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“Service, the Debt of Education”



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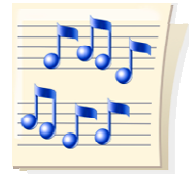
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## GFWC VIRGINIA PRESIDENT EMMA JEAN WISE “A SYMPHONY OF SERVICE”



Just one short year ago, we closed out our Centennial celebration and plunged into our second century! We learned from the past 100 years to create the future and are now orchestrating that future with “**A Symphony of Service**”.

Read with pride this compilation of annual reports by your team of officers and chairmen who have recorded our most recent history as composed by **you**, the clubwomen from across the state. Share in the celebration of awards for noteworthy accomplishments of GFWC Virginia clubs!

Clubwomen worked both independently and in concert with other organizations to improve their communities and the lives of their fellow citizens. Federation volunteers have created and beautified, clipped and collected, tutored and trained, encouraged and promoted, initiated and supported to the tune of **537,027.8 hours for 10,420 programs/projects with \$2,404,215.58 donated and/or raised!**

New initiatives this administration include the sale of ads in the *Clubwoman* magazine. Goals set to help offset rising costs of that publication were exceeded thanks to the participation of every district!

The Strategic Plan/Long Range Planning Committee continues its review of all aspects of our Federation. An information gathering survey has been distributed for input from all members as this committee studies current practices and considers recommendations to ensure a vibrant and successful future for GFWC Virginia.

Recommendations of the Arts & Crafts Study Committee to evaluate the future of that annual contest and show have been initiated. That committee will continue to monitor those changes with additional adjustments being made as warranted.

In the area of Leadership, our 2009 GFWC LEADS participant, Arlene Vinion-Dubiel of Alice Kyle District, has been selected. Plans are underway as we prepare for only our second GFWC Virginia LEADS in conjunction with a one day summer Conference.

The focus on membership remains a special emphasis as we explore ways to “gain and retain”. The website has continued to develop as a vital communication tool.

The Virginia Tech Memorial Fund State Project kicked off at Conference 2008 on the campus of Virginia Tech. GFWC has partnered with Virginia to raise funds for the purchase of a rescue vehicle for the Virginia Tech Student Rescue Squad. In this first year, over \$30,000 has been raised and donated by club members!

As we use this interlude to reflect on the first year of this administration, it is with great pride in our accomplishments and in the knowledge that our Federation has been instrumental in improving the lives of others – we **DO** make a difference!

**GFWC VIRGINIA 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT/  
DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS  
LORI ROCKER**



Congratulations GFWC Virginia Juniors! You are an amazing group of ladies and have once again risen to great heights as you captured stars in 2008. Your volunteer efforts have resulted in 94,221 volunteer hours on 1,696 projects, and donated/contributed \$661,370.05. Forty-two Junior and Juniorette clubs reported their achievements in 2008. WOW! I am in awe at the wonderful things that you have accomplished in your clubs this past year and am very proud to represent you.

Virginia Juniors participated in projects under all departments, programs and special project areas as outlined by GFWC and GFWC Virginia. You are to be commended on a job well done! Fundraising topped the list of project areas with the most participation: 118 projects of 22,611 hours that resulted in \$251,781.57. Virginia Juniors sold everything from candles, Uncle Al's Pecans, Innisbrook, baked goods, and stew. You sponsored yard sales, bingo for baskets, and casinos for cash. All completed to benefit your communities.

The Home Life – Helping Hands program received the second highest support with 233 projects, 8,159 hours and \$187,156.14. Junior clubs supported local, statewide and national organizations. Locally clubs supported food pantries, homeless shelters, group homes, sheltered workshops, animal shelters, and holiday programs for the needy. Chapters of national and international organizations such as Easter Seals Virginia, March of Dimes, Habitat for Humanity, and Canine Companions also received support. Clubs are not bound by working within avenues that are already known, you are breaking into new areas when you see a need in your community. From creating professional clothing closets to prom dress events to making sure residents have warm meals on Thanksgiving; Juniors and Juniorettes are answering the call to service! Women's Health is also an area of focus both through the GFWC program and the new Focus on Junior Health. Members are raising awareness, taking action and advocating on health issues from healthy living, cancer, heart disease, Autism, Down's Syndrome, Alzheimer's, and Cystic Fibrosis. In total, 113 health related projects consisting of 4,000 volunteer hours and \$28,123 were accomplished.

Juniors continue to focus on enhancing the lives of children through their support of the GFWC Junior Special Project – Advocates for Children and Education projects. Advocates for Children garnered support through 62 projects, 10,534 volunteer hours and over \$23,000 contributed. Projects ranged from purchasing school supplies to medical equipment, sponsoring child abuse prevention activities and safe after-prom and graduation events. Education initiatives included adopting new teachers, reading programs, and sponsoring scholarships. In all, 136 projects among the two program areas – Education in the Community and Focus on Literacy, resulted in 4,300 hours and \$41,463 in donations.

Juniors are taking on the challenges of Membership and Leadership. You are reaching for stars and capturing them in new members and stronger leaders! 219 Membership initiatives yielded 5,520.5 hours and \$122,763. More than 10 clubs realized a gain in membership through recruiting efforts and we are retaining members as well! Clubs invested in Leadership through 225 projects, 13,667 hours and \$18,783 in contributions. You are sending delegates to District, State, and GFWC meetings, ensuring your club officer's are prepared with transition meetings and trainings, and looking to the future through support of HOBY. Great job ladies!

GFWC Virginia Juniors are shining examples of what volunteers can do when they put their hearts, minds, and muscles into making a difference. You are accomplishing great things and are an inspiration. I look forward to continuing to "Reach for the Stars!" with you. I am here to serve you, so please let me know if I can assist in any way. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Third Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs, it is truly an honor.

**GFWC VIRGINIA**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT –HOPE ROYER**  
**ASSISTANT JUNIOR DIRECTOR-LORI CHEVALIER**



The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GFWC Virginia helped renew Federation “spirit”. Our long history of success has forced us to look at our Federation’s future. GFWC Virginia clubs recognize the importance of identifying members’ leadership qualities and abilities and the very real necessity of developing members’ leadership and management skills. Lori and I serve this administration as the GFWC Virginia Leadership Chairman and Junior Chairman and as elected officers. Our Annual Report reflects the duties and responsibilities of the Leadership Program as well as the duties and responsibilities of our respective offices. It was our privilege to plan and participate in the two day GFWC Virginia Leadership Training Orientation for incoming district and state officers in March and for the one day Leadership Training Orientation of incoming GFWC Virginia Chairmen and Junior Chairmen in June. The Leadership Links section of the 2008-2010 GFWC Virginia Yearbook was reviewed and updated, as was the Leadership Program on our GFWC Virginia web site. Lori and I participated in the planning and implementation of the GFWC Virginia Conference in August and facilitated a workshop for our district counterparts as well as two Leadership Workshops. We have attended all regular, and called, meetings of our respective Executive Committees, Executive Boards, Budget and Finance and Endowment Committees. Other activities as First Vice President/President-Elect/Leadership Chairman and/or Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/Leadership Junior Chairman included: submission of 3 articles, leadership “cues” and Jennie “promotions” for publication in The Virginia Clubwoman; leadership presentations at two district wide workshops and at eight clubs in five districts; regular, “In the Spotlight” communication with all district Leadership Chairmen and Junior Chairmen and with GFWC Virginia Chairmen and Junior Chairmen; attendance at the 2008 GFWC Convention and at the 2008 Southeastern Region Meeting. We are enjoying our 2008-2010 leadership theme: “Put Leadership In The Spotlight And Find The Leading Lady In You.” “Red carpet” introductions, “auditions” for Jennie and GFWC LEADS, “center stage” reports and the music of ABBA’s Mamma Mia... GFWC Virginia Leading Ladies have been dancing in the aisles!

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**GFWC 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT-**  
**DALE FISHER**



Membership recognition was abundant at the 2008 GFWC Virginia Convention. Our new club, the GFWC Dominion Sisterhood Juniores was welcomed, club anniversary certificates were presented, and our Districts’ new member Top Recruiters and the GFWC Virginia Top Recruiter were recognized. Star Pins were awarded and the GFWC Silver and Gold Service Pins were presented to GFWC Virginia Past Presidents. This officer and your GFWC Virginia Junior Membership Chairmen, Sheila Ridout, met with our district counterparts at GFWC Virginia Orientation to review objectives and prepare for the administration. The GFWC Virginia Membership theme, “Federation – Get In he Game” was introduced. The Membership section of the 2008-2010 GFWC Virginia Yearbook was reviewed and updated, as were the applicable pages of the GFWC Virginia web site. Sheila and I presented two workshops at GFWC Virginia Summer Conference and membership materials were distributed.

A state *New Club Building Team* has been appointed and federation resources have been provided. An electronic map was produced and target areas have been assessed. Work is currently underway on two new clubs.

I have attended and reported at the GFWC Virginia Executive Board Meetings and attended meetings of the GFWC Virginia Budget & Finance Committee and Endowment Fund Committee. I have traveled to GFWC Convention in Chicago, IL and Southeast Region Conference in Knoxville, TN where I participated in GFWC Membership Seminars. I havd had the privilege of visiting Tidewater District’s President Council and I participated membership programs of several clubs. Project ideas, program updates, reminders and reporting tips have been sent on a regular basis to District Membership Chairmen. I have submitted 3 articles to The Virginia Clubwoman. New Member Recruitment Coupons, forwarded from your District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, have been recorded and letters of welcome have been sent to 327 new Virginia clubwomen.

GFWC Virginia membership continues to be a challenge however, as in all club work, when approached with Federation friends it is an enjoyable endeavor.

**GFWC VIRGINIA SECRETARY  
WANDA BURLEY**



As GFWC Virginia Secretary, I have recorded the minutes of the GFWC Virginia Conference as well as the meetings of the GFWC Virginia Executive Board during this first year of the administration. I have attended all meetings of the GFWC Virginia Budget and Finance Committee and the Endowment Committee. In the fall, I attended the SER meeting in Tennessee. In addition, I have submitted articles to the *Virginia Clubwoman* and along with the Junior Secretary / Treasurer, Christine Kerkeslager, presented a workshop for the District Secretaries at the Conference in Blacksburg.

It has been a privilege to work with the other members of the GFWC Virginia Executive Board as well as the members of the Junior Executive Board. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the GFWC Virginia Secretary and to record a piece of history of this wonderful organization. I am looking forward to the second year of this administration.

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**GFWC VIRGINIA TREASURER  
FRAN EDWARDS**



It is said that the second time around is sweeter. My second term as treasurer has been just as much fun as the first as well as much easier. Apparently this officer learned well during the first two years and has been able to apply that knowledge to a new administration.

The “nuts and bolts” of this position have been carried out in a timely manner—paying monthly bills, completing monthly disbursements, and providing reimbursements as vouchers have been presented. Also bank statements have been reconciled and the working account has been verified as accurate with both reports forwarded to headquarters on a monthly basis. All dues have been paid to GFWC and reimbursement of dues has been made to the Junior account.

During the year since installation, the GFWC VA Junior Treasurer, Christine Kerkeslager, and I have provided training for district treasurers and junior treasurers at orientation as well held a follow-up workshop at conference. I have attended Budget & Finance committee meetings and worked with the fellow officers to insure that all funds of this organization were being used in the most economical fashion. Reports on the status of the federation accounts were presented at each board meeting as well as conference and convention. With the Junior Treasurer, articles were submitted to each edition of the Virginia Clubwoman.

I thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve as your GFWC VA Treasurer and continue to look forward to another year working with and for you.

## ALICE KYLE DISTRICT

**Pat Bickel, President**

**Teal McClure, Junior Director**

**559 Members**

**779 Projects**

**45,423 Volunteer Hours \$220,256 Donated & In-Kind**



In 2008, it was apparent that Alice Kyle District volunteers in all fifteen reporting clubs chose not to follow a path, but chose instead to “blaze a trail.” General and Junior clubs each made a significant effort to work smarter, maximize impact, explore efficiencies, streamline processes – all to ensure that volunteerism in their communities remained a renewable resource. Clubs partnered with other community organizations to supplement resources and increase levels of expertise, used websites and Face Book to publicize community volunteer service and entice new members. Clubs volunteered critical support to those in need, “paying it forward” with random acts of kindness to those in their community. Clubs continued to do what they do best - display, award, plant, recycle, conserve, read, visit, donate, mentor, build, collect, vote, publicize, support, fundraise, prepare, sell, inform, and gift – each of which generates a robust and focused light.

In the area of Arts, clubs held Member and Student Art Contests and sponsored community Art Shows to commemorate Youth Art Month. Clubs made Valentines for teachers and local nursing homes and rented vendor space to local artists who sold handmade items. One club supported Marine Band Concerts, gave donations to Public Television and the Metropolitan Opera and one club sponsored “kid art” projects – pumpkin carving, tablecloth painting and gingerbread house decorating.

In the area of Conservation, clubs planted trees or seedlings in honor of Arbor Day. Earth Day was observed by counting insects in a Butterfly Garden and inspecting/repairing bluebird houses. Clubs adopted highways and streams and tapped community Master Gardeners to present programs or participate in projects. Members served on Beautification Councils and Litter Control Committees and clubs included Conservation/Beautification tips in club newsletters, newspapers and magazines.

In the area of Education, clubs donated to scholarship funds; obtained grants for schools and volunteered at and donated to local libraries. Clubs donated books to at-risk community youth, the Read-Up Program, Patrick Henry Boys & Girls Plantation and to a summer reading program. One club donated dictionaries; another sponsored a Publishing Center where students improved writing skills. One club sponsored a “Girls Rock” Book Club to encourage teen reading. Members read to preschoolers and elementary classes; one club refurbished “Gus the Bus” to bring books to inner city children. Clubs collected soup labels, box tops and Yoplait lids to provide supplies for schools.

In the area of Home Life, clubs contributed time and funding to Meals-on-Wheels, Food Banks, and needy families in their areas. Clubs promoted Breast Cancer Awareness through programs, community seminars and driving patients to therapy, doctor’s appointments and treatments. Clubs contributed to Easter Seals, participating in Cartridge for Kids and sponsoring campers. Clubs donated funds and resources to Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, Patrick Henry Boys & Girls Plantation, bloodmobiles, fire departments, rescue squads, after-prom parties, and pregnancy support centers. The Commonwealth’s Attorney spoke at one club on wills medical directives and estate planning. One club provided a CPA who participated in a Career Assessment Training to help students balance a check book.

In the area of International Affairs, one club held an Operation Smile Gospel Event; ticket holders brought Smile Wish List items and monetary donations. Clubs supported the Heifer International Project; another held a shower for Women in Livestock Development – a division of the Heifer Project to train women to raise and manage livestock. Members participated in World Food Day, Feed the Children, CARE, Operation Christmas Child, Life2Orphans, Gleaning for the World. Clubs donated to the Carter Center, a local United Nations Program; Compassion International to foster a child; and HIV/AIDS Fund in Tanzania, Africa. One club collected for UNICEF and club members purchased items from the UNICEF holiday catalogue.

In the area of Public Affairs, members worked with local governments to provide resources to benefit veterans and donated to local veteran groups, supported veteran memorials and tended Blue Star Memorial gardens. Members donated magazine subscriptions and cell phones to active troops in the Middle East and sent cards and letters to soldiers on active duty. Members sponsored a Naturalization Ceremony. Clubs shared tips on preparing homes for disaster and existing services for elderly people who were abused or neglected. A Sheriff presented a program on community Safety issues; members published safety awareness alerts in newsletters, took a self-defense class and attended Fifty-Five Alive programs on safety rules for aging seniors.

In the area of Communication/Public Affairs, clubs submitted articles to newspapers, wore JWC shirts at outdoor concert series events and club/district/Dogwood pins to community events to promote Federation awareness. One club placed their Cookbook filled with Federation Facts in a Time Capsule to share Federation Facts in the future. Websites advertised club activities, community service projects; Community Improvement events, fundraising activities, achievements and scholarship applications. Clubs purchased ads in the District newsletter to advertise a fundraiser and promote Federation Day by recognizing the number of members x the length of volunteer service = total volunteer hours of the membership.

To raise funds, club sold pecans, wrapping paper, stew, calendars, collectible building and tote bags. They held Bazaars, Golf Tournaments, Home Tours, a Red Cross Benefit, a Curious Corner Store, Easter Egg Hunts and Breakfast with Santa.

To recruit members, they invited, entertained, educated, and “just asked.” To retain members, they connected, praised, contacted, rewarded, corresponded, informed, e-mailed, cheered, socialized and “gamed.” And they made sure that fun was an integral part of club work – with Bingo, Bridge, Mahjong, Canasta, Spa Night and Shagging Lessons (babysitting included)!

Alice Kyle District abounds with volunteers who brought enthusiasm, commitment, compassion and energy to every volunteer effort implemented. Their projects and programs generated a robust and focused light as they “blazed a trail” into GFWC Virginia’s second century.



## **Blue Ridge District**

**Sandy Guy, President**

**370 Members**

**870 Projects**

**Barbara Allen, Junior Director 52,377 Volunteer Hours**

**\$232,797 Donated & In-Kind**

Our GFWC Virginia Blue Ridge District is proud of continuing our rich heritage of service to this organization in this our second century of service. We continue to have amazing ladies accomplishing major feats by service not only at the club level but indeed at the district, state and national levels.

Our Blue Ridge District Clubs continue in service by educating our club members and the community as well by promoting GFWC projects while supporting our Juniors in their endeavors with Easter Seals, Focus on Junior Health, and Advocates for Children as well as the General Clubs who join the Juniors in focusing on HOBY, Domestic Violence Awareness, Conservation and Community Beautification, Literacy, Family Health, Financial Issues and Reaching Out Internationally just to name a few.

This Blue Ridge District is very pleased to currently be in second place in Virginia in supporting our GFWC Virginia State Project which is raising funds for a new ambulance through the Virginia Tech Memorial Fund. Our GFWC Bedford Woman's Club very generously contributed \$1,500.00 from their yearly Arts & Crafts Festival earnings. The Blue Ridge District is excited as well to have just learn that the GFWC Blacksburg Junior Woman's Club recently donated \$4,000.00 to this fund which may well shoot this Blue Ridge District into first place in supporting this Virginia State Project.

We have a member who works for Appalachian Electric Power Company as well as being an active Blue Ridge District member serving not only her club but her District as well. For the second consecutive year, AEP has sent our District a donation because they reward their employees in this way for reaching out to their communities. We were able to take that money and contribute one half of it to help continue a project from last year which is the Carilion Phone Cards Program in Roanoke. We were also able to take the remaining one half of this contribution to donate to the Blue Ridge District President's Special Project, The Achievement Center of Roanoke, Virginia.

Speaking of this BRD President's Special Project, we are very excited to be able to reach out to The Achievement Center of Roanoke, Virginia, to offer this specialized school of learning for children with learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder assistance through monetary donations and school supplies.

Our Blue Ridge District is excited to have three ladies attending the Virginia LEADS Conference in Staunton, Virginia, this year as well as another lady already getting her application ready to submit for the 2010 Virginia LEADS Conference. These ladies are sure to be up and coming "shining stars" in GFWC.

The Blue Ridge District's newsletter, *The Ridge Runner*, is continuing to enjoy much success and many accolades in the new venture of sending this publication out to members as well as to other District Presidents and Virginia leaders by email. We see this new delivery method to all of those who are able to receive email as a wonderful way to use our district dollars much more efficiently through all of the money we will save monthly on postage costs. Snail mail is still available, of course, for those who prefer it.

As you can see, this Blue Ridge District is thoroughly enjoying "doing while they are being" and having lots of "dobodobedo" fun along the way. It is a wonderful pleasure to be working with such an amazing group of women who truly love reaching out to their communities, district, state and beyond in service to make our little corner of the world a better place.

## LEE DISTRICT

Barbara Roberts, President

1,447 Members

1,922 Projects

Danielle Abbott, Junior Director

105,779 Volunteer Hours

\$490,736



The members of Lee District have found their “Home in Federation” and have been “Making a Difference One Step at a Time” by supporting GFWC and GFWC Virginia Departments and Programs and projects unique to their community’s needs.

In the Arts, clubs donated art supplies and handmade items, held student arts programs, craft classes, arts and crafts shows and literary contests, and supported the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Richmond Symphony.

For Conservation, clubs adopted highways, donated plants, decorated for holidays with natural materials and improved landscaping. They recycled aluminum, cell phones, eyeglasses, pop tops, and printer cartridges and reused shopping bags.

To support Education, clubs gave scholarships, donated to local libraries, recognized teachers, collected Box Tops for Education and Campbell’s Labels, participated in ESO, and volunteered for the GFWC Virginia State Fair Educational Tours. They promoted Literacy through RIF, 1-2-3 Read, Books for Babies and Read Across America Day, book donations for adults and volunteering at schools.

For Home Life, clubs supported Canine Companions for Independence, Easter Seals, Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, Heavenly Hats, Ronald McDonald and Hospital Hospitality Houses, Christmas Mothers, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Comfort Zone Camp and the VA Tech Rescue Squad Fund. They volunteered at nursing homes, food banks and clothes closets. Clubs had programs on the economic crisis, retirement planning, saving for college, insurance and identity theft. To promote Health, they had programs on yoga, exercise, stress reduction, flu, shingles and organ donation. Members participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Relay for Life, MS Walk and Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. They supported the American Heart Association, Alzheimer’s Association, American Diabetes Society, Free Clinics, and local hospitals.

In support of International Affairs, clubs contributed to Operation Smile, Heifer, World Food Day, CARE, GAIN, Operation Christmas Child and Friendship Force. They collected supplies for the troops, Iraqi school children and Russian orphans. Members dined out at ethnic restaurants and had meals with international themes.

In the area of Public Affairs, clubs observed Veteran’s Day, donated to local veterans’ hospitals and homes, and supported troops serving abroad. They encouraged voting, said the Pledge of Allegiance, and supported community organizations. Safety was promoted by supporting local fire and rescue stations, American Red Cross, After Prom Parties, Prevent Child Abuse Virginia, and Project Lifesaver. There were programs on disaster readiness, self protection, fire safety, and home invasion prevention.

For Public Relations, clubs utilized newsletters, email, websites, profiles, Face Book, and Craig’s List and wore club apparel. Federation logos were used, and Federation Day was celebrated. Club events were advertised in local papers and on radio, and members participated in community festivals and parades.

To promote Domestic Violence Awareness, clubs donated money and items to local shelters, held fundraisers and had speakers from domestic violence prevention organizations.

Fundraising projects included fashion shows, card parties, auctions, gift wrap booths, catered dinners, and sale of handmade items and raffle tickets.

To develop Leadership, clubs supported HOBY, provided for members serving on the district and state levels, recognized outstanding leaders, attended Presidents Councils, held workshops, and utilized Federation materials.

Clubs had speakers and distributed information on Legislation issues, served on District and State Legislation and Resolutions committees and attended the GFWC Virginia Legislation Day.

Membership was encouraged by holding social functions, placing newspaper ads, and having public displays to attract new members. Secret Pal and holiday gifts were exchanged, and social events for members and spouses were held. Outstanding members were recognized, and clubs supported members in need with cards, meals and babysitting.

Clubs toured the Women’s History and Resource Center, wrote club histories, kept scrapbooks, participated in the preparation of the District scrapbook and purchased copies of *GFWC Virginia Histories - 1907-2007*.

District events included a File Exchange/Salad Supper and a Pre-Annual Meeting/Reporting Workshop for District Officers and Chairmen and Reporting Workshops for clubs. The Fall Meeting featured a joint business session and breakfast, and the Annual Meeting included awards and installation of officers. The District Leadership Workshop had a new format with workshops, “Meet and Greet” sessions, and a Hat Parade by the District officers and chairmen. The District Arts Show was again held as stand-alone event with displays of arts, crafts and student art plus craft demonstrations and door prizes. The Executive Mansion Docent Program has been a longstanding Lee District Project. Members conduct tours and attend an annual docent training seminar. The District newsletter, *Lee’s Traveller*, is available in hard copy or on the District website as is the District Handbook. The District website contains all the necessary forms, and a Blog was added for discussions of membership issues.



## NORTHERN DISTRICT

**Karen A. Attreed, President**

**1,221 Members**

**1,455 Projects**

**Kathy Planthaber, Junior Director** **94,054 Volunteer Hours** **\$438,416 Donated & In-Kind**

Northern is proud to have chartered its first Juniette Club, the GFWC Dominion Sisterhood Juniette Club, in April 2008. These young ladies did not waste any time in assisting their club sponsor, GFWC Dominion, with many fundraising, social and community projects. The sponsor and her daughters pictures were on the cover of *GFWC Clubwoman* in April and the featured article focused on clubwomen and their daughters. The Juniettes launched their own website, [www.dsjc.synthasite.com](http://www.dsjc.synthasite.com), and held a solo fundraising event for the GFWC VA State Project, VT Van, by dressing in VT colors and collecting donations at a local high school football game.

Northern Juniors although short in numbers are large in community service and financial donations. Four clubs with 76 members, completed 147 projects in 19 program areas, volunteered 4,497 hours and \$124,481 in cash and in-kind donations. Juniors made donations to schools for art supplies and continued support of the Very Special Arts Programs. They painted out-barns for the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program as an innovative Conservation project. These ladies donated scholarships and supplies, tutored children, and participated in Dr. Seuss' Birthday Reading Project. Financial programs were offered highlighting recession-proof finances and retirement tips. A car (given to one club) was hand-detailed by clubwomen and donated to a needy family. Juniors supported the District project, Azalea Charities with donations. The Advocates for Children Project was enhanced by the donation of a Snoezelen Solar Projector to a hospital pediatric ward. Communications continued with club business cards, updating of websites, newsletters and wearing of emblematic apparel. Fundraising included Casino Nights, cookbook sales, jewelry parties, selling of holiday pies, and recycling of prom gowns for teens to name a few. Participating in health walks and sponsoring Camp Easter Seals camperships led their health initiatives.

Generals of Northern continue their diversity and unification. Northern has reported over \$7,000 in donations to the GFWC VA State Project – VT Van. The Leadership role in Northern was enhanced with a Leadership Workshop for club presidents and members, sponsorship of several scholarships for HOBY, and programs with HOBY Ambassadors as speakers. Acting to improve membership, six clubs in Northern increased. Unfortunately, the Fairfax County Federation and the Woman's Club of Manassas Park were dissolved. The Williamsburg Woman's Club of Arlington de-federated after several years of declining membership. Clubs participated in the State's "Get in the Game" Recruiting efforts by holding potluck dinners, Bunco parties, wine tastings and fashion shows. One club used the "Just Ask" theme for inviting guests to functions. Clubs continued to Retain and Renew club interests with social events, installations, orientations, and "Member of the Year" awards. The Arts community continued to benefit from donations, contests and exhibits, community theater participation and choral groups. Knitting, stitchery, quilting, and art work benefited hospitals and children's wards, senior citizens centers, soldiers and their families, and those less fortunate. Many lap robes, sweaters, scarves, mittens and gloves were made with loving hands. Conservation Beautification was upheld with garden shows, master garden programs, clean-up campaigns, plant sales, and working with handicapped adults at a horticultural therapy center. Resources programs included recycling of paper products, medications, eye glasses, cell phones, ink cartridges, motor oil, aluminum, glass, plastic, and yard materials. Cloth bags were distributed and information provided to schools and nursing homes on nature and energy conservation ideas. Education was demonstrated by the donation of many scholarships, Certificates of Excellence for Journalism and Publications were awarded, promotion of language development, tutoring assistance for below-average children, and donations of school supplies, books, magazines, and money. Libraries were enhanced by many volunteer hours. Books were also donated to Books for Babies, homeless shelters, Head Start programs, and large print items given to senior centers. Canine Companions for Independence, Habitat for Humanity International, Hunger in America, and March of Dimes, to name a few were recipients of benefits from the Home Life projects. "Teaching Dolls" for pediatric surgical patients, blankets, and crocheted items for children as well as layette kits for infants were made. Volunteers manned thrift shops and worked at shelters serving meals and babysitting. Winter coats were collected, stockings were stuffed, and food collected for shelters and food banks. Seniors were remembered with gifts, ice cream socials, luncheons, books and craft supplies. A local dentist was engaged to help with free or low-cost dental care for those who could not afford care and/or did not have insurance. Club women walked in the Race for the Cure and sponsored programs on all aspects of intervention procedures. International Affairs saw club women enjoying dinners with international guest speakers while supporting Operation Smile, Heifer International and Doctors Without Borders. Midwife kits were made and sent to Kenya through Global Health Ministries. Public Affairs Citizenship in Action reported voting and election programs, assistance at polling stations, and alliances with veterans' hospitals. Focus in the Community area included assisting the American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Program and sponsoring safety programs for children. Clubs donated everything from clothing to personal items to cleaning supplies for the Domestic Violence Program. A postcard campaign to the U.S. Congress was engaged concerning Global Warming. Several clubs donated time and effort to the Women's History and Resource Center Program by updating their histories and having them catalogued in local museums and libraries. Many clubwomen visited GFWC Headquarters for special events and the Christmas Open House. Several of Northern's clubwomen are docents for the GFWC Headquarters events. Fundraising projects and programs completed by Northern included silent auctions, White House ornament sales, cookbooks, fresh Christmas arrangements, fashion shows, raffles, and a Santa Land project. Dine-to-Donate programs were held in cooperation with local restaurants to support the VT Van State Project. It has been a privilege to work with these dedicated, hard-working, community-concerned club women.



## SHENANDOAH DISTRICT

**Dorothy (Dottie) Dollins, President**

**596 Members**

**673 Projects**

**Tina Bukosky, Junior Director 72,414 Volunteer Hours**

**\$195,480 Donated & In-Kind**

In the Shenandoah District, our Hummingbirds went into flight in all directions, excelling in love and service, giving to the communities through the activities and projects of the various Clubs.

In the field of Art, Clubs held Art/Craft shows for their members including Student Art from local schools. Some clubs sponsored club and student writing contests. Grants were given to the Art and Photography Dept. of a local high school One Club gave two art scholarships. Several clubs support the Children's Art Network and some clubs have art supply showers for schools. Clubs attend cultural events and often have programs by artists, authors, and musicians. One club hosted the annual Fall Foliage Festival Art show for two days, with assistance from the High School Art Department. Stuarts Draft W.C. made crafts during the year for auctioning at their Annual Christmas Dinner, prepared by them, with 50 guests attending.

All Clubs are involved with recycling, beautifying communities, planting bedding plants and maintaining flower beds in public areas and nursing homes. Six clubs subscribed to "Kids and Kindness" or "Kind News" for classrooms. Six clubs recycled tabs from soda cans for Ronald McDonald Houses.

Home life receives the most attention. The W. C. of Madison County is providing assistance to three Area Food Banks allocating a total of \$1,500 to help needy families. The W. C. of Greene County operates the Emergency Food Bank in partnership with Social Services. Ten other clubs donated to their local Food Bank. Waynesboro WC continues to expand their "Vial of Life" program with Corporate Sponsors. Other programs receiving support from Clubs are Hospice, Angel Tree, Habitat for Humanity, Free Clinics, Bloodmobiles, Cancer Relay -for-Life, Special Olympics, Rescue Squads, Fire Departments, Salvation Army, Alzheimer's Assoc. and others. One Club operates a clothes closet weekly, having served 1,134 individuals. The Harrisonburg Juniors held a "Charity Classic Golf Tournament" followed by a reception and an auction making a net profit of \$7,000, given to the Rockingham Memorial Hospital Foundation "Cancer Center Indigent Care Fund". This donation is the first installment of a \$25,000 Endowment Fund for the Cancer Center that the Juniors are funding. Nursing homes and caring for the elderly was a priority for nine clubs.

A high priority for our Clubs is Education. A total of 14 scholarships were given, amounting to \$12,950. Waynesboro Woman's Club gave a \$6,000 scholarship. Weyers Cave W.C. gave a \$200 grant to a local Elementary School to finance playground equipment. Children's books were placed at Laundromats, Hospitals and Radiologist Reception Areas. Other book donations were made to libraries. Buena Vista Juniors made donations to four area schools to support their Libraries and another donation was given to purchase calculators to 6<sup>th</sup> graders Math programs.

Lexington WC hosted a dinner for 75 international students for two high schools and their host families. Wayland WC completed 50 bags for "Operation Smile", valued at \$12.50 each, for children undergoing surgery. They donated an additional \$250. All total, four Clubs made \$782 in monetary donations and an additional \$500 in material donations. They purchased 37 pair of eyeglasses for Nicaragua, taken there by their Club President while on a mission there. Covington W.C. sponsored a UNICEF fundraiser for Grades K-6, raising \$1,800.

Membership Growth – Haviland W.C. hosted a membership tea. Other Clubs have had covered-dish dinners, invited friends or acquaintances to dinners, a wine tour for members, a membership social/movie night, and scrap-booking events. Staunton/Augusta Juniors held a membership drive that resulted in 6 new members.

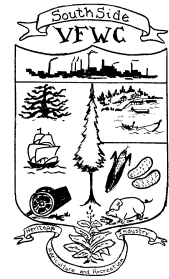
Clubs continue to support Domestic Violence Centers by donating clothes, toiletries, cleaning supplies, paper products, and monetary donations. One club has two members serving on the board of their local shelter, the Club reported a local incident of a death of a two-year old which resulted in advanced training for child protective employees, better pay to keep experienced workers. One club prepared Thanksgiving Dinner for a local shelter.

Leadership - Updating descriptions of officers, holding Orientation Programs developing membership booklets, assigning Members to serve on committees, attend District and GFWC Va. Meetings. Encouraging members to attend LEADS.

Special Project – Va. Tech Memorial Fund: Waynesboro Junior Club showed support by each member contributing \$30. Wayland WC met their goal of \$1500.

Camp Easter Seal and the Evie Key Campership receive donations and supplies from Clubs as these are District Projects.

**These are highlights of our unlimited activities of clubwomen in our District. We are accomplishing great things and I am honored to represent such a wonderful group of ladies.**



## **SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT**

**Annette Rodgers, President**

**706 Members**

**1,985 Projects**

**Trish Edwards, Junior Director**

**69,353 Volunteer Hours**

**\$283,307 Donated & In-Kind**

Clubs studied architecture, took field trips, participated in concerts, had displays at meetings, sponsored home tours, attended dinner theaters, held art contests, sponsored travel for students, collected articles and made a scrapbook, donated to the Penny Art Fund, sponsored events, decorated community buildings. Clubs made and/or sold art and craft items, sponsored parades, sponsored youth craft events, held workshops and programs on creative arts.

Clubs beautified their communities with planters, decorations for holidays, had plant sales, held programs on lawn care, made donations to local nursing homes and hospitals for their gardens, made memorial donations to gardens, acquired a new marquee for the town, displayed American flags, participated in Arbor Day, pick up trash, took field trips. Clubs participated in river-keeper, conservation and forestry programs, distributed conservation literature, urged members to reuse, recycle and reduce, participate in Earth Day, clean ditches.

Clubs read to and tutored students and volunteer in schools, support library programs, sponsored scholarships, collected box tops, cash register receipts and labels, sponsor parties, provide "Kind News", have book clubs, honored a clubwoman author, supplied school supplies, worked the state fair, made donations for schools, held positions on school boards. Members tutor, volunteer in school reading programs, participate in Books for Babies, donate books to libraries, held creative writing lessons for club members, held book drives and exchanges

Clubs supported collected pop caps and other supplies, work on task forces, donated used item of clothing and leftover food, work with Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, March of Dimes and Easter Seals, support local social services, participate in NOD, Canine Companions, Rescue Squads, Fire Departments, local food bank and social services activities, provided funding for mammograms to those who could not afford them, visit shut-ins, donate to the Genieve Shelter for battered women, homeless shelters and Salvation Army, sponsored Easter Egg Hunts, attended conferences, collected used sheets and towels to donate to animal shelters and hospitals, sent needed items to disaster victims. Clubs supported mental and physical health programs, distributed information on drugs, health and nutrition, supported "Relay for Life" and other similar activities, made donations to health organizations, help support the Western Tidewater Free Clinic. Clubs participated in the Food Lion and General Mills programs, had programs on financial planning.

Clubs participated in Heifer Project International, sponsored students with the People to People Program, participate in world food day, have programs with international themes, support Operation Smile, CARE, presented programs on travel. Clubs collected money for UNICEF program, attended Alliance Day.

Distributed Flags, participated in memorial events, recognized veterans, sent cards to service persons, participated in get out the vote, participated in the Overseas Coupon Program, provided food for poll workers, visit veterans hospitals, provide funding for haircuts, toiletries and snacks for veterans, support local YMCA and local camp programs, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, participated in Presidents Day activities, worked the polls, sent overseas soldiers cell phones, hosted candidate forums, supported meals on wheels, held programs on citizenship. Clubs gave programs on safety, fire prevention, victims of crime, domestic violence, had safe Halloween and prom parties, donated to local rescue squads and fire departments

Clubs announce meetings in local papers, radio and television, participate in community calendars, make posters, sponsor events, keep brochures, wear clothing with GFWC logo. Clubs read books, have speakers, sponsor community programs, made donations, distributed literature, purchased awareness pins,

Clubs held bake sales, yard sales and flea markets, recycled materials, published cookbooks and calendars, operated concession stands, held casino night, had raffles, sponsored breakfast with and letters to Santa, held home tours, card parties, fashion shows, golf tournaments and dances, gave love offerings, took bus trips, sold GFWC sponsored items. Clubs prepared agendas, kept records and yearbooks, attended district and state meetings, served on district and state boards, hold orientations, participate in the LEADS program, provide funds for leaders in the budget, revise bylaws, sponsor HOBY participants, support scout programs, have Post Office boxes for the club, use organization logos, developed program procedures, added GFWC to club name, created DVD of federation activities, updated profiles, assigned hostesses. Clubs supported public meetings regarding current issues within the communities, educated members on how a bill becomes a law. Clubs produce newsletters, send cards, honor members at meetings, have banquets, invite guests, hold membership events, have orientations, celebrate birthdays, have potential member lists, have social time, wear name badges,

Clubs purchased the recently published collection of GFWC Virginia Histories, clubs started projects to preserve records and materials, updated histories, prepared scrap books. Clubs participate in the Dogwood Society, Camp Easter Seals, the District Project and the VA Tech Memorial Fund.

## **SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT**

**Shirley Barazzone, President     387 Members**  
**Jenny Martin, Junior Director     43,038 Volunteer Hours**

**865 Projects**  
**\$203,137 Donated & In-Kind**



Southwestern District has fourteen general and two junior clubs who are busy providing service to improve our community and state.

Clubs promote education through tutoring, providing scholarships, supporting libraries, collecting educational labels and box tops, donating books and helping raise money for school programs.

Arts program is a favorite for all clubs. They have sponsored art workshops, arts and crafts shows, and participate in local festivals. Volunteered to work on restorations of historical homes and provided paint for murals to a show pictorial history of community.

Members show love and compassion by providing Meals on Wheels to the elderly and others who are unable to provide for themselves. Buying food, clothes and toys for needy families at Christmas. Participated in health programs such as raising money for Relay for Life and RAM – Rural Area Medical project. Transported many adults and children to doctor and dental appointments, eye and physical examinations.

Assisted in blood drives and arranged programs for breasts cancer awareness.

Clubs celebrate Earth Day by encouraging community and county- wide clean –up projects and litter control, re-use and re-cycle programs. Also, planting trees, shrubs, and flowers which not only beautifies but conserves. Master gardeners have been invited to provide information on water and conservation to club members.

Many club members show strong leadership abilities by holding positions on the club, district and state levels. Serving on executive boards and local town councils. Attends district and state meetings.

A variety of fund-raisers have earned the members a nick- name of “go getters”. They have sold apple-butter, calendars, wrapping paper, nuts, sponsored “breakfast for two”, “breakfast with Santa”, played bingo and other card games to provide a free health clinic with supplies.

Clubs have lobbied the members of the General Assembly on pertinent issues, invited legislators to speak at club meetings, encourage “get out and vote” campaign, provided transportation to polls for those who cannot drive , provided lunch for workers at the polls.

Members take advantage of every opportunity to recruit new members, talking about club work, inviting ladies to attend a meeting or other events sponsored by club, handing out brochures with information about the General Federation of Woman’s Club.

International Affairs are encouraged through several projects: operation smile, Heifer International gives a gift of livestock, pigs, or chickens to provide a family with food. Donations are made to UNICEF, World Hunger, and CARE. One club donates to a shelter for abused women to provide classes to improve their skills to find jobs.

Clubs advertise their activities and events through radio, local TV channels and newspapers, to keep the community informed of their work.

## TIDEWATER DISTRICT

Beverly Seymour, President 1,499 Members

1,544 Projects

Leslie James, Junior Director 91,300 Volunteer Hours \$569,249 Donated & In-Kind



Clubs in Tidewater were extremely busy in 2008. Clubs had house tours, craft and quilt shows, special luncheons or teas, bake sales, yard sales, and presented plays. One Club presented a patriotic “Ladies of Liberty” float in their cities July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade; another had a white elephant auction to support scholarships. Monetary donations were made to various musical organizations, museums, festivals, and schools. The Arts and Crafts contest was supported as well as the Writing Contest. Clubs had “make it and take it” craft parties. Members donated money, bulbs, trees, roots from flowering plants, and recycled many things including cell phones and ink cartridges. “Planting Pride in our Community” was a program one Club held with their community. They cleaned up the street, planted annuals and perennials and placed a bench for walkers. Newspapers, blankets and rugs were donated to the Humane Society and plastic bags to Libraries for rainy days. Funds to support scholarships were raised by assorted projects that included plant sales, fashion show/luncheons, house tours, and auctioning a “Grandmother Basket”. Programs included “Picture Your Financial Future”, and “SPARK – Shore People Advancing Readiness for Knowledge” (a family program, in English & Spanish, of 3-4 year olds where they can participate in language enrichment programs). Gifts were furnished to women patients at the Eastern State Hospital. Club programs included preventive measures for assorted health related fields - breast cancer, osteoporosis, strokes and diabetes name just a few. Heifer International was supported by the purchase of goats, chickens and rabbits. Operation Smile was supported with volunteer hours, coloring books, and monetary donations. There were dolls made for migrant workers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Clubs supported Samaritan Purse Missions or Operation ShoeBox. One Club had a speaker from the Attorney General’s Office give a program on Identity Theft. Clubs sold nuts, crafts, calendars, stew, candles, plants, holiday greens, Easter eggs, wrapping paper, pumpkins, cake and bake sales, ornaments, yearbook ads, beer and wine coolers, Entertainment books, Innisbrook Wrap and boxed lunches. Club projects included changing their Club Bylaws, writing to their congressmen, and to go on line to support legislation. Special projects are maintained to allow the Club to pay registration, meals, and accommodations for those attending District and State meetings. In an effort to recruit new members, Clubs held socials, International dinners and Art Groups. Clubs prepared and distributed flyers to homes, preschools and churches throughout the community, advertised in the local paper and had profiles and applications at Club events and fundraisers. Many Clubs have a way of showing appreciation to an outstanding Member by having a “Member of the Year” or “Clubwoman of the Year” award. There are also Leadership, Membership and Outstanding New Members of the Year. Clubs are now reporting the use of Web sites as a new means of PR. Websites are being used along with newspaper advertising, profiles, sign-up sheets and flyers. In support of Advocates for Children, one Club held a spaghetti dinner benefiting CASA, stuffed animals were donated to Bears on Patrol, members volunteered at Ident-A-Kid and a jewelry raffle was held. Clubs also supported the President’s Project-Domestic Violence with monetary donations to battered women’s shelters as well as donations of books and clothing.

**We’re “Stepping Out For Service” and “Volunteering With Purpose”**

**ARTS DEPARTMENT**  
**Phyllis Layman, Chairman**

**842 Projects**  
**47,458 Hours**

**5,589 Members Participating**  
**\$94,927 Donated & In-Kind**



Arts in the Community and Creative Arts are both alive and well across the commonwealth. Many educational art projects and work with art and concert groups in their communities. Needlework projects created by members go to cancer centers, veterans, and other health establishments. Clubs have been creative and supportive with art projects involving everyone from tiny tots to seniors.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Mathew’s County Woman’s Club – Lee District**

Very impressive work with Children’s Summer Arts Program and numerous other activities with schools, arts and crafts, and music.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Botetourt Town and Country Women’s Club – Blue Ridge District**

Support for youth art activities is evident in many ways, but work with Attic Productions (community theater) is particularly notable. They also give volunteer hours and monetary support to various artistic programs in their community.

**Best Single Project – Large Club - General – GFWC Woman’s Club of South Norfolk – Tidewater District**

Cheers for their professionally produced 14 month wall calendar. They combined art and history for this project which required many hours of work to produce the finished product.

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

Their Gaslight Dinner Theater involved over eleven hundred volunteer hours cooking, building sets, rehearsing, providing costumes, etc. in order to perform this event 5 nights to 96 people per night.

**Best Single Project – Small Club - General – Stuarts Draft Woman’s Club – Shenandoah District**

With only 7 members this club handcrafted many items to sell at their Christmas Auction/Dinner with 45 people attending. Most of their operating funds came from this event.

**Best Single Project – Small Club - Junior – Varina Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club had a successful dinner theater with 700 volunteer hours and \$16,150.00 raised to support various charities. Seven hundred people attended this event

**ARTS DEPARTMENT**  
**ARTS CONTEST – MEMBER ENTRIES**  
**Carol Guilliams-Mills, Chairman**



**Member Short Story (Amateur)**

|                 |                        |                                |                      |    |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mary Benson            | “Nancy With The Laughing Face” | WC of Hilton Village | TW |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Thelma Bell (“Timmie”) | Prisoner Of The Library        | WC of Hillsville     | SW |

**Member Poetry (Amateur)**

|                 |                 |                          |                         |     |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Phyllis Layman  | “Me”                     | Weyer’s Cave WC of GFWC | SH  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sharon Hopson   | “From The Club Chaplain” | GFWC Kanawha WC         | Lee |
| HM              | Shirley Belcher | “Mud Creek Recalled”     | Grundy WC               | SW  |

**CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**    **649 Projects**    **4,587 Members Participating**  
**Anna Ruth Coleman, Chairman**    **31,372 Hours**    **\$60,061 Donated & In-Kind**



GFWC VA club women have been busy making our communities beautiful by planting, landscaping and maintaining areas in towns, around schools, parks, government and historical buildings as well as serenity and wellness gardens. They have organized and participated in litter prevention, cleanup on roadways and streams recycled and made donations to many worthy projects and organizations.

**BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**Best Overall - Large Club - Woman’s Club of Smithfield - Southside District**

Five members are master gardeners and one conducts classes, some serve on various beautification committees, members researched and made wreaths of native plants for historic district, participated in county clean-up day and by field trip studied plant preservation.

**Best Overall - Small Club - General – GFWC Bent Mountain Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District**

Maintained a Butterfly Garden at elementary school, involving children in planting, weeding & mulching. Also, began sponsoring a school garden club in 2008, established a memorial landscape fund and did community program “A Walk through the Gardens.

**Best Single Project - Large Club - General – GFWC Smith Mountain Lake Women’s Club - Blue Ridge District**

Worked with lake association in a “Lake Clean-Up” Day by working and providing bags filled with gloves, bags, & t-shirts.

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

Members picked up trash three times in 2008 along a local highway.

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

Recycled an old church sign raising funds to repair, relocate & build foundation resulting in a new lighted marquee for all the community.

**Best Single Project - Small Club - Junior – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. - Southside District**

Members made pots of flowers and delivered them to two local nursing home residents.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION**

**Best Overall - Large Club- Woman’s Club of Smithfield - Southside District**

Effort introduced to reduce carbon footprint, went “green” for club meetings, recycled various items, working with Save the Bay to harvest oysters, donated to Humane Society, developed two programs on environmental concerns.

**Best Overall - Small Club - GFWC Franklin Junior Woman’s Club – Southside District**

Members hosted “Kids Save the Earth” in honor of Earth Day, participated in & organized litter prevention projects, donated items to local vet, recycled books, magazines & ink cartridges.

**Best Single Project - Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of Essex County, Virginia, GFWC – Lee District**

Planned & hosted public presentation on “State & the Future of our Artesian Water Supply. Many elected officials were in attendance as were 150 residents.

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

Sponsored “Trash to Art” day with local k-2 school children on Earth Day. Each child turned something considered trash into art. Also, partnered with Woody the Owl for a lesson in conservation and students received snacks and other treats.

**Best Single Project - Small Club – General - GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club - Blue Ridge District**

Members participated in and assisted with a Co-op program “Buy Fresh, Buy Local” that included a workshop and luncheon

**Best Single Project - Small Club - Junior - GFWC Amherst Junior Woman’s Club - Alice Kyle District**

Members worked with and supported monetarily the new animal shelter in Amherst County, member serves on the board and donated items for shelter.



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**Judy Lee, Chairman**

**FOCUS ON LITERACY    290 Projects    6,785 Members Participating  
14,324 Hours \$89,014 Donated & In-Kind**



The ladies in Virginia not only love to read but they love to help other people read as well. There were clubs that sponsors their own reading clubs and some that sponsored a reading contest either in a school or a local library. There was one club that even took dogs for children to read to since the dogs would listen without comment. There were lots of book signings as well as tutors assisting those from other countries learn to speak English. This type of tutoring is needed more than ever and those learning are so appreciative. With budget cuts affecting every avenue in our lives – it is our volunteers in Education that will help to keep the roads to learning open.

**Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Floyd County Woman’s Club – Blue Ridge District**

This club sponsored the “Reading in Floyd is Fun” RIPP in lieu of the RIF program in previous years. The club looked into sponsoring own reading program and were granted the ability to buy books at the same rates as the RIF program. They have broadened their circle to include other volunteer organizations and collectively read to the children and distribute books to over 1,500 children. They have sponsored a girl for Girl’s State as well as donated books to the needy at Christmas.

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

This club donated 175 books to the local hospital and sponsored “Read Across America” at the local library. With each book read – the reader received a ticket and a drawing was held for the prizes. There were a recorded 1,593 books checked out for a population of only 2,200. They sponsored a “Cat in the Hat” celebration at the library complete with a stand up figure to help the children be more attentive. GFWC bookplates were used in all of the donated books as well.

**Best Single Project – Large Club - General – GFWC Amherst Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

This club raised enough funds to buy each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student in their county a dictionary to take home. There were 330 students with a cost of \$4,100. They sponsored a summer reading program for children grades 1 through 5 by donating 325 books for the children to take home. They also sponsored a 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading contest with a great prize as a reward. They donated games, booklets and other teaching aides to the local teachers.

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

This club organized a Longerberger Basket Bingo Benefit and raised \$1,850 that was used to purchase dictionaries for a local 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as well as Books for Babies at a local hospital. The baskets were purchased and filled by local businesses.

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

This club made ‘Buddy Book Bags’ with donated material for a local kindergarten class and filled them with 2 books, audiotapes, earphones and other miscellaneous activity books.

**Best Single Project – Small Club Junior – Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club coordinated a Reading is Fundamental Program at the local library. The club adopted one elementary school with 480 students and helped them by distributing 2,032 books. They helped children illustrate a scene from their favorite book and offered prizes and books for the children to take home. Each child was given at least one book and incentives to earn more.

## **EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY**

**703 Projects 6,785 Members Participating  
37,975 Hours \$290 336 Donated & In-Kind**



The Virginia ladies have donated funds to libraries and local educational programs to replace grant and federal monies that they been cut from budgets. Thousands of dollars have been raised and hours worked so that our children and the average citizen will always have access to learning. There were cash scholarships totaling over \$165,000 as well as \$100,000 in in-kind items such as box tops or grocery store receipts. In the field of Education – our ladies have addressed every level of learning and a lot of projects have been in existence for many years while others have been invented for necessity.

### **Best Overall – Large Club – Woman’s Club of Prince George County - Southside District**

This club sponsors a book club for members and friends and meets once a month to discuss books read. They invited a local author to speak at a meeting. They supported the local library who was close to losing over \$250,000 worth of grant funding. Because of over 600 hours of enlisting support from the community and fighting for this cause – the library was able to retain the grant funds. They also worked in a food concession at local athletic games during the summer plus worked at the Fall Festival that netted over \$3,400 for the library building fund.

### **Best Overall – Small Club – Woman’s Club of Cumberland, GFWC – Alice Kyle District**

This club served on the local libraries board of trustees for the library and volunteered over 700 hours in various positions for the library not including teaching 3 craft classes to 52 local citizens. They held a club raffle and donated funds to the library as well. They also joined the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. through which over \$75,000 was raised for grants and scholarships on all educational levels.

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

This club worked for over 1,000 hours with the local library’s Friends of the Chantilly Library Used Book Sales. They sorted, categorized and boxed donated books for storage. There assisted in the 2 ‘sales’ during the year and the library made over \$52,000. Western Fairfax

### **Best Single – Large Club - Junior – New Kent Junior Woman’s Club – Lee District**

This club supported their local library when it was shut down because it was deemed unsafe. This library which serves 2 counties was split between two alternative buildings, one in each county. The club sponsored the library throughout the transition and assisted with \$250 for a petting zoo at the Fall Festival as well as \$375 for various items on their wish list.

### **Best Single – Small Club - General – Bel Air Woman’s Club – Northern District**

This club sponsored a Spelling Bee they encompassed 14 schools. They publicized the advertised and awarded trophies and savings bonds to the winners. There is a registration fee per participant and the club pays for the winner to attend the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

### **Best Single – Small Club - Junior – Crewe Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

This club sponsored and supported a camp for ‘at risk’ children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The four week session is designed to help these children get to the correct reading level. The club donated \$600 and 100 new books. The children read at least one hour each day to a volunteer.

## **HOME LIFE DEPARTMENT**

**1,110 Projects 5,213 Members Participating**

## **HELPING HANDS**

**81,181 Hours \$489,013 Donated & In-Kind**

**Kelly Krantz, Chairman**



GFWC-VA members took part in all areas of Helping Hands. Thousands have been assisted with meals, hats, clothing, parties and presents. Donations were made to Canine Companions, Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes – it goes on and on. Members educated with articles and speakers and worked hands-on on a variety of projects. Their helping hands reached out to their communities and beyond.

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

The phrase Helping Hands was taken to heart by the JWC of Loudoun with their many programs. March for Babies, Meals on Wheels, providing gifts to Birthday Blessings, Camp Easter Seal, providing food & supplies to families during the holidays, staffing the Holiday Coalition Christmas Shop and raising the Fairy Tale Closet Prom Wishes program to new heights are just some of the ways this club reached out their helping hands to their community.

### **Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Woman’s Club of Vinton – Blue Ridge District**

The WC of Vinton demonstrated how a small club can make a great impact on their community. They filled stockings and Easter eggs galore for low-income children and served meals at an area shelter. A Hat Parade for Heavenly Hats was held and they hosted several Bingo Days at adult day-care center. Programs educated members, contributions were made and members volunteered at many other events and centers. This small club has a very large heart.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Cape Henry Woman’s Club – Tidewater District**

This club held the Sugar Plum Senior Citizen Craft Sale. 170 senior crafters brought their items in to be inventoried, priced, displayed and sold by the club members. The sale took place over 2 weeks, including set-up day, two check-in days, sale days, sorting day, bookkeeping day, payday and pick-up day. The mayor attended and cut the ribbon to start the sale. The crafters earned \$38,785 with the club’s program in this community event.

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

Their Home for the Holidays program provided food for underprivileged children in their local elementary school to help ensure these children would have food to eat over the Christmas holiday break. With assistance from the school, letters were discreetly sent home to each qualifying child, which the child would bring the letter back when picking up their bag of food. Bags contained cereal, graham crackers, peanut butter, applesauce cups, pop tarts, oatmeal, soup and Ritz crackers. On the last day of school at the end of the day, members waited at a side door for the child and their families to arrive. A total of 167 bags were donated.

**Best Single Project - Small Club – General – Woman’s Club of Windsor – Southside District**

The WC of Windsor brought their entire community together with their project supporting the Town of Windsor, CO, which was devastated by a tornado. They collected and shipped 111 buckets full of cleaning supplies to Colorado. Members made presentations at churches, other clubs and at the Town Council. Newspapers and television picked up the story from press releases the club sent out. Funds were also sent to rebuild playground equipment and restore parks devastated by the tornado.

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

This club reached out helping hands throughout the community with their “Pay if Forward” program. Members randomly picked individuals who they wanted to show an act of kindness. Some used \$20 to help elderly pay for and pump their gas. Some bought groceries for needy individuals and some paid for prescriptions for the elderly. Members surprised some when they asked if they could do something nice for them and heard comments “I can’t believe you’re doing this”, “God bless you” and “You have made my day”. Members were rewarded not only by helping others firsthand, but also with the heartwarming feeling from touching an individual’s life.

**HOME LIFE DEPARTMENT      36 Projects      397 Members Participating**  
**FINANCIAL ISSUES            676 Hours      \$3,153 Donated & In-Kind**  
**Kelly Krantz, Chairman**



GFWC-VA members took part in many areas of financial planning. Through speakers, newsletter articles members were educated in estate planning, identity theft and retirement planning.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Junto Woman’s Club - Southside District**

Club presented a program at a club meeting to become more involved in the financial future. Long term care, life insurance and retirement funds were discussed. Another program was held on the current housing market and its effect on the economy. They discussed how to prepare for a sale and current local issues effecting the market.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

This club provided information on many areas of finance to its members. Newsletter articles and pamphlets were given to members on WISER’s retirement income checklist and planning ahead. Also information on FICO scores, obtaining a free credit report and checking credit, as well as identity theft was provided. During the holidays, tips from the BBB Wise Giving Alliance were distributed so that members could learn more about charitable giving.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Woman’s Club of King & Queen County – Lee District**

The club program chairman arranged for a visit from a local bank representative. Two hours were spent explaining the mysteries surrounding today’s national financial issues and answering many questions.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – no award**

**Best Single Project - Small Club – General – Woman’s Club of Cumberland, GFWC – Alice Kyle District**

A program was held by the area Commonwealth Attorney regarding the importance of women taking control of and managing financial and medical issues pertaining to estate planning. The importance of having the proper forms ready when needed, storing them in a safe place and having family members aware of their contents and location.

**Best Single Project - Small Club – Junior – Northern Virginia Junior Women’s Club – Northern District**

“Girls Just Want to Have Funds” speaker series program discussed with attendees ways to recession proof finances, gave tips on retirement planning and an overview of the stock market. Several guests as well as members attended and requests for another program were made.

**HOME LIFE DEPARTMENT      582 Projects      4,218 Members Participating**  
**FOCUS ON HEALTH            26,113 Hours      \$131,949 Donated & In-Kind**  
**Gwen Darby, Chairman**



What do belly dancing, aura fluffing, tai chi, yoga, pilates, and mental fung shei, have in common? They were the more unusual methods that GFWC Virginia Clubs have used to promote healthy living among its members and their community as special emphasis has been placed on healthy lifestyles and weight loss this administration. Clubs continue to tirelessly support research, raise awareness and donate tireless to causes such as breast cancer, shingles, heart disease, stroke, Alzheimer’s, MS, Cystic Fibrosis, autism, Down’s Syndrome and arthritis. Members also supported their communities by volunteering time, money, and supplies to local free clinics, rescue squads, blood banks and hospice. When members and friends needed help due to illness the members of GFWC Virginia rolled up their sleeves and to make meals, clean and raise funds when necessary.

**Best Overall - Large Club - Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun — Northern District**

This club participated in the American Cancer Society's annual daffodil days, for a third year in a row they formed and supported a team for the Relay for Life Walk. In honor of World Down Syndrome Day, the club had a program on the condition. Members participated in the Loudoun Buddy walk by manning educational booths and working the event. Members participated in the Great Strides Walk for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

**Best Overall — Small Club - GFWC Sedley Woman's Club — Southside District**

This club had a program that focused on sleep and sleep disorders, started a "your health" corner to inform members at the monthly meeting about a health topic important to women. Members attended local Healthy Woman Seminar, Supported Breast Cancer awareness by having a program on the subject presented by a breast cancer survivor, sponsored a Relay for Life team, and encouraged a member with a hearing disability to have the confidence to step up to a leadership role in the club.

**Best Single Project — Large Club — General — Hopewell Federated Woman's Club — Southside District**

This club worked with another organization to put on a benefit for a local child with little insurance, who was in need of an emergency kidney transplant. The club arranged for a band and publicity to advertise the event. They solicited local businesses for donations for the silent auction that they had in conjunction with the social. Members worked the day of the event setting up and manning the event.

**Best Single Project — Large Club – Junior — South Boston/Halifax JWC-GFWC — Alice Kyle District**

In order to encourage new mothers to breastfeed, members of the club put together 100 breastfeeding gift bags to be distributed by the local hospital labor and delivery staff to new mothers. These bags included information and guides on breastfeeding and pumping. Samples such as lanolin, breast pads, gel patches and other small gifts were included in the bags.

**Best Single Project — Small Club — General — Woman's Club of Madison County — Shenandoah District**

This club sponsored six blood drives to help meet the needs of their community for blood. Members made baked goods to help supplement the food in the canteen as well serving as greeters and support staff. Through their efforts they were able to raise 259 pints of blood. This was an increase of 26 pints from the previous year.

**Best Single Project — Small Club — Junior — GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club — Lee District**

Members of AJWC collected 380 new and gently used bras to support the "Bras on Broad Street" program. Local businesses in Ashland donated \$1 per bra donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Members then took the bras to help form the "Bra Love Line Chain" on Broad Street in Richmond. The Ashland members were recognized on a local radio station. All bras were then donated to the area Good Will Stores.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ~ UNITED NATIONS 680 Members Participating  
Jean Wolfe, Chairman 82 Projects 1,547 Hours \$14,182 Donated & In-Kind**



**Best Overall – Large Club – Covington Woman's Club - Shenandoah District**

Raised \$1800 for UNICEF by distributing "trick or treat" boxes through the schools.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club - Blue Ridge District**

For their \$1462 fundraiser for African Team Ministries supporting school programs for HIV/AIDS education in African countries.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General - No award**

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

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General - No award**

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

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REACHING OUT INTERNATIONALLY**

**Jean Wolfe, Chairman 3,829 Members Participating 282 Projects  
8,559 Hours \$144,799 Donated & In-Kind**



**Best Overall – Large Club – Woman's Club of Smithfield - Southside District**

For the scope of their work on eight projects.

**Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club - Blue Ridge Dist.**

For their depth of their work on six projects.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Dunlora Woman's Club - Lee District**

For being entrepreneurs. Through KIVA the club loaned money to a small business in the Dominican Republic in February. They were repaid in August and then reinvested the money in another small business.

**Best Single Project – Large – Junior – Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg - Tidewater District**

For fully funding an Operation Smile operation.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – Woman's Club of Hampton - Tidewater Dist.**

For their support of SEDONA (Sending Drugs Overseas to Non-Governmental Agencies) with 3 members giving 583 1/2 hours processing \$71,000 worth of drugs for third world countries.

**Best Single Project – Small – Junior – GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club - Lee District**

For supporting a summer camp in Latvia for under privileged children.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS - CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION**

**Gail Howell, Chairman 548 Projects 19,150 Hours \$161,732 Donated & In-Kind**



I am very proud of the accomplishments of Virginia women who have completed and have ongoing projects and programs in their communities. The following is just a small portion of the accomplishments of Virginia women. Members participated in Good Samaritan Operation Christmas Child and sent boxes of goodies for children of various ages overseas to needy families. Participated in a wreath laying ceremony for Veterans. Have had speakers through out the year addressing a wide variety of community concerns and attended meetings of town councils and county boards showing their support. Clubs included programs and accomplishments department area including election speakers, the Immigration Policy in their county. The lists goes on, be proud of what you have done!

### **Best Overall - Large Club - Midlothian Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

Through out the year, care packages were sent to army troop, 411<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade. As they reached the end of their 15month deployment, they sent a note of thanks for the club support, which brought the group to tears. Included in the thank you was a picture of troop members, a map of Iraq, and the US flag that was flown over their HQ.

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

Continued to provide support for the past 26 years to the local Veterans Center. Contributions are delivered to the Richmond Outreach Center on a monthly basis for use by approx 250 veterans and their families who attend counseling sessions.

### **Best Single Project- Large Club – General - GFWC Dominion Woman's Club – Northern District**

Provided monthly donations to the 3 Fisher Houses near Walter Reed hospital including dishes, coffee supplies, food, personal care items, air mattresses, gift cards, power tools, baby monitors, diapers and travel cribs.

### **Best Single Project- Large Club – Junior - GFWC Franklin Junior Woman's Club – Southside District**

Purchased and donated breakfast items to the poll workers during election, and donated goody bags to all the workers.

### **Best Single Project - Small Club - General - Woman's Club of Windsor – Southside District**

Assisted another civic club with a project to raise money to purchase tables and chairs for the local community center.

### **Best Single Project- Small Club – Junior - Junior Woman's Club of Manassas – Northern District**

Created a Neighborhood Conference in an attempt to reach out to the neighborhoods as a way of empowering each member of the community. 200 people in attendance focusing on issues that affect neighbors, providing workshops and seminars.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS – FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM**

**Gail Howell, Chairman 304 Projects 4,707 Hours \$41,671 Donated & In-Kind**

Here are just a few of the many projects that clubs have done regarding safety: sponsored Halloween parties, shared information about the “Do Not Call List”, prepared monthly newsletter full of home, holiday, personal and pet safety tips. attended driver safety course for the program “55 and Alive”, had informative programs on home invasion, tips for what women need to look out for while shopping and safety in public areas, provided information on “Street Sense” and “Safer Senior”, held programs on internet safety, gangs in the communities, and gang violence, and much, much more.



### **Best Overall - Large Club - GFWC Dominion Woman's Club – Northern District**

This club became a sponsor in the Adopt a Shelter Program. Raising funds, they were able to donate \$8000.00 to purchase a disaster shelter, supplies, , 70 cots, 30 sleeping pads, 200 blankets, 100 comfort kits, a shelter management kit and a coffee urn.

### **Best Overall – Small Club - Colonial Capital Woman's Club – Tidewater District**

Club members help to build and provide wheelchair ramps to assist those who cannot get in or out of their homes.

### **Best Single Project - Large Club – General -Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc. – Lee District**

Club sponsored two “55 Alive” classes, a driving school for mature drivers and had attendance of 31 drivers.

### **Best Single Project- Large Club – Junior - Buena Vista Junior Woman's Club – Shenandoah District**

Distributed pamphlets to the Woman's Club and the Middle school Parent advisory Committee relaying information about home safety plans.

### **Best Single Project - Small Club -Woman's Club of King George – Northern - District**

Presented the AAA sponsored “Otto the Auto” program to kindergarten and elementary age children.

### **Best Single Project- Small Club - Covington Junior Woman's Club - Shenandoah District**

Members designed and distributed placemats and bookmarks promoting child Abuse Prevention Month. Two area restaurants displayed the placemats and the library, six elementary schools and club members were provided the bookmarks.

## **GFWC VIRGINIA JUNIOR CONTINUING PROJECT-CAMP EASTER SEALS**

**Debbie Shelton, Chairman 19 Projects 124 members 73 hours \$2,321.05 donations**



GFWC Virginia Juniors continued to support Camp Easter Seals Virginia by sponsoring campers, donating funds to the various programs at Camp, and promoting awareness of people with disabilities. The playground renovation project was highlighted in 2008, and clubs raised \$359.05 toward that project. Clubs sponsored campers for a total of \$1,615.00. Camp Easter Seals Virginia strives to serve children and adults and provide opportunities for learning, fun and exploration. The support of the GFWC Virginia clubs is crucial to the success of Camp Easter Seals.



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

New member orientation was conducted. A “Damsels Dreams & Daring Deeds” recruitment event was held which included a power point presentation Comprehensive information packets were given to each invitee. The club utilized the GFWC website & Marketplace providing club members with materials. GFWC Silver & Gold pins were presented. Extensive member recognition.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General - Mathews County Woman’s Club - Lee District**

This club’s Board held an all day retreat focused on membership initiatives. The group broke into small groups and discussed the club’s mission, vision and goals and developed working documents to implement their ideas.

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

A recruitment Ice Cream Social was held which resulted in 7 new members. The entire membership was involved. Scrapbooks and presentation boards were used. Club history and Federation facts were shared. By utilizing a variety of the members, guests heard about the club from different perspectives. Federation packets were provided & follow-up invitations to join were sent.

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

Following a club membership brainstorming session an Idea Box was available at club meetings and each club member was given 10 club information cards and challenged to distribute them to ladies they met in the community.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Star City Junior Woman’s Club - Blue Ridge District**

A customized “Star-opoly” game was created to motivate members to participate in programs. Members played throughout the year and earned extra Star-opoly “cash” by bringing guests, participating in community projects & providing reporting info.

**GFWC VIRGINIA STATE PROJECT – Virginia Tech Memorial Fund**

**Kathryn Sowers, Chairman**

General Federation of Women’s Clubs Virginia is raising \$172,000 to buy a new, fully-equipped Traumahawk Advanced Life Support Ambulance for the VT Rescue Squad. Our goal for this Special two year State project is **3 x \$10 per member by 2010**. For each member who reaches her goal of \$30, we are presenting a special State Project pin to wear proudly for everyone to know that you are *Passing It On - an Act of Kindness*.

Let us remember that this project was initiated after April 16th and this is our way of honoring and remembering the victims and their families. In this small way, we will be giving a memorial that will continue to give and help others. What better way to honor all youth and bring hope and encouragement to the future.

Certificates were presented to clubs at Convention for reaching the goal of 100% of their members contributing the \$30 per member. Below is a list of clubs as of March 31<sup>st</sup> that have reached that goal (based on funds received at state headquarters).

Thanks for your support and let’s keep It going. We can do it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Blue Ridge District**

- GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club
- GFWC Roanoke County Woman’s Club

**Lee District**

- GFWC Hermitage Woman’s Club
- GFWC Worthington Woman’s Club

**Northern District**

- Herndon Fortnightly Woman’s Club
- GFWC Woman’s Club of Manassas

**Shenandoah District**

- Member At Large
- GFWC Wayland Woman’s Club
- GFWC Waynesboro Junior Woman’s Club

**Tidewater District**

- GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hampton
- Little Creek Woman’s Club
- Virginia Beach Junior Woman’s Club

**LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY  
Tricia Dalton, Chairman**

**110 Projects 641 Members Participating  
1,747 Hours \$2,507 Donated & In-Kind**



GFWC Virginia clubs worked hard to encourage civic participation through interesting and informative programs and projects. Virginia clubwomen sponsored legislative-based programs from their localities, heard from council members, Board of Supervisor members, town and county planning commissions, Senators, and local government officials. Clubs appointed Legislation/Public Policy Chairmen who reported in newsletters, emails and at meetings the latest information on bills pending in Congress and the Virginia General Assembly. Members joined GFWC’s Legislative Network and helped spread the word on Federation priority issues.

**Best Overall – Large Club – The Woman’s Club of Essex County, Virginia, GFWC - Lee District**

This club worked with local and state representatives as well as the VA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to have the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck area designated as a Groundwater Protection Area. They also worked hard to get a bill passed in the General Assembly to allow a plumber to work on a well that is less than 100 feet deep if they are working for a 501-C-3 non profit organization such as SAIF Water.

**Best Overall – Small Club – The GFWC Virginia Lynchburg Suburban Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

This club appointed a Legislation Committee that kept the members informed on issues that were of interest to them. The committee contacted City Council members on a regular basis and attended their meetings. They did daily checks on the Virginia General Assembly website in order to track bills. They put monthly articles in their newsletter on issues of concern. They attended town hall meetings and a political rally for the presidential candidates.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General – GFWC-VFWC Kempsville Woman’s Club – Tidewater District**

This club had the 4 mayoral candidates speak at a club meeting. A press release was sent out to local newspapers and television stations requesting assistance in informing the public of the question and answer session that would take place at the meeting and inviting the public to attend. They published the meeting in their club newsletter and had everyone invite a friend.

**Best Single Project - Large Club Junior – no winner**

**Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club – Blue Ridge District -**

This club appointed a Legislation/Public Policy chairmen who discussed existing resolutions, proposed amendments, current events and news stories with the club. They focused on issues protecting women’s lives such as heart attack, health heart, breast cancer, global poverty and protecting the elderly. Club members were informed of all the new laws that took effect in July.

**Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

This club was given a two-part quiz (at two club meetings) on approximately 70 terms that are used to describe the Virginia General Assembly and what occurs during a session. Members matched terms with their definitions. Each member received a prize and a grand prize was given to the clubwoman who had the most correct answers.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS            641 Projects            2,426 Members Participating**  
**Anne Bryant, Chairman    13,347 Hours            \$23,130 Donated & In-Kind**



GFWC Virginia clubwomen publicize clubs/Federation in creative and “tried and true” ways. 67 clubs have GFWC in their name! New this year – use of social websites such as Facebook, My Space, Yahoo Message Board, Craig’s List, Meetup.com. Clubs invited members of media to speak at meetings/volunteer at a club event. Club names on shirts/Meals-on-Wheels Menus, bricks, donated books, calendars, banners, mugs, etc.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Mclean Woman’s Club – Northern District**

Has PR chair. Publicity in newspapers/radio/TV/website. Flyers/posters in community center/library, etc. Club brochure in community center/library, etc. Uses GFWC emblem/club displays/newsletter. Member of Chamber of Commerce. Booth at events/carried banner in parade. Monthly display at club meetings.

**Best Overall – Small Club - GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

Press releases about club events/media contact list. Signs at city entrances. Uses club profile/business cards/GFWC PR kit/tote bags/club shirts/name tags. Book plates in donated books. Joined Chamber of Commerce/booths at events. Publicity in newspapers/websites/TV/radio/community calendars.

**Best Single Project – Large Club – General - GFWC Floyd County Woman’s Club Inc. – Blue Ridge District**

Sponsored Arts & Crafts Festival. Publicity in 18 newspapers, 3 TV stations, 24 radio stations, 8 regional magazines, 3 craft show directories. Posters/flyers, crafts display, banner hung across street.

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

Worked at a series of summer concerts to benefit downtown development. Took up tickets, money, check ID’s, etc. Wore club shirts to promote the club.

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

Sponsored Hanover Harvest Run with ads in 9 papers/8 websites; 1300 flyers distributed; 200 race programs; 240 t-shirts with club name; website created for registration; 40 volunteers to staff event.

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

Promoted TV Auction with 3 months of publicity: newspaper articles, paid TV spots, billboards.

**Publicity Book Contest Winner: Grundy Woman’s Club – Southwestern District**

**GFWC WOMEN’S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER**

**Ginger Robertson, Chairman**

**205 Projects 852 Members 5,508 Hours \$14,475 Donated & In-Kind**

Due to 2008 being the final year of GFWC Virginia’s 100<sup>th</sup> celebration, all 8 Districts in the state submitted reports. 34 General clubs; 5 Junior clubs; and 1 Juniorette club reported under the objectives to collect, preserve, interpret, and promote the history of GFWC and women volunteers.

**Best Overall – Large Club – Clifton Community Woman’s Club – Northern District**

Reported in four steps of WHRC with emphasis on Historic Preservation.. Continues to support the old Fairfax Station depot by working as docents; volunteering; donating \$1,000 annually to the museum. Donates annually to a historic black church to help in the preservation of this building.

### **Best Overall – Small Club – Grundy Woman’s Club – Southwestern District**

Only club in the state reporting in all 5 steps of the WHRC objectives. Special emphasis was given to promoting March as National Women’s History month by recognizing “Past, Present, and Future” leaders of the club. Each was presented a gold Sacagawea coin which signifies leadership; courage; confidence & resilience.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Mclean Woman’s Club – Northern District**

Members provide financial aid, assist in the gift shop, donate books and used items for sale as part of their commitment to support the Claude Moore Colonial Farm that teaches schoolchildren about colonial farming.

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

Organized a fashion show/luncheon to help celebrate the Town of Pearisburg’s Bicentennial. Prepared and served the luncheon while other members modeled in the show.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – General – GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club – Blue Ride District**

Supports Historical Preservation by working on three major fund raising projects for Historic Fincastle, Inc.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – Junior –GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

Supported Historic Preservation by donating to their “home” church. Contribution was also made to the Historic Hopewell Foundation to help preserve several historic buildings within the city.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

### **Jan Gunnels, Chairman 180 Projects 2,756 Members 5,635 Hours \$39,453 Donated & In-Kind**

Virginia Clubs have made a concerted effort to inform their members about the incidence of domestic violence and how it may be prevented. They have supported local shelters through monetary contributions, donations of household supplies, clothing, books, etc. They have organized community activities to raise awareness of domestic violence and to inform community members where they can seek assistance.

### **Best Overall –Large Club - GFWC Franklin Junior Woman’s Club - Southside District**

The 32 members of this club helped host the first local Healthy Women Event in their community, co-sponsored a Domestic Violence Walk, distributed over 300 Domestic Violence brochures to community members, contacted the author of a book on domestic violence who worked with the club to benefit their local shelter.

### **Best Overall – Small Club - Rural Plains Women’s Club - Lee District**

Members of this club met with shelter executives to discuss ways they could benefit the shelter, provided child care for shelter clients, developed and utilized a public relations plan, worked in various capacities for the shelter’s fund-raising projects and donated items needed by the shelter’s residents.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club - General - Woman’s Club of Powhatan County, Inc. - Lee District**

Club members provided 66 assault recovery kits to three area hospitals. These kits include personal care items and a sweat suit, underwear and socks, as police often keep the victims’ clothes as evidence.

### **Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior - GFWC Franklin Junior Woman’s Club - Southside District**

This club co-sponsored the “Healthy Women Stomp Out Domestic Violence” Awareness Walk in honor of a community member who was killed by her husband. Club members distributed purple “No Excuse for Abuse” bracelets. They are currently planning for a second annual walk in 2009.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club – General - Mary Ball Woman’s Club - Northern District**

In December the 18 members of this club collected personal items to be placed in 30 festive gift bags to brighten the holidays for the residents of their local domestic violence shelter.

### **Best Single Project – Small Club - Junior – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Northampton County - Tidewater District**

The nine members of this club collected items and created 20 “First Night Kits” for their local domestic violence women’s shelter. They made kits for ten adults and ten children.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

### **JOAN KREMZIR, Editor of *The Virginia Clubwoman***

The 1<sup>st</sup> Place club newsletters contained all or most of the following information making them informative to club members and prepared to attend a meeting. They included their club name on the cover, GFWC affiliation logos (some included District and GFWC Virginia), indexes on front page, calendars, reminders, reports of officers and chairmen, treasurer’s reports, minutes, membership spotlights. Some also included parliamentary tips or federation news and a list of correspondence received. They were all very easy and fun to read.

#### **General Large Clubs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place *The Clubline, Woman’s Club of Prince George County, Southside District*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place *Worthy News, GFWC Worthington Woman’s Club, Lee District*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place *Club Chatter, Woman’s Club of Smithfield, Inc., Southside District*

#### **General Small Clubs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place *Metro Media, Metropolitan Richmond Woman’s Club, Lee District*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place *The Peak Squeak, GFWC Bedford Woman’s Club, Blue Ridge District*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place *Pamunkey PowWow, Pamunkey Woman’s Club, Lee District*



## Newsletter Winners, Continued:

### Junior Large Clubs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place**      *The Junior Journal, GFWC Franklin Junior Woman's Club, Southside District*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**      *The MJWC Gazebo, Midlothian Junior Woman's Club, Lee District*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**      *JWCW, Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg, Tidewater District*

### Junior Small Clubs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place**      *The Magnolia, Hanover Junior Woman's Club, Lee District*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**      *Bear Facts, Narrows Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Southwestern District*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**      *Sunflower Times, Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc., Lee District*

## WEBSITE CONTEST

### Janice Sadler - Web Designer

Website Contest entries were judged on the following points: Contact email link available, district affiliation noted, links to GFWC Virginia and GFWC present, the website contained current information, club meeting times and locations listed, projects listed, calendar present, club history available, and other informative items present. Design and style were secondary judging points.



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Northern Virginia Junior Women's Club - Northern District

The design format is easy to read. All the basic elements for a good website are present. The online fundraiser, meeting minutes, current newsletter, and list of officers with a short bio of each were excellent additions. This website brought in a new member!

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun - Northern District

This website is full of good information. The photo album, club newsletters and meeting summaries are terrific membership tools.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Midlothian Junior Woman's Club - Lee District

This website covered all the basics plus they created two linked websites to promote their special projects, Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair and Cinderella Dreams. Online payment was available on the Midlothian Village site



## FUND RAISING

### **Dawn Barnes, Chairman    458 Projects    4,328 Members    69,384 Hours    \$612,730 Raised**

GFWC Virginia Clubwomen cooked, worked with Santa, hosted home tours, played golf, danced and sold everything imaginable in order to raise money for the work that is the essence of federation. Some of their projects were conducted on their own while others were in partnership with another club, a community agency or business.

#### Best Overall – Large Club – GFWC Worthington Woman's Club – Lee District

Both traditional and non-traditional fundraising efforts were included in this club's efforts. One effort partnered with a local shopping center's private shopping event, two others took advantage of internet opportunities (I Give and Benevolink). They also held a Dinner and Silent Auction and profited from groceries members purchased from a local grocery chain.

#### Best Overall – Small Club – GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District

This club evaluated their past fundraising efforts and developed a game plan for future efforts. Projects that they continued with included making use of an interest bearing account, seeking local 'grants', selling different services and products.

#### Best Single Project – Large Club – General – Mathews County Woman's Club – Lee District

This new project had two parts with one goal 'Give Back to Our Community'. Part I 'Market Days' included a day of sales. Part II entailed selling tickets, gathering donations and securing a radio DJ and finally tickets being drawn for 28 days of prizes.

#### Best Single Project – Large Club – Junior – South Boston-Halifax JWC-GFWC – Alice Kyle District

A gala was planned to benefit local Red Cross. Members gathered sponsorships and donations, sold tickets and treated guests to auctions, food, music and photographs. The event exceeded their set profit goal.

#### Best Single Project – Small Club – General – The Woman's Club of King George - Northern District

The beginning of a new tradition, this club sponsored a Victorian Mother/Daughter Tea and was attended by multi-generations. This sold out occasion featured china teapots, cups and saucers, music, favors and complimentary group pictures.

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

This club solicited the help of a local cable TV company, local merchants and donors to provide a successful 3 night TV auction.

#### Honorable Mention – GFWC Dominion Sisterhood Juniette Club – Northern District

Members of this club provided leadership for two fundraising efforts and participated in two community efforts.

## **GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT - ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN** **Marti Clark-Chairman 22 Projects 134 Members 1,057 Hours \$23,653.71**



The GFWC Virginia Juniors and one GFWC Virginia General Club volunteered their time advocating for our children and youth, our most precious gifts. On the minds and hearts of clubwomen throughout Virginia were medically fragile children and children in the foster care system.

### **Best Overall - Large Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg - Tidewater District**

This club completed projects and raised money that benefited some of our most vulnerable children, local foster care children. Through the club’s donation they assisted Colonial Court Appointed Special Advocates awareness campaign and Colonial Services Board’s efforts in creating a curriculum to help identify victims of bullying and provide assertiveness and confidence training for local Elementary and Middle school students.

### **Best Overall - Small Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Newport News - Tidewater District**

This club completed projects and raised money that benefited children utilizing services at the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughter’s Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit and Child Abuse Services Center; as well as Edmarc, an agency for terminally ill children and their families and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and provided Easter baskets for Safe Haven, a facility for troubled and at risk children in transition

### **Best Single Project - Large Club - Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg - Tidewater District**

This club held their annual Precious Jewels for our Most Precious Gems Jewelry raffle. A local jeweler generously donated four pieces of jewelry valued at \$7,796. The club raised \$11,226 donating that back to their local Social Services Department where 19 children were able to receive a \$150 Wal-Mart gift card. The remainder of the donation was used by the Department to assist in the purchase of food and toys for the children’s Christmas party.

### **Best Single Project - Small Club - Junior Woman’s Club of Newport News – Tidewater District**

This club held their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine Dinner & Dance. During the event they had a raffle and silent auction. The club presented a \$6,000 check to Children’s Hospital of the Kings Daughter’s, a hospital that serves children with special medical needs

## **GFWC JUNIOR ADDITIONAL STATE PROJECT – JUNIOR HEALTH**

### **Kat Puryear-Chairman 21 Projects 83 Members 127.5 Hours \$4,780 Donated & In-Kind**

GFWC Virginia Clubs reported participation in the Focus. Breast Cancer Support received the most attention from these clubs. Participation in Relay for Life, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, held information sessions for their members, donated money to various Breast Cancer Awareness programs, and supported friends and family members that are directly affected by Cancer. Members brought to light The Pregnancy/Infant Loss National Remembrance Day on October 15. Clubs put effort into Heart Disease Awareness with the celebration of Red Dress Day in February, Jump Rope for Heart events, and Newsletter Articles.

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

Club participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the cure and donated money to this cause. They also made their club members aware of The Pregnancy/Infant Loss National Remembrance Day. They also wore red on February 1 for Heart Disease Support. All three focuses were supported.

### **Best Overall- Small Club- GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hopewell, Inc. – Southside District**

Club donated money to support Lymphodemia patients, silent action baskets, and organized a Flock of Flamingos fundraiser for Relay of Life. Monthly newsletters informed members about heart Disease and how to prevent it.

### **Best Single Project- Large Club – no award**

### **Best Single Project- Small Club- GFWC Amherst Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

Club participated in the county’s Relay for Life and had the participation of every member through either active walking, or donation of money. This club raised \$3,500.

## **GFWC Virginia Junior Club of the Year –**

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

This junior club exemplified all aspects of the award criteria for 2008. In the area of membership, the club experienced a net increase with very little turnover and supported the members through communications and coordinating assistance in times of need. The club managed the leadership side of equation through leadership development and training by using tools provided by GFWC and those that have evolved within the club over time. The club provides monetary support for its members who attend District, State, and GFWC meetings and encourages participation in leadership roles at levels beyond the club. Leadership messages are reinforced through quotes and articles in the monthly newsletter.



**Honorable Mention:** Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg, Tidewater District

## GFWC Virginia Junior Director's Award for Outstanding Achievement

This award is presented to one club in each size category that demonstrates the most well-rounded work in the GFWC Departments, Programs and Special Project areas.

**Large Club** – Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg – Tidewater District

**Honorable Mention** – GFWC, Louisa Junior Woman's Club – Lee District

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

**Honorable Mention** – South Boston-Halifax Junior Woman's Club - GFWC – Alice Kyle District

## GFWC Virginia Junior Honor Society

### Bronze

None

### Silver

Buena Vista JWC

JWC of Loudoun

South Boston-Halifax JWC GFWC

### Gold

GFWC Amherst JWC

GFWC JWC of Hopewell, Inc.

JWC of Williamsburg, Inc.

### Highest Point Total

GFWC JWC of Hopewell

### Participant

GFWC Ashland JWC

Covington JWC

Essex County JWC

GFWC Franklin JWC

GFWC LILAC JWC

Narrows JWC of GFWC

GFWC Roanoke JWC

Virginia Beach JWC, Inc.



## SPECIAL JUNIOR AWARDS

### CORINNE MURRAY AWARD

#### Large Club - South Boston-Halifax Junior Woman's Club - GFWC

Instilling a life-long love of reading is the goal of the Girls Rock! Book Club. Twenty five girls in grades 6-8 meet monthly to share their thoughts and opinions about the book selection and how it relates to their own life experience. The honesty and frankness of the conversations are refreshing and the girls seem to not only enjoy, but look forward to sharing their ideas and voicing their opinion.

#### Small Club - Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club

This club has coordinated a Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program at area schools for 31 years. In 2008 2,032 books were distributed to a local elementary school where 47% of the students are from low-income households or considered at risk. The theme was "Reading Will Take You Many Places". The excitement and motivation exhibited by the children demonstrates that RIF is enabling the club to increase the literacy to a large number of young people.

### MARGARET ALLEN THOMAS LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### Large Club – Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg – Tidewater District

The Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg was selected as the recipient of this award based on their encouragement of members to take an active leadership role as board members, department chairs, or project chairs. They held a Joint Board Meeting to facilitate the exchange of duties from the previous board member to the incoming board member. Additionally, this club has promoted their club's participation and service at District and State meetings by allocating funds to cover the costs of members who wish to attend.

#### Small Club – GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell - Southside District

The Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell was selected for this award based on the various programs which focus on leadership by all club members, as well as their utilization of the GFWC Leadership Toolkit. They created a Leadership Honor Society, whereby each member is encouraged to climb a Leadership Ladder, and they featured leadership articles in their monthly newsletter. This club also held officer orientation meetings and workshops in order to ensure a smooth transition of duties to the next officer. Additionally, during 2008, their club's service at the District level, and their participation at all levels of Federation is impressive.

## **MARJORIE BRANCH AWARD**

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

This club designed informal membership events like a “vacation” during the summer to a members home for an evening of “S’mores”, or a Friday night Happy Hour; held bi-annual dinners which included member recognition; appointed a Sunshine chair to help the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP recognize and support members during different times of their lives: birthdays, illness, births and deaths; and honored departing club members with letters of appreciation for their service and a reminder that the “door is always open”

### **Small Club – GFWC Amherst Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

This club continued its support of a member and her children that were going through a very difficult time in their lives. Each month the club did something to make this member feel loved and included by this group of ladies, from meals, Valentines, Easter baskets, a Mother’s Day outing to the nail spa, a play date for her children (and a free afternoon for her) to Christmas gifts. This club also celebrated births with two members by bringing meals over a three week period.

## **PHYLLIS V. ROBERTS AWARD**

The Phyllis V. Roberts award goes to both a GFWC VA Junior large and small club, in recognition of the clubs interaction (cooperative efforts in programs, fundraisers, meetings, projects, etc.) with a General club or clubs. This year’s winners are:

### **Large Club – Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg – Tidewater District**

In support of its largest fundraiser, this club worked with a local General club to have the Generals provide vital services for the event. This enabled the event to be a success but also enabled the General club to generate revenue as well. A win-win situation for both clubs. In honor of their successful partnering, I am pleased to present the Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg the Phyllis V. Roberts award for large clubs.

### **Small Club – GFWC Amherst Junior Woman’s Club – Alice Kyle District**

Like so many other small clubs, this club faced several challenges. To ensure success, they partnered with a local General club on multiple occasions. This afforded them the ability to reach out to the community through booths at multiple fall festivals and with walk teams. With their spirit of cooperation in mind, I am pleased to present to the Phyllis V. Roberts award for small clubs to the GFWC Amherst Junior Woman’s Club.

## **SHELBY PAISLEY HAMLETT AWARD**

### **GFWC Franklin Junior Woman’s Club – Southside District**

The Franklin Junior Woman’s Club co-sponsored a free Day in the Park Event open to all children and their families. The primary focus was to educate children in a fun way on a variety of topics that would teach them about the importance of their community and how they can play an important role in educating themselves and others. Educational topics included: literacy, fire safety, child safety, exercise, environmental conservation, dental hygiene, art and creativity. Members spent three hundred forty two (342) hours on this project.

## **SHENANDOAH DISTRICT AWARD**

### **Large Club – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Franklin – Southside District**

This club of 32 members reached out with flyers to approximately 26,000 citizens in their community on Adolescent safety. They participated in a Safe Day at the park, and a Domestic Dinner and Walk. There was a total of 667 hours planning and participating in these events. The Franklin Fire and Police Department’s were on site demonstrating the Family Safety House and having Identity kits for children. Also, children were educated on gun safety.

### **Small Club – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Waynesboro - Shenandoah District**

This club of 9 members reached out to Adolescents in their community by working with the school board, elementary schools, and the Fire Department to hold art contests. They met, reviewed and selected a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners and an overall grand prizewinner. Artwork is displayed during Open House at the Waynesboro Fire Department for viewing and during this event, the Fire Fighters educate the children on Fire Safety. Winners received awards and the Grand Prize winner rode with Santa during the Christmas Parade on the fire truck.

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

### **GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell – Southside District**

Members were educated through the club newsletter and at meetings about the Virginia Legislation, the Violence Against Women Act, the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, GFWC's LegNet, and the legislative issues advocated by the GFWC. Members attended the Virginia Legislative Rally in Richmond, took a quiz about the Virginia General Assembly, and had a civics test about our country's history, our government and the legislative process. Club members were educated about the presidential and local candidates for the 2008 elections and delivered snacks to poll workers in the city. Children were taken to vote in a mock presidential election where they were served popcorn and watched a cartoon about the election process.

## **THOMAS JEFFERSON HEALTH AWARD**

### **Large Club - GFWC Franklin Junior Woman's Club – Southside District**

This club devoted 565 hours and over \$5,900 to 7 domestic violence projects. The club was very hands-on and visible in the community planning and executing numerous events and handing out educational flyers. They partnered with local entities to host and work several large community educational and fundraising events. They distributed domestic violence flyers to doctors' offices, social services and churches for adults and teens. This club also handed out domestic violence information at a district meeting.

### **Small Club - GFWC Amherst Junior Woman's Club – Alice Kyle District**

This club donated \$3,900 to a variety of health issues. They are a big participant of the *Relay for Life* benefiting the American Cancer Society. This club also spends time visiting nursing homes and purchases Christmas presents for residents without families. By partnering with a local church, they provided gifts, including four winter coats, to 14 patients. This club sponsored school-aged children in a local *Jump Rope for Heart* event. This club also educates its members on woman's health issues throughout the year.

## **WESTHAMPTON AWARD IN EDUCATION**

### **Large Club - GFWC Franklin Junior Woman's Club – Southside District**

The Franklin club spent 2,137 volunteer hours and \$3,150 on Education projects. The largest project they coordinated was the free Day in the Park event that was open to all children and their families for their community. The activities focused on resource conservation, literacy and reading, fire safety, child safety and the arts. The club did several things that promoted youth literacy and continues to encourage our youth to be ambassadors for creating a productive community.

### **Small Club – Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club – Lee District**

The Thomas Jefferson club has created a RIF program (Reading Is Fundamental) at Richmond area schools for the last 31 years. The club is currently serving a local elementary school with a population of 480 students where 47% of the student population is low-income or at-risk. This club distributed over 2,000 books to the school library as well as handed out books to the students that they could keep for their own. This is such an important project and continues to promote literacy within our youth.

