

2007
LEE DISTRICT
GENERAL CLUB AWARD COMPILATION
(Based on projects completed in 2006)

ARTS – Anita Harrower, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Kanawha Woman’s Club

This club collected and donated art supplies and a camera and made Christmas ornaments for a family whose three of four children are afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy.

Best Overall: GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club

This club had a scrapbook, a yearbook using computer graphics, and a specially designed tee shirt for participants in their annual run. They made paper purses with club photos for their banquet, hand-painted Christmas ornaments, and decouped pencil holders.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Sycamore Woman’s Club

This club collected art supplies and filled art bags to donate to the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Massey Cancer Center.

Best Overall: Woman’s Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club had art and literature contests at local schools, participated in a local Christmas parade, attended flower shows and visited historic homes. They donated to VSA and Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and gave \$1000 to a new local Performing Arts Foundation.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Mathews County Woman’s Club

This club had a summer arts program for 80 students. They obtained a \$2000 grant to pay for the teacher and supplies, provided refreshments, and held a reception for parents at the end of the program.

Best Overall: Middlesex County Woman’s Club

This club participated in the National Arts Program, held a Creative Adventures summer art program for students, had Acrylic Art Lessons for the community, toured the Chrysler Museum and hosted a Student Art Show.

THE JEANNETTE T. ELLIS ARTS AWARD

Presented by The Woman’s Club of Essex County, GFWC to GFWC Valentine Woman’s Club

This club shared the visual arts- eggs, flowers, snow flakes, snowmen, wreaths, posters, movies, live performances- in community centers, nursing homes, schools and public venues.

CONSERVATION- Lyn Neira, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Hermitage Woman’s Club

This club recycled newspapers and aluminum cans to benefit a mentally challenged son of a deceased member.

Best Overall: Rural Plains Woman’s Club

This club held a shower for an animal shelter and had an energy light bulb project. They recycled aluminum to benefit Habitat for Humanity and cell phones and ink cartridges to help an Adult Center.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman’s Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club supported three animal and wildlife shelters by contributing scrubs for hospital assistants and making financial contributions.

Best Overall: GFWC Valentine Woman’s Club

This club held a children’s workshop, monitored bluebirds, and purchased carp so other fish could survive in a pond. They had a “Taking Root” tour and an Earth Day cleanup, did tree and winter container plantings, and recycled.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Henry Clay Woman’s Club

This club steered a town beautification project around the public library for multiple outdoor use. They organized street parties, held a tea to educate the community, and raised funds.

Best Overall: The Woman’s Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club held “Save the Bay” activities, registered 16 National Wildlife Habitats, emailed wildlife alerts, and had an America’s Anniversary Garden project. They beautified a courthouse green area, did highway cleanup, and had a water conservation course.

EDUCATION – Virginia Merritt, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Hermitage Woman’s Club

This club worked with J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College to educate women who must return to the work place out of necessity.

Best Overall: GFWC Regency Woman’s Club

This club spent 968 hours tutoring at-risk students and supporting students who were lagging behind their classmates.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Sycamore Woman’s Club

This club adopted a suburban elementary school with a significant number of non-English speaking and low income families.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman’s Club

This club raised \$2368 for scholarships and supplies for their county libraries and schools.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Middlesex County Woman’s Club

This club supported the Jacob’s Ladder program for indigent gifted and talented students with 613 hours of volunteer time and \$2145 in funding.

Best Overall: The Woman’s Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club supported three scholarship funds with multiple projects, raising \$6173 and presenting scholarship certificates to recipients at school awards nights.

THE BRANDON EDUCATION AWARD

Presented by Brandon Woman’s Club to Woman’s Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club contributed many hours and money to community education programs including Books for Babies, Let’s Read, and Kits for Kids. They donated four scholarships.

THE EDITH EMORY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION

Presented by Abingdon Woman’s Club of Gloucester to GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman’s Club

This club assisted a private Richmond academy in raising \$25,000. This academy is the only one in the Richmond area specializing in the educational needs of children with broad learning differences.

HOME LIFE – Tricia Dalton, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Regency Woman’s Club

This club supported Easter Seals VA in many ways including Eggstravaganza, ESV bracelets, auctions and Bingo.

Best Overall: Kanawha Woman’s Club

This club supported Hospital Hospitality House, Massey Thrift Shop, Friends Reaching Out to a Friend and Project MAJC (a local family with three children who have Muscular Dystrophy).

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman’s Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club continued to support the Clothes Closet which provides clothing, household goods, books and toys to the needy.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman’s Club

This club supported Easter Seals, Canine Companions, Beaufont Health Care Center, Career Closet, Camp Baker, and Chesterfield Christmas Mother.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Dunlora Woman’s Club

Twenty members of this club attended the Fancy Hat Party that was sponsored by the Hospital Hospitality House.

Best Overall: Woman's Club of Sandston

This club supported Easter Seals, Hilliard House, Christmas Mother, Warm Up America, and Henrico County's FISH program.

HEALTH – Carol Yeaman, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Kanawha Woman's Club

This club prepared kits to be used by caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The kits were used to promote better motor skills and assist with calming patients.

Best Overall: GFWC Regency Woman's Club

This club held a "Build A Bear" night and donated the bears to MCV Pediatric Oncology Department. They made goody bags for MCV Pediatrics, walked in the "Race for the Cure", bought cancer bracelets, and collected books for MCV Gift Shop.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club organized a "Walk Across America" program for club members. Participants have walked 2188 miles and spent 740 hours walking.

Best Overall: New Kent Woman's Club

This club held an immunization clinic for the community and a Health Clinic at the County Fair. They made and sold 250 colored bead bracelets representing 16 kinds of cancer and donated the proceeds to the American Cancer Association.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club founded a "Healthfest for Kids" involving the Shriner's Hospital, Fire and Rescue Squads, County Health Department and medical personnel. They cared for 250 children and parents.

Best Overall: Henry Clay Woman's Club

This club sold telephone books, made a basket to raffle, and sponsored a fund raiser at McDonald's. They held a spaghetti dinner and sold luminaries for Relay for Life contributions.

THE EDNA HOLSCLAW MEMORIAL HEALTH AWARD

Presented by GFWC Hermitage Woman's Club to The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC, Kanawha Woman's Club and Essex County Junior Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC – Recognizing a need in their community for adequate health care for children, this club held a "Healthfest for Kids" in conjunction with Fire and Sheriff Departments, Riverside Hospital, and the Shriners. Children were screened, finger printed, and given inoculations if needed.

Kanawha Woman's Club – This club continued to support a family with three of its four children afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy. They gave gifts to the children on their birthdays, Christmas and special holidays. They raised money to repair their van which is used to transport the children in their wheelchairs. The family is remembered throughout the year with gifts, cards, flowers, etc.

Essex County Junior Woman's Club – This club, in conjunction with The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC, held a "Healthfest for Kids".

THE OLIVE WALLACE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AWARD

Presented by GFWC Valentine Woman's Club to GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club collected change at monthly meetings and donated over \$250 to Change for Cancer. They collected Yoplait lids for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. 19 members walked in the Komen Race for the Cure and solicited \$1186, and they donated \$500. They donated cartridges to "Recycle for Breast Cancer". They promoted self exams and mammograms.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS – Lyn Swallen, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Rappahannock Woman's Club

This club supported medical missions to Central America by collecting medicines, especially those to treat female ailments.

Best Overall: Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club

This club collected \$15,000 worth of warm clothes, blankets and vitamins for Russian Orphanages and did six other projects.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club raised \$1487 for Operation Smile through a silent auction and club donation.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club had five projects in the United Nations program and seven projects in Reaching Out Internationally including organizing the Sequins and Smiles Gala that raised \$135,000 for Operation Smile.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Abingdon Woman's Club of Gloucester

This club collected 140 stuffed animals for Operation Smile.

Best Overall: Tri Club Woman's Club

This club sponsored a Plan USA child, gave to Operation Smile and supported Samaritan's Purse.

ALEX'S FRIENDS – "HELPING CHILDREN IN CRISIS"

Presented by Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club to Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC Virginia for Domestic Programs and to GFWC Valentine Woman's Club for International Assistance

Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc. – This club coordinated a community fundraiser for a toddler's cancer treatment and donated the proceeds of \$1750 to the family. They adopted a needy family in the community and donated toiletries, school supplies, and \$50 per month. They held a coloring contest for school children and had a speaker to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

GFWC Valentine Woman's Club – This club had a Christmas Child shoebox project, filling shoeboxes with gifts for children in third world countries and donating money to ship the boxes. In honor of a young man who was killed in Iraq, they donated candy for Iraqi children whom the young man had an interest in helping.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Jane Carroll, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Regency Woman's Club

This club made and donated "Build A Bears" to Henrico County Fire Department for children experiencing traumatic situations.

Best Overall: Kanawha Woman's Club

This club provided significant support throughout the year to the Veterans Outreach Center, provided docents for the Executive Mansion, and educated members on their legislative responsibilities.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Pamunkey Woman's Club

This club produced a calendar highlighting historic Hanover County sites.

Best Overall: GFWC Valentine Woman's Club

This club provided support for McGuire Veterans Hospital and local fire departments and rescue squads. They honored veterans on Memorial Day.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club joined with their local American Legion Post to provide a "Shower for Vets" in the long term care department of McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond.

Best Overall: Middlesex County Woman's Club

This club was very involved in the area of historic preservation with the reinstallation of restored stained glass windows at their clubhouse and the preservation of the 18th century Middlesex County Courthouse.

THE JACKIE OVERBOE AWARD FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc. to The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club donated personal items to veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital and a jungle gym to The Haven, a spouse abuse center.

THE PAT YORK WOMAN'S ADVOCACY AWARD

Presented by GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's Club to Essex County Junior Woman's Club

This club adopted The Haven, a local domestic violence and sexual assault shelter. They raised over \$4950 and volunteered over 100 hours. They donated supplies, had guest speakers, participated in a candlelight vigil and sponsored a Gala.

GFWC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Judy Lee, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

This club held a Harvest Run with half the proceeds going to a local Domestic Violence shelter. \$2000 was donated to the shelter. They also had a speaker from the shelter at a club meeting.

Best Overall: Kanawha Woman's Club

This club distributed brochures, posters and purple ribbon pins to promote awareness of domestic abuse. They collected and donated items on a local shelter's Wish List and made a monetary donation. They donated purses to a local shoe store's "Dress for Success" program.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club helped a local domestic violence shelter by donating clothing, furniture, linens and household items. They also donated suitcases, teddy bears, toiletries, school supplies, and rape kits. A tea party was held to raise additional funds.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club collected and donated items to a local domestic violence shelter including toiletries, clothing, make up, laundry supplies, toys, books and paper products. They collected used cell phones to be refurbished and given to victims. Toiletries for a safe house were donated at the GFWC Regional Meeting. An article was published in the club newsletter.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club held a Chinese Auction at their Rivahfest Festival and raised \$2773.70 which was used to purchase a jungle gym for a local spouse abuse center. They also donated food to the shelter.

Best Overall: Tri Club Woman's Club

This club collected and donated linen, clothing, cell phones and other items to a battered women's shelter at the local YMCA. They informed members about laws effecting Domestic Violence Against Women.

FUNDRAISING – Sally Cary, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Community Woman's Club

This club worked with the Ruritan on the Shuk-n-Pull, a tractor pull and oyster roast.

Best Overall: Kanawha Woman's Club

This club participated in GFWC sponsored projects, the Bizarre Bazaar, and Benevolink and sold Value Checks.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Varina Woman's Club

This club held their Christmas Tree Project, selling lights in honor and memory of someone, and added a children's chorus from a local elementary school singing carols.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club sold tickets to a local theater production, held their annual silent auction, participated in Night Under the Stars and made a basket for the GFWC Southeastern Regional Meeting.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Middlesex County Woman's Club

This club participated in the Oyster Festival with a booth loaded with baked goods, crab bisque, handmade items, and crab bisque spices and had a quilt raffle.

Best Overall: Henry Clay Woman's Club

This club provided a gift wrap booth at a mall with two other clubs. They participated in Strawberry Faire selling baked goods, lemonade, plants, visors, and pocketbooks.

LEADERSHIP – Barbara Roberts, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Regency Woman’s Club

This club revamped its leadership roles by having co-presidents sharing duties and committee chairmen and members sharing responsibilities.

Best Overall: Kanawha Woman’s Club

This club had Project Leaders, a Reporting Team, and members serving the District and State. Members attended District, State and GFWC meetings with the club defraying expenses and delegates reporting. They hosted a HOBY “Get Acquainted Social”.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Sycamore Woman’s Club

This club held a Bylaws Workshop with small groups answering specific questions by reading the club’s Bylaws and reporting to the membership.

Best Overall: Gochland Woman’s Club

This club held a Joint Planning Meeting and a Reporting Workshop. They used the GFWC Leadership Tool Kit, conducted a survey to determine leadership positions, and awarded monthly Leadership Pins. They sponsored a HOBY CLeW and a HOBY Ambassador. Members served the District and attended District and State Meetings.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Henry Clay Woman’s Club

This club supported Youth Leadership by sponsoring a HOBY Ambassador and giving a scholarship to Girls’ State.

Best Overall; Chesmond Woman’s Club

This club had co-presidents with the more experienced one training the new one. They had a Leadership speaker, Reports Committee and public speaking opportunities. Members served the District and attended District and State meetings with club paying expenses. They had strong Federation emphasis.

THE PATRICIA CLOEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented by Westwood Junior Woman’s Club to Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman’s Club

This club had newer members accept leadership positions for projects and as club officers. They have members serving on the District and State level, and they provided a scholarship to the HOBY Leadership Seminar.

MEMBERSHIP – Deloris Apsley, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Regency Woman’s Club

This club discussed alternative options for club focus, meeting set-up, and structure to rebuild club and retain members, and changes were made to meet members’ needs.

Best Overall: Tie

Metropolitan Richmond Woman’s Club and Kanawha Woman’s Club

These clubs held gift exchanges and socials and recognized members’ birthdays each month.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Worthington Woman’s Club

This club recognized a “Clubwoman of the Year” for her contributions throughout the club year and presented her with a plaque at the annual banquet.

Best Overall: GFWC Valentine Woman’s Club

This club held an old fashioned picnic for members and guests. They gave a “Pat on the Back” to a member each month who had participated in five or more club projects.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman’s Club of Sandston

This club held a special membership tea for members and guests. Each member gave a hand written invitation to a prospective member.

Best Overall: The Woman’s Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club added ten new members to the mix in ‘06. They had a membership activity at each meeting, held a new member orientation, sent cards to members and held a pot luck luncheon.

THE ELOISE ENGLEDOVE MEMBERSHIP MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Lee District to The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club had ten new members gained by high visibility in the community. They gave gifts to guests and to members who bring guests. They participated in ACT in OCT and held a new member orientation. They had tea after meetings, recognized birthdays, sent cards to members and had honorary memberships for older members.

CIRCLE OF HEARTS – Deloris Apsley, Chairman

Gold Award

GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's Club
Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc.
Essex County Junior Woman's Club
The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC
Goochland Woman's Club
Henry Clay Woman's Club
Kanawha Woman's Club
New Kent Woman's Club
GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.
GFWC Regency Woman's Club
GFWC Sycamore Woman's Club
GFWC Valentine Woman's Club
GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

Silver Award

Hanover Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Ladies In Purpose Junior Woman's Club
Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club
Pamunkey Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Sandston
Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club
Varina Woman's Club
Westwood Junior Woman's Club

Bronze Award

Abingdon Woman's Club of Gloucester
GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club
Chesmond Woman's Club
Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY – Dale Watkins, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: No Award

Best Overall: No Award

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club informed and mobilized members to prevent the building of an asphalt plant near homes and a school.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club informed members through newsletter articles, resolutions, Public Policy Manual and a speaker on arthritis legislation. They distributed legislative positions to all Virginia legislators and participated in Woman's Legislative Roundup and GFWC VA Legislation Day.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Henry Clay Woman's Club

This club supported GFWC VA Legislation Day with eight members attending and providing refreshments.

Best Overall: Tri Club Woman's Club

This club studied new laws and distributed copies of VA Amendments. They participated in GFWC VA Legislation Day and seven members worked the polls.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Sylvia Ellen, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

This club publicized Harvest Run using the club name in newspaper/website ads, flyers, banner, race program, and t-shirts for runners and had a photo in newspaper.

Best Overall: Rural Plains Woman's Club

This club had a new club profile, articles in the newspaper, and distributed profiles at events. They used the GFWC logo, kept a scrapbook and used email for newsletters.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: Varina Woman's Club

This club publicized Community Christmas Tree Ceremony by designing a poster with GFWC/ GFWC VA logo, programs for the ceremony and letters to business and churches.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club had a Website, emblems, brochures, profiles, publications at meetings and events, flyers for fundraiser shirts with club logo, business cards and articles in newspapers and the Virginia Clubwoman. They recognized Federation Day.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Chesmond Woman's Club

This club used GFWC logo on notebooks for members with perfect attendance, on pins, at meetings, on newsletter, and on wooden block for president's gavel.

Best Overall: The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club added GFWC to its name, established a Website, and had aprons with club name and emblem. They had 26 articles and photos in the local newspaper and had public service announcements on the radio.

NEWSLETTER – Sandi Shamblin, Editor

Small Club Category

1st Place: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

2nd Place: Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club

3rd Place: Kanawha Woman's Club

Medium Club Category

1st Place: Pamunkey Woman's Club

2nd Place: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

3rd Place: GFWC Valentine Woman's Club

Large Club Category

1st Place: Tri Club Woman's Club

2nd Place: Abingdon Woman's Club of Gloucester

3rd Place: Chesmond Woman's Club

WEB DESIGN – Janice Sadler, Web Design

“The criterion I used to select the clubs to be judged was based on a quick response to an inquiring email. Clubs must be very careful to be accessible when they are publishing themselves on the internet. Contact links must be in a prominent location on the website and linked to active email addresses. Often once you publish a website, it remains available for viewing for a long time unless you delete it. This creates confusion for the viewer in trying to discern old info from new.”

1st Place: The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

“This club responded immediately to my email Their Contact Us button is located on every page. Their About Us section shows the departments and committees of their club, who belongs, and what activities they do.”

2nd Place: Mathews County Woman's Club

“This club responded immediately to my email. They prominently display membership in GFWC, GFWC VA, and Lee District.”