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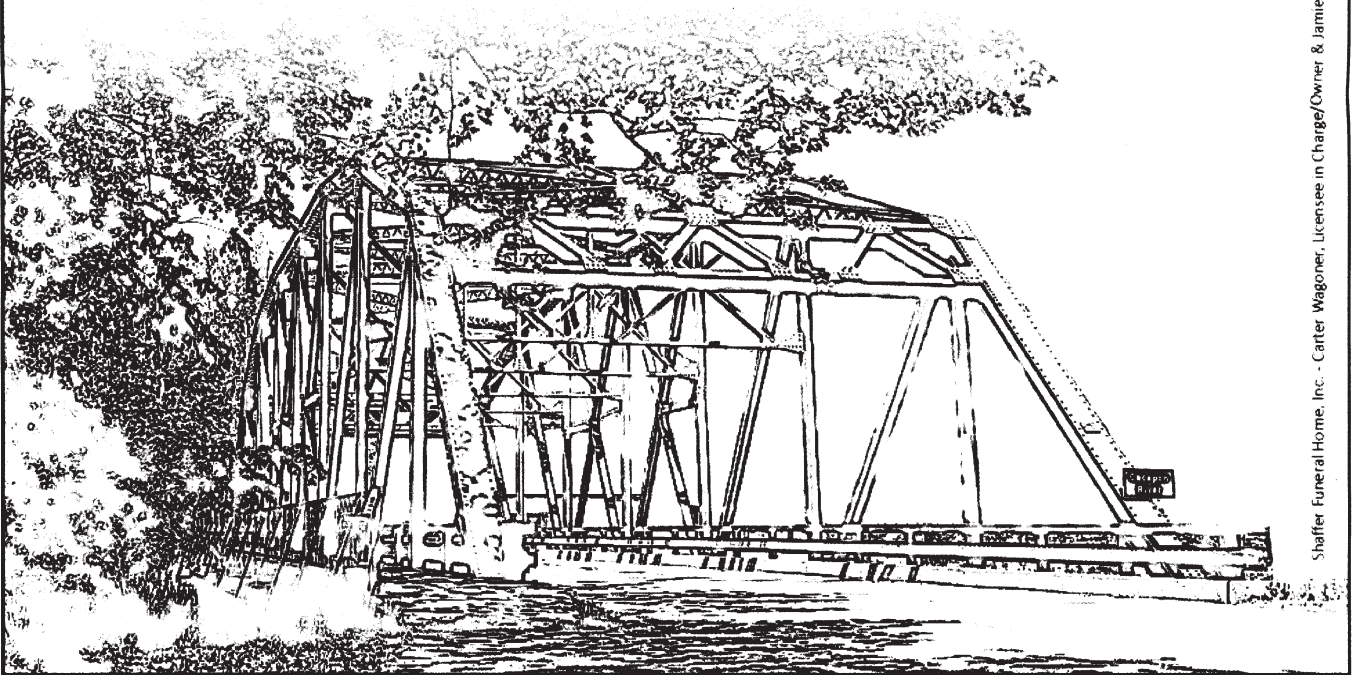


A LETTER TO OUR TOWN.

In a town like ours time moves just a little bit slower. But we kinda' like it that way. We may not have much in the way of nightlife or the fastest internet connection but what we do have we hold dearly. We're the oldest town in West Virginia. Home to some of the prettiest hills we've ever seen. We have hot summers and cold winters but there's nothing better than this town on a perfect fall day when the leaves are more colorful than a soda fountain. The little road we call "Main Street" continues west nearly 3,000 miles to the Pacific. Every small town has a story.

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From the Editor's Desk

Sally L. Carter, *GFWC WV Clubwoman Magazine*

Snow flurries are still flying and we are moving through one of the worse winters in several years, but it will not be long before the 112th Convention of GFWC West Virginia at The Greenbrier. The fellowship with clubwomen from around the state and presentation of awards for the work completed by clubs in 2017 and a celebration of hours well spent in each of our communities.

It seems only yesterday that we began this administration and it is hard to imagine that the time has come to close the door on it and open a new one. We are always sad when family and friends leave our homes and we close the door, when we open it again to find new visitors, we share in the excitement of the time ahead of us. This will be the final publication of the magazine for this administration and for me as editor and it makes me a little sad, but still relieved to know that the work has been completed. I have enjoyed seeing what the clubs have accomplished and working with those who call, write or e-mail messages as they submit their articles and photos. It is good to know that members do read the magazine from "cover to cover". This magazine is the only piece

of mail that every member of GFWC West Virginia receives and it is very important that this connection continues in the future. The magazine allows other clubs to know what is happening across the state and nation with the work of the West Virginia clubwomen.

I would like to thank President Sharon Sheridan for the opportunity to serve in this capacity these past two years, and for having the confidence that I could do the task.

As we look ahead to the new administration with Pamela McCoy as President, and the elected officers toward a new future for the Federation, let us all pitch in to make her two years as successful as this past two years have been.

Enjoy convention and we hope you receive many awards for your hard work.

Sally



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On the Cover: GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan as she prepares to preside over 112th West Virginia Convention at The Greenbrier.

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GFWC West Virginia President's Message



Every Spring President's message in even number years has probably begun this way ...Where have the last two years gone. I cannot believe that in less than three months I will be a Past GFWC West Virginia President!

That is then and this is NOW! January is the month of REPORTING! This president loves report time. This is when clubs and chairmen get to brag about their good works. This is when the numbers come in they add up to an OUTSTANDING job by GFWC West Virginia.

In less than three months we will be meeting at The Greenbrier for our annual state convention. Registration information was in the last CLUBWOMAN Magazine. Please register with Tressa Wolfe, registration chairman. And, if you decide at the last minute to attend you can always register at The Greenbrier. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Jolie Frankfurth, the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, will be in attendance at the 112th Convention. She will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon. We are highlighting Operation Smile and

presenting the International Outreach awards. Don't forget to sign up for that! We will be honoring Jolie with a reception on Friday night in the Congressional Suite. Please bring items for Operation Smile bags. The list of items needed will be in the Call to Convention.

We are holding our meetings in Chesapeake Hall this year. It is smaller and we hope we don't feel as "lost" in this space. We will also have the Arts & Crafts, Photography contest, and Pennies for Arts in the same space. Vendors will still be in the Chesapeake Bay alcove.

The convention will end with the installation of Pamela McCoy and the 2018-2020 officers on Saturday night! How exciting!

As I started this message...I don't know where the time has gone. These past two years have been wonderful. Visiting all of the clubs and traveling to all the District Conventions has enabled me meet and get to know so many wonderful ladies. I have seen so much of our wonderful state and wouldn't trade the experience for anything. Thank you GFWC West Virginia for letting me represent you. Thank-you GFWC West Virginia for make me PROUD to be a member of the greatest federation in the world.

Sharon G. Sheridan





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GFWC WV Director of Jr. Clubs' Message

Dear GFWC WV Clubwoman,

I can hardly believe that the end of this amazing journey is coming to an end. I feel at a loss for words but still feel that there is so much to be done. I am truly thankful to each of you for allowing me to serve as the GFWC WV Director of Junior Clubs these past few years. I have been blessed to have the very best examples for being a leader, having courage and dedication, and working hard while having fun!

In just a few short weeks, we will be together again at The Greenbrier to celebrate your many accomplishments from the past year. I am in awe of the enthusiasm and passion that each of you have put into the GFWC WV combined state project "Feed our Future." We have made such wonderful strides in providing food for so many children in our state and I hope your clubs will continue to support this project. West Virginia children need our love and support now more than ever with proposed changes in benefits. When we started this endeavor, 1 in 4 children in West Virginia did not have enough food to eat but last year GFWC WV provided over 23,000 meals! This is a huge accomplishment and I look forward to reading the reports this year and watching that number increase.

I would like to announce that GFWC WV has the privilege of having the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie Frankfurth, attend our Convention in March and she will be the keynote speaker at the Junior/General Luncheon. This year the Junior/General luncheon will focus on Operation Smile and we will be collecting items for Smile Bags. GFWC has been a partner with Operation Smile for many years as we share the belief that every child suffering from cleft lip or cleft palate deserves exception surgical care as if they were our own. After receiving surgery, each child receives a Smile Bag, the perfect gift to cheer up a healing child. Smile Bags are filled with small personal care items as well as toys, stickers and a mirror to see their new smile. Our own GFWC WV President, Sharon Sheridan, has graciously sewn and donated several smile bags.

We will be collecting the following items:

Small shampoo (0.85 to 1.4 oz. size, screw-on top only)

Small comb (no rat tails)

New wash cloth

Bar of soap (small hotel size)

Travel-sized toothpaste (at least 6 months from expiration date)

Child-sized toothbrush (single package)

Small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby® size)

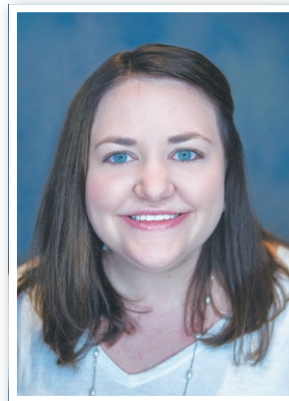
8-pack box of non-toxic crayons

Small square mirror (approximate size 3"x 3")

It has been a privilege to work with such a devoted group of women. Thank you all for embracing me and assisting me on this journey. I would like to thank Sharon Sheridan – GFWC WV President, the GFWC WV Board and Council, Dana Richardson - Director-elect, Rebecca Roll - Advocates for Children Chairman, Amy Romano - Juniorette Chairman, the Junior and Juniorette Club Presidents and all of the members (especially my Huntington ladies) for being ready and willing to do whatever needed done. We may be a small group but we are MIGHTY! The memories from the past couple years will stay with me forever. Here's looking to the next chapter and next administration!

In Federation Love,

Sarah Jane





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To apply for a club membership grant, please visit www.GFWC.org/Membership, to receive an application. You must return the application form to GFWC Headquarters at least 45 days prior to your event. While a GFWC club or district may submit grant applications for separate events, GFWC will award a maximum of one grant per club/district per GFWC fiscal year.

This is a great opportunity for clubs and districts to help with their recruiting and building efforts. Take advantage of this benefit of belonging to GFWC!



GFWC Bridgeport Junior Woman's Club

2017 Best Overall Junior Club



Collect for Club Women

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgement
And always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action
our better impulses,
Straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is
The little things that create differences,
That in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all.
And, oh Lord God, let us forget not
to be kind!

Mary Stewart
April, 1904



From the Mailbox

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

GFWC Woman's Club of Montgomery

held a Tea/Card Signing Party at Elderly Care in December. Members brought some cookies and/or some sugar free cookies. The staff at Elderly Care appreciates club's help with addressing cards for the residents and residents enjoy the one-on-one attention too.

GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport

is collecting books, written by Pearl S. Buck and her sister, Cornelia Spencer. These books are for a permanent collection and extras for the gift shop at the Pearl S. Buck home in Hillsboro. As you all know Pearl S. Buck is the ONLY woman to have received both the Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize for Literature.

GFWC Oceana Woman's Club

held a membership drive in October. One new member was welcomed into the club. Guest Speaker for meeting was Betty Long, GFWC West Virginia Recording Secretary, who enjoyed one of her favorite meals: pinto beans, fried potatoes, cornbread, macaroni salad and dessert.



**We are honored to have
Pamela A. McCoy, GFWC WV President-elect,
as a member of our club.
Congratulations to Pamela on your position
in the 2016-2018 administration.**

The Woman's Club of Huntington



**We are honored to have Sarah Jane Jarrett as
a member! Sarah was presented a prestigious
award at GFWC 2017 International Convention
and has provided outstanding service as
GFWC WV Director of Junior Clubs.**

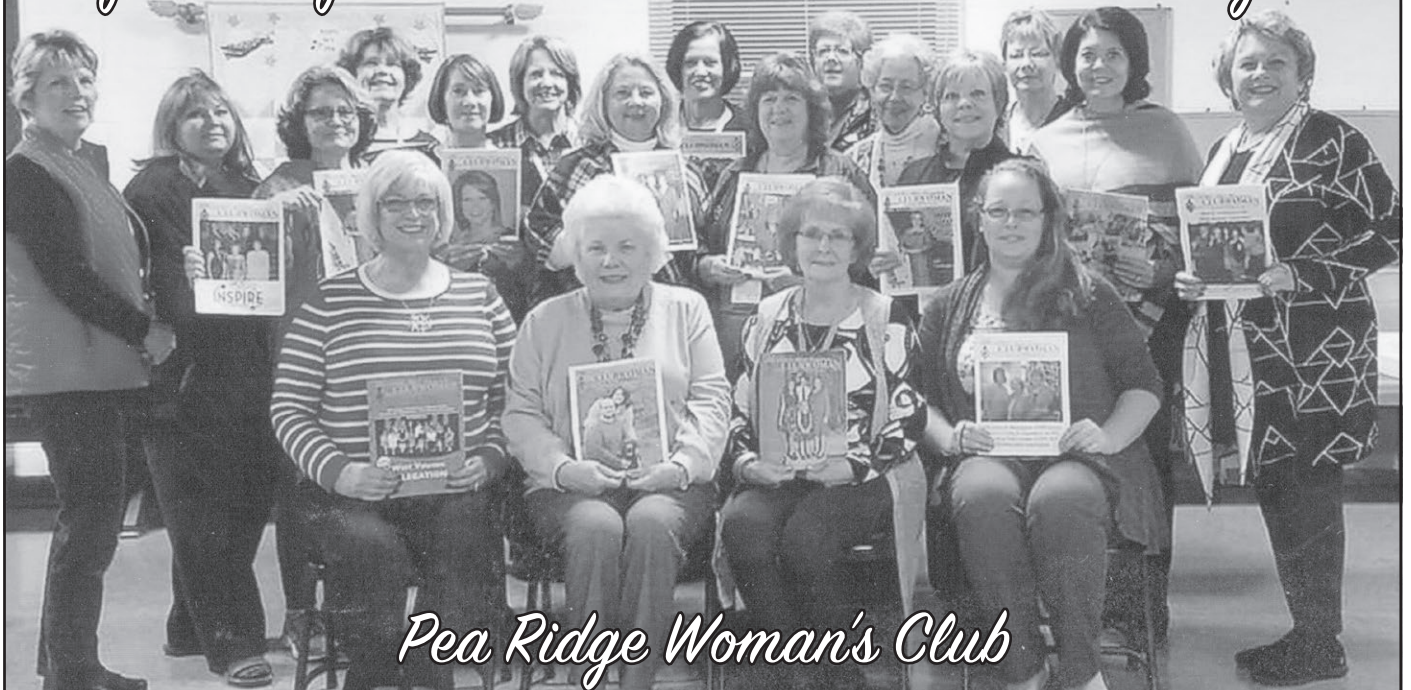
*The Woman's Club of Huntington and
The Woman's Club of Huntington Juniors*

News from the Clubs



The Woman's Club of Martinsburg participated in the Apple Harvest Parade by decorating and riding on a float. Pictured here with members left to right in red; C.J. May, Janice Breisch, Valeriene Carney and Barbara Bralick. Not shown are Barara Moore, Noreen Harvey, Liian Sablack and Teress Smith.

Thank you GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman Magazine for years of keeping all Clubwomen informed of all the club activities. We will miss you!



Pea Ridge Woman's Club



News from the Clubs



Members of GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant sold Mothman babies, bracelets and bottled water during the Mothman Festival in downtown Point Pleasant on September 16. Proceeds from the day are being donated to the future Point Pleasant Splash Pad at Krodel Park.

Pictured, from left, Hilda Austin, Linda Pierson, Michele Clark and Dotty Nott.



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News from the Clubs



The GFWC of Romney board members rang in the Christmas season by enjoying each others company and a fine meal at one of the local restaurants. The Romney Food Pantry was supported by the GFWC of Romney with 300 pounds of food donated by the club members.

l-r Judy Buckbee, Rosie Pyle, Cindy Johnson, Beth Parsons, Kathy Puhalla, Liz Morgan, Ann Warner, Gayle Allen, JoEllen Diciolla, Wanda Rogers and Lois Thibault.

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*In Memory of
Iva Slayton
Wilma Fisher
Elizabeth McConihay*

*GFWC Woman's Club
of Point Pleasant
appreciates their many years of
service to the community.*



News from the Clubs



The GFWC Valley Woman's Club in Southern District participated in the Mercer County American Cancer Relay at Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield on June 9th. Our team captain was Julia Long who coordinated efforts to raise over \$1,500 through on-line donations, individual donations and other fund raisers. The evening honored our three club cancer survivors and also remembered three club members who lost their fight with Cancer. Hotdogs, corn dogs and a duck pond was enjoyed by participants. Several members assisted in the evening's events. Theresa Thomason, pictured in "HOPE" sign and Cancer Survivor Walk, has helped with these annual events for many years.



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Margie Booth

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The Woman's Club of Omar

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Scenes from Southeastern Region meeting



GFWC West Virginia members who attended Southeastern Region meeting in November are shown here with General Federation of Women's Clubs officers.



Vallie Goots, (third from left) from GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins, was honored at SER for her nomination for the Jennie Award from West Virginia.

Pictured are GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan, GFWC International President Sheila Shea, Goots and Southeastern Region President Mary Jo Thomas.

At Right: GFWC West Virginia President Sharon Sheridan looks as though she is prepared to ride off into the sunset on her trusty steed.





News from the Clubs



The Woman's Club of Wheeling's Education Department collected needed items for The Augusta Levi Learning Center in Wheeling. The center's program is designed to help children with Autism reach their highest potential. Education Department Chairman, Judy Swerens, asked members of the club to donate items from the center's wish list. Committee member Liz McKee is pictured with small amount of the many items donated to the center. The committee also collects magazines to distribute to hospitals and nursing homes. So far more than 2000 magazines have been recycled with this project.

The Home Life Department of the Woman's Club of Wheeling provided members with information on Breast Cancer Awareness and prevention. Pictured is Vicki Jo Smith, Home Life Department Chairman, with some of the items sold to members. The profit from that sale was donated to a local children's cancer organization. For Christmas, the committee asked members to donate a Christmas Gift bag filled with items for children and adults. Shown are only a few of the many gifts donated to the Wheeling Salvation Army that will be distributed at Christmas.



Pamela McCoy: *for GFWC WV President*



I am excited about the next two years. I am a member of the Woman's Club of Huntington, and I began my tenure on the State Board as the Southwestern District President. Serving as Treasurer through President-Elect has been a beneficial and a learning experience. There are changes with each administration, but much stays the same. Our clubs have adapted to changing times and needs of our communities and the nation. It is how we learn. "Living the Volunteer Spirit" is who we are.

In my lifetime I have always been involved in community organizations and efforts. I have worked with church organizations, campus ministry, Contact Huntington, Ebenezer Community Outreach Center (a day care center), Marshall Artist Series, Children's Theater, P.E.O., Junior Department Woman's Club of Huntington and the General Club in a number of leadership positions. Presently, I serve as Home Life Chairman of my local club.

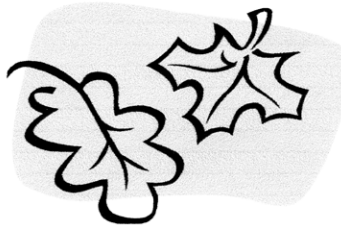
As a graduate of Marshall University with a BA degree in Political Science, I worked as a social worker. In 1990 I was elected to serve a term as a member of the Cabell County Board of Education and have been involved in numerous campaigns.

I am a grandmother with four grandchildren from two children, and they all live in "Music City", Nashville, Tennessee. A great place to visit, but I like West Virginia.

In November I attended an orientation meeting in Washington, D.C., and the General Federation of Women's Clubs is ready for the next administration. They are determined to have an "organization dedicated to community improvements by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service". News and Notes, a weekly electronic communication from GFWC, will keep you and your fellow club members up to date on the activities of GFWC and clubs around the world. Make sure you have that connection. See you soon.

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Valley Woman's Club

Helen Moren *for President-elect*



GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club proudly endorses Helen Moren as a candidate for GFWC WV President Elect for the 2018-2020 administration.

An active member of GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club for several years and has served as Chairman of several committees and held various offices. First elected Club President in 1963-65, and held that position several times.

Helen wrote and received a grant for the Veterans Monument, which was completed and dedicated in 2010. Started and serves as the Editor of "Bethany Buzz" a local town newspaper.

Northern District involvement: Most recent Membership 2002-04; Advertising 1984-86, 2006-08; By-Laws Chairman 2010-12. District Nominating Committee 2009, 2011, 2014, and 2017.

Elected Northern District Secretary in 1972-74 and Northern District President 1976-78; 1988-90; 1998-2000. Helen is currently serving as Northern District second Vice President.

Helen has held the elected position of GFWC WV State Treasurer 2010-12, Recording Secretary 2012-14; 2nd Vice President 2014-2016; and currently serving as 1st Vice President.

An active community leader has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Bethany Community Recreational Association for 30 years and was recognized by the park board for her many years of service. A member of Bethany Memorial Church where in many capacities. The church recognized her with an award for her leadership and dedication.

An active member of Order of Eastern Star; a Past Matron and has held several offices. Helen was appointed as Grand Representative to Pennsylvania 1994-96.

Bethany Town Recorder for seventeen years, interim Mayor for six months. Elected to her ninth term as a member of town council in June, 2016.

A retired postal clerk attended Bethany College and graduated from West Liberty College. Helen is a widow, with one daughter and two grandchildren.

With her leadership qualities and dedication to her club, district and state, the GFWC WV Bethany Woman's Club enthusiastically recommends Helen for the office of GFWC WV President Elect.

Cathy Jo Bryant *for First Vice President*



GFWC 25840 Junior Alumnae Club proudly endorses Cathy Jo Bryant as candidate for the office of GFWC West Virginia First Vice President, 2018-2020. In addition to the being a member of this club, she is also a member of the GFWC Fayetteville Woman's Club.

Cathy Jo Bryant, a GFWC West Virginia lifetime member, began her career in Federation with the GFWC Fayetteville Junior Woman's Club. Joining the Juniors in 1997 sparked her love of volunteerism. She served as Club President twice and Treasurer as well as past advisor of the GFWC Fayetteville Juniores.

GFWC WV Juniors flourished under her leadership as Director of Junior Clubs, 2008-2010, leading the efforts of all clubwomen in advocating for the passage of state legislation to protect the elderly and incapacitated adults. She was a member of the GFWC WV Junior Board from 2004 until 2010.

Beginning in 2008 as GFWC WV Director of Junior Clubs, Cathy Jo has continually served on the GFWC Board of Directors. She served on the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws Committee (2010-2012), and served as the GFWC Director-elect of Juniors Clubs (2012-2014) and the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs (2014-2016).

Currently, Cathy Jo is serving as the 2014-2016 GFWC WV Second Vice President and on the GFWC Legislative and Public Policy committee.

Cathy Jo and her husband Charlie live in Fayetteville. She is employed with the WV Supreme Court of Appeals in the Magistrate Court of Fayette County and attends Gum Spring Baptist Church at Chimney Corner, WV.

Natalie Hinkle *for Second Vice President*



The members of GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Club are honored to endorse Natalie S. Hinkle, as a candidate for GFWC West Virginia Second Vice President.

Natalie began her membership in Federation in 1991 when she joined GFWC Buckhannon Junior Woman's Club. Since that time, Natalie has served GFWC well in various capacities, in both the Junior and General Departments at the local club, district, state, region and national levels.

Within her local Junior Club, Natalie served as President, Conservation Chairman and various chairs and committees.

In the GFWC WV Junior Department she served as Fundraising Chairman, North Central District Treasurer, North Central District Director, Juniores Chairman, Junior Membership Chairman, Director-elect of Junior Clubs and Director of Junior Clubs in 2002-2004.

Natalie also served on the GFWC Junior Executive Committee in 2004-2006 as GFWC Writing Contest Chairman and as Gift Committee Chairman. She has continued to serve GFWC WV as Leadership Chairman, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Communication and Identity Chairman, Central District Vice President, Central District President in 2012-2014, Bylaws Committee Chairman, Fund-raising Committee Member, and Protocol Chairman.

Natalie served GFWC Southeastern Region as Standing Rules Committee Chairman, Fundraising Committee Member, and Jennie Award Chairman.

Natalie is proud to have been a member of the Buckhannon Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins, GFWC Nannette's Fountaines, and GFWC Martais Crusini Juniors.

As a member of the GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Club since 2009, she served as President in 2014-2016.

Natalie, her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Leanna, reside in Buckhannon.

Betty Long *for Second Vice President*



The GFWC Valley Woman's Club endorses Betty Long as a candidate for the office of GFWC WV Second Vice President. Betty is a member in good standing since 1996 and has served as president of her club for three administrations. Betty served as the 2014-2016 Southern District President and in most district levels. She was GFWC WV Corresponding Secretary for the 2012-2014 administration and is currently serving as GFWC WV Recording Secretary. Betty is very organized, hardworking and dedicated. Her personality and sense of humor along with her willingness to travel to clubs to assist if needed is certainly an asset. She represented GFWC WV as the LEADS graduate in 2011 and has served on Club, District and State Bylaws' Committees. She also served as chair for several programs in her club.

Betty was married to her late husband Jim for 46 years. They have three children and three grandchildren. She has worked in various employments as secretary, administrative assistant, managed clinics, wrote procedural manuals, and served as the County's first female Administrator in the Mercer County Commission Office. She is a member of the Silver Springs Baptist Church where she served as Missions and Sunday School Director, and on other committees. After retiring from the Princeton Community Hospital Foundation, she returned to full time employment at Ceres Elementary School five years ago and loves her job.

GFWCValleyWoman's Club feels Betty is well qualified to carry out the duties of GFWC WV Second Vice President and recommends her without reservation.

Terri Diamond *for Recording Secretary*



The Woman's Club of Omar is proud to endorse Terri Diamond as candidate for GFWC-WV Recording Secretary.

Terri has been a member for 44 years by starting as a Junieette in 1973 and later joined The Woman's Club of Omar in 1976. Club Offices held: Historian, 2nd & 1st Vice President, and Club President (3 different administrations). Has chaired the Membership, Arts & Crafts, Fundraising, Leadership, International Outreach, Publicity, By-Laws and Budget/Finance Committees.

On the district level, she has also served as Historian, Recording Secretary, 2nd & 1st Vice President, District President. She has also served as Membership, Long Range Planning Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, Fundraising and Arts/Crafts Chairman.

Terri has been on the state committee teams of Fundraising, Membership, Arts & Crafts, and Election Committees. She was the 2012 GFWC-WV LEADS Candidate.

Terri is a 1978 graduate of Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College with an Associate Degree in Science and Radiologic Technology. She has been a Radiologic Technologist for 39 years and is employed at Orthopedic Healthcare in Charleston. She attends The First Baptist Church of McConnell, where she is a pianist (part time), serves on the auxiliary for the Omar Fire Department. Terri is the proud mother of 3 children and 4 grandchildren who supports her in all her endeavors.

Terri lives the "Volunteer Spirit" in GFWC and wants to "Pass It On" by making new treasured beginnings.

Rosemary Thomas *for Treasurer*



Rosemary M. Thomas, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Institutional Advancement at Davis & Elkins College, was born and raised in West Virginia. She is a graduate of Clemson University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications. She received her Masters of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from West Virginia University.

Rosemary grew up in a family that taught her public service was not an option but a responsibility. She has always been active with community, state and national organizations. She most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington, D.C. As a fourth generation Clubwoman, she was involved in many levels of leadership in GFWC prior to and subsequent to joining the staff.

Thomas served as GFWC West Virginia Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002 and was a member of the GFWC Junior Executive Committee as a member of the Education Committee 2002-2004. Other affiliations include the American Cancer Society, ACS Cancer Action Network, United Way, Rotary International, Quota International, The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation programs, Destination Imagination and Odyssey of the Mind, Kiwanis and Toastmasters.

She is a nationally recognized speaker and workshop leader on board relations, volunteer management, fund raising and marketing strategies. Her work with leadership development remains a key aspect of her life's work with leaders of all ages and from all walks of life.

Dana Richardson *for Director of Junior Clubs*



Dana has been a member of GFWC for 13 years. She is a member of the GFWC Point Pleasant Junior Woman's Club. She has served as Co-President and Treasurer of her club, and Dana has served on the GFWC WV Junior Board as District Director and International Community Program Chairman. Dana served on the General/Junior Task Force. She has served on the GFWC WV Board as Public Issues Chairman and currently as GFWC WV Director-Elect of Junior Clubs.

Dana received her Bachelor's Degree from Fairmont State University and her Master's Degree from West Virginia University. Dana is a Certified Public Accounting and is a Controller at Pleasant Valley Hospital in Point Pleasant, WV. She and her husband, Steve, live in Leon, West Virginia. They have two sons, Matthew, age 19, and Austin, age 16. Steve is a teacher at Mason County Technical School and an HVAC contractor. Matthew is a pre-pharmacy student at the University of Charleston and Austin is a Junior at Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School. They also have a Border Collie named Charger.



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Convention Preview

Pre-convention, Post Convention and Special Meetings

<u>Thursday, March 15</u>	<u>Friday, March 16</u>	<u>Sunday, March 18</u>
2:00 pm Budget Committee Congressional Suite# 5223	4:00 pm Scholarship Fund Board, Congressional Suite # 5223	9:00 am 2018-2020 Club Presidents Meeting with B & C, Hayes Room in Conference Center
8:00 pm Executive Board Meeting McKinley Room	6:00 pm Past State Presidents' Dinner Main Dining Room	11:00 am Executive Board Meeting McKinley Room

CONVENTION PROGRAM MARCH 16-17 CHESAPEAKE HALL

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p.m. Official Opening of the 112th Annual GFWC West Virginia Convention

Opening Ceremony: Sharon Sheridan, GFWC West Virginia President presiding
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee, Convention Rules and Convention program
Business Session: Reports GFWC WV Executive Committee, Executive Board, Committee
Consideration of Recommendations on Bylaws, and Resolutions
Report of the GFWC WV Committee on Nominations, Presentation of Candidates
Awards: Clubwoman Advertising, Communications & Public Relations, Endowment,
Fundraising, GFWC WV Scholarship and Pearl S. Buck, Community Improvement Contest,
1734 Society, WHRC, Legislation and Public Policy

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

7:45 p.m. Processional Line-up

8:00 p.m. Processional

GFWC WV Executive Board, GFWC Officers, Past State Presidents, and Past Directors of
Junior Clubs; Special Seating for Club Presidents and GFWC WV Council Members
Parade of Presidents recognition of Honor; Superior and Rhododendron Awards
Presentation of New Lifetime Memberships; Presentation of 50 Year members

Awards: Conservation, Education, Leadership, Linda Messenger Award, Maxine Scarbro Junior
Award, Maxine Scarbro Leadership Award, LEADS, Membership Advancement, and GFWC
Star Awards.

Reception: Reception honoring GFWC Director of Junior Clubs in the Congressional Suite
#5223.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 a.m. Devotions, Memorial Service, Past State Junior Directors Review, GFWC West Virginia
Junior Presentation

Awards: Arts & Crafts Exhibit, GFWC Writing Clubwoman & student, GFWC Photography,
Pennies for Arts, Community Improvement Contest,

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 pm Junior/General Luncheon

International Outreach and Operation Smile Awards Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of
Junior Clubs Presentation of Junior of Year Nominees

Noon - 2 pm Polls Open for Voting in Upper Lobby Alcove. Registration closes 11:00 am

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2:15 p.m. District Presidents' Report

Awards: GFWC Community Service- Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, Public Issues
Anniversary Clubs, and Junioresettes

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

7:45 p.m. Processional Line-up

8:00 p.m. Processional GFWC WV Executive Board, Special Guest, GFWC Officers &
Chairmen, 50 Year Members, and Lifetime members

Awards: GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, and GFWC
Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children, GFWC West Virginia President and Junior
Director's Special project award Feed Our Future, Spirit Stick winner, Junior Month, Junior
Club, and Junior of the year.

Report from: Final Credentials Report, Elections Committee. Closing Remarks &
Presentations.

Entertainment

Installation of the 2018-2020 GFWC West Virginia Officers.

Adjournment

**RECEPTION HONORING GFWC WEST VIRGINIA OFFICERS
CONGRESSIONAL SUITE # 5223**

2018 Proposed Revisions to GFWC West Virginia Bylaws

Words inserted or added are underlined; Words removed are ~~struck-out~~

Current Reading	Proposed Revision	Rationale
ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS Section 2. ELIGIBILITY. Each candidate for an elected office must have her club's endorsement and have served one term as President of an active Federated Club, and/or Chairman of a Junior Department of a Federated Club, and a. Shall be a member in good standing of an active club, and have served one term as President of an active federated club and/or Chairman of a Junior Department of a Federated club. b. Served one term on the State Federation Board as an elected member or served one term as an appointed member of the State Board and Council or State Junior Board, c. Must have her club's endorsement. d. During term of office, the candidate must live within the State of West Virginia or a 50 mile radius thereof. e. The elected Junior Department officers shall be a Director of Junior Clubs and a Director-Elect of Junior Clubs. They shall be elected in the even-numbered calendar year at the Annual State Convention. An officer reaching the age of forty-five (45) during her term of office may complete that term.	ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS Section 2. ELIGIBILITY. Each candidate for an elected office must have the endorsement of her club, and have served one term as President of an active Federated Club, and/or Chairman of a Junior Department of a Federated Club, and a. Candidates for the office of President-elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer shall be a member in good standing of an active club, and have served one term as President of an active federated club and/or Chairman of a Junior Department of a Federated club. b. Served one term on the State Federation Board as an elected member or served one term as an appointed member of the State Board and Council or State Junior Board. <u>Candidates for the office of Director-elect of Junior Clubs shall be a member in good standing of a Junior Club or Department and shall have served one term on the Junior Executive Board or the State Executive Board unless her name and qualifications have been presented to and approved by the Board. A candidate for Director-elect of Junior Clubs</u> <u>shall not reach the age of forty-five (45) before she is installed as Director-Elect of Junior Clubs.</u> a. Each candidate for an elected office must have the endorsement of her club. b. Nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained to serve, if elected, and she has met the requirements of eligibility. c. Must have her club's endorsement. d. c. During term of office, the candidate must live within the State of West Virginia or a 50 mile radius thereof. e. The elected Junior Department officers shall be a Director of Junior Clubs and a Director-Elect of Junior Clubs. They shall be elected in the even-numbered calendar year at the Annual State Convention. An officer reaching the age of forty-five (45) during her term of office may complete that term.	<p>Delete first paragraph</p> <p>Combines a. & b for clarification of qualifications of candidates for President-elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer and for clarification of qualifications for Director-elect of Junior clubs as defined in Article X – JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>Creates a new a.,b.,c.</p> <p>Delete e. as this is addressed in Article X – Junior Department Section 3. Eligibility</p>

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	<p>Proposed Revisions</p> <p>To change the GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman Magazine to the GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman Newsletter.</p> <p>This would affect the following:</p> <p>ARTICLE V – DUES, FINANCE, AND BUDGET Section 2. Annual Dues</p> <p>ARTICLE VII- OFFICERS Section 4. Duties a. President 2. and 7.</p>	<p>Rationale</p> <p>By direction of the Strategic Planning Committee and approved by the GFWC West Virginia Board: To change the GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman Magazine to a newsletter.</p>
	<p>ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 1. Nominations j. and k.</p> <p>ARTICLE IX. EXECUTIVE BOARD & COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL Section 1. Definition b. Section 4. Duties d. and e.</p>	

The following are editorial changes

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<p>representative of the GFWC WV Junior Department. She shall interpret to the Junior Clubs and Departments and Junioresettes. Upon completion of her term as Director of Junior Clubs she may retain Junior membership status for a minimum of two (2) years and a maximum of six (6) years, with the approval of the GFWC WV Board, to enable her to serve on the GFWC Junior Board. Prior to each appointment to a position on the GFWC Junior Board, a letter of intent shall be submitted to the GFWC WV Executive Committee for review prior to presentation to the GFWC WV Board for approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She shall plan and preside at all Junior Meeting. 2. She shall issue the Call to all regular and special meetings of the Junior membership. 3. She shall attend all meetings of GFWC WV and GFWC. 4. With the Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, she shall plan one, but not more than two, special projects to compliment the program of GFWC WV and GFWC. <p>ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS h. The Committee may present one or more names for each office, except that of President. In the event no candidate has filed for an office, the Committee shall seek candidates. The Committee may suggest to a candidate that she seek an office other than the one for which her club gave an endorsement. The consent of a candidate must be obtained by the Chairman on Nominations on any suggested change. If the candidate agrees to the suggested change, she need not seek another endorsement from her club. No one shall be nominated by the Committee whose consent to serve, if elected, has not been obtained.</p> <p>ARTICLE XI - PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES</p> <p>Section 3. DUTIES. a. Each Community Service Program Chairman shall be responsible for the implementation of the designed plans of work within the Community Service Program consulting with the First Vice President to plan an outline to promote areas of work and study for the appropriate administration.</p>	<p>GFWC WV Junior Department membership. She shall interpret to the Junior Clubs and Departments and Junioresettes. Upon completion of her term as Director of Junior Clubs she may retain Junior membership status for a minimum of two (2) years and a maximum of six (6) years, with the approval of the GFWC WV Board, to enable her to serve on the GFWC Junior Board. Prior to each appointment to a position on the GFWC Junior Board, a letter of intent shall be submitted to the GFWC WV Executive Committee for review prior to presentation to the GFWC WV Board for approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She shall plan and preside at all Junior Meeting-Meetings. 2. She shall issue the Call to all regular and special meetings of the Junior membership. 3. She shall attend all meetings of GFWC WV and GFWC. 4. With the Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, she shall plan one, but not more than two, special projects to compliment the program of GFWC WV and GFWC. <p>ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS h. The Committee may present one or more names for each office, except that of President. In the event no candidate has filed for an office, the Committee shall seek candidates. The Committee may suggest to a candidate that she seek an office other than the one for which her club gave an endorsement. The consent of a candidate must be obtained by the Chairman on Nominations and Elections on any suggested change. If the candidate agrees to the suggested change, she need not seek another endorsement from her club. No one shall be nominated by the Committee whose consent to serve, if elected, has not been obtained.</p> <p>ARTICLE XI - PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES</p> <p>Section 3. DUTIES. a. Each Community Service Program Chairman shall be responsible for the implementation of the designed designated plans of work within the Community Service Program consulting with the First Vice President to plan an outline to promote areas of work and study for the appropriate administration.</p>	<p>Delete the word 'department' and replace with 'membership'.</p> <p>Delete the next sentence.</p> <p>Add space between GFWC and WV</p> <p>Add space between GFWC and WV</p> <p>Should be plural. – editorial change</p> <p>Add space between GFWC and WV.</p> <p>Correct title of Committee</p> <p>Change the word 'designed' to 'designated'.</p>
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News from the Clubs



(r-l) Kaye Burkholder, GFWCWV Rupert Woman's Club presented 20 pair of glasses donated by Club members for donation to Lions Club. Collection boxes located at local banks, optometrists, and other business locations! Drema Martin, Customer Service Representative, Summit Bank in Rupert received the Club donation!

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The GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant presented a \$100 check to the Point Pleasant Fire Department's Annual Christmas Food Basket Program. The monies were collected during the club's Christmas party. Pictured are, from left, Georgianna Tillis, Fire Chief Jeremy Bryant, and Dotty Nott.

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