# GFWC West Virginia President's Monthly Newsletter November 2024



Hello GFWC West Virginia!

What a month! Visiting the WV Districts for their Annual Conventions and attending Southeastern Region Conference in North Carolina has been a full month of awesome GFWC Activities!

As I look forward to November it reminds me to be Thankful for so many things. I am thankful for my husband who traveled with me on my trips in WV. I am thankful for the clubs that hosted their district conventions and the District Presidents for planning and presiding over their convention. For my friends who traveled with me to NC and for those ladies that helped participate in our state report at SER! Thank you to all who participated and helped with these events. It could not have happened without you!

I am thankful for the opportunities bestowed on this officer to represent you at GFWC events! Thank you so much for your confidence and support. This newsletter is filled with new information as well as important reminders. Please make sure to forward this newsletter on to your club members. It is a great leadership training tool!

The GFWC WV Clubwoman Newsletter will be coming out next month.

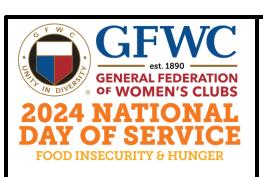
Again, make sure to forward it on to your members. Important information will be included in that newsletter. Make sure to read over it and contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You! Until next month!

Natalie Hinkle, GFWC West Virginia President

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If you have not reported to GFWC, please do so ASAP! All our love and prayers going out to our WV Sisters going through health and family concerns!



### Dates to Remember:

**Fall 2024 District Conventions** 

North Central- November 9

**GFWC Holiday Open House** 

GFWC Headquarters Washington, DC December 4, 2024

## GFWC WV Annual State Convention

The Greenbrier Resort March 21-22, 2025

#### **GFWC Annual Convention**

Omni Hotel, Atlanta ,GA June 6-9, 2025

Don't Forget to Join the Legislative Action Center! Scan and join! It's just that easy!



<u>PLEASE SEND ALL PEARL S BUCK CONTRIBUTIONS TO: Dana Richardson, GFWC WV Treasurer.</u>

<u>Do Not Send Directly to the Pearl S Buck Birthplace</u>





Terri and I enjoyed visiting the Districts for their District Conventions and we thank you for the courtesies extended to us.

We are thrilled to serve you and GFWC WV!

Thanks to those who attended.

Make sure to share what you learned with your club members.

### **Upcoming Deadlines: December 1, 2024**

#### **Honor Points**

#3- 2024 Dues and Contributions Form

#4- District Dues, Honor Point

#5- Membership Update List, Honor Point

#6- Scholarship Fund, Honor Point

#7- Support Fund, Honor Point

#8- Support Pearl S Buck Birthplace, Honor Point

#10-Support GFWC WV Fundraising, Honor Point

### **Superior Points**



#2- Support GFWC 1734 Society

#4- Submit to the GFWC WV Clubwoman Newsletter

#5- Nominate a LEADS Candidate

#10- Purchase from the GFWC Marketplace

Please Do Not Wait Until November 30th to Mail.





# MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT LIST FOCUS ON: CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY-SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
Clubs recognized added 3 or more members

GFWC Gunter Ladies For Tomorrow - 27 Gunter, TX

GFWC Gainesville Woman's Club - 15 Gainesville, FL GFWC Plainfield Juni Woman's Club - 10 Plainfield, IL

GFWC Woman's Club of Charleston - 10 GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Hill - 8 Rock Hill. SC

GFWC Woman's Club of Rutherford - 8 Rutherford, NJ GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club - 5

GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club - 5

A SHOUT OUT to the Woman's Club of Charleston for making the magazine!

I emailed the recent GFWC Clubwoman Magazine to all club presidents and Board and Council Members!

Enjoy reading all about:

- -the First 100 Days of this administration
- -the GFWC Headquarters' Facade Restoration Project
- -GFWC is now a Partner with the Woman's Suffrage National Monument Project! Read about our goal to help raise over \$150,000 for the Monument Project
- And our GFWC President and President-elect's visit to the GFWC Aruba's 90 Years Celebration







GFWC West Virginia at
Southeastern Region Conference with
GFWC President Suellen Brazil,
SER President Reno Eitel, SER VP Sharon Sheridan,
GFWC President-elect Wendy Carriker









Hotel Ballast, Wilmington, NC







October 24-27, 2024









Suellen Brazil with GFWC Past President Juanita Bryant





















### Congratulations Dr. Rosemary Thomas!!

Chowan University's first female president in Chowan's 175-year history!

Chowan University held the Inauguration Ceremony on October 19, 2024.

On October 30, 2024, she was also named one of WV Living Magazine's WV Wonder Women of 2024 as Director of WV Rhododendron Girl's State and Chowan President



Please sell our opportunity tickets from someone to win our
Home Away from Home suitcase full of WV events,
amenities, restaurants, and so much more!
Tickets have been sent to the districts so you can
sell to family, friends, neighbors, etc.
Continue to collect items for the case thru March!

# Benefits Mission West Virginia

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Contact your District PSP Committee Member or
Deanna Tilley, State Chairman, if you need more tickets.
All proceeds benefit Mission WV.
Make sure to visit the GFWC West Virginia President's
Special Project Facebook page for more information
and project ideas.

"GFWC WV President's Special Project"



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.

#### **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

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### Mark your Calendars Now!!

GFWC West Virginia **Annual Convention** Friday - Saturday, March 21-22, 2025



Look for the Hotel registration form and the **GFWC West Virgina Convention Registration form** in the next GFWC WV Clubwoman Newsletter coming out next month!

Continue to Celebrate SFWC WV'. 120th Anniversary all year long!!!



See you at The Greenbrier Resort



### November Awareness Month

Native American Heritage Month National Homeless Youth Awareness Month American Diabetes Month Bladder Health Month **COPD** Awareness Month Diabetic Eye Disease Month Stomach Cancer Awareness Month Lung Cancer Awareness Month Movember/Men's Health Awareness Month Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month **Epilepsy Awareness Month** Healthy Skin Month Hospice and Palliative Care Month Marrow Awareness Month Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month **Prematurity Awareness Month** 

Mouth Cancer Action Month

GFWC Holiday Open House December 4, 2024 Special Room Rates at Marriott across the street from Headquarters.



Our state ornament for the GFWC Holiday Open House, an Appalachian Glass Bulb.

### How to Apply for a **PACF Scholarship**



**Visit PACF's Website** Click on "PACF Scholarship Portal" www.pacfwv.com/Scholarships



Create an Account Remember your username/password



Complete the PACF Consolidated Scholarship Application Form click "apply", answer questions, and submit the application. The system saves as you go and checks your eligibility for each award



Selection and Awards

If selected, you'll be notified at the senior awards ceremony or by letter. complete the follow-up forms on your dashboard, and your award will be mailed to your chosen school.



Next Steps

Apply again next year too!
If you received a renewable scholarship
you will be assigned additional follow ups
to recertify each year you are eligible.

#### Deadline Feb. 28



Application Opens in December.

The PACF manages over 190 scholarship funds for high school and college students.

Recipients are selected by committee and rated on Academics, Activities, Financial Need (if required) and how well a student fits the award preference.

Awarded students must notify the Foundation if they drop out or transfer institutions.



pacfwv.com/scholarships

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**Share this** information with your local high schools and colleges for students to apply for the GFWC West Virginia Scholarship!!

Any questions please call Sharon Sheridan, **GFWC WV Scholarship** Committee Chairman ssherida3@gmail.com

#### **Greetings GFWC WV Ladies:**

During the GFWC WV Summer Conference, I challenged all clubs in WV to participate in a recycling contest. The challenge was to make a birdhouse out of all recycled materials. Please take a "before and after" picture of your project. I would like to see what materials you started out with and the finished project.

The rules for this challenge are:

- 1. Design your birdhouse from recycled materials only
- 2. Your birdhouse can be any size
- 3. You can use glue, screws and nails
- 4. Gather your recycled materials and recycled hardware
- 5. Take pictures of your "before" project
- 6. Construct your birdhouse
- 7. The deadline for construction is December 31, 2024.
- 8. Bring your birdhouse, your "before and after" pictures and a notecard with your club's name and the name of your birdhouse (if you named it) on it to the Greenbrier to be judged. There will be a 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the winners.

Ladies, spring into your creativity with this recycled birdhouse challenge and make this project fun as well as useable.

Good Luck and Have Fun! Cheryl E Black, GFWC WV Environment Chairman



# Happy Thanksgiving!