

# GFWC West Virginia President's Monthly Newsletter July 2024



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**GENERAL FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
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Hello GFWC West Virginia!

By the time you receive this newsletter I will be getting ready to participate in the Installation of New GFWC Officers at the GFWC International Convention! I can't wait to share all the new info for the 2024-2026 Administration! With a few days to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with my family, then on to our Summer Board Meeting the next weekend! And then, we will all be at Canaan Valley for our 51<sup>st</sup> Summer Conference!! It is a busy time, but we have so much to learn and share with our members! Join us there!! New fundraising items will be at Summer Conference as well as vendors, opportunity baskets, etc. Come ready to shop and support GFWC WV! Thanks to Marnee Beck, our state website is being updated with our new chairmen's program information, history, forms, and much more. We are still working to add more information and changing our club photos. So, keep checking it out to see what is new! <https://www.gfwcwestvirginia.org/> I want to say "thank you" to all the invites from the clubs to attend your end of the year banquets, club meetings, and to serve as Installing Officer for your New Club Officers Installations! I was not able to attend all due to my work schedule, but my hopes are to get to as many clubs as I can these two years. Again, Thank you for the invites!! Thank You! Until next month!  
Natalie Hinkle, GFWC West Virginia President

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

**And my new email address: [2024gfwcwv@gmail.com](mailto:2024gfwcwv@gmail.com)**

## Dates to Remember:

**-Summer Board Meeting  
(State Executive Board)**

**in Weston, WV  
July 12-13, 2024**

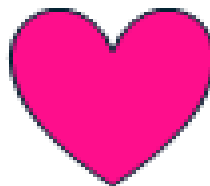
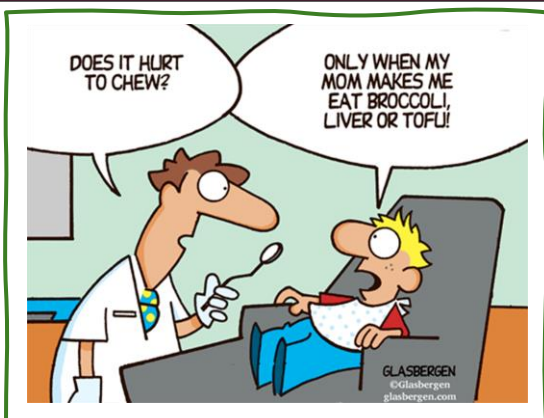
**-Summer Conference  
All Club Members  
(2-night stay)**

**at Canaan Valley Resort  
in Davis, WV  
July 26-27, 2024**

### PLEASE SEND ALL

PEARL S BUCK  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO:  
Dana Richardson,  
GFWC WV Treasurer.

Do Not Send  
Directly to the  
Pearl S Buck Birthplace



If you have a club member that is ill, in the hospital, or just needs a "pick me up", please let me know. We would love to send them a little sunshine in a card.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

Sign up for the  
GFWC Legislative Action Center,  
a powerful tool to alert you to GFWC's public  
issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact  
your local representative and act on issues  
germane to GFWC Resolutions.  
Find more information at [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)  
under "What We Do"



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**2024 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE**  
FOOD INSECURITY & HUNGER

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

**TIME TO REGISTER!**

REGISTER ON THE NEW GFWC MEMBER PORTAL  
MEMBERPORTAL.GFWC.ORG

USE THE EVENTS PAGE

The inaugural campaign focused on food insecurity and hunger; and because it was so well received, we have repeated the issue to generate public awareness and the much-needed conversations at the local, state, and national levels. Register for the National Day of Service Now!



GFWC WV has several clubs already registered! If you have not registered yet, here is how to do it!

Continue to Celebrate  
GFWC WV's  
120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
all year long!!!



*Mark Your Calendars!!*

*Pearl S. Buck Birthplace and Museum's  
50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
"Lemonade, Lunch, and Loot"   
on August 10, 2024*

*To attend and/or volunteer to assist with the Party*

*Contact: Cindy Kolsun, Chairman,  
605 Central Ave, Parsons, WV 26287  
304-553-1012*

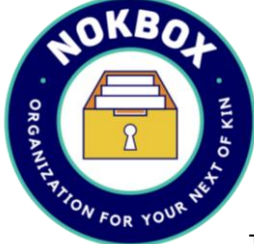
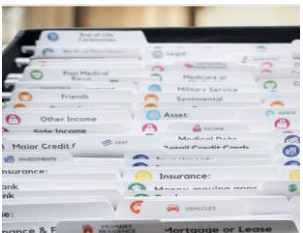


**Are You Leaving a Scavenger Hunt for Your Next of Kin?**

**If something were to happen to you tomorrow, would your next of kin be prepared to manage your home, possessions, online accounts, assets, finances, and wishes?**

**They will if you have a Nokbox: a "Next of Kin box."**

**Go to: [TheNOKBOX.com](https://TheNOKBOX.com) for more information and details.**

This is info only, not a paid ad.

Teach It Tuesday



Thumbs Up Thursday

**Check out the "GFWC Advancements and Programs Forum" on Facebook!!**

**GFWC News & Notes**

Submit photos and a short story (4-8 sentences, who, what, where, and when) about the awesome things your club is doing in the community to [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org)

## Tentative Agenda for Summer Conference

### FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024

12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration Opens- Resort Lobby  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. GFWC WV LEADS  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bylaws Committee meeting  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and Speaker  
9:00 p.m.- ?? District Get togethers

### SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

7:00 -7:30 am- Resort Pool Health and Wellness Water Aerobics  
7:30-8:30 a.m.- Resort Lobby Registration for Arts and Crafts and Pennies for Art  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration Opens  
9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts and Pennies for Art Judging  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fundraising and Vendors  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Group Meetings  
Club Presidents  
District Presidents  
State Reporting Chairman  
Juniors  
Juniorettes

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. General Session  
“Information Speedway” Workshops: Julie Bibbee, Dean of Reporting Chairman  
12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch and Awards  
2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. General Session  
GFWC WV President’s Special Project Workshop Speaker  
Workshops: Julie Bibbee, Dean of Reporting Chairman  
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Banquet and Speaker  
GFWC WV 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Those who attended  
GFWC Convention:

Natalie Hinkle  
Terri Diamond  
Robin Spurlock  
Lynn Schillings  
Sharon Sheridan  
Kathy Sponaugle  
Pat Schillings  
Mary Jo Thomas  
April Binkney  
Janice Stone  
Babs Condon



## **GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)**

### **Would you like to attend and represent GFWC WV at the 2025 GFWC LEADS??**

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development (LEADS) Seminar program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction.

The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention.

It is a full day of activities and includes breakfast and lunch. GFWC WV will help you attend this event.

**Contact Babs Condon or Rosemary Thomas, GFWC WV Leadership Chairmen for an application.**

**We would love to support you on your Leadership journey!!**

#### **From GFWC to State Federation Attendees:**

Transportation and lodging stipend of \$325.00.

Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).

Checks will be distributed to candidates upon completion of the seminar.

**Application deadline is December 31, 2024**

**GFWC WV for State Attendee:**

\$250.00 stipend



## 2024 Summer Conference Programs and Events

Bring you bathing suit and join  
**Certified Water Aerobics Instructor,**

**Julie Perry**

on Saturday morning at

7:00 -7:30 am in the

Resort Pool for a fun, wet workout.

Julie is Certified in CPR, AED, and First Aid



A Great  
 Health and  
 Wellness  
 Participation  
 Project to Report!

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Don't Forget your Arts and Crafts,  
 and Pennies for Art Entries at  
 Summer Conference this year!

If you have any questions,  
 please contact

Sandi Davison, Arts & Crafts  
 304-392-5502/ 304-419-0286

sdavison@wvcoal.com

Kaye Burkholder, Pennies for Art  
 304-392-6275 / 304-380-5471

kayegfwc@gmail.com



Deadline is  
 July 15, 2024

\$ GFWC WV Fundraising  
 Tables And Events \$

Vendors

Bring Loose

Coins for 1734



50/50

Opportunity

Baskets

Watch your  
 speed limit  
 while driving  
 through the  
 State Park!!

District  
 Fun Night

on

Friday evening

Group Meetings  
Saturday morning for:

Club Presidents

District Presidents

State Reporting Chairman

Juniors

Juniorettes

**COME  
 AND  
 ENJOY  
 THE  
 STATE  
 PARK!**

**Workshops:**

**LEADS on Friday afternoon- open to all members!**

**"Information Speedway"**

**Membership, Leadership,**

**Community Service Programs with the Chairmen**

**Speakers on the GFWC WV President's Special Project!**

*Finish the weekend with a 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!!*

## Lady Jayne, Ltd.

### GFWC BLING Fundraising Opportunity:

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is very happy to announce to membership a new Endorsed Fundraiser, Lady Jayne, Ltd. Many GFWC members are already familiar with Lady Jayne jewelry through their presence as a regular vendor at GFWC's Annual Convention.

Founder, Nancy Basch, started Lady Jayne 30 years ago while as a professional entertainer she found that she was allergic to jewelry made of nickel. She and her mother, Jayne, went to factory show rooms to find Jewelry she could wear. Lady Jayne is 100 percent nickel free, with a lifetime replacement for the Swarovski crystals, and made in the USA. And because her mother provided so much support and encouragement, she named the company after her, Lady Jayne.

The Lady Jayne collection is an economical way to accessorize in today's market by using interchangeable GFWC emblem charms. The same charms can be used in earrings, pendants, bracelets, or necklaces, and are easily changed from one to another. 12 percent of GFWC emblem purchases will go to the benefit of GFWC.

To purchase or order for your own fundraising from Lady Jayne, Ltd., go to their website, [www.ladyjayne.com](http://www.ladyjayne.com). Go to "Associations" and find "General Federation of Women's Clubs" in the drop-down menu which will take you to GFWC's page or use this link to the GFWC page, [www.ladyjayne.com/gfwc](http://www.ladyjayne.com/gfwc)

Kathy Sponaugle,  
GFWC WV Fundraising Chairman



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

Helen Moren, GFWC WV Chairman

Starfish Project is an organization that supports women escaping human trafficking and exploitation. The organization is currently working with more than 150 survivors to provide a fresh start in life by arranging safe housing, healthcare, education and training, and employing them to make jewelry and garments to support its mission. Through this endorsed fundraiser, 25% of the proceeds from any Starfish Project products purchased through this dedicated link will go to GFWC's Success for Survivors Scholarship! View Starfish Project's necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, and garments. Order your next favorite piece of jewelry today and help a survivor of human trafficking succeed!

Go to [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) / What We Do / Success for Survivors Scholarship



## GFWC Marketplace



WELCOME TO THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ONLINE STORE!  
SHOW ME THE PRODUCTS I'M INTERESTED IN

### To access the newly redesigned GFWC Marketplace:

Search: GFWC Marketplace

Please note:

***Before using Marketplace for the first time, all users need to create a new account with username and password.***

For questions about your marketplace account or orders, please mail: [marketplace@allegaromeoville.com](mailto:marketplace@allegaromeoville.com).

**New items will be available after GFWC Convention.**