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The GFWC West Virginia

CLUBWOMAN

SUMMER 2021



The official newsletter of the GFWC West Virginia
Helen Moren, President—moren4391@comcast.net
Change Makes a Difference

Message from the President...

The weather is finally getting nice, so we can get outside and enjoy the warm sunshine. I believe we all are ready for warmer weather.

By the time this newsletter arrives, Spring Workshops will be completed.

"Change Makes a Difference" - oh how true. With the virus, several changes have been made. GFWC West Virginia convention was held March 19-20 virtually and what a new experience. Thank you to the members who registered for the convention. A big salute to Georgianna Tillis, Barbara Henry and Ryann Moore who worked in making it very successful. Thanks to Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President-elect who brought greetings from GFWC.

Thank you to all the clubs who reported on their activities. Even during this unprecedented time, club members have shown a deeper commitment in serving others. I enjoyed reading the reports, which were very outstanding and the excellent work they have done in their communities. Congratulations to all the clubs who won awards.

Sharon Sheridan was endorsed as a candidate for Southeastern Region Secretary or any other office.

Thank you again to Kaye Burkholder and her ladies who put together the lovely quilt that was won by Ruth Tye, a member of the GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club. Mrs. Tye turned 102 years old on March 15.

Thank you to Cindy Jenkins who arranged the basket raffle that was very successful and raised \$1,586.00. Fundraising items were sent home with the district presidents. Prices were reduced and this information can be found on the website. Please help support our fundraising. We need to clear out our stock.

Bylaws were completed at the convention. Please visit the website and read the WE POWER, which includes all the winners, lifetime members, 50-year members and anniversary clubs. Georgianna Tillis was elected Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee and will be contacting the district chairmen.

Dusty Smith and Cheryl Black will be representing West Virginia as LEADS candidates at the GFWC Convention. Congratulations ladies. Jenny Award entries must be received by Helen Moren by June 1. Rita Lynch, Chairman, and information can be obtained by contacting Rita.

We chartered a new club, The Tug Valley Juniorette Club. Congratulations and welcome to the federation!

Congratulations to the Martinsburg Woman's Club for celebrating their 95th Anniversary. I had the opportunity to spend the evening with them as they celebrated this gala affair.

Summer Conference is being planned for August 6-7, at the Best Western, in Bridgeport. Arts and Crafts will be judged. Entries will be accepted Friday morning at the Bridgeport Civic Center. More information will be coming at a later date.

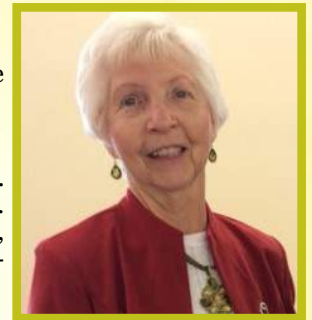
Upcoming dates:

GFWC Convention will be held August 27-30 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia. Registration is open and you can visit the GFWC.org web site for more information.

Cathy Jo and I will be visiting the districts for their conventions from September to October.

Southeastern Region Conference will be held October 28-31, at Rocky Gap, Flint, Maryland. We will again be participating in the "Run for the Roses" Contest. Last year we raised over \$3,000.00. So now is the time to start collecting our coins and dollars so we can be the big winners. Mary Jo Thomas is the GFWC Capital Campaign Chairman.

Wishing you all well,
Have a wonderful summer,
Helen Moren,
GFWC West Virginia President



GFWC WV Membership: Terri Diamond, Chairman



We are gearing up for summer events and starting to come out of our stay-at-home orders, limited number in gatherings by Governor Jim Justice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By doing this, our clubs are starting to gear up with activities and monthly meetings, which is great news to have and to show how well we love being a GFVC member.

Since we are in the “Retention” campaign for this summer, we need to go out and rebuild and strengthen our core group of members. Engage your members with a stable core of experienced members as this is the backbone of your club. New members can lean on and learn from members who have an institutional memory and history of involvement. When working together, experienced members and new members can function like one healthy body – standing tall, moving forward, and making strides toward accomplishing your club’s goals. Members who actively participate in their club are more likely to want to continue their membership. Find ways to use the talents of ALL members and engage every member in club projects to avoid conflict. Ask for and try to implement member suggestions to help keep your club happy, strong, and growing.

By retaining membership, you had to recruit the members, so were you recognized by GFVC with a star pin recruitment award? If you don’t know about this award, please refer to the GFVC manual for the GFVC Star Pin Recruitment Awards. How this works is, each club needs to send the name of the recruiter and the names and contact information of the active, dues-paying new members to me, (your state membership chairman). These recruitment pins and circles are recruitment incentives for clubwomen. The first five awards recognize members who have recruited five to 29 new members. These awards are cumulative and cross administrations. There are ten levels to the recruitment pins and circle.

This year the recruiters that were received were small in number and a lot of clubs don’t report these recruiters and new members. Please advise your members to recruit and be recognized at the state convention for their recruiting efforts.

We need to continue club participations and communications, and the use of technology, such as emailing, texting, messaging, social media, and virtual meetings (Zoom) is vital. Let us hear about your experience in the future on how your club recognizes their recruiters and new club members.

You can always visit www.gfvc.org and www.gfvcwestvirginia.org for more information on membership.

Buzzing with WV Federation Love,
Terri

***From the Director of
Junior Clubs,
Dusty Smith***



In my article, I would like to shine the spotlight on some of the amazing projects that the GFWC WV Juniors orchestrated during 2020

Bridgeport Juniors

The GFWC Bridgeport Juniors are very proud to announce that on March 7, 2020, our 2nd Annual "Be the Change Ball" netted nearly \$100,000. Of the funds raised, \$85,000 was allocated to providing the new WVU Medicine Children's Hospital with both a NICU Milk Bank and a Child Life Prep Room, and the remaining \$12,246.56 went to our Club's general fund for other community needs. Our black-tie gala had the delightfully wicked theme of "Fairest of Them All" and featured live music, champagne toast, hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour, themed dinner, dancing to a live band, prize wheel and silent auction, late-night snack buffet and several fun surprises.

They were also thrilled to rethink one of our favorite club projects, the "Trick or Trot 5K," in a completely virtual way for 2020. This Halloween-themed event raised over \$4,000, with \$830 going to WVSU Healthy Grandfamilies of Harrison County, our selected President's Special Project partner. In a fun twist, they also donated \$1,675 to nonprofits chosen by our top three teams.

Huntington Junior Department

Since 1982, Hospice of Huntington has provided end-of-life care to more than 15,000 patients, as well as support for their families. They serve patients living in Cabell, Lincoln, Mason, and Wayne Counties in West Virginia, as well as Lawrence County and surrounding areas in Ohio. This year, they had a member who was personally impacted by this organization as her grandmother, Tempa Emaline Farley was an at-home patient. This dedicated group of people took wonderful care of not only the patient during the difficult time but the family as well. In honor of our member and her beloved grandmother, our group decided to provide breakfast for a morning meeting and to-go lunches to these nurses and other office staff. They purchased coffee/creamers/sweeteners, an array of bagels with butter and cream cheese, fruit and oat bars, pepperoni rolls, and cookies. The donation included cups, utensils, napkins, plates, and to-go containers. The food was purchased from a locally owned and operated café that was extremely grateful for the purchase due to the challenges of COVID.

Point Pleasant Junior Women's Club

They organized a "Giraffe Hunt" where members of our community could drive around town and find giraffe signs in people's yards. It was a family activity designed to take place in cars to be COVID safe. There was a puzzle on all the signs, and anyone who figured it out could enter for a prize. Anyone who donated to Lilly's Place received help finding the signs. In total, they raised \$300 for Lilly's Place with this activity. Group members spent a combined 40 hours organizing and executing the event.

They donated toys to the Hoops Children's Hospital in Huntington, WV. They learned that their toy closet was empty over the summer, so the club contributed \$100 and individual members contributed an additional \$110. They were able to purchase over 20 toys for the hospital.

I want to Thank each and every Junior and General for "Being the Change" and doing better than ever before.

Yours in Federation,

Dusty Smith

News from the Clubs

WOMAN'S CLUB OF FAIRMONT

The Fairmont Club hasn't had meetings for the last few months because of Covid. As one of our fund-raisers, we are selling replicas of our Clubhouse made by Cats Meow for \$20. If you would like to buy one, please message us on our Facebook page - GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont.



The Woman's Club of Fairmont
300 First Street
Fairmont, West Virginia 26554

The Fleming home was built in 1901 and contains a magnificent, ornate central staircase and many of the original furnishings and decor. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Woman's Club of Fairmont purchased the property in 1938 and continues to meet, host gatherings, and provide tours of their historic clubhouse. The Woman's Club of Fairmont is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and has been serving the community for more than 100 years through health, education, and humanitarian efforts, and working to preserve this treasure.

GFWC NORTH CENTRAL JUNIOR ALUMNAE CLUB

March of Dimes—NICU Baby Project

During the month of February the members of the **North Central Junior Alumnae Club** donated 21 Mom Bags, 9 Baby Blankets, and 6 Baby Hats. All were mailed to the **March of Dimes** Fulfillment Center. Thank you to those who donated to make a difference in a mom and baby's life. This was a 3-month club project that ended March 31st. The blankets and hats were be hand-made or purchased.

National Crayon Day

The club gathered old, used, and broken crayons from around their homes and grandchildren's homes throughout the month of March and donated them to **The Crayon Initiative**. They will melt them down and turn them into new ones then donate new crayons to schools, children's hospitals, and art programs.

Hope, Inc.

Towels and Wash Cloths and Bras and Panties were collected during month and donated to **Hope, Inc.**

MOUNTAINEER WOMAN'S CLUB

Our Club made almost 90 little "favors" filled with Easter candy for the West Virginia Veterans' Nursing Facility. They will be delivered in the next couple of weeks.



Baby Blues BBQ

Moorefield, WV
304.530.5440

Appetizers

Unless otherwise noted, appetizers are \$5 each.

HUSH PUPPIES

ONION RINGS

FRIED PICKLES

CHEESE FRIES

HOT PEPPER CHEESE CUBES

WINGS (6):

Buffalo, BBQ, Sweet & Spicy, or Honey BBQ

BONELESS WINGS \$6

Buffalo, BBQ, Sweet & Spicy, or Honey BBQ

MOZZARELLA STICKS \$6

MAC 'N CHEESE BITES

PORK RINDS \$4

Salads

GARDEN SALAD:

Check full of crisp lettuce and fresh cut veggies.

Small \$4 / Large \$6

Add Chicken (Buffalo, Fried or Grilled): \$3

Add Steak: \$4

DRESSINGS:

Balsamic, Italian, Thousand Island, French,

French, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Classic BBQ

*All of our sandwiches and ribs are served with your choice of cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, French fries or sweet potato fries.

MEMPHIS RED SANDWICH:

slow roasted pork dressed with our sweet & tangy sauce. \$7

SMOKED & PULLED PORK SANDWICH:

perfectly smoked and served moist. Add your own sauce. \$7 (choice of sauce: Traditional, Carolina, Roasted Red & Honey BBQ)

NORTH CAROLINA MINCED

PORK SANDWICH:

basted in vinegar and slow roasted, chopped while sizzling hot. Add your own sauce. \$7 (choice of sauce: traditional, Carolina, Roasted Red & Honey BBQ)

SMOKED BEEF BRISKET SANDWICH:

Smoked until tender, you add your own sauce. \$8 (Choice of Sauce: Traditional, Carolina, Roasted Red & Honey BBQ)

FAMOUS BBQ RIBS:

1/2 Rack of Baby Back Ribs: Slow roasted until the meat is falling off the bone, dressed with our favorite sweet & tangy sauce. \$12

PORK SLIDER SAMPLER:

One each of our BBQ options - minced, Memphis & pulled. Enjoy them all! \$9

FRENCH DIP BRISKET:

Our famous smoked beef brisket with French sauce, Swiss cheese & sautéed onions served on a toasted roll with Au Jus to dip. \$10

Containing raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.

Baby Blues Burgers

*All of our burgers & wraps are served with your choice of cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, French fries or sweet potato fries. Burgers topped with your choice of lettuce, tomato, onion or pickle upon request. Add cheese for \$1. Add bacon for \$1.

HAMBURGER:

Our classic juicy ground beef burger. \$6

MUSHROOM SWISS BURGER:

Melbed Swiss & sautéed mushrooms. Delicious! \$7

SMOKE PIT BURGER:

Wipe nix in the crust from our smoked beef brisket. \$8

BUBBA BURGER:

A big 1/2 pound burger with the works! \$10

Wraps

*Every order includes two wraps.

CHICKEN:

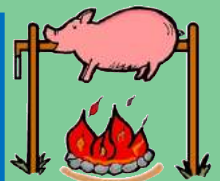
Fried chicken with your choice of sauce (buffalo, sweet & spicy, or honey BBQ), lettuce, tomato, cheese and your choice of blue cheese or ranch dressing. \$7

PULLED PORK:

Smoked, pulled pork sautéed onions & peppers, cheddar cheese and spicy BBQ sauce. \$8

STEAK:

Sizzling steak, sautéed onions & mushrooms, provolone cheese. \$9



**Happy Birthday to
Mountaineer Woman's Club!
They are 50 years old.
It is time to celebrate!**

50 years ago, 15 young ladies turned 35, Oh My!! They were still full of energy and wanted to continue with the volunteer spirit that they had learned through their involvement in the Morgantown Junior Woman's Club. But, alas, there was an age limit and they had reached it. What could they do? They could quit woman's club or they could join the Morgantown Woman's Club, but those ladies were so old and did nothing but eat and talk. They wanted more. A light bulb went off! Let's start our own club! And thus, the Mountaineer Woman's Club began. At one point in time there were 50-60 members. They were the sponsors of the Heart Dance, a formal affair (and the 150 tickets were in great demand) complete with a king and queen of hearts. These were people who had had open heart surgery and represented that a good life could be lived post surgery. Thousands of dollars were donated to the Heart Fund. We held a festival (open to the public) at Camp Muffy, celebrating the bicentennial of the USA. This included booths of games of chance and crafts, music, and animal rides. We made a quilt with each square representing an area or building in Monongalia County. The pictures were sketched, embroidered, and then pieced together and quilted on a frame by the members. The quilt now resides in the Monongalia County Museum. Each year they held a bazaar called Spring into Spring complete with style show and sit-down lunch. We also had a choir that sang at the annual state convention. These were all in addition to the other projects that fell into the five different program areas. And now here we are 50 years later and back to 15 members.



GFWC WV BETHANY WOMAN'S CLUB

The **GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club** is celebrating the 102nd birthday of Ruth Tye.



Pictured: **Helen Moren, Ruth, Connie McVicar** and **Jeanne Sarg.**



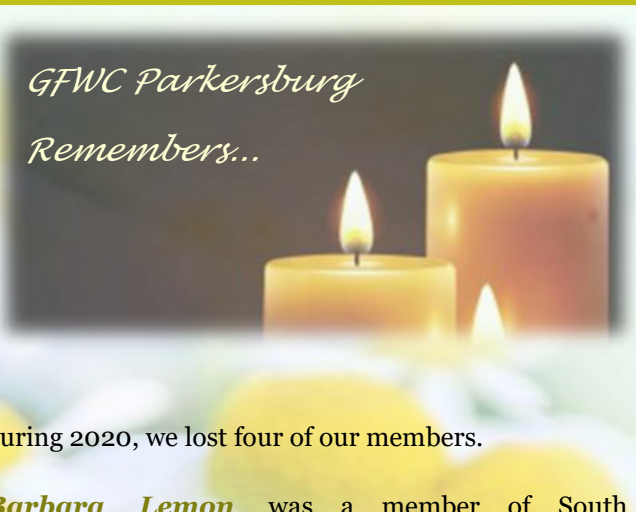
Helen Moren, GFWC West Virginia President

This is a picture of the quilt that was made by Kaye Burkholder and friends. The quilt was raffled off at state convention.





GFWC Parkersburg Remembers...



During 2020, we lost four of our members.

Barbara Lemon was a member of South Parkersburg Woman's Club where she was club President and Western District President before she transferred to PWC in 1983.

Barbara Ott was a member for 10 years, also serving in Juniors. She also held state offices in Kiwanis.

Barbara Sullivan became a member in 2000, serving as President in 2002-2004. She had received red, white, and blue stars for membership, served as Western District President and several state positions, her favorite being editor of the Clubwoman magazine.

Janet Eppert was a member of Vienna Woman's Club for 38 years before transferring to PWC. She received her 50 year pin in 2016. She served in various positions and was club President from 2006-2008.



NORTH CENTRAL JUNIOR ALUMNAE April 22 Earth Day

This year's theme was "Restore Our Planet". One way we can help save our planet is by recycling plastics. We have partnered with the Girl Scouts to recycle household plastics to be used in composite decking and railing.

NORTH CENTRAL JUNIOR ALUMNAE

We are continuing to collect:

NICU Mom Bags, Baby Blankets and Hats for **March of Dimes**
Used and Broken Crayons for the **Crayon Initiative**.
Towels, Washcloths, Bras, Panties, for **HOPE Inc.**

GFWC WEST VIRGINIA OFFICERS

2020-2022

- President—Helen Moren
- President-elect—Cathy Jo Bryant
- First Vice President-Natalie Hinkle
- Second Vice President-Terri Diamond
- Recording Secretary-Rosemary Thomas
- Treasurer—Linda Walker
- Director of Junior Clubs—Dusty Smith



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PEA RIDGE WOMAN'S CLUB

The ladies were busy this year with several projects:



Collecting food for the Indian Cupboard Food Bank after winter storms hit the area. Club members pictured: **Anne Workman** and **Stephanie Carter**



March of Dimes Memory Boxes for mothers with babies in the NICU. Boxes included disposable cameras, journals, personal care items, snacks, and gift cards. Club members pictured: **Karen Veazey** and **Beverly Dawson**



Pinwheel Garden for Child Abuse Prevention. Club members pictured: **Robin McComas** and **Anne Workman**



Autism Walk to raise money for Autism Training Center in Huntington, WV. Club members pictured: **Kathy Weekly**, **Bettina Freeman**, **Marsha Dilley**, and **Paula Adkins**



Autism masks made by Club Members; **Dina Lee** and **Lori Thomas**



Pea Ridge Woman's Club hosted the Donate Life Flag Raising Ceremony at the Barbourville Park. **Joy Bryant-Harris** helped organize and spoke at the event.

President's Special Project

Pill Bottle Piggy Bank Challenge—



Fill pill bottles from now until Dec 1, 2021, and send them to GFWC WV. All proceeds go to West Virginia Alliance for Recovery Residences. The bottles can also be sent in for recycling that may generate income for Matthew 25; or they can be sent in to use for medical supplies in countries around the world. (You just have to follow the cleaning guidelines for this part of the project).

The **GFWC Northern District** is always accepting new members. Just contact your club president or membership chairman with the prospective member's name and address so they can be notified.



Remembering Sandra Walton



*27-year member and past president of
Ronceverte Woman's Club*

GFWC Oceana Woman's Club

A fundraiser was held to donate funds to the Oceana Police Department to help in the purchase of a police dog to assist in drug searches in the town and surrounding areas.

Food items were donated by members to the local food pantry.

Knitted hats are being made by members to be donated to cancer patients. Tote bags are being filled with personal items for victims of domestic violence.

As an act of appreciation for their dedication and acts of service, the Oceana Police Department is being treated weekly with snacks such as cakes, cookies, candy or other goodies by club members.

A Mother's Day Banquet was held during the regular May meeting.

Bluewell Woman's Club

A Spring Fling Tea was held on Monday, May 10th at 6:30 at the Bluewell Methodist Church.

Since the April meeting, the Club contributed to Montcalm High Project Graduation and Bluefield High Project Graduation, provided a catered lunch to the staff at Craft Memorial Library, picked our Scholarship winner from Montcalm High School, took snacks to Loving Hands and kept a check on the supplies in the Blessing Box.

During the Bluewell Clean-Up Saturday, a group cleaned up a portion of Lorton Lick Road and an abandoned lot in Bluewell. The blue card was submitted for the Club to Joan and Helen.

Remember the Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th!!

More plans will be made soon!

In Federation Love,

Lisa

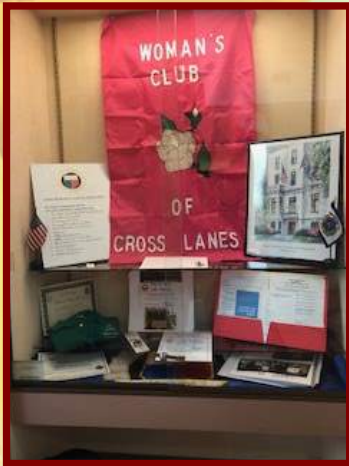
GFWC North Central District Spring Workshop

Spring Workshop was held virtually on Saturday, April 17 at 10 am. This was a Zoom meeting hosted by District President Debbie Harki. Club Presidents and District Officers were invited to attend.

GFWC Woman's Club of Cross Lanes

"Daffodils and Sisters"

It started one warm spring day in Cross Lanes WV. One member of the GFWC WV Woman's Club of Cross Lanes took a photo of pretty yellow daffodils in her yard. She texted the photo and a "Happy Spring" message to her sister who lives somewhere else. Soon, she realized she had, quite unintentionally, sent the text to the Woman's Club "text list." So, she sent an apology to the club members. But the apology was not really needed; the cheerful photo had already brightened the day for several members who started texting their appreciation. Someone added, "Just pretend we are all sisters!" More members chimed in with greetings and thanks. One member shared a link to help us understand the difference between daffodils and jonquils. The lady who took the photo explained that these tete-a-tete daffodil bulbs had been purchased several years ago when the club had a Flower Power fundraiser---so the photo really was club-related. The flowers brought joy and closeness to Federation Sisters.



Members of the GFWC WV Woman's Club of Cross Lanes created a display at the local branch of Kanawha County Public Library to celebrate Federation Day. The display included information about the club, its current activities, and an upcoming event. It also included a picture of GFWC Headquarters and an explanation of Federation Day.



GFWC Woman's Club of Martinsburg March Meeting

Cynthia Jamison, Board Chair of the Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless, spoke to the GFWC Woman's Club of Martinsburg at their March meeting. The coalition relies on donations for their outreach to the homeless in the county and, currently, are in great need of the following items: sturdy paper plates, bowls, and napkins, disposable cutlery, and gallon Ziplock bags. Club members were alerted via email about this need and were asked to bring them to the meeting and the women supplied them in abundance.

Ms. Jamison later informed the club that these items were divided into packs by the Boy Scout Troop 81 of Berkeley Springs, "It made 261 packs. That is enough for almost two years' worth of supplies. Words cannot describe how thankful we are for your organization's help."



Barbara Henry and **Janice Breisch**, Co-Presidents of Woman's Club of Martinsburg, and **Cynthia Jamison**, Board Chair, of the Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless



Boy Scout Troop 81 of Berkeley Springs

GFWC Woman's Club of Martinsburg Anniversary Celebration - 95 Years!

GFWC Woman's Club of Martinsburg celebrated their 95th Year Anniversary on April 12th. Co-Presidents, **Barbara Henry** and **Janice Breisch** hosted an evening of Celebration and Recognition to commemorate the history of the club and their accomplishments during the past 95 years. We are proud of the 42 active members who volunteer many hours in our community.

The first woman to hold the office of the Mayor of Martinsburg, Harriet Johnson, delivered the welcome and thanked the club for its continuing support of Martinsburg. **Helen Moren**, GFWC West Virginia President, attended and addressed the attendees about her State Project, "Opioid Crisis, Drug Abuse and Recovery", and how pertinent it is for our state. She commended the club members for their many accomplishments throughout the years and for their continuing presence in their community. Kevin Knowles, Business Development Chief with the Mountaineer Recovery Center, City Councilman, and President of the West Virginia Municipal League, was commended for the work he does for the Mountaineer Recovery Center and the development of the Ashley House, a facility for women recovering from addiction. In addition to the club members furnishing the Ashley House, the Woman's Club has established a fund to support women of Ashley House who might need some financial assistance. Recognition was given to Anthony Hess and Mark Van Jordan of Flowers Unlimited for their devotion to helping with our annual fundraiser, the Holiday Design Show.

During the evening, the Board of Directors performed a short skit of the history of the club, which was written from an original 1927 club program depicting Mother Goose and Nursery Rhyme characters. As everyone stood and recited the Club Collect, the evening ended on our reflections of the past and began a promise for our future.



Cutting the Celebratory Cake, **Helen Moren**, GFWC West Virginia President; **Barbara Henry** and **Janice Breisch**; Co-Presidents, Woman's Club of Martinsburg; and Harriet Johnson, Mayor of Martinsburg.



Barbara Henry and **Janice Breisch**, Co-Presidents Woman's Club of Martinsburg stand on either side of **Helen Moren**, GFWC West Virginia President



Anthony Hess and Mark Van Jordan, Flowers Unlimited



Kevin Knowles, Business Development Chief with the Mountaineer Recovery Center, City Councilman and President of the West Virginia Municipal League

Happy 95th!



Harriet Johnson,
Mayor of
Martinsburg

GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar** has been working hard since September 2020 in making our nursing home residents feel loved. We know with everything shut down, that it is hard for the residents to feel as if they have anyone thinking about them. One of our members has a daughter who is in a local Girl Scout Troop. She started a project to make homemade greeting cards with handwritten messages for the residents in nursing homes. When she asked if we would like to help, our ladies jumped into action. Between September and the end of December 2020, our ladies have made over 1,500 cards to be distributed to 14 different nursing homes across our region. We have made birthday, holiday, and just pick-me-up cards. We have decided to carry this project on throughout 2021.



As a member of the Bethany Town Council, our President, **Helen Moren**, presented a proclamation from the Town of Bethany to Senator Joe Manchin at the 181st Commencement at Bethany College on May 8, 2021.



See you in
September

Bee A Leader Summer Conference

We are finally meeting in person and you will want to be there for the GFWC West Virginia Summer Conference as we focus on the topic "Bee A Leader". Friday afternoon we will begin at 2 pm with Federation leader Babs Condon for a mini leads program followed by a session on Protocol before we have dinner at 6:00 pm. Featured speaker for dinner will be Kevin Knowles, the president of West Virginia Addiction Recovery Residences. We will be presenting donations collected from you with Pill Bottle Piggy Bank during the dinner. Julie Perry, state chairman, recently presented her idea, Pill Bottle Piggy Banks, to you on the GFWC WV Facebook page. Check it out! Basically she is asking you to collect money in your empty pill bottles and bring it to Summer Conference for our Service Project. But, don't quit there, keep on collecting through the fall and turn your final dollars in by December 1, 2021. All funds collected will go to President Helen's special project focusing on Addiction Recovery and the Residences that are available to help individuals rehab and re-enter society as productive citizens.

But first you need to plan to arrive early to deliver your Arts and Crafts entries to the Benedum Community Center just a short 1.5 mile from the hotel on Route 50. Just after you cross the railroad tracks, the Benedum Center (a blue building) is on the left side of the road. There is room to pull off right in front of the building to unload and the parking lot is between the Center and the Dairy Queen. All entries must be registered between 10:00 am and Noon. They will be judged during the afternoon and you will then have to **pick up all entries between 3:35 and 3:55**. No access will be available to view the entries at any time during the day. We just could not arrange that with the facilities and timeframe that we were working with. If you have any questions about the Arts and Crafts, please call Chairman Sandi Davison at 304-419-0286.

On Saturday, our program will again focus on leadership and we have given you a preview on the Registration form on the opposite page. There are not the usual break-outs but ALL presentations will be made in the General Session so everyone can attend all presentations. Dana Knowles will be giving us her firsthand experience of walking into an alcohol and drug treatment center all alone, overcoming an addiction and being able walk out. Her story is very compelling and one that will give you a real insight into the struggles and challenges of addiction.

Please complete a Registration Form for EACH person and send your Registrations to Tressa Wolfe as soon as possible. The first 120 members registered will be treated to a great program from our leaders in GFWC West Virginia. Be sure to get your spot reserved for dinner on Friday night and Lunch on Saturday. The Arts and Crafts winners will be announced at the end of the conference along with the distribution of the Presidents' packets.

Make your room reservations today at the Best Western Inn in Bridgeport. Call the hotel directly at 304-842-5411 and ask for the GFWC West Virginia block. It is an amazing \$85 rate for two per night. It is located at the intersection of I-79 and US 50 on Bridgeport Hill. They have a great facility and the staff that is eager to host us for our summer meeting. They have been waiting since last August and will be ready for us. We hope to see you there!

"BEE LEADERS" SUMMER CONFERENCE
AUGUST 6-7, 2021
BEST WESTERN PLUS BRIDGEPORT INN, BRIDGEPORT, WV

GFWC WV State President Helen Moren invites all clubwomen and guests to attend the 48th Annual GFWC West Virginia Summer Conference and Arts & Crafts Judging for 2021.

Make room reservations by calling (304) 842-5411 before July 15th. Room rates are \$85 plus taxes. Ask for the GFWC "block" when you call directly to the Bridgeport Best Western Plus.

Deadline for this Conference reservation is July 15, 2021. Send separate form for each participant.
The first 120 to register will be assured a spot for conference. COVID limitations apply to our space.

2021 Summer Conference Registration Form

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

If you hold a position, please state:

- ☐ GFWC _____
☐ GFWC WV _____
☐ District President _____
☐ Club President _____

Please indicate special request here:

Vegetarian _____
GLUTEN Free _____

Send to: Tressa Wolfe
616 Rivendell Dr.
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Conference Registration Desk
Friday 1:00 - 5:45 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

_____ Registration Fee \$15
_____ Late Registration add* \$5
_____ Friday Dinner \$25

_____ Pecan Crusted Tilapia or
_____ Baked Steak w/ dessert

_____ Saturday Luncheon \$16
_____ Grilled Chicken Salad w/cookies

_____ Service Project (I'd like to donate to
the GFWC WV President's Special Project)

Total Due _____

Make checks payable: GFWC WV

Buzzing into the Program



Speakers will be presenting in a General Session so there are no break-out sessions. Everyone will be getting the same info.

Friday: 2-4 pm

4:15 - 4:45

6:00 pm

Saturday:

9:00

9:30

11:00

12:00

Bee a Leader - LEADS for Every Member

Bee in Good Form - Protocol for everyone

Bee Involved Dinner - Recovery Residencies

Kevin Knowles, President WVARR

Bee Informed with Dana Knowles

Panel Presentation

Bee Productive (Scholarships)

Bee Enlightened (Support Fund)

Bee Effective (1734/WHRC)

Bee Prepared (CSPs & Reporting)

Bee Social (Social media/online)

Bee The Future Luncheon

Membership Focus

Arts & Craft Winners - Packets

Arts and Crafts Judging

Bring your District winners to be judged

Friday, August 6, 2021

Benedum Civic Center

164 W Main St, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Just 1.4 miles from the hotel follow Route 50

Register 10 am to Noon

Pick up 3:30-3:55 SAME DAY

2021 GFWC WV Service Project

Pill Bottle Piggy Bank. Fill your medicine bottles with CASH and turn it in on Friday near the Registration Desk. Donations will be presented to WVARR.

Late Registration does not guarantee meal seat. Please register ASAP.