engagement were also key priorities, with 82 projects, 2,619 volunteer hours, and \$9,658 invested. Clubs hosted new member socials, recruitment events, and celebratory banquets, fostering a welcoming environment and strengthening connections among members.

Fundraising efforts were especially successful, with 50 projects generating 4,161 volunteer hours and raising an outstanding \$126,528. Creative events such as Casino Nights, TV auctions, online apparel sales, and holiday ornament fundraisers provided vital resources to sustain and expand service initiatives.

The **Women's History and Resource Center** program included 10 projects and 136 volunteer hours, supporting the preservation and promotion of women's history and contributions.

Finally, the **Virginia State Project: Early Childhood Education** made a significant impact with 20 projects, 569 volunteer hours, \$15,974 donated, \$11,786 raised, and \$6,733 in-kind contributions. Clubs organized diaper and wipe drives, donated books and school supplies, and supported early learning initiatives—directly aligning with the President's Project focus on building strong foundations for young children.

In total, the GFWC Virginia Juniors' work in 2025 reflects a powerful commitment to service, compassion, and leadership. Their collective efforts have made a meaningful difference across Virginia, strengthening communities and improving lives. As they look ahead, Virginia Juniors remain dedicated to continuing this legacy of service and creating lasting positive change.

GFWC VIRGINIA

1ST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT – CYNTHIA BAROODY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS – LYNN CHAPMAN



It is always a pleasure to review your club leadership reports, and this year was no exception. We read 733 projects in which members volunteered 65,157 hours and invested \$174,799 in leadership activities – that is truly amazing! We extend our sincere thanks to all the members who so generously gave their time and service to GFWC Virginia.

In August 2025, at the GFWC Virginia Conference in Staunton, we collaborated with your district 1st vice presidents as well as some district presidents to present a leadership workshop entitled “Lifting Up Our Leadership Skills to Soar to Success”. This workshop was modeled after the leadership workshop presented at the GFWC Convention in Atlanta, “Empowering Leadership: The Building Blocks of Success”. Instead of building blocks of success, we built hot air balloons to rise to success! This interactive workshop was designed to help both experienced and emerging leaders to identify and apply key leadership components to build confidence and effectiveness. From the feedback we received, this workshop was a “Soaring Success”.

In October, GFWC Virginia hosted the Southeastern Regional Conference at the Hotel Roanoke. We attended the leadership workshop presented by the GFWC Leadership Chairman which was entitled, “Recipe for Great Leaders” an empowering workshop designed to encourage members to step up into leadership positions. As a result, we were pleased to see at our recent New Officer Training Meeting, many more members stepping up at the district level and taking on leadership positions. We remain committed to supporting you in your future endeavors.

As this administration comes to a close, we encourage you to continue reading the GFWC Leadership newsletters as well as the Facebook feature “Thumbs Up Thursday”, which offer valuable ideas and resources for personal growth and leadership workshops at the club and district levels. Remember: “ Empowered Women, Empower Women!”

GFWC VIRGINIA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT – CAROLYN FELLERS

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN – ALAINA CHAFFEE



The year was a year of growth: two new clubs applied for federation and will be chartered at the Spring Convention. Nine clubs so far this administration have applied for \$100 membership grants and have received them.

With 3034 Members, our clubs recorded 725 projects, 22438 Volunteer Hours, \$22460 Dollars Donated, \$5947 In Kind Donations, \$76072 Dollars Spent and \$200 Dollars Raised. We have accomplished a lot of great projects and continue to grow our clubs.

Our clubs had many things in common in 2025. Their care for one another in times of sickness and heartache. Increased interest in holding socials between business meetings to help members bond. Clubs continue to use many forms of communication to advertise who they are, what they do and the causes that are important to them. You have taken time to update club handbooks and create new name tags for members. You made sure

that members and guests are welcomed at each meeting and event. Clubs set up information tables and guest books that prospective members can sign and share their contact information. Members are following up with prospective members to thank them for their attendance and inviting them to come to their next meeting. You are sharing your newsletters with members and making them available to prospective and past club members. Social media and new and updated websites keep all members informed of what you have planned. Some clubs use web apps to communicate with members. New members are inducted during special ceremonies at club meeting or other special events. Not only are our clubwomen working hard on their projects, they are also making time to celebrate a job well done. It may be at a picnic, at a restaurant, a member's home, or just wherever their project is done. We attend local events to recruit, hold a fundraiser, or sell tickets to an upcoming event. Our clubwomen truly stepped up to the plate and climbed into our hot air balloons to take flight, as we kept the lines of communication open with our "Ground Crew" so that we continue to "Soar to New Heights in Membership"!

GFWC VIRGINIA SECRETARY
AMY RIGGS
JESSICA THOMAS, JUNIOR SECRETARY



It has been a pleasure to serve as your GFWC Virginia Secretary and Junior Secretary for the 2024-2026 administration. All meetings have been attended by these officers, all meeting minutes have been typed and filed for future generations of club women to see what all our GFWC Virginia clubwomen were soaring to in 2025

We want to take this opportunity to celebrate all the achievements that have been done at the local, district, and state level here in GFWC Virginia. All of our secretaries are doing a great job of keeping minutes and records for prosperity. Hopefully, today and in the future we can look back on our accomplishments with much pride.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to serve GFWC Virginia as Secretary and Junior Secretary and we thank you from the bottom of our GFWC hearts.

GFWC VIRGINIA TREASURER
LYNNE WHERRY
JESSICA THOMAS JUNIOR TREASURER



Serving as the GFWC Virginia Treasurers during this administration has been both a privilege and an honor. It has been a pleasure to reach new heights through the many decisions impacting GFWC Virginia and to gain a deeper understanding of the Federation's operations. Members can be confident that all decisions were carefully considered, with the best interests of the membership guiding every deliberation.

As GFWC Virginia Treasurers, one of our primary responsibilities was the management of monthly and additional expenses essential to the smooth operation of the organization. All funds were diligently maintained in secure accounts, ensuring a strong and stable financial foundation for the future of GFWC Virginia. Signed vouchers were forwarded to GFWC Virginia Headquarters and the Executive Secretary, maintaining a transparent and accountable financial system.

The Budget and Finance Committee, Endowment Fund Committee, and special meetings were held via Zoom before conference, convention, and mid-winter events. Additionally, all Executive Board and Junior Executive Board meetings were attended, with detailed financial reports provided as needed. Commitment to the broader GFWC Virginia community was further shown through articles contributed to each issue of Virginia Clubwoman.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as GFWC Virginia Treasurer and Junior Treasurer during the 2024–2026 administration. These roles provided the opportunity to meet many dedicated GFWC Virginia members across the Commonwealth, and it has been a pleasure to work alongside each of them. As the Federation transitions into the next administration, support and encouragement remain steadfast. Together, GFWC Virginia will continue to move confidently into the future. Thank you.

ALICE KYLE DISTRICT

Carol Pridgen, President

73 Members

6,029 Volunteer Hours

Colleen Barnes Director of Junior Clubs 204 Projects

\$28,316 Donated



GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention:

Club members supported the Centra Health Forensic Services program by making donations, purchasing high priority item and providing nurses with a much needed “Basket of Snacks”. The forensic nurses program evaluates patients who may be victims of adult sexual and physical assault, pediatric sexual and physical assault, domestic violence, elder abuse/neglect, human trafficking, strangulation and suspect Exams. Victims’ clothing is often retained as evidence; this leaves the victims without clothing to leave the hospital. Club members donated household supplies and hygiene items to Mahalia’s Place. Mahalia’s Place provides Domestic Violence victims with shelter and services to help guide them towards self-sufficiency and empowerment. Mahalia’s Place is part of the Tri-County Community Agency

GFWC Junior’s Special Program: Advocates for Children: Clubs supported this program by purchasing gift cards and other items to be brought to GFWC Virginia Convention and Conference, Club members donated personal hygiene items and blankets to the Isaiah House.

Art and Culture: Members support their local Cultural Arts Theatre, paint Valentine and Halloween cards to be given to residents at their local nursing home.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Clubs helped by collecting/donating canned goods for the community Food Banks, made donations to their local Volunteer Fire Departments, provided bags containing personal care items and treats to local town and county Police Departments, donated to local rescue squad, donated to Wreaths across America, Easter Seals, Christmas Mother Program, Operation Smile, Meals on Wheels, Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, hold Community Thanksgiving Services, Send a Girl to School, and Matthew 25 Ministry.

Education & Libraries: Club members continue to award scholarships to high school Seniors who are continuing their education, continue to support Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, continue to support Girls Rock! Book Club. One club continues the upkeep to the three eagle nests (bird houses) used by individuals to place in book donations. Each bird nest is designated for specific grade levels. They are always accessible to anyone who needs a book.

Environment: Club members recycle glass, plastic, paper, aluminum, and cardboard by separating items and taking them to the recycling bins at the dump. Members adopted a park to help keep it clean, members also collected wine corks for recycling, Cork Club & Widget Co. donates to the Forest & Ocean Conservation for each natural cork received, synthetic are recycled, members have collected 1,863 corks!

Health and Wellness: Club members were encouraged to exercise and to record their healthy eating habits throughout the year. Members hosted a community health fair, collected and donated feminine and hygiene products to the local middle, and high school; members participated in a workshop on Narcan, members donated blood.

Communications and Public Relations: Facebook messages, emails, texts, and club newsletters are used to communicate with members and to show the public the impact club members have in their communities.

Leadership: In Leadership club members served as Officers at club level, District Officers, District Chairman, GFWC VA Officers, GFWC VA CSP or Committee Chairman, and GFWC Executive Board members

Legislation and Public Policy: Club members donated to support the Legislation CSP activities, one member signed up to participate in the impactful advocacy of GFWC through the Legislative Action Center.

Membership: Club members continue knowing that Membership doesn’t just mean trying to get new people to join your club, it includes taking time to look after each other. Club members provided meals when members have been in the hospital or have lost their loved one. Club members hold social gatherings several times a year at local restaurants and send out invitations to potential new members.

Fundraising and Development: Club members held a Spring Luncheon and Fashion show, sold raffle tickets for several different items, and held several 50/50 raffles on several big-ticket items. The raffles were advertised on social media and shared by members which made these raffles a tremendous success. One club organized Holiday Theme Baskets to be raffled off as a fundraiser, another club had a raffle for Easter Baskets

Women’s History and Resource Center: A member serves as WHRC District Chair, Member volunteers at Hampden Sydney Atkinson Museum on several occasions, serving refreshments at museum openings, helping with projects with the Student Museum Board and coordinating activities of Central Virginia Arts with the Museum.

GFWC Virginia State Project 2024-2026 “Early Childhood Education”: club members purchased needed items to support the state project during convention and conference, and clubs donated to the state project

GFWC Virginia Endowment – Dogwood Society – 1907 Society Two members joined the 1907 Society for 2025, member made donations to 3 other members Dogwood funds, one club donated to the Endowment.

Alice Kyle District Project – PHFS Camp Fee for a Camper(s) Members continue to support the Alice Kyle District Project-Hat Tree Camp - Camp Fee for a Camper(s), member brought beach towels for campers

Blue Ridge District
Camilla Cabaniss, President

159 Members 39,912 Volunteer Hours
379 Projects \$51,197 Donated & In-Kind



GFWC Blue Ridge District has six General clubs and one Junior club that serve our communities with love and dedication.

Our clubs support the GFWC Signature Program by supplying sweat suits, blankets, and toiletries to the Forensic nurses at Carillon Hospital for victims of rape and domestic violence. The Turning Point Shelter was supported with food, clothing, blankets, teddy bears, and toiletries. Clubs had speakers from local law enforcement groups to inform them on the topic of sex trafficking, safety, and other issues. Pinwheel gardens were established across the district in April.

Arts and Culture was supported by scholarships and donations to local museums and groups. Arts and Crafts shows were held in clubs and the district, with winners going to the state event. Members participated in local choruses and choirs.

Civic Engagement is one of our strongest areas in Blue Ridge. Clubs support our veterans with cards, gifts, and treats for holidays. Hosting a breakfast before an Honor Flight, serving veterans at a VA pizza party, and helping with Wreaths Across America shows love. Providing care bags and blankets for homeless veterans shows caring. Clubs hosted blood drives. Shelters for the homeless were supported with tissues, toilet paper, towels, wash clothes, toiletries, and laundry detergent. Scarves and hats were collected for those in need. A special "Cinderella Project", a drive to collect evening wear and suits for high school students so everyone had an opportunity to attend their prom was held in Blacksburg.

Education and Libraries is another strong area for our clubs. Scholarships for graduating seniors are sponsored by clubs. One club sponsored a scholarship for a year of preschool. Book clubs and reading are encouraged. Five children were sponsored in the Dolly Parton Library Program in Floyd. Bent Mountain donated thousands of books for children through the Books til Six program, Books for Bearcats and the Teddy Bear Clinic. Summer reading programs were supported for children in local libraries. School supplies were collected for students of all ages in our communities.

Two clubs collected plastic for TREX benches in their communities. Club members recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper as allowed in their communities. Flower gardens were planted and gardens were tended. Bee hives were purchased for Heifer International. Our environment is being protected.

Health and Wellness was addressed by every club in Blue Ridge. Members were encouraged to take care of themselves. Food pantries were supported in communities, with the LOA's Soup for Seniors. A diaper drive collected over 30,000 diapers and wipes for the Blacksburg Juniors with over 5,000 of those coming from clubs at our Fall District meeting. Clubs supported clothes closets, thrift stores, Angel Trees, and other collections so everyone has an opportunity to have clothing and household goods free or at a low cost.

Communication through newsletters, social media, brochures, and banners gets our name and work out to the community and keeps our members informed club, district, and Federation news.

Blue Ridge is fortunate to have numerous members involved in club, district, state, SER, and GFWC leadership positions. Those serving share their skills and knowledge not only with other club members but throughout their involvement with other groups in our communities. There was an increase in members attending state meetings this year.

Our membership has shown growth this year. We support and care for each other in our clubs and district.

Blue Ridge may be small, but we make a big difference in our communities. Sometimes it is the smallest things that make the biggest impact! We are very proud to be part of GFWC Virginia!

LEE DISTRICT

Kelly Lane, President

499 Members 39,354 Volunteer Hours

Danielle Basham, Director of Junior Clubs 932 Projects \$454,530 Donated & In-kind



Eleven General Clubs and Two Junior Clubs participated in the GFWC International Day of Service in a variety of ways to spread awareness about Domestic Violence. Five Clubs donated to GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship program totaling \$595.00

GFWC Capitol Woman's Club and GFWC Metropolitan Woman's Club supported Jill's Blankets by making fleece blankets for Cancer Infusion Centers.

The Junior Federated Club of Chester had a new member project to support ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation by placing bins throughout the community to collect snacks, juice boxes and Gatorade. GFWC Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club collected 53 sweatsuits and rolled them with a ribbon and enclosed a hand stamped/homemade card. Essex County Woman's Club of GFWC donated 16 women's sweatsuits and embroidered each with "I am enough".

GFWC Worthington Woman's Club emphasized the importance of belonging to the General Federation as part of their leadership training. GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club held a Moomoos and Mimosa Leadership and Planning Meeting so members could learn about GFWC.

GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club raised \$24,710 sponsoring their 22nd Ashland Harvest Run, a 10K/5k run/walk. GFWC Capitol Woman's Club assembled bags with dry ingredients and sold Bean Soup for the 9th year. GFWC Essex County Juniors stuffed Easter Eggs and hid them in local yards. Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester held their annual "Wheelbarrow of Fun" and raised funds to support local community needs.

Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC provided gift cards and snacks to residents of Alpha House, a memory care facility, on their birthdays.

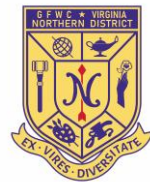
GFWC Varina Woman's Club used their sewing machines to make walker bags for individuals who require walkers. GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club made "picking muffs" sensory muffs and donated them to memory care units.

GFWC Regency Woman's Club had a representative from Davis Child Advocacy Center present a program on child abuse victims during investigations. GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club welcomed the Executive Director from Stop Abuse Now to speak about the Circle Preschool Program. GFWC Varina Woman's Club made 65 bright and cheery pillowcases for patients of Children's Hospital.

GFWC Ashcake, Sandston and Varina worked sorting food during food drives. GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club donated bras, underwear, feminine products, and toothpaste to Free the Girls. GFWC Worthington Woman's Club donated products to Sylvia Sister's Program.

Junior Federated Club of Williamsburg raised \$39,732 organizing March Madness Bracket and Super Bowl digital fundraisers for current and former members and their families. GFWC Metropolitan Woman's Club raised \$2,611 selling Virginia Diner peanuts and GFWC Worthington Woman's Club raised \$11,097 selling Whitley's Peanuts, linking their rewards with Kroger, used Flower Power and held a non-Gala silent auction where members donated what they would have spent to hold the Gala.

Overall, all 19 clubs, both General and Junior clubs are thriving in Lee District.



NORTHERN DISTRICT

Yvonne Sening, President **758 Members** **58,152 Volunteer Hours**
Jaclyn Francis, Director of Junior Clubs **1,030 Projects** **\$201,471 Donations**
\$175,468 In-Kind

GFWC Domestic Violence: Clubs collected clothing items to donate to Forensic Science Examiner programs in the District. Clubs also collected non-perishable food items for shelters and food pantries.

GFWC Junior Advocates: Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun supported Backpack Buddies monthly and hosted their final Prom Wishes event. General Clubs supported Boxes of Basics once again.

Arts & Culture: Bel Air Woman's Club hosted a Native American Arizona Navajo speaker. Fairfax Woman's Club collaborated with the City's Band Association. Herndon WC partnered with a business to sponsor a public mural in the City. Manassas Woman's Club sponsored and funded Kids Pan Alley's, "The Music of Art" program. Clubs hosted crafting sessions and art shows.

Civic Engagement: Clubs completed 161 Civic CSP projects supporting local families during the holidays, the military, veterans, local emergency workers, hospitals, the homeless, food pantries, and disaster relief. Arlington Woman's Club continues creating Mended Heart Pillows and maintaining community vegetable gardens. Woman's Club of Loudoun supported ESL learners and Springfield Woman's Club provided scholarships for Springfield Challenger's baseball program for those with disabilities.

Education & Libraries: Northern District reported 135 projects supporting local schools, preschools, libraries and providing books. Clubs provided 38 scholarships to higher education programs totaling \$47,862.50. Clubs reported 5,122.75 reading hours in book clubs. The Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun provided 102 Baby Book Bundles. Woman's Club of Fredericksburg created "An Apple for the Teacher" stuffed baskets, Bel Air Woman's Club supported their local spelling bee, and Mary Ball Woman's Club began developing a Community Impact Project to support school readiness.

Environment: Clubs adopted parks, bus barns, and highways. Clubs continue to clean up parks and reservoirs and recycle a variety of materials. Clubs support local animal shelters and animal reserves. Springfield Woman's Club supported the Teddy Bear Brigade, Mary Ball Woman's Club recycle T-shirts into shopping bags, Woman's Club of Fairfax maintains a rock snake garden. Clubs across the Northern District planted Yellow Tulip gardens. Star Woman's Club advocated for water and air safety locally.

Health & Wellness: Northern District has a vibrant and diverse Health & Wellness CSP. Clubs supported homeless shelters and hypothermia shelters, participated in the Alzheimer's Walk and the MS Walk, created comfort items, "Twiddle Muffs", and sponsored Canine Companion dogs. Clubs embraced the Northern District project theme by supporting mental health awareness and kindness projects.

Communications & PR: Clubs use newsletters, social media, websites and email. Clubs are active with local business associations and write articles for publications. Clubs recognize members on social media regularly. Spotsylvania WC featured in their local newspaper as were Clubs working on the National Day of Service.

Leadership: Northern District members participate at every level of GFWC. The Dominion Juniores held mini leadership sessions once again to learn leadership skills.

Legislation & Public Policy: Clubs attend Legislative Day and promote the legislative action center.

Membership: Clubs hold events to encourage membership and build comradery in their Clubs. Several Clubs increased membership with Arlington Woman's Club up 10 members. The District added two Clubs, the Past Presidents Club and most recently, the Fairfax Juniores. Clifton Woman's Club created a "fun fact" game to get to know members better.

Fundraising & Development: Clubs participated in 91 Fundraising projects totaling \$136,235.95 raised. Clubs held teas, bake sales, and fashion shows. The Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun held a "Row for the Cause" event.

WHRC: Woodbridge continued monthly "Her Story" moments, the Juniors hosted speakers about women's issues, and Manassas Woman's Club highlighted women in history in their monthly newsletter.

GFWC Virginia Special Projects: **Early Childhood Education:** Clubs continued to embrace GFWC Virginia's state project. Clubs completed 15 projects, totaling 335.25 hours, donated \$653 and had In-Kind donations of \$2,147. **Be Kind; Mental Health Matters:** Clubs participated in over 17 projects raising awareness to Kindness, Bullying, and Mental Health thereby supporting the District's project.



SHENANDOAH DISTRICT

Laura Coburn, President 248 Members 15,712 Volunteer Hours 283 Projects
\$66,499 Donated

There are 8 general clubs and 3 junior clubs. Ashby Woman's Club, Buena Vista Juniors, and Covington Juniors did not submit reports. Here are highlights within the district, but not a comprehensive report.

Buena Vista Woman's Club revived the club arts contest, hosted the spring district meeting, sent members to district, state, and regional GFWC meetings. Members enjoyed a June picnic at Historic Paxton House and a holiday party. A \$240 donation was made to a local organization benefiting children and families in need.

Covington Woman's Club donated personal use items to the local Safe Home, planted a Pinwheel Garden at the library to spread awareness of child abuse in April, donated educational materials for early childhood education centers, held the annual student art and writing contest followed by a reception to recognize their efforts, and helped deliver Meals on Wheels for homebound citizens. Made donations to Salvation Army, Compass for Life, animal shelter, Radar transportation service, Project Lifesaver at the sheriff's department, the local library, historical society, HOBY, 4H Camp, and Christmas Mother program. The club gave 2 \$500 scholarships to local high school seniors. Club members attended district, state, and regional GFWC meetings. One member is a state officer, 1 member is a state chairman, and 1 member is a district officer. The club held 2 fundraisers: sold Christmas ornaments and the annual online Day of Giving in the county. They picked up roadside trash in April Clean Up.

Lexington Woman's Club donated \$400 to Boxerwood gardens, \$1,000 to Nature Camp, \$100 to Rockbridge Area Conservation Council, \$432 to Project Horizon, \$200 to Rockbridge Library System, and \$5,500 for scholarships to local high school students. They picked up litter and weeded gardens at Kerrs Creek, hosted the 30th Annual International Dinner for 36 students, held a student writing contest with 94 entries, held the 4th annual Just Desserts fundraiser, maintained a club website and social media, held membership in the Chamber of Commerce, made "smile bags" for Operation Smile, held a spring picnic and a holiday party for members, had a booth at Rockbridge Community Festival to seek prospective members, and published bimonthly club newsletters. Outreach in Goshen included a free clothes closet, 2 free food pantries, gave \$1,000 of hats/gloves/socks for a Christmas project, and helped serve community dinners.

Woman's Club of Greene County celebrated 50th anniversary with a Proclamation from Board of Supervisors. They had multiple projects every month throughout the year. Big projects were a yard sale, hosting a community bazaar, and Christmas Gift project serving 377 children with each receiving a toy, stuffed animal, blanket, and 5 books with a \$25 Walmart gift card to their family. Donations and volunteer hours to Head Start, Greene Care Clinic, Feeding Greene, Senior Gift project, and marched in the county July 4th parade. Several new members joined this year.

Shenandoah District Past Presidents Club continues to support district and state activities with 12 members, only 1 of which is not a member of another club. Four serve at the state level and 5 serve at the district level. Leadership is the club's strength. The club meets formally once per year plus at district meetings.

Wayland Woman's Club's 31 members completed 19 Community Service Programs projects, with 2,140 volunteer hours. Raised \$6,000 and gave \$3,000 to organizations. Starting a new project with Isaiah 1:17 House and a new Environment project. Fun fundraisers included bridge luncheons.

Waynesboro/Augusta Woman's Club gained 8 new members. Fundraisers included a Christmas Cookie Walk and a free will music concert. Club revived the Arts Contest, and 3 went on to win in the state Arts Contest. Hosted artists showing at Fall Foliage Art Show for refreshments. Operated a free weekly clothing distribution. Donated to 3 local women's shelters, hospital cancer fund, hospital forensic nurse examiners unit, local day camp for children with special needs, area food bank and a food pantry. Operated a Little Free Library book exchange. Gave 5 students college scholarships of \$7,750. Donated to Salute of Virginia and Wounded Warrior Project veterans organizations. Delivered 248 Christmas cards to 4 nursing homes along with magazines and calendars. Donated \$100 to Hope for Justice, a GFWC Affiliate Program.

Staunton Augusta Junior Woman's Club with 11 members assisted with a community festival to raise \$2,500 for area Children's Advocacy Center, operated a Blessing Box neighborhood food pantry, put up a Christmas lights display in the city park, and gave 2 college scholarships of \$1,000 each. Members attended district, state, regional, and international GFWC meetings. Two members served on the state level, 1 at the district level.

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT

Julie Johnson, President 374 Members 1,039 Projects 38,141 Volunteer Hours
Mary Katherine Steed, Director of Junior Clubs \$141,549 Donated & In-Kind



GFWC Signature Program-Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention For International Day of Service clubs donated underwear and sweatsuits for victims; placed pinwheels in April; donated items to local programs for victims; one club launched a project on Teen Dating Violence at local middle and high schools.

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children Members donated items for GFWC VA board projects at Convention & Conference; some projects: supported a local organization to prevent child abuse; held baby shower for new mothers at a VA hospital; sent funds for children to attend summer camp.

Arts & Culture Clubs donated funds to local art leagues and to art department at a local school; attended art exhibits & theaters; various crafts were demonstrated at club meetings. Two clubs created and decorated floats for local Christmas parades (one was a hot-air balloon!). One has a monthly card-crafting club, another a quilting group.

Civic Engagement & Outreach Clubs supported Operation Smile, March of Dimes, St. Jude's, Heifer, Shot at Life, Canine Companions, encouraged members to vote and worked polls, supported local veterans associations, VA Hospitals, Salvation Army, Genieve Shelter, Hurricane Relief Funds, For Kids, local fire departments and local food banks.

Education & Libraries Clubs gave scholarships, donated to HOBY, state and district scholarship funds. All donated to school supplies for State Project. Clubs supported literacy councils; local school libraries and teachers with books, supplies, time & money; promoted literacy/reading.

Environment Clubs recycled cans & plastic, one made plastic bag mats, one received 2 TREX benches; cleaned up roadways; donated to animal shelters; helped with city gardens; one supported a local river preservation organization with educational projects for city-wide students.

Health & Wellness Clubs delivered for Meals on Wheels; supported food pantries, the local Free Clinic with a shower, a hospice thrift shop with cold weather clothing, Easter cupcakes at an assisted living facility; encouraged good health with exercise classes, walks, blood-pressure checks, and newsletter articles

Communications & Public Relations Clubs sent newsletters, used social media, two have websites, one used local radio, clubs have branded clothing, some have professional brochures.

Fundraising Clubs held imaginative fundraising events: vendor markets, Spring Tea, drive-in spaghetti dinner, bake sales, cookie walk, holiday bazaar, Santa letters, community Bingo, selling variety of items, catering for local groups.

Leadership Several members served at all levels of GFWC; members attended 2 district meetings, State Convention and Conference, SER and International. One member was GFWC VA LEADS participant and reported at SER. Planning, board and regular club meetings were held; minutes and treasurer's reports were distributed to all members.

Legislation & Public Policy Each month a member in one club reported on any national, state or local legislation affecting members.

Membership 27 new members joined Southside in 2025. Prospective members were invited to meetings and special events. Members' various achievements were recognized during the year and at year-end luncheons. Mentors were assigned to new members, and sympathy and get well cards were sent.

WHRC One member attended GFWC President Brazil's Open House. One club donated to WHRC. Several clubs kept scrapbooks; some prepared a year-end history. Some clubs highlighted famous women in history (and local) each month.

GFWC VA State Project—Early Childhood Education Books were donated to libraries and preschools; one club donated to the Imagination Library; one built a Little Free Library; one helped children the first day of school; all donated school supplies for "Rosie the Riveter" pots used as table decorations at our Fall district and SER meetings, later received them to donate locally.

GFWC Virginia Endowment/Dogwood Society/1907 Society Clubs donated \$2,395.

Southside District Project -- LifeNet Health: At 2 District meetings gift card raffles were held to support them and chair encouraged members to sign up online to be donors; one club had speaker from LifeNet.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Amy DeWilde, President 172 Members 26,381 Volunteer Hours
JoBeth Wampler, Director of Junior Clubs 702 Projects \$114,063 Donations



GFWC Affiliates: Supported many of the GFWC Affiliates.

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention: Clubs advocated for change by writing legislators in support of bills to stop domestic violence. Participated in National Day of Service collecting hygiene items and donating them to the local crisis centers.

GFWC Junior Special Program – Advocates for Children: Clubs provide hygiene products, throws, and crocheted hats for children and donated them to be given out, raised sandbox for a classroom with children with disabilities. Supported the kindness closets at 2 local high schools, held Breakfast with Santa. One club donated \$100 to Sleep in Heavenly piece for bedding.

Arts and Culture: Multiple club members enter the arts and craft contest showcasing their individual creativity.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Helping Homeless/Needy families locally. The Club made this their top priority providing food, clothing, heating and emergency help programs included laying a wreath at POW - MIA Memorial Overlook Park, preparing desserts for Gold Star Families donating to VFW -Disabled American Veterans -Wounded Warriors. Made and delivered cookies to local veterans, flood relief and during National Police Week.

Education and Libraries: Clubs hosted events at local libraries. Presented scholarships. Hosted luncheons. Delivered cookie trays and thank you cards to all their local schools during Teacher Appreciation Week. Participated in Summer Reading Programs. Sponsored a Career Closet at the local library. Made monetary donations to Dolly's Imagination Library.

Environment: Five Clubs teamed up with Society of St Andrews organization to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to our hungry neighbors.

Health and Wellness: Club members spent time visiting nursing homes, made skin cancer awareness bags. They connected with existing projects within their communities.

Communications and Public Relations: Many clubs in Southwestern District use attire with club and GFWC logos as part of their public appearances during club related and other civic events. Clubs use agendas, social media, emails, and phone calls to keep members updated on current and upcoming club news and events.

Leadership: Clubs made home visits, telephone calls, and provide food for members and neighbors in need or in distress. Club leadership members reported many hours attending club, district, and state meetings as well as the 2025 Southwestern District President and Fundraising and Domestic Violence Awareness Chairmen, GFWC Virginia Arts Contest Coordinator, and GFWC Virginia Scholarship Committee Member. They attended classes and workshops, using their experiences in Atlanta to guide them in club planning for club woman membership, fundraising, and community outreach.

Legislation and Public Policy: Many club members participate in GFWC Legislation Action Center. Clubs also support local advocacy and its impact on addressing local, national, and global issues.

Membership: District clubs host new member recruitment events such as New Member Socials, Meet and Greet, Prayer Breakfasts, and Christmas Socials.

Fundraising: Clubs fundraising efforts ranged from raffles, pecan sales, inner-club auctions, online silent auction, 9/11 Tower climb, BBQ dinners, craft shows, Haunted History Walk, 42nd annual TV Auction, community pageants, apple butter fundraiser, and Fall festivals.

State Project: Early Childhood Education: Clubs collected and donated items to raise awareness and show support for the importance of Early Childhood Education.



TIDEWATER DISTRICT

Jane May President

751 Members

1,042 Projects

59,018 Volunteer Hours \$118,245 Dollars Donated

GFWC Affiliates Tidewater District clubs made monetary donations to all Affiliates. OPERATION SMILE, GFWC Great Bridge packed 3762 and made 28 blankets, Cape Henry Women's Club volunteered 1,882 hours and gave \$2,768 in-kind donations.

GFWC Signature Program clubs donated \$1,557 and \$11,585 in-kind donations to Women's Shelters, The Woman's Club of Newport News held a Red Sand Project.

GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children Clubs provided holiday gifts for children. Pinwheel gardens keep communities aware of Child Abuse Prevention

Arts and Culture Clubs hosted student art and creative writing contests. They donated art supplies to preschools and elementary schools. They helped ASYMCA preschoolers create hand-painted American flags. The Phoebus Club held a lecture on Berta Hummel, art, and life.

Civic Engagement and Outreach Clubs provided birthday cards, celebrations, and holiday gifts to the elderly in residential homes with cards, birthday celebrations, and holiday gifts. The Woman's Club of Accomack County supported two Dos Santos Ministry and Migrant and Agricultural Worker Services. Clubs participated in Crop Walks, Meals on Wheels and Rise Against Hunger. Clubs collected and donated clothing, household items toiletries, cleaning, and laundry supplies.

Education and Libraries Clubs award \$51,800 in scholarships. They donated books to libraries and started free little libraries. Children's books were donated to free clinics and schools. They volunteered at local libraries, and schools. Club members participate in ESO Zoom meetings.

Environment Clubs collected plastic, paper bags, eyeglasses, shoes, printer cartridges, jeans, and can pull tabs for recycling or reuse. Members participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count, Save the Bay, and Adopt a Spot locations. The Tidewater Club funded 14 oyster towers for the Lynnhaven River shoreline.

Health and Wellness The Junior Woman's Club of Hilton Village held programs addressing colon cancer, hormone health, and stress awareness. WC of Accomack held a 4-week chair yoga class, South Norfolk gave gift cards to fire stations, first responders and police precincts to purchase holiday food

Communications and Public Relations Clubs display banners and flags to promote public GFWC awareness. Facebook, Google Docs, email, Mail Chimp, QR codes, and newsletters are used as communication tools

Fundraising and Development There were 96 projects, 14,284 volunteer hours, and \$184,746

Leadership Five members attended GFWC Virginia LEADS. Members served at district and state levels. Members attended GFWC, GFWC SER, GFWC Virginia conventions and conferences.

Legislation and Public Policy Two clubs have members serving on their local Board of Directors.

Membership Gained 49 new members. Clubs give Member of the Year recognition awards. Members receive anniversary year pins. There are orientations for new members.

WHRC Clubs celebrated Women's History with speakers. Great Bridge Woman's Club celebrated their 50th anniversary.

State Project Clubs donated funds and supplies. Members read to preschool students and assisted in the classroom.

District Project Feeding Families, Fidos and Felines Clubs donated groceries and pet food to feed people and their pets in need.

2025 AWARD WINNERS



ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM 332 Projects 11,655 Hours
Helen Hill Chairman \$12,720 Donated \$29,409 In-Kind

Clubs continued making cards for all occasions, working with community activities and doing projects for assisted living facilities. Clubs gave Art Scholarships and published newsletters. Members attended dinners, workshops and field trips.

Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Tarrara Woman’s Club – Southside District

The club had a Make It - Take It project each meeting. Members took home projects to complete either for charity or for themselves.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – No award

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

This club partnered with Junior Federated Women’s Club of Chester in making “No Sew Blankets” for the children’s Hospital in Richmond.

Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hilton Village – Tidewater District

This club joined with the local library to help people preserve personal and family history using digital format. Members found information in the club newsletter which they could pass on to family and friends.

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

The club held Holiday Homes decorating contest, held Cookie Walk, entered the Christmas Parade, had two recycling events and a crafts contest.

Best Overall – Large Club – Herndon Woman’s Club – Northern District

This club’s Day of Service was making soup mix for food pantry. The club participated in the Christmas Home Tour, awarded an Art Scholarship, gave KIVA loans for artists in impoverished areas and worked with assisted living facilities. For the members there were field trips, dinners and newsletter.

ART CONTEST-MEMBER ENTRIES

WRITING CONTEST, Carol Guilliams-Mills & Florence Powell Co-Chairman

Member Short Story – Amateur

1st Place “Crack the Door” Jaclyn Francis
 Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District

Member Poetry – Amateur

1st place “Have You Lost Your Mind...That is the Question” Sara Acuff
 Clifton Community Woman’s Club – Northern District

2nd place “Guardian of Endless Time” Gail Smith
 Woman’s Club of Smithfield – Southside District



ARTS CONTEST – STUDENT ENTRIES

Carol Guilliams-Mills & Florence Powell Co-Chairman

Student Poetry

Grades K-2

1 st	“Life”	Rose Hierman	GFWC Lexington Woman’s Club	Shenandoah
2 nd	“Rosabell”	Ester Gregg	Pembroke Woman’s Club	Southwestern

Grades 3-5

1 st	“Riding on a Dragons Back”	Fiona Jeffers	Pembroke Woman’s Club	Southwestern
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Grades 6-8

1st "My Version of the 4H Pledge" Riley Potter GFWC Lexington Woman's Club Shenandoah

Grades 9-12

1st No Entries Received

Student Short Story

Grades K-2

1st "A Smart Plan" Shiphrah Gregg Pembroke Woman's Club Southwestern

Grades 3-5

1st "Out of the Ashes" Esther Gregg Pembroke Woman's Club Southwestern

Grades 6-8

1st No Entries Received

Grades 9-12

1st No Entries Received



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH PROGRAM 819 Projects 38,240 Hours
Sue Trussell, Chairman \$154,297 \$ Donated \$209,672 In-Kind \$4,212 \$ spent

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

The club coordinates with a Community in Schools program at Montross Elementary in Richmond, which helps students overcome barriers to stay in school. At the Site Coordinator's request, club members donated gift items — including candles, lotions, toys, and games — along with gift bags and wrapping supplies for a Pop-Up Holiday Shop where children could select presents for their families.

Best Single Project – Small Club Junior – No Award

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

The Clothing Closet, now located at the Four Oaks Day Center in Newport News, provides free clothing to individuals and families in need, serving over 400 clients each month, including members of the homeless community. Volunteers from WCNN operate the Closet weekly, while community donations help keep the racks stocked.

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

For the 2025 Christmas season, our club partnered with local charities to provide over \$9,000 in gifts and donations for residents of JC Homelife, a group home, serving individuals with intellectual disabilities. Members also hosted a festive Christmas party with music, entertainment, Santa, and refreshments. This was our second year supporting JC Homelife, and we look forward to continuing the partnership.

Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Woman’s Club of Hampton Roads – Tidewater District

This club supported the Chasing Zero Foundation with a project called “22 Days of Activity,” encouraging participants to complete 30 minutes of physical activity each day for 22 days to raise awareness for suicide prevention among veterans and first responders. Thirty-seven club members and 16 friends took part, raising \$4,000 through donations. The funds, along with a donated kayak, were given to the Tidewater Chapter of Heroes on the Water to support their programs.

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Bent Mountain Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District

This two-year project transformed the Bent Mountain Center courtyard from an overgrown space into a beautiful, calming, and sustainable gathering place for the community through partnerships with volunteers, businesses, and the Center. The effort raised over \$23,000 to fund improvements, with a timber frame pergola planned for installation in Spring 2026 and ongoing support for future maintenance.

COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLIC RELATIONS 363 Projects
Lynn Osborne, Chairman 12,071 Hours \$20,829 Spent



Fifty-six GFWC Virginia clubs from eight districts reported in Communications & Public Relations (CPR), Clubs reported using Social Media, Websites, Branding, QR Codes, Club Communication and virtual meetings, when necessary. A few were creative in tracking social media and website followers and non-followers.

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

This club organizes a Harvest 10K/5K Run by advertising in local magazines, posters and flyers, Facebook page (both club page and race page), race signage and design shirts for the race with club’s name on the back.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hilton Village – Tidewater District

This club maintains a Facebook page created to spread information about the club to the online community. They use the page to socialize, share info and promote upcoming events. They have 339 followers.

Best Single Project - Large Club – General – GFWC Bent Mountain Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District

This club implemented a Community Bulletin Board at the Bent Mountain Center to increase public awareness of club activities including scholarship info, event posters, club photos, annual plan and membership. The Bulletin Board has increased visibility of the club’s mission and programs.

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

This club’s Social Media Director and Webmaster tracked the social media platforms which highlights service projects, member achievements and charitable partnerships. They received remarkable engagement across Facebook and Instagram with 87,600 views on Facebook and 5,290 views on Instagram.

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

This club maintains an active presence on Facebook, regularly updating with information regarding club activities, events and initiatives. They promote activities on the Sedley Community Facebook page, use the local newspaper and local fire house marquee to promote club activities and fundraisers. They have business cards and use the GFWC emblem on all club correspondence and apparel.

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

This club posts on their Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages to keep members and friends informed of their activities. Canva is used to create unique flyers. A private Facebook page is used for members only. Their website describes upcoming activities, meetings and volunteer events.

COMMUNICATIONS - WEBSITE CONTEST

Lynn Osborne, Chairman



3rd Place – Woman’s Club of Smithfield, Inc – Southside District

This club’s website is inviting and easy to navigate. Their postings include the history, projects, club activities, photos, officers and CSP’s. There is information on their scholarship, club calendar and links to GFWC Virginia and GFWC.

2nd Place – Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg – Lee District

This club’s website is easy to navigate. The site is informative and updated, including the club’s history, photos, projects, fundraisers, special events and list of sponsors who support them.

1st Place – Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District

This club’s website is very inviting and easy to navigate with a nice layout. It has information about the club’s history, projects, fundraisers, photos, how to contact club officers, calendar, donations, and links to federation. There is a members section for online dues payments, GFWC resources and JWCL event sign-ups.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM 628 Projects 25,937 Hours
Ilia Desjardins, Chairman \$357,424 Donated & \$80,105 In-Kind



2025 was a great year for Education & Libraries for the club women of GFWC Virginia. Clubs spent time and dollars appreciating teachers and librarians, building and filling little free libraries, and ensuring children have plenty of school supplies. They collected and donated books throughout their community, donated over \$17,402 to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, donated \$5,875 for HOBY, and donated \$277,457 in scholarships to the youth of Virginia! GFWC Virginia gained 39 new pledges in the statewide ESO program, for a total of 124 readers!

Best Single Project – Small Club – General – Bel Air Woman’s Club – Northern District

Clubwomen assisted Potomac Place Living Center, a senior living and memory care facility, with organizing, maintaining, and supplying the library. The well-used books, CDs, and DVDs were weeded and replaced with new items. The Club will continue to maintain this library.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – No Award

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of Fairfax – Northern District

Clubwomen support the Fairfax United Methodist Church with their preschool program. Club members read to children and assist with arts and crafts projects. The Club has nicknamed the project as the “Preschool Grannies” and helps provide an intergenerational learning experience

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

Clubwomen, with the help of high school and community college students, created a Career Closet at the local library. Clothing and accessories are donated by community members and maintained by the Club. Items add a professional appearance for students continuing their education or applying for jobs.

Best Overall – Small Club – Cape Henry Woman’s Club – Tidewater District

These club members have developed a relationship with the Virginia Beach Technical Career and Education Center, donating to scholarships for their Nursing Program. Members also work with REACH (Reading Enriches All Children) to provide books, run a book club with guest speakers, and they presented a program to members about cell phone usage and phone capabilities.

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Bent Mountain Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District

Club members donate books annually for their “Books for Bearcats” elementary school program. They worked with the Pediatric Unit of a local hospital to provide new books to the children, and participated in a Teddy Bear Clinic at the hospital, where children and their stuffed animals could meet with doctors to alleviate concerns about hospital stays, and each child received a new book.

ENVIRONMENT 354 Projects 14,527 Hours

Emily Amick, Chairman \$23,460 Donated and \$25,584 In Kind



Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Roanoke County Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District

This club donated money for six beehives through Heifer International. The club donated five, and a single member donated one. The donations include a bee package, hive, box and instruction in beekeeping techniques.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – No award

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman’s Club - Northern District

Members of this club continue to volunteer their time to weed, trim, mulch, and water the gardens in front of the Chantilly Regional Library from Spring to Fall. This project resulted in a beautiful setting along with both seasonal and provincial flowers and shrubs creating the peaceful and colorful picture much appreciated by library staff and patrons.

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

This club, during monthly board in general meetings, continued its ongoing waste reduction program by conducting monthly board and general readings through Zoom, an online meeting place. The club also projects a digital slide deck of meeting agenda and pledges on the screen in the Zoom meeting room. Additionally, this club uses a QR code link for members to digitally sign in. This club also converts all of the club forms and applications into a digital format and distributes the monthly club newsletter via e-mail.

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

Due to the volunteer efforts of twenty-seven concerned citizens who spent 66 1/2 hours picking up 58 bags of litter, including twenty-two tires, two mattresses, one kiddie pool, one rotary cutter, several pieces of iron, and three road, signs these things will now not get into our local bodies of water. The County equipped the club members and citizens with grabbers, safety vests, gloves, and lots of trash bags. Saturday, March 29th was chosen for the effort to join others (like the local Lions Club) in the area in observance of Great American Cleanup Day. Every entrance to the town was cleaned up. A total of about 5 miles was cleaned during this project. The effort was coordinated by club member to bring in members from the Lions Club, the town council, , town citizens, the local Hunt Club and a local pastor who prayed over the effort before it began.

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Junto Woman’s Club – Southside District

Members of this club assembled 1200 educational boxes for elementary school children. These boxes contained a colorful map of the river, a bandana showing the local waterways, a ruler and a handout on waterfowl and animals found locally. The boxes were delivered to 11 elementary schools in the city.

FUNDRAISING

Miranda Lester, Chairman 389 Projects 53,200 Hours
Dollars Raised \$750,008 Dollars Spent \$52,098 In-Kind Donations \$24,255



Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club– Blue Ridge District

GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year! The club had their largest fundraising project, Holiday Mart. With **500** volunteer hours, partnering with Bedford County Parks and Recreation and the Arts and Drafts, lots of committee planning, ticket sales, preparing gifts baskets, selling cookbooks, and acquiring vendors. This club raised **\$11, 383**. Those proceeds allowed them to buy a new speaker system to be used for events at a local park.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – Narrows Junior Woman’s Club of GFWC – Southwestern District

Narrows Junior Woman’s Club held its 42nd TV Auction in November. Preparation starts in August with members updating their merchant/donor lists, auction letters are sent to businesses, and 2,620 hours spent on organizing, promoting, and advertising. A local cable TV provider volunteer’s airtime and equipment to televise the live call-in event. They raised \$15,078!

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of Smithfield, Inc. – Southside District

The Woman’s Club of Smithfield had an impressive 3,899 hours of volunteer time and raised \$36,174. This club has two (2) very successful fundraisers. This year they published their 43rd edition of Smithfield Calendar. The calendar features original drawings of historic homes, buildings, and sights of Smithfield done by local artists. The second success is their flea market. This fundraiser alone has 100 members and 2,100 volunteer hours working on this fundraiser all year, but a large amount done the day before just sorting and pricing items. And we must not forget the baked goods!

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

Pearisburg did their big focus on Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Throughout the year, the club set up at local businesses and events, signed up children for the program, and the businesses donated a percentage of sales towards the program. They sold Dolly “swag,” raffled off a denim jacket, had a blood mobile set up for donations, and set up at a Scarecrow festival giving away 100 children's books that day.

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

This Club logged in 794 hours and \$24,710 with most of that coming from their 22nd Annual Ashland Harvest Run (579 hours, \$22,050 raised). The preparation for this event was HOURS of volunteer time for this to be successful: Sponsorship, getting race day equipment ready, creating opportunities for physical

disabilities/visual impairments, community support, door prizes, registration of participants, and thank you notes sent all donors. This was an outstanding job by the Ashcake Ladies and congratulations on a job well done!

Best Overall – Large Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg – Lee District

Junior Women of Williamsburg! WOW!! This club raised the MOST dollars, including Women’s Clubs and Junior’s Clubs, for the 2025 year: \$39,731.81. Art on the Square fundraiser, their 59th Annual fundraiser, raised \$31,530.77. The club also raised money with Brews that Benefit, Giving Tuesday, Kiwanis Shrimp Feast, March Madness Bracket Challenge, Profit-Sharing Events, 2nd Sundays Booth, Super Bowl Squares, and Give Local 757 (raising money locally for non-profits). Williamsburg Junior’s you have done a phenomenal job this 2025 year!! Congratulations!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM 404 Projects 21,563 Hours
Suzzane Williams Chairman \$49,050 Donated & \$76,298 In-Kind



Clubs’ activities included supporting affiliated programs with donated and in-kind contributions, as well as meeting community needs. Club meetings emphasized disease prevention through meeting programs as well as participating in exercise routines which are fun and beneficial.

Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Woman's Club of South Norfolk – Tidewater District

The club filled 10 large snack boxes with healthy and nutritious items to donate to the Chesapeake Center for Student Success in Chesapeake, VA, an alternative school that provides a structured and supportive environment for student who have faced challenges in traditional school settings.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell – Southside District

Recognizing that adults unexpectedly hospitalized for an extended stay appreciate ways to help make the time go by faster the club donated to a local hospital word search books, adult coloring books, sudoku and crossword puzzle books along with writing tools.

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Riparian Woman's Club – Southside District

Club members volunteered at the two-day free medical clinic Remote Area Mobile (RAM) Clinic which includes dental and vision care. They distributed and explained colon cancer screening kits as well as support tasks such as preparing meals for the volunteer RAM staff.

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

The club used a portion of a Cancer Grant received from Blacksburg Battles Cancer to purchase Christmas presents for children at Carilion's Children's Cancer Center in Roanoke. They purchased over 50 presents for the children hospitalized while receiving cancer treatment.

Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Sedley Woman's Club – Southside District

The club hosted Mary Johnson as a guest speaker who shared her personal journey to become a peer recovery counselor. Ms. Johnson spoke on effective ways to support individuals struggling with substance abuse. She emphasized the significance of empathy and understanding in the recovery journey.

Best Overall – Large Club – Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester – Lee District

This club partnered with American's Tooth Fairy and The Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center to bring oral hygiene awareness and much needed supplies to children in the local schools.

LEADERSHIP 733 Projects 65,157 Hours
Cynthia Baroody, Chairman \$174,799 Spent
Lynn Chapman, Junior Chairman



Best Single Project – Small Club – General – Wytheville Woman’s Club – Southwestern District

One member gave a video interview about GFWC to a new and upcoming nonprofit Care Portal System.

Best Single Project – Small Club Junior – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell – Southside District

This club continues to serve not only at the district level but also at the state level each year. Club members are encouraged to update their “Leadership Notebook,” which provides a list of officers and chairs, as well as project summary sheets, guidelines and tips for officers and chairs, and information on leadership, communication, and delegation skills. Lastly, they utilize their combined leadership expertise and skills to advise and mentor a Juniorette club. The mentors strive to instill in them a great appreciation for federation, serving their communities, and strengthening their knowledge of GFWC.

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Poquoson Woman’s Club – Tidewater District

Club leadership worked to better understand the club’s “why” by conducting a member engagement survey to identify concerns, interests, and opportunities for improvement. Based on feedback, meeting structures were adjusted accordingly.

Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – GFWC Dominion Juniorette Club – Northern District

This club has found that instead of having one club member travel and attend leadership sessions, they have found that leadership is not just bonded to titles. Leadership is about seeing a problem of practice, taking initiatives, and leading by doing. To also encourage all members to participate in club activities and take on leadership roles, the club Vice President took the initiative and set up a point system to reward attendance and taking on leadership roles. Club members earned bonus points when they took on a leadership role such as a project lead for a specific activity. Members not only participate as regular members, but they also can step up and lead.

Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District

This small club is highly involved in all types of leadership opportunities – members serve in club, district and state positions and actively participate in meetings held at these levels. Club members attended Virginia LEADS and organized a “Moomoos and Mimosas” Leadership and Planning meeting to emphasis team building while recognizing different leadership styles. They used these ideas to help plan projects throughout the club year.

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Yorktown Woman’s Club – Tidewater District

Leading by example is the goal for this large club. Members notice when all the club leaders participate in projects and fundraisers and thus are encouraged to engage in these activities as well. By setting a good example, the club is finding more members are willing to attend district and state meetings and feel better about stepping up in leadership positions. Structure, accessibility to leadership, support, development, education and a strong commitment to community are key necessities and expectations in this club.

LEGISLATION and PUBLIC POLICY 95 Projects 1,306 Hours

Maureen Mike Chairman \$689 Spent

Seventeen clubs participated in the Legislative Action Center. Members served on local boards, election offices, and Boards of Supervisors, incorporated the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings, encouraged voting, provided rides to the polls, supported Wreaths Across America, and hosted docent programs for high school students.

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

Two members planned the GFWC Virginia Legislation Day event for February 2026.

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

One third of the club participated in the Legislation Action Center. Action was taken on GFWC Alertfor the TAKE IT DOWN ACT in honor of National Child Abuse Month in April.

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of Springfield – Northern District

Supports Operation Gratitude year-round with thank-you cards and care packages for deployed troops, veterans, and frontline responders.

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

Advocated for HB1600 to expand funding for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library through Virginia’s grant-matching program.



Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Kanawha Woman’s Club – Lee District

Supported Alzheimer’s Association federal priorities, including dementia screening, workforce training, and caregiver support.

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Grundy Woman’s Club – Southwest District

Members attended a local event where a state candidate shared her platform and plans for office.

MEMBERSHIP

Carolyn Fellers, Chairman 725 projects 22,438 hours
\$22,438 Donated \$76,072 Spent and \$5,947 In-Kind



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

This club brought adventure to the table to recruit and retain members. A scavenger hunt was held with clues to get from point A to point B and take pictures and collect paper flamingos. This included a tour of their town, ending at a local restaurant to celebrate the day with a meal and prizes.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – no winner

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Woman’s Club of Tidewater – Tidewater District

This club divided their membership into groups of three. Each group included a founding member, a member of 5 years or more and one newer member. The groups of three created a get-together to be completed before the next club meeting. The “Three’s Company” project gave this group the opportunity to bond and grow their membership.

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

This club stepped out into their community to help prepare meals for teachers and staff at a local high school during a public event. A booth was set up with information about the club and a raffle that gave entrants the option to note interest in learning more about the club. They also collected requests for school supplies for the classrooms.

Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District

This club stepped up their game with two recruiting events in 2025 that led them to double their membership rolls. They installed new and current members, assigned mentors for the new members and began holding social events and separate meetings for special projects outside of the regular monthly business meeting. A suggestion/kindness box is set up at each meeting so members can anonymously give thanks, share ideas, complements and concerns.

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

This club celebrates the special moments in club members lives by holding dinners, picnics, baby showers, teas and many other special events. A new intake form was created to note emergency contacts and items of interest to members. Participation in multiple events helped the community learn about club projects and to recruit new members.

GFWC VIRGINIA 2025 – TOP RECRUITERS

- Alice Kyle – Three Way Tie – South Boston-Halifax JWC with 2 members each: Vicki Irby, Jamey Harris, Brittany Davis
- Blue Ridge – Ellen Everett – Bedford WC – 9 members
- Lee- Jessica Fischer – JFWC of Chester – 4 members
- Northern – Two-way tie 14 members each - Ann Livoti – WC of Loudoun & Hillary Russo – JWC of Loudoun
- Shenandoah – Laura Coburn – Waynesboro/ Augusta WC 3 members
- Southside – Connie Sherman – Kings Fork WC – 4 members
- Southwestern – Sandy Stiltner – Grundy WC– 3 members
- Tidewater – Denise Apple – WC of Accomack County – 3 members

Each will receive a \$10 Marketplace gift certificate.

Everyone that recruited at least one new member in 2026 will go into a drawing for a \$25 Marketplace Certificate at convention.

GFWC STAR RECRUITERS

White Star (5 to 9 members)

Ellen Everett – Bedford Woman’s Club
Carolyn Fellers – Bedford Woman’s Club
Janet Uhl – Roanoke County Woman’s Club
Janet Jaworski – Woman’s Club of Fairfax
Helen Wolfe – Herndon Woman’s Club
Connie Sherman – Kings Fork Woman’s Club
Karen Beale – Woman’s Club of Windsor
Denise Apple – Woman’s Club of Accomack
Janet Whitlia – Woman’s Club of Williamsburg

Red Star (10 to 14 members)

Renee McDonald – Woman’s Club of Arlington
Susie Mowry – Woman’s Club of Newport News

Blue Star (15-19 members)

Northern:
Hillary Russo – Woman’s Club of Loudoun

Silver Star (20-24 members)

Southside:
Mary Lee Willis - Woman’s Club of Windsor
Southwestern:
Sandy Stiltner – Grundy Woman’s Club

Gold Star (25-29 members)

Ann Livoti – Woman’s Club of Loudoun

NEWSLETTERS

Pat Jeffress, Editor of *The Virginia Clubwoman*

GFWC Virginia Newsletters were judged based on numerous criteria of links, Federation links, logos, reports of chairs, name of the club on the front cover, pictures of activities, calendars, and the enthusiasm of the stories of volunteerism and friendships visible in all of the newsletters. This Editor has been the Editor for several administrations and was impressed with the digital abilities of ALL the club newsletter Editors. Great job ladies! You made it hard to choose.

Large Clubs

1st Place *Swift News ‘n Views*
GFWC Swift Creek Woman’s Club (Southside District)
2nd Place *JFWCC Newsletter*
Junior Federated Women’s Club of Chester (Lee District)
3rd Place *Caring Giving Volunteering*
Woman’s Club of Loudoun (Northern District)



Small Clubs

1st Place *The Orator*
Henry Clay Woman’s Club (Lee District)
2nd Place Spotsylvania County Woman’s Club Newsletter
Spotsylvania Woman’s Club (Northern District)
3rd Place *The Vinton View*
GFWC Woman’s Club of Vinton (Blue Ridge District)

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM

~ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Joyce Jolly, Chairman 184 Projects 4,631 Hours
\$22,489 Donated & \$44,872 In-Kind



The projects chosen by the clubs were designed to advocate for the victims and to educate the members of the local community.

Best Single Project – Small Club– General – GFWC Woman’s Club of the Eastern Shore – Tidewater District

The club held a Mardi Gras Bra Project and collected women’s clothing, toiletries, and cleaning products and collected children’s items which were donated to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District

The club organized two Diaper/Wipes Drives for Willow Collaborative, a non-profit organization supporting victims of domestic violence. They collected 2,815 diapers, 8,830 wipes, plus clothing articles.

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Metropolitan Richmond Woman’s Club – Lee District

The club held a huge Silent Auction in observance of the International Day of Service. The event raised awareness of community resources, raised money for victims of abuse and educated the community.

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

The club partnered with Recover Hope and club members bought and filled with candy 1800 eggs for the Eggstravaganza Event. They hid the eggs, served food and cleaned up afterward.

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

The club had several projects in support of Hanover Safe Place, educated members through newsletter articles and planted pinwheels in support of Child Abuse Prevention.

Best Overall – Small Club – Tie – Henry Clay Woman’s Club of GFWC – Lee District

The club supported International Day of Service, offered programs to educate members, and adopted a family from Hanover House

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

The club selected projects to advocate and educate: participated in the Northern District International Day of Service at Sentara Hospital, had a representative from the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program as a speaker at a club meeting, held a huge Spring Faire which involved community members and raised funds which were donated to Bethany House, an organization that supports victims of abuse.

STATE PROJECT: Early Childhood Education

Nancy Vadersen, Chairman

153 Projects 3,138 Volunteer Hours \$26,535 Donated \$19,936 In-Kind



Clubs promoted formal and informal education that guides the growth and development of children throughout their preschool years (birth to age five) through school supply drives; donations of books to preschools, Title One schools, Little Free Libraries, health clinics and Head Start programs.

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

This club supported the Chesterfield County Healthy Families Program (Families First) by donating diapers, board books, coloring books, crayons, and birthday bags, food for Thanksgiving baskets and lunch for 75 parents and children at a holiday party to this organization.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC JILTS Juniores – Southside District

This club donated \$50 worth of school supplies to a local daycare serving children ages 2-Pre-K.

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Varina Woman’s Club – Lee District

This club continued to hold Fun Fridays at Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church Preschool on the second Friday of each month. Members went to the preschool and read aloud a book pertaining to the season and had a related activity for the children. They volunteered 145 hours at the preschool.

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

This club held one event and four fundraisers for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. They donated \$10,911 to sponsor 812 children who will receive a book each month until they reach age 5.

Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club, Inc. – Lee District

This club purchased Scholastic Books for 91 preschool children, donated 9 Amazon gift cards to Pre-K teachers in Title One schools, donated books to the Children’s Reading Nook at the Hanover Health department, donated 80 books to the local library, and donated \$150 to the Ashland Preschool.

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

A *Ranger Rick* subscription, art supplies, Tap and Write card sets, and science books (\$1712 In-Kind donations) were given to preschool classes at Treacle Elementary. Two hundred thirty-seven children’s books were given to the Chesapeake Health Care Clinic. Baby books were given to Newborns in Need.

GFWC WOMEN'S HISTORY and RESOURCE CENTER

Hope Royer, Chairman 112 Projects 3,597 Hours
\$2,100 Donated \$3,600 In-Kind Donations



Clubs celebrated women's history through unique and creative projects, and in monthly newsletters, reports and programs at meetings. Club histories were updated. Donations were made to community projects, WHRC, GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration, GFWC Virginia Endowment, Headquarters and Scholarship Funds.

Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Bedford Woman's Club – Blue Ridge District

Women's History Exhibit at Bedford Boys Tribute Center: "The Forgotten Warriors". Members researched, created and set up displays and served as docents.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – No award

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Waynesboro/Augusta Woman's Club, GFWC – Shenandoah District

Women's History Month display at the Waynesboro Public Library highlighted GFWC and GFWC Virginia history, and the historic impact of the Waynesboro Augusta Woman's Club on the local community.

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

Club history updated in photo album/yearbook showcasing club projects, programs, events and accomplishments. The "Celebration Album" is printed as a hardback book.

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

Donated to GFWC Virginia Endowment and Scholarship Funds. Updated digital club history. Program on the National Women's History Alliance. Celebrated Women's History Month and Federation Day. VA250 newsletter articles. Members researched and scripted district history for presentation at 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Best Overall – Large Club – Riparian Woman's Club – Southside District

Celebrated Federation Day and Federation Month. "Riparian Memories" newsletter column. In depth newsletter article on the WHRC archives and special collections. Updated club history. Toured Pamplin Historical Park.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

Jean Cobb, Chairman

Congratulations to GFWC Botetourt Town and Country Woman's Club for their work in supporting "under-resourced" elementary school children (those who faced language barriers) with homework assistance and enrichment programs. They worked with children after school for two years and six weeks during the summer.

GFWC AFFILIATE AWARDS

Susie Mowry, GFWC Virginia President

Alzheimer's Association – TIE – GFWC Woman's Club of Manassas, Inc – Northern District

The club participated in their "Witches Walk", donning costumes and participating in the Alzheimer's Walk to raise money



Alzheimer's Association – TIE – Woman's Club of Newport News – Tidewater District

Information shared through the club newsletter and club speaker, participated in Alzheimer's Walk, sold fascinators to raise over \$1958

Canine Companions – GFWC Dominion Woman's Club – Northern District

Donated \$50 and collected \$275 in-kind contributions

Heifer International – Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC – Lee District

Participated in several projects, raising money and making in-kind contributions

Hope 4 Justice – No awards

March Of Dimes – Woman’s Club of Smithfield, Inc – Southside District

Delivered 58 Care bags to the NIC Unit of the local hospital

Operation Smile – Cape Henry Woman’s Club – Tidewater District

Spent 1882 hours volunteering, sewed blankets, gowns and no-no arm bands

Shot @ Life – GFWC Swift Creek Woman’s Club – Southside District

Contributed over \$1256

St. Jude Children’s Hospital – Woman’s Club of Smithfield, Inc – Southside District

Participated in the walk raising over \$1353

UNICEF – GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club – Blue Ridge District

Participated in several project and donated/contributed over \$160

JUNIORS’ SPECIAL PROGRAM ~ ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Amanda Paez, Chairman 176 Projects 2,775 Hours
\$21,274 Donated & \$73,195 In-Kind



In 2025, GFWC Virginia Clubwomen supported GFWC Affiliates as well as our state focus of early childhood education. Many clubs supported known community-based efforts, focusing on collective action and partnerships.

Best Single Project – Small Club – General – Mattie R Stephenson Woman’s Club – Southwestern District

Clubwomen provided pillowcases and fleece blankets to the Isaiah House and Blackberry Winter.

Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – Staunton/Augusta Junior Woman’s Club – Shenandoah District

In continuing support of the Valley’s Children’s Advocacy Center, SAJWC hosted “Tastes and Tunes”, a fundraising event featuring a day of entertainment, food and drinks, and vendors. Members played a central role in the planning and execution of the event.

Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC Varina Woman’s Club – Lee District

The Varina WC made 65 brightly colored and cheerful pillowcases for patients at the Children’s Hospital to provide comfort and reassurance during their stay.

Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun – Northern District

For the holidays, Clubwomen supported Mobile Hope, which provides support and emergency shelter for youth to age 24, with marketing support. Due to their efforts, the Christmas Village program was a success.

Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell – Southside District

With an array of programs supporting our statewide Advocates efforts and supporting needs at local hospitals and the VA, this club both donated and gave in-kind and in-time to children in the community.

Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Pearisburg Junior Woman’s Club – Southwestern District

With an array of programs supporting Advocates for Children Week, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and local families in need, this club was also recognized as a Community Foundation Early Childhood Champion in Giles County.

Director of Junior Clubs Awards

Joanne Dixon, GFWC Virginia Director of Junior Clubs



GFWC VIRGINIA CLUB – OUTSTANDING ACHEIVEMENT

This GFWC Virginia Director of Junior Clubs will award an Outstanding Achievement Award to one club in each size category. The Junior Club that demonstrates leadership within the club’s level, while also supporting Advocates for Children in our communities.

Small Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell – Southside District

The GFWC Junior Women’s Club of Hopewell exemplifies the spirit of service through the dedication and impact of its small but mighty membership. Despite its size, the club has made meaningful contributions within the community and beyond, demonstrating that commitment and passion drive success.

This year, members supported local needs through several thoughtful initiatives. They donated coloring and activity books to a local hospital, bringing comfort and joy to young patients, and provided coats to a local elementary school to help children stay warm during the colder months. In addition, the club contributed boxes of needed items to a local food pantry, assisting families facing food insecurity.

Leadership and engagement remain strong within the club, with six of its eight members actively serving at the state, district, or international level. This level of involvement highlights the club’s dedication not only to local service but also to the broader mission of GFWC.

The club also demonstrated consistent support for statewide efforts by contributing to collections at every state meeting. Overall, the GFWC Junior Women’s Club of Hopewell continues to make a meaningful difference through service, leadership, and unwavering commitment.

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

The Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun demonstrated a strong commitment to community service and engagement throughout the year, actively participating in district and state projects as well as key initiatives such as Advocates for Children and the International Day of Service. Their efforts to support foster children highlight a dedication to improving the lives of vulnerable youth, while their art contest provided an opportunity to encourage creativity and community involvement.

The club successfully hosted its 21st annual Prom Wishes event, continuing a meaningful tradition that benefits local students. Additional outreach included organizing a Trunk or Treat event, supporting veterans, and contributing to environmental stewardship by planting trees within the community. In celebration of their 75th anniversary, the club sponsored a sculpture, leaving a lasting and visible impact.

Notably, the club reported activity in nearly every advancement area, reflecting a well-rounded and highly engaged membership. Their consistent presence on social media further enhanced community awareness and participation in their initiatives. Overall, the Junior Woman’s Club of Loudoun exemplifies dedication, creativity, and service, making a significant and lasting difference in their community.

GFWC VIRGINIA JUNIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This recognition award is to recognize the dedication and hard work of a special Junior Club Women over the last calendar year. The GFWC Virginia Junior organization recognizes the outstanding work done by Juniors of Virginia and all they do to promote leadership and volunteerism.

No entries received for 2025

GFWC VIRGINIA JUNIOR NEW CLUBWOMAN AWARD

This recognition award is to recognize the dedication and hard work of a new Clubwoman in last calendar year. The GFWC Virginia Junior organization recognizes the outstanding work done by Juniors of Virginia and all they do to promote leadership and volunteerism.

No entries received for 2025

GFWC VIRGINIA JUNIOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award can be awarded to anyone who is nominated, is an active GFWC Virginia Junior Club member when nominated, and attaining at least 110 points on the form in the Junior Awards section of the Yearbook.

No entries received for 2025

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.

Participation

Staunton/Augusta Junior Woman's Club – Shenandoah District
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell – Southside District

Bronze

GFWC Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club – Southwestern District

Silver

Narrows Junior Woman's Club of GFWC – Southwestern District
Farmville Junior Woman's Club – Alice Kyle District

Gold

Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester – Lee District

Gold & Highest Point Total

Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun – Northern District

SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS

CORRINE MURRAY AWARD

Large Club – Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester – Lee District

This club supported the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in their community and reached 812 students in 2025.

Small Club – Farmville Junior Woman's Club – Alice Kyle District

This club supported a local elementary school to make books accessible to students and the community through "birdhouses" on the school grounds.

MARJORIE BRANCH AWARD

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

This club was selected for the Marjorie Branch award for promoting membership in their club. This club reports that it is deeply committed to promoting membership, fostering community engagement, and strengthening the bonds within their club and GFWC. Their entry showed this club had many activities and attracted 14 new members and further engagement of current members.

Small Club – No Entries Received

PHYLLIS V. ROBERTS AWARD

Two clubs submitted nominations for the Phyllis V. Roberts Award, both presenting particularly strong submissions. The GFWC Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club spearheaded a high-impact hunger relief initiative by partnering with the Society of St. Andrew to bridge the gap between farm surplus and local food insecurity. Through dedicated "District Gleaning Days" organized by District President Amy DeWilde, members harvested and recovered thousands of pounds of fresh produce—including squash, pumpkins, and turnips—from local farms and regional tractor-trailer food drops. This massive effort culminated in the distribution of nutritious food across 12 blessing boxes in Giles County, VA, and Monroe County, WV, demonstrating a profound commitment to community welfare and the power of Federation friendship in action.

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

This club distinguished itself and demonstrated the essence of the Phyllis V. Roberts Award through a diverse range of collaborative efforts that bridged the gap between Junior and General clubs. Throughout 2025, the club fostered intergenerational fellowship by participating in local General club events, such as the Woman's Club of Loudoun's annual picnic and new member tea, as well as engaging in strategic brainstorming with the Woman's Club of Herndon. These relationships were further deepened through educational initiatives, including a presentation from a GFWC Headquarters intern that highlighted the shared history and national legacy of the Federation.

Beyond social and educational ties, this club demonstrated the power of collective action through significant philanthropic and service-oriented partnerships. The club showed solidarity by donating to hurricane relief via GFWC North Carolina and achieved high-impact success during the GFWC International Day of Service. By partnering with the GFWC Virginia Northern District clubs to support the Sentara Nurse Forensic Examiners Program, the club contributed over \$800 in funds and supplies toward a \$3,725 district total. This blend of intentional fellowship, cooperative philanthropy, and collaborative service partnerships between the Juniors and Generals reinforces a seamless, vibrant GFWC mission across generations.

Small Club – No Entries Received

SHELBY PAISLEY HAMLETT AWARD

Junior Federated Women’s Club of Chester – Lee District

This club supports the Walk in the Light Project, a suicide awareness walk held in March in memory of a local middle school student. The event honors a life while raising awareness about youth mental health and suicide prevention.

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT AWARD

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

JWCL Stepped up Leadership with in their club with a new member jumping in. This member is not only the Third Vice President of the Northern District, but the First Vice President of her local club. With this new leadership, club members were encouraged to attend meetings at all levels of GFWC, as well as introducing the GFWC Junior Leadership Certification program, and provide recourses, advocacy, and leadership expectations. In a bold act of leadership, one member wrote an “Open Letter to the Community” on behalf of the Northern Junior clubs in February in response to presidential actions ending DEI, to re-establish the club’s moral compass and advocacy priorities. This strategic manifesto was posted on social media and served as a decisive public stance, reaffirming the commitment to Unity in Diversity.

A board retreat was held transitioning from “business as usual” to a results- oriented model which also ensured a visionary stewardship evolving into a modern, data driven, and highly influential organization. Customized portfolios were provided to the board, ensuring immediate alignment with club goals.

Small Club – Farmville Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District

The Farmville Junior Woman’s Club strives to lead with a purpose for our community. This club is in a rebuilding phrase and continues to lead and volunteer not only at the club level, but also on the district and state level.

One club member has represented our club on the state level by serving on the GFWC Virginia Junior Executive Board this past as well as current administration. She is a GFWC LEADS and GFWC Virginia LEADS graduate. She continues to share her “why” for joining GFWC and encouraging others to become a part of the wonderful organization.

With her skills, she took on a new project putting her leadership skills to the test by revamping not only our club history, but our club manual. The club manual is a document that is distributed to all club members at the start of each administration with minor updates. She has taken on the role of updating and creating a manual that follows the layout of the state manual. She has perfected our manual and as a club we are all working on updating our by-laws as well as revamping our image in hopes of bring on many new young career women of all ages in the Farmville area.

She is the first representative from our club to attend GFWC LEADS, and has accepted the nomination for GFWC Virginia Third Vice President and Director of Junior Clubs. She continues to amaze our members with her growing leadership knowledge and the future of the Farmville Junior Women’s Club.

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT JUNIOR AWARD IN LEGISLATION

Farmville Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District

Following participation in a GFWC leadership seminar, a club member introduced the organization to the GFWC Legislation Action Center and provided guidance on its purpose and use. All members subsequently enrolled and demonstrated consistent engagement by responding to legislative alerts throughout 2025, supporting initiatives related to global immunization, online safety, violence prevention funding, victim assistance, and child protection. This commitment has continued into 2026, reflecting the club’s ongoing dedication to advocacy and civic engagement.