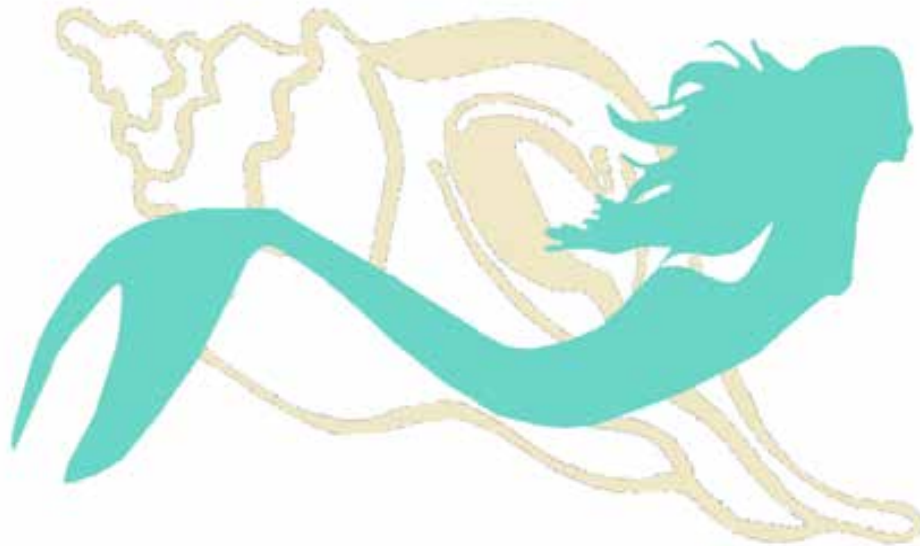


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and I must go...*



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President's Address

Ann Landis, GFWC-NC President



Collectively, our voices are louder, and heard more clearly, when we work together on issues that impact families, women and children.

The 2018-2020 GFWC-NC theme has been **CELEBRATE WOMEN** and **THRIVING CHILDREN**. We have made great strides on the President's Special Project - *Healthy Women: Taking care of ourselves so we can take care of others.*



In this project, we emphasized wellness - we have walked collectively to the moon and back, eaten rainbows of fruits and vegetables, kept ourselves hydrated, and had our wellness check-ups. We have been focused, and we have made personal improvements.

GFWC-NC expanded its outreach this administration and incorporated GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's 7 Grand Initiatives. I thank you for engaging in these projects, and I thank you for all of the North Carolina contributions which have added to GFWC's success!

In addition to our individual clubs' active participation, as a state, we have **donated bears to Victory Junction**, made **care bags for women in the military**, stuffed **precious purses for domestic violence victims** and collected **shoes for Soles 4 Souls**. We have donated **Dr. Seuss books** here, there and everywhere. We have donated **Blessings in a Bag** to EMS workers to comfort children during an emergency. We have **donated Beanie Babies** to the Burlington Housing Authority's Pre-Kinders' Program and **art supplies** to area schools. We have



joined the **GFWC Million Dollar Club** with 1000 women donating one dollar each. We have been **active legislative participants** voicing our opinions, and we have **planted lots and lots of trees**. Just see what we can do when we join together! Working together, we made a **GRAND** difference!

GFWC-NC has been striving to **provide more services for you this administration**. Federation Friday, Facebook, and the quarterly CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE share happenings across the state and advertise upcoming meetings. We updated the content of our newly launched website and we even advertised your local club events. Be sure to visit www.gfwcnc.org. We mailed "thank you" letters to every GFWC-NC member. We sent hand-written thank you cards to all of those who donated to Corporate Champions for Women and Children and to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund.



Every Friday, the **Federation Friday** newsletter has been shared by Headquarters through an E-Blast, and it was also posted on the GFWC-NC Facebook page. It is jam-packed with information you have been able to use at your club meetings.

Every Tuesday, you have seen a **Thank You Tuesday** posting on Facebook. You have mailed **Thank You Tuesday** note cards to tell someone you appreciate them and to celebrate the good things women are doing locally.

At every state meeting, we have offered leadership training - **Passport to Learning**. Two workshop opportunities have been offered at every state meeting. Topics selected by our members included: "The Diva Is in the Details," "Make Your Meeting Agenda Sing," "10 Things to Cover in Your Budget,"



“Every Meeting Has an Opening and Closing—Make Your Meetings Memorable,” and “Getting Your Members to Step Up.” I have been super excited about the enthusiasm for this program.

We have provided more time for hands-on projects and round table discussions for idea sharing and networking. We know women learn from other women, and you are very good at sharing.

Corporate Champions for Women and Children (CCWC) recognized corporations and businesses for their outstanding support of *Women & Children's* issues in local communities throughout North Carolina. We are proud to announce that we had a record-breaking year, with over \$100,000 in donations. We proudly donated \$10,000 to the Boys and Girls Homes of NC to assist with repairs.

The **legacy** of an organization is a crucial component of leadership and membership. Many of you have worked extremely hard to ensure the



Legacy of GFWC-NC. Thank you for joining the **Girls With Pearls** Society to assure our wonderful Federation continues to thrive! We know we are leaving something of enduring quality behind for our Federation and our members!

GFWC-NC has increased its **visibility**. We partnered with the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources on the ***She Changed the World*** initiative to celebrate the upcoming 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment which ensured women's right to vote. GFWC-NC is a major sponsor of the upcoming touring exhibit that includes North Carolina's original copy of the 19th Amendment and other suffrage materials and information.



We have updated and refined our **scholarship programs**: Sally Southall Cotten, Lucy Bramlett Patterson Award for Excellence in Creative Writing, Mary K. Paul Whitener Piano, and Greeson-Johnson Teaching Scholarship. Our delivery system has worked as a cohesive and unified front to provide financial assistance to deserving students.

GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) was developed for the purpose of finding, training, and encouraging

clubwomen to pursue leadership opportunities at all levels of the Federation. GFWC-NC has perfected a model program. Each District may sponsor a member to represent them annually at LEADS. We strive to educate and to train these new leaders for they are the future of our Federation.



Now, as in the past, there is no area where you can feel the heartbeat of GFWC more than in our **Disaster Relief** efforts. In September 2019, we suffered from an unprecedented hurricane in our state. We set up a disaster relief fund and raised \$12,582 in donations. These funds, managed by two NC Non-Profits, went directly to help those in need. One recipient was a single pregnant mother who lost her home in the storm. Thank you for your recent donations to the NC Disaster Relief Fund. GFWC women are known for taking care of those in need. We know that our opportunities to help will be numerous with the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

Let's continue to share our passion for volunteering and building strong women. We know that a strong woman is one who feels deeply and loves fiercely. Her tears flow just as abundantly as her laughter. A strong woman is both powerful and spiritual. A strong woman in her essence is a gift to the world.

And, let's continue to be strong women and keep our focus on the needs in our communities. Remember, we must *“take care of ourselves so we can take care of others.”*

This has been an exciting administration with a variety of challenges. We have **CELEBRATED WOMEN**, and we have cared for our children. With the help of the leaders who came before me and those who will come after me, our Federation will continue to be strong and to thrive. I celebrate each and every one of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2018-2020 State President.



Infinite Horizons

LeAndra “Nikki” Ratliff , GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs & Third Vice-President



“Infinite horizons belong to those who have infinite imagination.”

(Mehmet Murat idan)

During this administration, my hope was to shine the light on the impact we have on some of our most precious citizens, our children. **“Thriving Children”** is what our communities need to carry us forward; to ignite and sustain our future. Without their imagination, hope can be lost.

Across our state we’ve helped children become stronger by protecting their well-being, advocating for their wellness, providing food, assisting with their education and making sure they enjoyed outdoor play. I hope each of you understand the infinite power of collective impact. When an entire state works together on common goals, we create true TRANSFORMATION.

Understanding the make-up of our communities is essential to how we determine the approach of our volunteer work. I am grateful to each of you who took time to learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and the impact it has on both adults and children. You embraced the concept of toxic stress and learned how it affects a child’s brain architecture.

When children experience frequent or prolonged adversity such as physical/emotional abuse, chronic neglect, caregiver substance abuse or mental illness, it often leads to lifelong problems in learning, behavior and physical/mental health. This is why the work we do in our communities is so important. Across our state, we have built charging stations where children can “plug in” and connect with supportive and caring adults through the many wellness, literacy and feeding programs our clubs offer. WE are helping change the course of children’s lives!

GFWC-NC continues to be a beacon of light and champion for those who need it most. I am forever grateful to each of you for the many hours and resources you’ve poured into the lives of children across our state. Because of you, their horizons will be infinite, their imagination will be limitless, and our future will be forever bright.

Much love to you all.....

In Junior Spirit,

LeAndra N. Ratliff





All Aboard the Membership



Crystal O'Neal, GFWC-NC President-elect & Angela Moss, GFWC-NC Director-elect of Junior Clubs

District Membership Awards

For the District Vice President award, the winner of the *Betty Evans Weathers Bowl* goes to **Jessica Rigourd, District 8.**

For the District Junior Membership award, the winner of the *Wendy Carriker Music Statue* goes to **Sherea' Burnette, District 4.**



Membership Award

Monthly "Coffee and Cookies Gatherings" are hosted for prospective members. These informal events are attended by current and new members as well as guests. Current members bring appetizers and the time is spent explaining the mission and workings of The Woman's Club of Raleigh, along with the state and federation. This time allows guests to ask questions and interact with current members. Guests are given literature regarding our club to review and invited to the next general meeting. Guests are also given a bookmark with the collect printed on it and gold and silver ribbon tied on the end (this is funded by a 2017 grant from GFWC). To date, 35 new members who have attended these gatherings have joined the club and are regularly attending meetings and getting involved in service projects! 57 members 3146 hours;

\$1427 in-kind donations for appetizers. The creative project winner of the *Union, Forney, Reeves Bowl* is **The Woman's Club of Raleigh.** And the overall winner of the *GFWC-NC Friendship Vase* is also **The Woman's Club of Raleigh.**

Clubs with 10% or greater Increase in Club Membership

GFWC-North Wilkesboro Woman's Club
GFWC-NC Kings Mountain Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Hamlet
A.L. Brown Juniores
GFWC Northwest Guilford Woman's Club
GFWC-NC Mocksville Woman's Club
GFWC-NC Old Town Woman's Club
Greensboro Woman's Club
Woman's League of Eden
GFWC-NC Burlington Junior Woman's Club
Littleton Woman's Club
GFWC Anderson Creek Woman's Club
Wake Forest Woman's Club
Wendell Woman's Club
GFWC-NC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniores
GFWC Lumberton Woman's Club
Whiteville Juniores
GFWC-NC Down East Woman's Club
The Woman's Club of Clayton
Elizabeth City Woman's Club
Ahoskie Junior Woman's Club

Greatest Percentage Increase in Club Membership

The winner of the *Whitener Membership Tray* is **GFWC-NC Burlington Junior Woman's Club.**

Membership Cooperation & Involvement

The award for general clubs and the *Kitty Cope Odom Bowl* is the **GFWC of Holden Beach**.

The award for junior clubs and the *Elaine Odenwald Tray* is the **Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh**.

GFWC Recruitment Campaign

Camden Woman's Club

Outer Banks Woman's Club

Wilmington Woman's Club

25 Year Memberships

Belle Allen, The Women's Club of Clayton

Lynn Beckom, Hickory Woman's Club

Arlinda Graham, Hickory Woman's Club

Jo Howard, The Women's Club of Clayton

Denise S. Icenhour, Hickory Woman's Club

Cindy McPherson, Camden Woman's Club

Jan Scarborough, Hickory Woman's Club

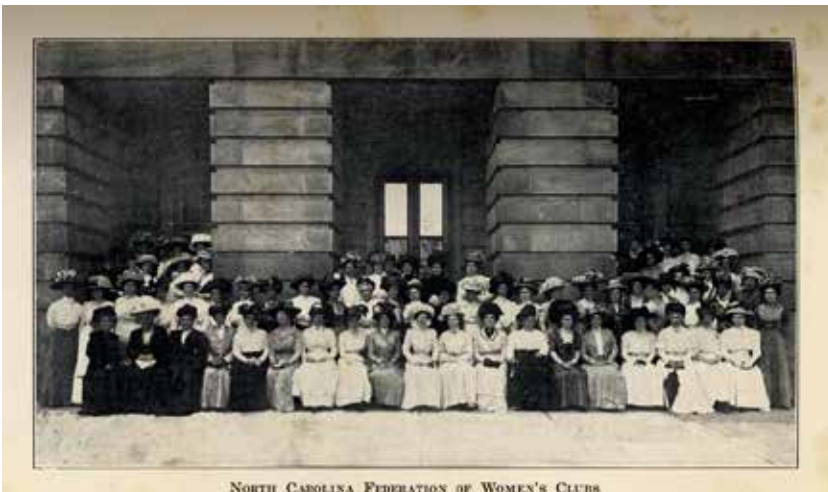
Sara Yount, Hickory Woman's Club

50 Year Memberships

Mary Jane Lane, The Woman's Club of Raleigh

Julene McPhail, The Women's Club of Raleigh

Catherine T. Shelton, Reidsville Federated Woman's Club



Did you know...

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At the 1906 Charlotte Convention the Federation colors of blue and white were adopted, to be in harmony with the General Federation colors, with a sprig of green pine for an emblem also adopted.



Keeping Districts Healthy... We all need Vitamin Sea!

Jennifer Richards, GFWC-NC 2nd Vice-President & Jill Sutphin, GFWC-NC Junior Secretary



1902 Society Greatest District Contribution

The winner of the *Alane Mills Bowl* is
District 7.

District Honor Club Award

The winner of the *GFWC Revere Bowl* is
District 7.

District GFWC-NC Legacy Fund

The winner of the *GFWC-NC Trustees' Dogwood Pewter Plate* is District 4.

District Membership Cooperation and Involvement

The winner of the *Katie McAulay Rankin Pitcher* is District 4.

The award for District President and Junior Director working together and the *Peggy Moffett District President's Tray* and the *Peggy Moffett District Junior Director's Tray* is District 5 Margaret Ann Brame and Kristen Rikken.

For the District Junior Director award, the winner of the *Lori D. Seiler "Hands" Bowl* goes to District 2, Mary Elizabeth Caldwell.

For the District President's award, the winner of the *Ann D. Vipperman "Hands" Bowl* goes to District 6, Ashley Rain.

District Presidents District Junior Directors



District President



District Junior Director

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jane Carver | |
| 2 Carol Watts | Mary Elizabeth Cardwell |
| 3 Ellen Patterson | Sarah Hebert |
| 4 Eva Jackson | Ellen Creasman |
| 5 Margaret Ann Brame | Kristen Rikken |
| 6 Ashley Rain | |
| 7 Penny Tysinger | |
| 8 Phyllis Broughton | |
| 9 Mary Pendill | Brandee Phelps |





Helen Richie, GFWC-NC First Vice President & Hope Hockaday, GFWC-NC Dean of Junior CSP

Our footprints left behind are shown through the award entries that clubs submitted. Your GFWC-NC Community Service Program, Special Project and Advancement Area Chairmen compiled projects from the award entries to submit our state award entries to GFWC. For each CSP area the General, Junior and Juniorette leaders collaborated and then chose up to ten Specific Projects from their area that made an impact in the community. They also chose the most creative project by one club per area for the \$50 GFWC Club Creativity Award Entry. Each advancement area has one creative project winner and one overall club winner.

Although many clubs submit award entries, not all can be recipients of awards. As Clubwomen, we don't volunteer in order to be recognized. However, our communities are the big winners as our clubs leave great big Footprints throughout our towns, state and around the world. The winners of the Community Service Programs, Special Projects and Advancements Programs are presented as they would have been at Convention. We are also including the numbers from the Club Participation & Statistical reports. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry, worked on an entry and/or judged an entry. The complete list of Top 10's will be published online.

Club Participation & Statistical Reports

We had 53% of all clubs respond. We would like to see more clubs submit as this is the only indication that we have of the work that is done across the state.

- Overall there were 3,251 projects across all programs.
- Club members volunteered 176,651 hours.
- Donations were given totaling \$730,815.
- In-Kind donations totaled \$600,080.
- Clubs raised over \$376,575 through their fundraising.
- And finally, clubs spent a total of \$103,313 on Leadership, Membership, Communication and Legislative programs.

Roll of Honor Clubs

In order to qualify as an Honor Club, a club must send their complete list of members and dues to headquarters by December 31st.

Clubs must also make donations to the Arts Fund, Legacy Fund, Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship Fund, GFWC-NC Greeson-Johnson Teaching Scholarship Fund and to the General Trust Fund by December 31. Congratulations to the following clubs (listed in order of district):

- Caldwell Woman's Club
- GFWC-NC Statesville Woman's Club (Silver)
- GFWC-North Wilkesboro Woman's Club
- Charlotte Woman's Club
- GFWC-NC Kings Mountain Woman's Club
- GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte
- Asheboro Woman's Club
- Burlington Woman's Club
- Dolley Madison Woman's Club
- Greensboro Woman's Club
- Sedgfield Woman's Club (Diamond)
- The Woman's League of Mount Airy
- Women's League of Eden
- Southern Granville Woman's Club
- Cary Woman's Club
- Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club (Silver)
- Mary Stewart Woman's Club
- The Woman's Club of Raleigh
- Zebulon Woman's Club
- GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club
- GFWC Lumberton Woman's Club
- GFWC of Holden Beach (Silver)
- GFWC South Brunswick Islands
- North Carolina Sorosis
- Whiteville Women's Civic League
- Wilmington Woman's Club (Gold)
- Tarboro Woman's Club
- The Woman's Club of Clayton
- Ahoskie Woman's Club
- Camden Woman's Club
- Outer Banks Woman's Club (Gold)

Community Improvement Program (CIP)

Chairman: Helen Richie

The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award aims to enhance the lives of our neighbors around the world by meeting community-specific needs that heighten the community's awareness of the GFWC organization.

This two-year project has a 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners. These winners are awarded cash from GFWC. The First Place winner has been sent on to GFWC to participate in the GFWC CIP Contest.

This administration we had 7 award entries. We were so pleased to see so many entries. Congratulations to our winners:

Third Place and \$25 – for their Snoopy Playground, **The Woman's Club of Clayton**



Second Place and \$35 – for their Town Museum and Preservation, **The Ahoskie Woman's Club**

For their work with Communities in Schools of Wake County, **First Place, \$50 and the Sears Roebuck CIP Tray**, is **The Woman's Club of Raleigh**.

Boys & Girls Homes

Chairman: Caroline Galan

This club supported Boys & Girls Homes with a grant of \$1000 to be used in providing "Punch Card Medication Carts for 3 Female Youth Cottages." The carts will allow for a safe and standardized storage and distribution of medications. These carts will keep medications secure where neither residents nor their guests can access the medications without proper supervision. They also created "Welcome Bags" that were filled with all kinds of personal items and socks. These welcome bags were in the form of duffle bags to be given to children coming to the Boys and Girls Home with no possessions other than what they are wearing. **The winner of the Ann Wheeler Brown Tray is the Wilmington Woman's Club.**

Community Service Program Awards



Chairman: Sandy Cyphers

Junior Chairman: Jean Woodley

Creativity and artistry were evident in all aspects of this club's Creative Art Project, "Snoopy Christmas Playground." The club received the town's "Most Creative Award for Non-Retail for their project which showcased a winter wonderland with Snoopy, Mrs. Claus, a mailbox for letters to Santa and more. **For the creative project award for general clubs, the winner of the Carolina Art Gallery Bowl goes to The Woman's Club of Clayton.**

Combining the arts, creativity, partnering with area artists, involving their community and club members' participation made an impact in the lives of others with this project. This club planned and implemented a successful project in their community while donating a gift of pottery to 300 participants. **For the overall award for general clubs, the winner of the Marie B. Hunt Pitcher goes to the GFWC South Brunswick Islands.**

Encouraging local youth to sing, learn an instrument and dance through a weekly program called "Kids and Praise," this club's art project focused on children ages 5 to 8. Club members led the youth through songs, dance and instructions of how to play instruments. This program has become a great introduction for the children in the community. **For the creative project award for junior clubs, the Zoe Kincaid Brockman Bowl as well as the overall award for junior clubs, the Charlotte JWC Brandy Snifter, the winner is the GFWC-NC Fuquay Varina Junior Woman's Club.**



Chairman: Sheila Tyler

Junior Chairman: Pamela Mediano

This club initiated a statewide project to replace trees that were lost or damaged due to Hurricane Florence. Not only did they raise funds, but they challenged other clubs to donate too. Over 100 seedlings were presented to Pender County. For the creative project for general clubs as the overall award, the winner of the **Conservation Candy Dish** and the **Conservation Wine Cooler** is the **Cary Woman's Club**.

Throughout the year, this club collected gently used shoes to be donated to the Shoebox Recycling program. These shoes are mailed to them, and they send them to people around the world who are in need of shoes. This kept all these shoes out of local landfills. 8 members worked 10 hours on this project and donated \$500 worth of shoes. For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the **District Junior Clubwoman Silver Tray** is the **Clayton Junior Woman's Club**.

Among their projects, this club partnered with another organization, CDM Smith, to clean up trash and debris in a 1-mile stretch near Crabtree Creek. CDM Smith adopted this area in a manner that is similar to "Adopt-a-Highway", wherein regular clean-up activities are planned to ensure cleanliness of the area and removal of visible water area contaminants. For the overall project award for junior clubs, the winner of the **Ramona Hutton Bowl** is the **Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh**.



Chairman: Hilda Jernigan

Junior Chairman: Bridgett Paschall

This club revived their puppet show with a theme of "I'd Rather Be a Buddy than a Bully". New costumes, script and the donation of a handmade stage, helped to bring the puppet show back to life. Two performances were done for elementary schools with more planned for the future. For the creative project award for general clubs, the winner of the **Norma Phaup Cates Education Tray** goes to **The Woman's Club of Clayton**.

In the summer of 2019, this club helped sponsor LytCon, a comic/super hero-themed literacy event for children in grades K-5. The students participated in games and activities to promote reading and writing with a comic-con theme. Free lunch was provided for the children. Children were able to earn "lytbucks" by playing the games and then were able to turn those bucks in for free books. The books were donated by local businesses and individuals. For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the **Morris-Day Tray** goes to **GFWC Clayton Junior Womens Club**.

This club did a monthly collection for Parkview Foundation (an organization to help under privileged children after school.) Funds were also provided to help with their operating budget. They also supported the math tutoring program at one of the Title 1 elementary schools in Charlotte. For the overall award for general clubs, the winner of the **Lucille Ellington Hocutt Tray** is the **Charlotte Woman's Club**.

Partnering with a local elementary school, this club donated \$250 in Lego and Robots to benefit the STEM program for the students. The special Lego sets and robots work via robotics and allow the children to practice beginning computer coding while having fun.

The teacher spoke to the club about the struggles she was seeing with at risk children. The teacher wanted to provide a hands-on learning environment and to help students become scientists, engineers and mathematicians. [For the overall award for junior clubs, the winner of the Ruth A. Best Tray goes to GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club.](#)

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

The ESO Participation award is awarded annually to the club that shows the most participation in ESO. [This year's winner of the Faye Hoffman Goblet goes to The Woman's Club of Clayton.](#)

These clubwomen earned the following levels - Member, Star, Torch, Century (C):

Asheboro Woman's Club

- Eva Jackson, C2 C3

Burlington Woman's Club

- Elizabeth Arcabascio, Star & Torch
- Lynda Aleshire, Member
- Mary Abernethy, Member
- Sarah Folckomer, Star
- Margaret Hansen, Member, Star, Torch, Century
- Ruth Isley, Star
- Hilda Grey Jernigan, Torch
- Beverly Kennedy, Member

Charlotte Woman's Club

- Troyann Dougherty, Century
- Mary Frances Gourley, Star & Torch
- Helen Richie, C4 C5
- Ann Vipperman, C5 & C6

Edenton Woman's Club

- Bea Johnson, C2 C3

Elizabeth City Woman's Club

- Catherine Gardner, C6
- Faye Hoffman, C21

Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club

- Vickie Cardin, Torch
- Victoria B. Currin, C21 C22 C23
- Shirley Simmons, Star

GFWC Forrest Woman's Club

- Phyllis Shelton, C6 C7
- Billie Jean Slovacek, Diamond C11

GFWC of Holden Beach

- Caroline Galan, Star
- Patti Hogan, Century C2 C3 C4
- Ann Landis, Star, Torch
- Judi Stankowich, Diamond C11
- Linda Sturgill, Century

Kings Mountain Woman's Club

- Betty R. Gamble, C7

Lexington Woman's Club

- Ann Hoover, C6

Lumberton Woman's Club

- Julie Rigsbee, C2
- Dawn Whitley, Member

Mocksville Woman's Club

- Marlene Shamel, C2

Outer Banks Woman's Club

- Jacqueline Shea, Star

Statesville Woman's Club

- Linda Lavinder, C3 C4

The Woman's Club of Clayton

- Edie Brown, Member
- Marlene Dillon, Member
- Brenda M Gay, Torch & Century
- Betsy Grannis, Member
- Patty Jo Johnson, Torch
- Jamie S Kiosk, Member
- Loretta Mascia, Member
- Nancy Maynard, Member
- Marianne Sapsara, Member
- Donna Steele, Member
- Angela Williams, Century, C2

Wake Forest Woman's Club

- Marilyn Bonnett, Star
- Salina Gary, C6
- Sharon Rasmussen, C6, C7, C8

Warrenton Woman's Club

- Linda Browne, C6, C7, C8

Woman's Club of Dunn

- Pat Core, C2

Woman's Club of Raleigh

- Lee Blankenhorn, Member
- Connie Case, Star
- Carol Lee Cato, Century
- Connie Christian, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6
- Pat Davis, Century
- Molly Kiefer, Member

Wilmington Woman's Club

- Ann W. Brown, C9, Diamond
- Nan Davis, Torch
- Pat Mahl, C 4

Women's League of Henderson

- Margaret Brame, Torch, Century



Chairman: Noreen Welch

Junior Chairman: Rebecca Duffy

This club partnered with the Wilmington Lions Club to hold an E-Sight Glasses Seminar and Clinic. E-Sight is an advanced assistive eyewear technology that enables people with central vision loss to see and live independently. Over the course of a Friday and Saturday, club members worked as receptionists, hostesses escorting participants to and from the screening area while other club members monitored the low vision aids table. Other club members guided participants to the funding table and were responsible for replenishing the food and supplies. [For the creative project award for general clubs, the winner of the Peggy Moffet Home Life Basket is the Wilmington Woman's Club.](#)

Junior Club Creative Project Award entry for Junior clubs goes to a club that partnered the Helene Foundation a non-profit organization that provides immediate support to mothers fighting cancer in order to positively impact their families. This club decided to gift the clients with something special during the winter holiday season, a Beauty Box. Each box was a personally curated 15-item box for each of the Helene Foundation clients. The boxes contained items to make them feel beautiful, lifted up, and a little more like their pre-cancer diagnosis self. The contents of the boxes included cosmetics, jewelry, fuzzy socks, chocolates, personal notes of encouragement, and journal/pen sets. [For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the Lewellyn Williams Robinson Tray is the Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh.](#)

This club's main project is support of ACT (Area Christians Together). They supported two major fundraisers for ACT, donated canned goods for the pantry, donated men's clothing for the homeless shelter as well

as sheets and comforters for Hope House, a transition home for homeless men with the desire to get back on their feet. They are also an avid supporter of Relay for Life. [For the overall award for general clubs, the winner of the Gladys Boroughs Tray is the Women's League of Henderson.](#)

The Junior Club Home Life Overall Award Entry winner only has six members but was able to make a big difference in their community through their Shoe Closet and partnering with the Children's Home Society of North Carolina. Each year this club sponsors a shoe closet where local children, who are often homeless get to pick out a new pair of shoes for school. This club was also able to sponsor 6 teenagers through the Children's Home Society of North Carolina and purchase them gifts during December. [For the overall award for junior clubs, the winner of the Mabel Claire Maddrey Vase is the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte.](#)

Child Self Esteem

This club organized a community wide anti-bullying workshop in partnership with "TeenPower" and the Town of Fuquay-Varina. The club rented the local community center to host the organization whose primary purpose is to equip teenage girls with skills to prevent bullying and abuse. [The winner of McPhaul Pewter Dogwood Plate is the GFWC-NC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club.](#)

Drug Education

This club donated over \$15,000 towards drug education programs. Among their projects, they completed their two-year pledge to Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center Foundation. Their donation to the "A Path Forward" Capital Campaign helped to address the hardships of emergency room patient care due to the growing treatment needed for drug addiction and mental health patients. [The winner of the Katy Hauser Grubbs Pitcher is the GFWC South Brunswick Islands.](#)



Chairman: Victoria Currin

Junior Chairman: Misty Deyo

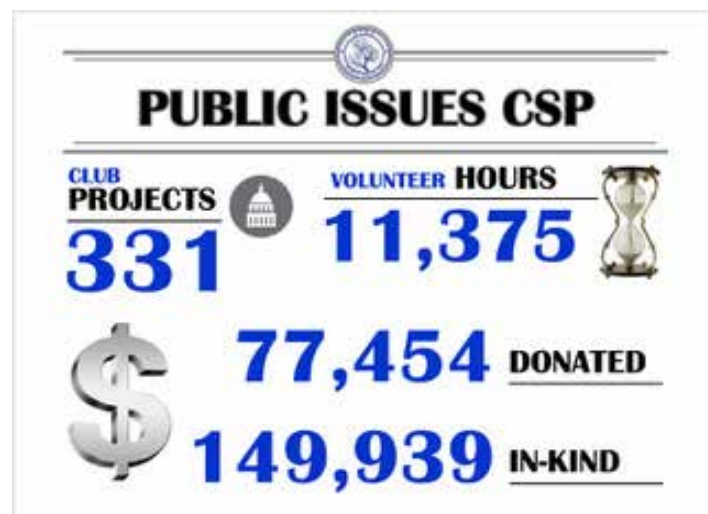
This club chose to raise funds for and educate their neighbors about Operation Smile. They hosted two Ice Cream Socials, one in summer and one in the fall. These were free to all who attended. Their donation jar was full at the end of the evening. All ice cream, sprinkles, toppings and whipped cream were donated by Food Lion and Clubwomen. [For the creative project award for general clubs, the winner of the Martha Lucas Reaves Tray goes to the Anderson Creek Woman's Club.](#)

This Junior club held a Pub Crawl to raise money for the Taiwo Foundation. Taiwo Foundation helps parents, community leaders and youth protection agencies in St. Vincent develop and deploy community initiatives that increase the awareness and prevention of domestic violence and child sexual abuse and motivate communities to protect women and children. Through the fundraiser the club was able to collect and donate 86 soccer jerseys, 22 shorts and warm up pants and 8 t-shirts. [For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the Mamie Brown Latham Tray goes to Clayton Junior Woman's Club.](#)

This General club championed Operation Smile providing \$350 and working 21 hours with a local chapter to secure additional funds from the public by volunteering at the 10th annual "Dancing with the Carolina Stars" fundraiser. They also participated in the Greater Greensboro CROP Walk for World Hunger raising \$900 and spending 42 hours collecting sponsor pledges and walking. The club is working with Days For Girls International, which distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods. Seventy club members spent 25 hours collecting fabric, panties, soap and washcloths which will be included into kits to

be distributed to overseas girls. [For the overall award for general clubs, the winner of the Yokley-Cates Wine Cooler goes to the Greensboro Woman's Club.](#)

This Junior club spent a morning volunteering with Catholic Parish Outreach, an organization providing emergency assistance to members of the international community. The club spent 35 hours sorting good and expired produce, cleaning the kitchen, and organizing food and supplies to help them better serve the public. This club also sponsored an international dinner featuring a speaker from North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement who spoke to the club about combating human trafficking in North Carolina. In addition, members partnered with other civic organizations to pack 10,100 meals that were shipped to Hearts & Hands for Haiti to be distributed to those in need in the country. Finally, club members collected \$77.15 for UNICEF's Trick or Treat for UNICEF program to help provide healthy essentials to children around the world. [For the overall award for junior clubs, the winner of the Jewell Sumner Kirkman Tray goes to The Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh.](#)



Chairman: Julie Wolfe

Junior Chairman: Jenna Pulley

This club adopted the Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center at Christmas, providing needed goods and presents for all the children incarcerated there. In 2019, the Club went the extra steps of providing library books and magazines for their library, funding an arts program for the children, donating a clothing closet for the children's every day and court needs, and funding a shopping account for specially needed clothes to be purchased at local Good Wills. [For the creative project award for general clubs, the winner of the Parker-Morgan Special Project Bowl goes to the Dolley Madison Woman's Club.](#)

This club donates funds to the Fuquay-Varina Fire Station to purchase car seats for their safety checking initiative. To continue support to the local fire station, club members attended the Fire Department Open House in the summer. At the event geared towards families, children were able to color, visit with firemen, and jump in bounce houses. [For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the Jane Marshall Carver Tray goes to the GFWC-NC Fuquay Varina Junior Woman's Club.](#)

This club conducted numerous Public Issues CSP projects to support the neediest in its community as well as local veterans and first responders, and reported participation of 54 members, 149 hours, and donations of \$19,749 cash and \$424 in-kind. Among their projects, three addressed drug addiction and mental health needs through support for local recovery facilities and hospital emergency rooms. And two projects provided support to the local sheriff's office by stuffing 4,000 bags provided to children at an annual festival and donating funds for a tracking device used to locate lost, cognitively impaired individuals. Veterans benefitted from six club projects that included donations of hand-made patriotic linens, delivering greeting cards with personalized notes and monetary donations to three national veterans' organizations. [For the overall award for general clubs, the winner of the Sadie Nye Hall Tray goes to GFWC South Brunswick Islands.](#)

Not only did this club support the Fire Department car seats they also held two community blood drives and supported their local homeless shelter with household items. [For the overall award for junior clubs, the winner of the William A. Parker Tray goes to the GFWC-NC Fuquay Varina Junior Woman's Club.](#)



Chairman: Linda Browne

The Community Health Fair was the brainchild of 2 clubwomen who wanted people in their community to develop healthier lifestyles. A 9-member committee

worked hard to make their concept a reality. Held in October 2019, the fair offered several wellness seminars, fitness demonstrations, chair massages, blood pressure checks, and healthy snacks. Local YMCA representatives participated. Seven sponsors provided 20 door prizes. Many sponsors indicated they would be pleased to support future health fairs. This experience has laid the groundwork for a bigger and better 2020 event when the club plans to reach out with more practical health information and screenings. [For the creative project award, the winner of the Margaret Moore Bonner Bowl goes to the Anderson Creek Woman's Club.](#)

The GFWC-NC President and two other club members are dedicated leaders on the statewide PSP committee, promoting the project at state, district and local meetings. Members tracked healthy habits – walking more than 24,000 miles in 2019! Meeting hostesses provided healthy refreshments. The October meeting focused on inflammatory breast cancer and skin care/cancer prevention. Their e-newsletter featured a column “A Healthy Woman-Let’s Be One!” Ten members met on four Mondays during December for their “Surviving the Holidays - Otherwise Known as Fitting in our Jeans in January!” project – walking 2-3 miles, then convening for coffee and conversation at a local cafe. [For the overall award, the winner of the Evelyn Badgett Bowl goes to the GFWC of Holden Beach.](#)



Chairman: Bridgett Paschall

In May, one the members of this club heard about a project that a 6 year old girl started after spending time at Brenners Children's Hospital following a diabetic diagnosis. She started the drive to bring smiles to the children's faces with colorful bandaids and has gotten the community involved as well, asking for donations of boxes of bandaids. She

was able to donate a total of 684 boxes to the hospital. This club supported her drive by collecting and donating bandaids. For the creative project award, the winner of the **Terry Union Coffee Service** goes to the **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club**.

This club's continues their support of the children of A Child's Place through purchase of shoes and socks as well as helping to provide Christmas gifts to needy children. For the overall award, the winner of the **Ann Lamb Coffee Service** is the **GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte**.



Chairman: Lori Seiler

In support of their local domestic violence shelter, the ABC's of Giving helped children and women make healthy choices. Each month, club members were asked to bring items associated with the designated letter of the alphabet, example Macaroni for "M." Over the course of the year they collected almost 700 items for their shelter. The creative project winner of the **Terry Thompson Charity League Silver Service** is the **North Carolina Sorosis**.

Their Blooming for a Cause Gala annually benefits Hope Harbor Home which provides services for domestic violence victims/survivors and their children and Providence Home which is a Family Emergency Teen shelter. The overall winner of the **Eleanor S. Keller Pitcher** is the **GFWC of Holden Beach**.



Chairman: Pamela Mediano

H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem (Helping Our People Eat) is an organization in Winston-Salem that uses community-wide volunteer support to prepare and bring nutritious weekend meals to Forsyth County's 40,000 children who are at risk for hunger every week. In the lunches, they provide a ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and dessert. Parents receive vegetables to cook. Most of the items at H.O.P.E are donated by grocery stores and local farmers. Lunches are packed and placed into coolers. Other volunteers deliver these lunches to children in low poverty sections in the Winston-Salem city limits the next day. The children receive the lunches and the parents receive the raw vegetables. The creative project winner of the **Frances E. Evans Pitcher** is the **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club**.

One of the projects that this club continues to support is their Smart Start/Little Free Library. Built by the club in 2018, they keep the library stocked with books. Their emphasis is early literacy, so the focus is on books for young children. They continue to support Brunswick County Smart Start Organization's "Park Time Reading" campaign. They also support one of the 7 Grand Initiatives by providing Dr. Seuss books for the Little Free Library. In addition to the library the club raised over \$5,000 for Smart Start. The overall winner of the **Silver Oval Covered Bowl** is the **GFWC South Brunswick Islands**.



Chairman: Jennifer Nelson

Throughout the club year, the Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club heavily publicized their hunger relief efforts. This program, named Read and Feed, is a hands-on project that club members participate in monthly. Their increase of social media posts about their efforts were very well received, gaining them new public recognition for this and other community service projects. Posts about Read and Feed reached over 1,000 people. The club has received messages about how people in their community can join in their response. None of which would have happened without the use of social media. The creative project winner of Margaret Snowden Marshal Bowl is the **GFWC-NC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club**.

Thanks to their Communications and Public Relations efforts they were able to successfully increase their membership from 67 to 76 members in 2019. Many of these new members are younger, more diverse, still working or newly retired. The retention of these new and active members has brought a passion and focus on having a complete Communications and Public Relations plan. A tool box has helped them to successfully grow their club, thus allowing them to have great impact on their community through fundraisers and service. They have a newly designed website, active social media, traditional print materials like brochures and have had success in being featured by local media outlets. Their events have been more successful with more members working together. They participate in community fairs, festivals and events, and through the newsletter, redesigned Web site, yearbook, local media calendars, and Facebook page. The overall winner of the **Elizabeth Huntley Maddrey Tray** is **The Woman's Club of Clayton**.



Chairman: Cindy Hewett

To support their pledge to sponsor a major project for Clayton's children known as Harmony Playground, this club organized their "Small Town Gala." The gala included a reverse raffle as well as the sale of champagne glasses with a 1/2 carat cubic zirconia, and one with a 1/2 carat diamond. The club netted \$19,000. For the creative project winner of the **Pierced Revere Bowl** is **The Woman's Club of Clayton**.

This club did a twist on the "Taste of" fundraisers by serving desserts and appetizers. Their theme was Ireland. They also sold geraniums to help supplement their fundraising. The overall winner of the **Margaret Lovell Gibson Oval Punch Bowl** is the **GFWC-NC Statesville Woman's Club**.



Chairman: Jan Allen

Leading Through a Tragedy. With the unexpected passing of their president, the members banded together and pulled off their best fundraiser ever (because she would have wanted it that way.) Members of the Executive Committee stepped up. A former president stepped in to complete the deceased president's term. The club lead the Holden Beach community in remembering Judy. The funds that were donated in her honor were added to the scholar-

ship fund. The creative project winner of the **Dottie Jennings Leadership Tray** is the **GFWC of Holden Beach**.

They did it all: Sponsored a LEADS candidate, attended district, state, and GFWC meetings, hosted mentoring programs, held a Federation program, had a diversity program and a leadership session for incoming leaders. In addition to all do this, they partner with the Raleigh Junior Woman's Club to support membership. The overall winner of the **Sandy Jahn Leadership Tray** is **The Woman's Club of Raleigh**.



Chairman: Judi Stankowich

The GFWC of Holden Beach Legislation/Public Policy Committee conducted a GFWC Legislative Action Center and GFWC-NC Alert enrollment campaign. They provided reports on bills of interest at each monthly meeting, made a Legislation Presentation at the New Member Orientation, developed articles on general knowledge of the legislative process. The History of the Women's Right to Vote, How a Bill Becomes Law, and Put a GFWC Resolution to Work and related issues for the club monthly newsletter were electronically published for each member. In January 2019, the chairman developed and published a summary of the Legislative Alerts and legislation tracked in 2018 and the results; she maintained a file containing a list of issues and bills addressed, the number of member contacts on each, and the number and name of legislators who responded to contacts. **Congratulations to the GFWC of Holden Beach the winner of the **Mary Cecile Bridges Tray** for creative project and the **District VI Bryant Citizenship Bowl** for the overall.**



Chairman: Tammy Kesky

Surprises are a wonderful thing, especially if you can surprise someone who has done so much for her club and community over the years. Following hours of research through old newspapers and club histories, interviews with family members, business colleagues and long-time friends, this club nominated one of their own for the Jennie Award. To celebrate this member's service, the reveal was made known to her at the club's annual Women's Equality Day Social & Membership Drive in August. Potential new members learned first-hand that GFWC clubwomen have always and will continue to make history. **For the creative project award, the winner of the **President's Bowl** goes to GFWC-South Brunswick Islands.**

How better to preserve history, than to actually own and oversee the daily functions of a home on the National Registry of Historic Places? A home that also serves as the meeting place and museum of 110 years' worth of club service. This club was recognized as an inaugural honoree to the Ruth Wicker Tribute to Women Exhibit. Celebrating their 110th anniversary, members hosted a dinner meeting with table themes representing specific eras of club work. **For the women's history & resource center overall award, the winner of the **Juanita Bryant WHRC Rose Heart Pewter Pitcher** goes to Greensboro Woman's Club.**

Federation Day

Chairman: Pauletta Parker

As the first federated club in GFWC-NC, the club held an event entitled "It's All About Service". They reached out to and recognized local service organizations: local first responders, law enforcement agencies and veterans. A video showcasing GFWC was shared during the event and is now being used in new member orientations to highlight the history & accomplishments of the Federation. **The winner of the **Margery Beavers-Mocksville Woman's Club Tray** is awarded to North Carolina Sorosis.**

Juniorette Jammer

Jenn Smith , State Juniorette Advisor



I am excited to say that the 2019-2020 year had more Juniorette Clubs submitting award entries and several more Juniorettes applying for the state GFWC-NC Juniorette Board. I hope this continues for the future. General and Junior clubwomen, continue to support your Juniorette clubs. Consider this wonderful opportunity to share your love of our Federation with the next generation of volunteers. Please remember Juniorettes are our future Junior and General Clubwomen. On that note, it is with great pleasure that I announce the 2020-2021 GFWC-NC Juniorette President is Katie Bolick. Katie is a member of the Maiden High School Juniorette Club and has already shown great leadership. I am looking forward to see what the next year holds for our state Juniorettes.

For the Work with Juniorette Club by a Junior Club, the winner of the **Margaret Moore Bonner Tray** goes to the **Henderson Junior Woman's Club.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Arts, the winner of the **Sue Griffin Lennon Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Conservation, the winner of the **Essie Harris Newsom Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Education, the winner of the **Ann Lewis Arbes Award** goes to the **Triton Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Home Life, the winner of the **Madeline Anderson Jones Award** goes to the **GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Interactional Outreach, the winner of the **Daphne Lee Smith Award** goes to the **GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Public Issues, the winner of the **Thelma Barnes Award** goes to the **Fuquay-Varina Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Best Overall Work in Community Service Programs, the winner of the **Frances Freeman Hunter Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Best Juniorette Newsletter, the winner of the **Newsletter Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Jamboree Travel Award, the winner of the **Susan Mills Award** goes to the **Maiden High School Juniorettes.**

For the Best Juniorette Work with GFWC-NC Juniorette Special Project: Childhood Cancer, the winner of the **Parker-Morgan Special Project Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Best Juniorette Work with the State President's Special Project: Healthy Women, the winner of the **GFWC-NC President's Special Project Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Best Juniorette Work with the State Director of Junior Clubs' Special Project: Thriving Children, the winner of the **GFWC-NC JD Special Emphasis Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Best Juniorette Work with the GFWC Emphasis: Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, the winner of the **GFWC Emphasis Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Best Juniorette Work with the GFWC Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children, the winner of the **GFWC Junior Special Project Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Membership Award, the winner of the **Georgann Athanaelos Sapp Award** goes to the **GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorettes.**

For the Best Overall Work with Sponsoring Club, the winner of the **Barbara S. Lloyd Award** goes to the **A. L. Brown Juniorettes.**

For the Juniorette Honor Club, the winner is the **A. L. Brown Juniores**.

Special Awards go to the **Juniorette Advisor of the Year**, **Marilynn Bonnett**. Marilynn is the Juniorette Advisor for the GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniores and has a true passion for Juniores across the state. The **Juniorette of the Year**, is **Lilly Beaver of A. L. Brown Juniores** and the **Essie Harris Newsome Scholarship** winner is **Lauren Ritchie of A.L. Brown Juniores**. The runner-up is Allyssa "Laegan" Pittman of Lumberton Juniores.

It has been an honor to serve as the GFWC-NC Juniorette Chairman this administration. Thank you to all Juniorette clubs that turned in reporting forms and award entries this year. I hope ALL clubs will report next year, so clubwomen can applaud the wonderful work our Juniores are doing in their communities.



The winner of the **Grace Curtis Vaught Juniorette of the Year** Award is **Lilly Beaver**, Co-President of the A.L. Brown Juniorette Club. Lilly is Valedictorian of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Student Council, LINK Crew, AP Academy, National Technical Honor Society, and Junior Rotarian. She also organized a free special needs dance class that she also teaches. She plans to attend Elon College to study Dance and Business in hopes to open her own dance studio.

"Lilly's outstanding volunteer work make her school and community see that there are still good young adults in our world. She encourages others to do their best by her example and does not allow their influence to change her beliefs or morals. Lilly is one of the kindest young ladies that I have worked with over the last 28 years. She is very well rounded academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. She has an inner peace, is always wearing a beautiful smile, and is very conscientious of the wellbeing of others and helping them make the right choices."

-Georgann Athanaelos Sapp
(A.L. Brown Juniorette Advisor)



The winner of the **Essie Harris Newsom Juniorette Scholarship** is **Lauren Ritchie**, Treasurer of the A.L. Brown Juniorette Club. Lauren is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and has lettered in multiple-sports. She will continue her education at Lees-McRae and will play softball for the Bobcats.

"Lauren Ritchie is an exemplary student as well as a person of tremendous character, Her animated spirit and disciplined approach to learning make her particularly well suited to take advantage of any opportunity she is offered. I have no doubt Lauren will succeed in whatever she puts her mind and heart into in the future. She will accomplish great things due to her work ethic and determination to succeed. Miss Ritchie is a motivated, young lady of numerous talents and considerable self-discipline."

- Michele Caccard-Pitts A.L. Brown High School
Academically/Intellectually Gifted Coordinator/
Facilitator AP Coordinator/AP Academy Director

2020-2021 Juniorette Officers

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2nd VP Grace Fongemy
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Education CSP Katie Lewis

We still have positions to fill.
Please contact GFWC-NC HQ for
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GFWC-NC INDIVIDUAL CLUBWOMEN AWARDS



GFWC-NC Junior Clubwoman of the Year Award

The nominees for the Outstanding Junior Clubwoman Award are:

District 2 – Meredith Willis,
Hickory Junior Woman's Club

District 5 - Jenna Pulley,
Henderson Junior Woman's Club

District 6 – Elizabeth Edwards,
GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club

The Junior Clubwoman of the Year award is given annually to honor a Junior clubwoman who has given of her time, talents, interest, organizational efforts and active participation to render outstanding service through the Federation.

This winner is quick to volunteer to page at both state and district events. For the last 3 years, she has paged at state events and represented their club well. She goes above and beyond in all aspects of their club and is always willing to help support and encourage all members and prospective members. If there is a project within their club or community, she knows about it and joyfully shares the news. She is essentially the face of their club in the social media world by informing all their social media followers on several channels of the many benefits of their club. At every general and board meeting, this winner will be there to greet you with a smile and is a loyal friend and an instant friend to new members. She has played a vital role in their club's success last year, does a lot of behind the scenes work, and is one of the first to say "yes I will help." She is not only a joyful and happy face for their club but for their whole district and state community. Chances are if there is an event going on in their city, she will be there volunteering or attending.

This clubwoman joined her club in 2014. Upon joining, she quickly became very involved with the club and volunteered right away to help get them "up-to-date" on their social media. She has excelled in this and has not only updated their Facebook page but created an Instagram, as well as maintaining their website.

Through these great resources and her constant efforts on updating and keeping upcoming events and opportunities available, their membership numbers have increased at a dramatic rate.

This clubwoman continued to serve as the club's 3rd Vice President- Ways and Means. With that position, she was given the task of fundraising and helping to raise enough money to meet the club's budget and also give back to many organizations within their community that had reached out to them for help. She played a vital role in their biggest fundraiser which was their annual Charity Ball. She took her time to solicit sponsorships, sell tickets, organize and retrieve silent auction items, and many other behind the scene tasks. She made sure set up was perfect, scheduled volunteers for decorating, working, and clean up. She coordinated their music, decorators, vendors and caterers making their event a great success. Their club profited over \$16,000 directly due to her efforts.

Every clubwoman would agree that she brings new and fun project ideas to the club like finding them Habitat for Humanity Projects. She is a kind and gentle voice that advocates for their club to donate to organizations such as the animal shelter, Hand of Hope, and local elementary schools. She has also been in charge of their Dress for Success clothing drive.

In addition to being a full-time career woman at Peace University, and being an amazing wife and mother to a 5 year old, she serves on the Art Center board of directors in their town. She works with the organization's leadership to ensure their performances and classes are a perfect fit for their community. She is currently serving as the secretary for the Art's Center Friends, non-profit organization. She is a member of Hope Community Church.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Edwards winner of the GFWC-NC Junior Clubwoman of the Year Award.

GFWC-NC Junior “Magic” Clubwoman Award

The Nominees for the Junior “Magic” Clubwoman Award:

District 2 - Mary Elizabeth Cardwell,
Hickory Junior Woman’s Club

District 6 - Caitlyn Campbell,
GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman’s Club

Caitlyn Campbell is not only an amazing member but also a wonderful friend. She consistently looks for ways to help and make an impactful difference. She is welcoming and inviting for all our new members. She coordinates and keeps all of our prospective members included and in the loop of what is going on with our club. She rises to any challenge and does it with a smile. Her joy is contagious, and we are so thankful for her. During her term as Second Vice President of Membership her club’s membership increased 40%! She coordinated a gameshow night as a way to teach prospective members about GFWC. Caitlyn has served in many leadership positions on the club level and is active on the District level as well. She is diligent about her volunteer commitments – she volunteered over 50 hours in 2019 while working full-time with an hour long commute. With her educational background and natural artistic talents, she makes everything more beautiful – from Charity Ball centerpieces to teaching and judging artwork. Caitlyn takes time to lead and coach members to be calm, serene, and gentle and she is always generous in giving of her time and treasures to the Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman’s Club.

Congratulations to Caitlyn Campbell, winner of the Kim Pfeil Pearce Oak Leaf Bowl.

GFWC-NC Clubwoman With Heart Award

The Nominees for the Clubwoman with Heart Award:

District 3 - Julianne Hambright,
GFWC-NC Kings Mountain Woman’s Club

District 3 - Sidniee Suggs,
GFWC-NC Mocksville Woman’s Club

District 4 - Mary Etta King,
Burlington Woman’s Club, Inc

District 6 - Lisa Lisek,
Zebulon Woman’s Club

District 6 - Pat Davis,
The Woman’s Club of Raleigh

District 7 - Sharon Smith,
NC Sorosis

District 7 - Debbie Yorio,
GFWC of Holden Beach

District 8 - Faye Brooks,
The Woman’s Club of Clayton

District 9 - Pam Wagner,
Edenton Woman’s Club

Dedicated, creative, resourceful, humble, and caring are all traits that describe most of the women nominated for Clubwoman with Heart. Mocksville Woman’s Club’s Nominee, Sidniee Suggs, exemplifies all of them. She is a mentor and an innovator who has held many leadership positions in her club. Sidniee always recognizes members and makes sure that they feel valued. She manages the club’s website, social media and monthly newsletter which brings a great deal of attention to her club. She avidly creates inspirational and eye-catching social media posts that are routinely shared – which incredibly extends the Mocksville Woman’s Club’s reach. The club attributes much of their recent membership growth to their social media presence. Amid her efforts to promote her club, Sidniee still finds time to mentor new club leaders and help the club move forward. She is an outstanding photographer who highlights her members with her camera, as she prefers to remain out of the spotlight. She is a talented artist who sends handmade cards to members who need to be uplifted. According to her award application, “she is more than the backbone of our club; she provides a good portion of the soul of our club.”

Congratulations to Sidniee, winner of the Julene Barlow McPhaul Tray.

Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism Award

The Nominees for the Clubwoman with Heart Award:

District 2 - Susan Hughes
GFWC Hickory Woman’s Club

District 4 - Pat Hansen
Burlington Woman’s Club

District 6 - Pat Witt
The Woman’s Club of Raleigh

District 7 - Helen Steed
GFWC of Holden Beach

District 8 - Donna Steele
The Woman's Club of Clayton

District 9 - Sherri McDaniel
Camden Woman's Club

District 6 - Mary Derrick,
The Woman's Club of Raleigh

District 7 - Marie Marshburn,
GFWC South Brunswick Islands

District 8 - Rachel Masimore,
The Woman's Club of Clayton

District 9 - Nell Drees,
Edenton Woman's Club

This clubwoman is as deeply invested in her community as she is in her federation. She serves as a board member and with numerous non-profit organizations supporting at-risk students, homeless families, women's issues, veterans and Purple Heart recipients, and, most notably, victims of sex trafficking. She is active in GFWC-NC at all levels, attending, organizing and conducting meetings, workshops, and projects. Whatever her given role, she assesses the needs, creates the best ways to fill those needs, then follows through with grant applications, programs, speaking engagements, special events and more. For example, as her club's Public Issues CSP Chairman, after meeting with the local middle school principal and students, she created a Citizenship Essay Contest, complete with a cash prize, and coordinated with the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding judging and handouts to all participants. In the words of her fellow club members: "She is a loyal, hard-working, informed, and socially responsible citizen and clubwoman. Her contributions in the areas of citizenship, patriotism, and community affairs are an inspiration to others. Her professionalism, kind, caring and calm demeanor, and engaging smile are well known and appreciated by fellow clubwomen and the members of the numerous organizations in which she is involved."

Congratulations to Pat Witt, winner of the *Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism Award*.

Minnie Lou Parker Creech Clubwoman of the Year Award

The Nominees for the Clubwoman with Year Award:

District 2 - Diane Creasman,
Hickory Woman's Club

District 3 - Sunshine Smith,
Kings Mountain Woman's Club

District 4 - Mary Jo Abernathy,
Burlington Woman's Club

District 5 - Linda Browne,
Warrenton Woman's Club

This year's recipient of the Minnie Lou Parker Creech Clubwoman of the Year lives the words of the Clubwoman Collect. This clubwoman is beyond large in thought and word and deed, if she sees a problem or weakness in her club, she quietly goes to work finding ways to guide her club to improve. She strives to touch and know the great common human heart of us all by inviting new members to her club while taking time to learn to know and encourage each new member along with current members. Her positive outlook, leadership, and willingness to do anything makes her a valuable member of her club as she is always generous with her time and talents.

This clubwoman takes time for all things, she is active in her club, her District and GFWC-NC, and has served in many leadership positions. She loves to read and is a member of ESO. She also is an active member within her community where she is a leader for her community foundation, her library book club, the E-911 task force and board member of the EMC Credentials and Elections committee. According to her club she is the "crazy lady" that wears a hat with germs on the brim... as she is a GFWC-NC Shot at Life Champion.

This clubwoman realizes that it is the little things that create differences but the big things of life we are at one. She makes time to travel with her family, attend yoga classes and has walked "to the moon and back" with her dog, Cooper.

Congratulations to Linda Browne, winner of the *Minnie Lou Parker Creech Clubwoman of the Year Award*.

Honorary Life Membership

Since joining the GFWC of Holden Beach (GFWC-HB) in 2007, Bennie has devoted her energy, skills, numerous talents, and her heart to the remarkable success of our organization. She and President Landis received the Charter for the club at the 2007 GFWC-NC Convention. As a GFWC-HB charter member, she was First Vice-President, which was essential for getting the Club off to a solid start. She has also served as Recording Secretary. Bennie actively participates in each of the Community Service Programs. She has served on Home Life, Conservation, Education, and Arts. She accomplishes all her projects enthusiastically, whether it is 'Stuff the Bus', which provides school supplies for needy children or the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) Project, which renovated a home in need of repair for a grandmother raising her granddaughters. Her passion is the Arts. Not only is Bennie an outstanding artist in her own right, winning many local, district and state awards, she encourages other clubwomen to venture into their area of artistic expression and coaches them as they try out their new talents. Our club recently honored Bennie with a 50-year membership pin and a letter from GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock.

Bennie Hall embodies a wonderful combination of traits reflected in the Collect for Clubwomen. She is warm, welcoming, and unfailingly kind to all club members as well as the larger community. When it is time for change, she refrains from prejudging anyone or any project, and wisely waits for all information before making a decision. She reaches out to others for friendship and support, and she is always ready to return that friendship and support in abundance. Bennie Hall is truly "large in thought, in word, in deed." Her unflagging spirit of optimism leads us all to be our better selves. ***GFWC-HB is fortunate to include Bennie Hall among its members and is honored to present Bennie an Honorary Life Membership.***

The Greensboro Woman's Club is proud to recognize Vanessa Harbour Lowder with an Honorary Life Membership. Since joining the Greensboro Junior Woman's Club in the 1980's, Vanessa has held many offices, serving with integrity and exemplary passion for projects. She has been elected or appointed to numerous capacities in our local club including every Vice-Presidential position. President for both the Greensboro Junior Woman's Club and the Greensboro Woman's Club, and has won both the Junior Clubwoman of the Year and Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism Award. Additionally, she has held several District positions beginning in the 1990's and will be the District Four 2nd Vice-President for the 2020-2022 team. Her work on our club reports and newsletter keep all members informed, while her knowledge of the 110-year history of our club helps our members understand the importance of our longstanding Federation affiliation. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Weir-Jordan House (owned by GWC) since 2012, chairing two hugely successful fundraisers benefitting preservation of our historic clubhouse.

In her spare time, Vanessa enjoys playing golf as a member of the Sedgefield Women's Golf Association and is a member of the Sedgefield Book Club. Her creativity is fueled by hobbies of knitting, scrapbooking, and anything of an artistic nature. Her husband Warren says, "She is a creative genius!" Vanessa's family of her husband Warren sons Thad (Christina) and Matthew (Scott) and two grandchildren are also very proud of her!



Honorary Life Memberships

In 1977, Honorary Life Memberships were presented for the first time. It was the 75th anniversary of the NC Federation.



Leadership Passport to Learning

Chairman, Jan Allen



Attended 5 sessions

Pam Hutchison
Ginger Lockamy
Linda Sturgill
Penny Tysinger

Attended 3 sessions

Eva Jackson
Rachel Masimore
Pauletta Parker

Jean Pratt
Nancy Randolph
Karen Throckmorton
Sandy Werderman
Elaine Williams

Bev Parker
Lois Parker
Linda Paschall
Carol Query
Susan Rhew
Teresa Royall

Attended 4 sessions

Chris Angotti
Sandra Arnett
Margaret Ann Brame
Phyllis Broughton
Pat Core
Hilda Jernigan
Tammy Kesky
Sharon Lane Smith
Kathy Parker
Rainey Ashley
Julie Wolfe

Attended 2 sessions

Ann Vipperman
Marilyn Bennett
Linda Browne
Shirley Colpitts
Mary Derrick
Jessica Gourard
Donna Harrell
Georgia Lineback
Hillary Luton
Deane Owen
Bridgett Paschall
Kelley Perdue

Attended 1 session

Anne Gamble
Saline Gary
Lynne Gladstone
Kathy Godfrey
Kathleen Honeycutt
Kelly Imbody
Amanda Jackson
Sandy Jahn
Ann Lamb
Jennifer Lilly
Pat Mahl
Jennifer McLean

Lou Seiler
Brandy Selos
Ann Tremblay
Sheila Tyler
Beth Upton
Maxi Walker
Stephanie Wallace
Joan Weisenbeck
Sandie Werderman
Dana White
Betty Winn
Jean Woodley
Julia Yeargan

Many thanks to the Presenters: Jan Allen, Cindy Hewett, Sandy Jahn,
Judi Stankowich, Ann Vipperman, Gay Warren

Leadership Education And Development Seminar

GFWC initiated the Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS), for the purpose of finding, training, and encouraging clubwomen from the grassroots level to step up, pursue, and accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation. The 2019 LEADS class is:

District 3

Mary Frances Gourley
Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte

District 6

Sharon Day
Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh

District 4

Kathy Pike
Burlington Woman's Club

District 7

Ann Tremblay
NC Sorosis

District 5

Nicole Fleming
Henderson Junior Woman's Club

District 8

Rachel Masimore
The Woman's Club of Clayton



*The Bev Lassiter LEADS Award
is presented to:*

Winner

Nicole Fleming

District 5

Henderson Junior Woman's Club

"Girls with Pearls" Society

Rainey Ashley

Brenda Batchelor

Margaret Ann Brame

Judy Brock

Faye Brooks

Linda Browne

Wendy Carriker

Diane Carroll

Victoria Currin

Sandy Cyphers

Troyann Dougherty

Peggy Earp

Beth Elliott

Karen Fiumara

Kim Fulcher

Carol Gardner

Donna Geise

Betsy Grannis

Bennie Hall

Diane Hall

Faye Hall

Cindy Hewett

Hope Hockaday

Pamela Hutchison

Kelly Imbody

Sandy Jahn

Hilda Jernigan

Patty Jo Johnson

Tammy Kesky

Amanda Ladd

Ann Lamb

Ann Landis

Peggy Schiavone

Lori Seiler

B. J. Stephens

Linda Sturgill

Jill Sulphin

Karen Throckmorton

Ann Tremblay

Ann Vipperman

Gay Warren

Carol Watts

Sandie Werderman

Dana White

Angela Williams

Patricia Witt

Julie Wolfe

Bev Lassiter

Teresa Lee

Virginia Lockamy

Carol Ann Lohman

Marie Marshburn

Lois Nixon

Crystal O'Neal

Kathy Parker

Pauletta Parker

Carol Query

Susan Quinn

Jennifer Richards

Helen Richie

Polly Russ

What is important with Pearls is the woman who is wearing them.

1902 Society Members for 2019-2020

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Mary Jo Abernethy
Rainey Ashley
Linda Browne
Wendy Carriker
Holly Coleman
Diane Creasman
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Donna Geise
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Pam Hutchison
Amanda Jackson
Frances Lewis
Ginger Lockamy
Jennifer Nelson
Lois Nixon
Denane Owen
Kathy Parker
Barb Sawyer
B.J. Slovacek
Sheila Tyler
Sandie Wederman
Dana White
Julie Wolfe
A.L. Brown Juniores
GFWC Lexington Woman's Club
GFWC-NC Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte
Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club

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Peggy Earp
Bev Lassiter
Ann Viperman
Charlotte Woman's Club
The Woman's Club of Clayton
Wilmington Woman's Club

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Ginger Lockamy

Other

Jan Allen
Heather Bolick
Marilyn Bonnett
Margaret Ann Brame
Maxine Britt
Linda Browne
Deborah Burke
Anna Campbell
Wendy Carriker
Jane Carver
Ellen Creasman
Mary Derrick
Misty Deyo
Beth Elliot

Karen Fiumara
Christy Frisbee
Kathy Godfrey
Donna Harrell
Becky Hart
Gail Harwood
Cindy Hewett
Pam Hutchison
Eva Jackson
Sandy Jahn
Susan Johnson
Shannon Lane
Penny Lauricella
Ginger Lockamy
Hillary Luton
Nancy Maynard
Jenn Nelson
Lois Nixon
Lynn Odom
Charlotte Palko
Kathy Parker
Pauletta Parker
Mary Pendill
Kathy Pike
Ashley Rainey
Teresa Royall
Mary Royle
Georgann Sapp
Peggy Schiavone
Linda Sturgill
Hannah Wallace
Stephanie Wallace
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Bryson City Woman's Club
GFWC Anderson Creek Woman's Club
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Lumberton Juniores
The Woman's Club of Clayton
Zebulon Woman's Club



1902 Society

The 1902 Society was established in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the GFWC of North Carolina and to enhance the financial security of our organization.

Legacy Donations

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Youngsville Woman's Club
Zebulon Woman's Club
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June 27- July 1, 2020
August 1, 2020

GFWC-NC Virtual Convention
GFWC Annual Convention
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