

2010
GFWC LEE DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS AND SUMMARIES
(Based on projects completed in 2009)

Small Clubs: 1-21 Members
Medium Clubs: 22-45 Members
Large Clubs: 46+ Members

Arts: Sally Cary, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Sycamore Woman's Club

This club made art bags for the Pediatric Oncology unit at Massey Cancer Center. Bags contained coloring books, crayons, a book, and a toy.

Best Overall: none

.MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: Woman's Club of King and Queen County

This club sponsored a student art contest from four county schools.

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington WC

This club supported Youth Art Month, Bensley Elementary School art teacher, Lucy Corr Nursing Home art supplies, and donated money to Chamberlain Arts Theater.

LARGE CLUBS

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

This club sponsored a student art and writing contest with 6 county schools and 1 private school. Pictures of winners were published in the newspaper.

Best Overall: Mathews County Woman's Club

They sponsored Children's Summer Arts Program, sponsored writing and arts contest, applied for grant to pay for Summer Arts.

THE JEANNETTE T. ELLIS ARTS AWARD

Presented by the Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC to Tri Club Woman's Club

CONSERVATION – Kathy Hicks, Chairman

Small Club

Best Single Project: Rural Plains

Recycling cell phones and ink cartridges is an important project for the environment and donating these items to a senior center.

Best overall: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

They honored Federation Day by planting a tree and sharing the publicity with other GFWC Clubs.

Medium Club Best Single Project: Goochland WC

Members donated baked goods, garden abundance, house plants and time to the farmers market from May through September..

Best Overall: No award given

Large Club Best Single Project: Woman's Club of Sandston

They saved the unused portion of the yearbook pages and tied them with a ribbon, added a donated pen and were distributed to members.

Best Overall: Tie: Henry Clay Woman's Club

They recycled 25,839 pounds of paper to save the Chesapeake Bay and collected and donated drink tabs to the Ronald McDonald house.

Woman's Club of Powhatan

They recycled bottles, cell phones, batteries and participated in the Backyard Bird Count. They shared recipes for non toxic cleaning supplies

THE SANDI SHAMBLIN CONSERVATION AWARD

Presented by GFWC Worthington Woman's Club is presented to The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

Domestic Violence, Tricia Dalton, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Ashcake WC

Club helped District Chairman with shower for 3 Domestic Violence shelters by collecting items and helping deliver the items.

Best Overall: Rural Plains WC

This club supported Hanover Safe Place by educating women, babysitting children and making donations.

MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Kanawha WC

This club supported Safe Harbor by providing personal items and 26 teddy bears for the children,

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington WC

This club supported Madeline's House, Chesterfield County Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center by making monetary donations and donations of personal items.

LARGE CLUBS Best Single Project Winner: Mathews County WC

Club supported Laurel Shelter with monetary donations and personal items.

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

This club supports Madeline's House/Piedmont Crisis Center by donating goods and money. Project Suitcase donated 16 suitcases to the women at Madeline's House.

EDUCATION-Virginia Merritt

Small Club Category

Best Single Project Winner: Metropolitan Richmond WC

An inner city school was adopted and provided school supplies and treats to make kindness bags for 200 children.

Best Overall Winner: GFWC Sycamore Woman's Club

A school in a low income area, where English is a second language, was given 913 items in the spring and fall.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project Winner: Pamunkey WC

Scholarships were given in the amount of \$500.00 were provided to three county high schools.

Best Overall Winner: GFWC Varina WC

Scholarships were given in the amount of \$1750 and Birthday Books were provided to Ward Elementary School.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project Winner: Five Rivers Woman's Club

Through a year of planning and celebration of their 20th anniversary, a database which included past and present authors of Gloucester County, was developed.

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

This club gave scholarships in the amount of \$5810.00, adopted a computer at the local library and ran a lending library and book club.

THE BRANDON EDUCATION AWARD

Presented by Brandon Woman's Club to the Woman's Club of Powhatan County

Fundraising: Shirley Williams, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

Club provided cakes and balloons to incoming freshmen at a local college for birthdays or special occasions.

Best Overall: GFWC Sycamore Woman's Club

Catered lunch for President's Council, worked Spring/Christmas Bizarre Bazaars, sold Afghans. Participated in Ukrops Golden Gift, assisted local Junior Club with gift wrap booth.

MEDIUM CLUBS -- OUTSIDE JUDGING WAS USED

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

They Held 18th Silent Auction/Dinner. Member's daughter led as a school leadership project. Food prepared/served by members. Auction items donated by members or solicited from local businesses.

Best Overall: GFWC Varina Woman's Club

This club held Southern Cakes/Tea Fashion Show, Spaghetti Dinner, sold calendars (pictures by members). Participated in Spring/Christmas Bizarre Bazaars, Community Christmas Tree Project, Ukrops Golden Gift.

LARGE CLUBS

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

Sponsored and helped staff The Clothes Closet using items donated by members and community. Shoppers pay low prices so project benefits club and community.

Best Overall: Tri Club Woman's Club

They held Valentine Tea/Silent Auction, worked at Spring and Christmas Bizarre Bazaars, had first yard sale (successful), held card party/luncheon.

Home Life: Kim Cecil, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: Rural Plains WC

This club got excited about Habitat for Humanity. They had club program, helped Habitat with Newsletter, Public Relations, Silent Auction, Bike festival, Store and more.

Best Overall: Metropolitan Richmond WC

They did 35 projects and strongly supported CZC Unity project. They began support of residential home for young women and donated money to help needy child.

MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Kanawha WC

Project Majc supports family with 3 children who have Muscular Distrophy. Besides the normal holiday gifts, they provided gas money and money for Mother's surgery.

Best Overall: GFWC Regency WC

The club supported many organizations within HL, such as Easter Seals, Food Bank, CZC, Salvation Army, Lakewood Manor and VT Memorial Fund.

LARGE CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC WC of Essex County

The club supported a community center that provides food, clothing, money and temporary housing with volunteer hours, tutoring, coat drive and Christmas collection worth \$925.

Best Overall: Sandston WC

The club focused on helping women and children in the community with Project Night Night for homeless children, Hilliard House, Christmas Mother and CZC.

ALEX'S FRIENDS – "HELPING CHILDREN IN CRISIS"

Presented by Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club to Regency Woman's Club for International work and to GFWC Kanawha for Domestic work.

HEALTH – Margaret Ann Murphy, Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Ashcake WC, Inc.

This club volunteered 962 hours organizing and participating in the Annual Ashland Harvest Run to benefit Hanover Interfaith Free Clinic.

Best Overall: GFWC Sycamore Woman's Club

Members volunteered 310 hours for a local 5k fundraiser. Members participated in the Monument 10k race and Race for the Cure.

Medium Club Category

Best Single Project: No award given

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington WC

Step up for the Roses—logged over 10 million steps in 26 weeks and donated to Susan G. Komen, Alzheimer's Association, Heart Association, Massey Cancer Center and others.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Tie: Henry Clay Woman's Club

They helped organize and participated in the Relay for Life. Members worked shifts at McDonalds and the money was donated to the Relay.

Woman's Club Of Powhatan County, Inc.

Members volunteered 2,500 hours to help staff the Powhatan Free Clinic and held fundraisers to provide the clinic a cash donation of \$1000.

Best Overall: Woman's Club of Essex County

Members organized and hosted a Red Cross blood drive, volunteered at the Tappahannock Free Clinic and made a cash donation to the clinic.

THE EDNA HOLSCRAW MEMORIAL HEALTH AWARD

Presented by GFWC Hermitage Woman's Club to GFWC Regency Woman's Club

OLINE WALLACE AWARD FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

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

International Affairs: Susan Allen, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Ashcake WC

The club held three international dinners with guests, served authentic dishes, even wore costumes.

Best Overall: Metropolitan Richmond WC

Eight projects, including Care, Kiva, and Heifer along with 20 bags full of hand knitted blankets and sweaters, total donation \$6520 with just 20 ladies!

MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Valentine WC

With donated food, prizes and painted cow hats, this club held a Cow Bingo at a local assisted living with proceeds going towards Heifer.

Best Overall: GFWC Regency WC

The entire year was spent collecting, donating and sharing the information of the MAO along with club meetings to share international travels and donations to Operation Smile

LARGE CLUBS

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

Yearlong collections, Silent Auction, Donation Table with memories of family, acknowledgement to the family with info regarding their donation about the children and the charity.

Best Overall: Tri Club Woman's Club

50 pounds of food, a child in Sudan, Bed nets, gift boxes, 600 pairs of shoes, money for shipping, card and gifts, donations, birthday presents, year long work for the entire club.

Leadership – Deloris Apsley, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: Metropolitan Richmond WC

This club sponsored a “Day at Camp” for the District Unity Project Comfort Zone Camp”. They provided all of the food and arts and crafts for the campers and volunteers.

Best Overall: GFWC Sycamore WC

This club stressed leadership and worked to have leaders in the club, the Federation and community. They have four District Chairmen, State volunteer coordinator at the State Fair and an officer in the RAPC.

MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Kanawha WC (Outside Judging)

This club held a Social for the HOBY Ambassadors and their parents. .

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington WC

This club endorsed two members for the GFWC Virginia LEADS. They have seven members who serve at District or State level and give pin-ons to members who are recognized for their leadership.

LARGE CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: WC of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club held an ice cream social for HOBY Seminar students.

Best Overall: Tri Club WC (Outside Judging)

This club supported all members, including a District Officer, who attended District and State meetings and all Richmond Area President’s Council meetings. They have contact and support for three Junior Clubs through a corporation, formed by the four clubs, which owns the Club House in which they all meet.

Legislation & Public Policy – Lynne Wherry, Chairman

Small Clubs

Best Single: GFWC Ashcake WC

State House Representative Honorable Ryan McDougle visited a club meeting to discuss the General Assembly bills passed in 2009 and the upcoming budget in 2010 and distributed materials.

Best Overall: None

Medium Clubs

Best Single: None

Best Overall: GFWC Worthington WC

The club members are informed using GWFC LegNet and the club has taken membership have been informed on issues by discuss at the monthly meetings.

Large Clubs

Best Single: Tri Club Woman’s Club

The club followed the Health Care bill and Cap and Trade Bill in 2009.

Best Overall: Woman’s Club of Essex Co., GFWC

The Woman's Club of Essex worked on issues with drilling and preserving ground water in Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck and meet with General Assembly members and worked on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Membership – Pat Jeffress, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Sycamore Woman's Club

They created a club website and a club Facebook page. They submitted a grant request to underwrite the cost of the website.

Best Overall: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

They installed one new member. Recruited through inviting people to regular meetings and on field trips, compiled a club brochure with contact information and distributed at the June Strawberry Faire. They retain members with movie trips, theatre trip, secret Santa, shopping and apple picking trip and a weekend trip for all club members who wished to attend to Sandbridge.

MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Regency Woman's Club

Retention: Members, guests, friends and family cleaned out closets and held a sale. All items were less than a dollar. Invited guests who learned something about the club, current members had fun and all monies and left over clothes were donated to Safe Harbor and the Flagler Home.

Best Overall: GFWC Varina Woman's Club

They installed three new members. Retained current members with "Chat and Chew" dinners, theatre trip, church with the club president, shared the wedding albums, secret pals, published club history and honors members with 10 years of membership who are now confined to their homes.

LARGE CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: Woman's Club of Sandston

They installed two new members. First meeting in September of every year is designated as a Membership Meeting. Members are urged to bring guests to this luncheon meeting where they hear a special speaker and receive favors donated by the membership committee.

Best Overall: GFWC Woman's Club of Essex County

Club recruited in the community and installed seven new members. Orientation was held. They retained current members by upgrading meeting facility furniture and allowing membership to participate in the decision and provided opportunity for fun and fellowship.

The Eloise Engledove Membership Memorial Award 2009

This award is given to honor Mrs. Engledove, Past President, Lee District and GFWC Virginia and to promote: Retention of present members, Revitalization of present members and Recruitment of new members.

This year's winner is: **The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC**

Recruits members at various functions in the community and installed seven new members. **Retains** members with community and club events. Upgraded club facility furniture, allowing all club members to participate in the decision. **Revitalizes** members by keeping them interested in club activities through club newsletter, year book and

searches for club project where each member can take part from baking cookies to clean up.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Safety in the Community: Judy Lee, Chairman

Small Clubs: *NONE*

Medium Clubs:

Best Single Project: Goochland Woman's Club

This club donated a \$100 scholarship for a local high school student to attend a Fire Camp which teaches young teens who are interested in learning about fire safety and training to see if they would like to pursue that field.

Best Overall: GFWC Valentine Woman's Club

Members supplied cookies, drinks, candy and prizes for the annual Halloween Party held at the local Rescue Squad. The members dressed in costume and led games where the children won tokens to be exchanged for prizes. Approximately \$120 was spent and 90 children and adults enjoyed the festivities.

Large Clubs:

Best Single Project: Mathews County Woman's Club

The members voted to replace the front door with a panic bar to be installed for safety reasons, they installed 'Exit' signs over two of the entrances as well as rechecked the smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.

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

This club repeatedly provided Safety literature to all of its members at meetings as well as in their newsletter. The club sponsored a "55 ALIVE" class for mature drivers. They also provided Medication -File of Life for the members to record and keep in their wallet in case of an emergency.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS-CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION - Chairman: Judy Lee

Small Clubs:

Best Single Project *None*

Best Overall *Metropolitan Woman's Club*

This club made Valentines for veterans at a club meeting and delivered them to the local veterans hospital for distribution to patients. They promoted letter writing campaigns to legislators and worked on political campaigns and polls. They were involved in community efforts to inform the public through a lecture series held at a local church.

Medium Clubs:

Best Single Project *GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club*

The members also participated in Operation Gratitude and supplied 12 hand knitted scarves, 34 beanie babies, girl scout cookies, trail mix, cameras, DVD's, puzzles, etc., totaling over \$700.

Best Overall *GFWC Worthington Woman's Club*

This club donated \$50 to "Woman in Military Service for America". They collected and delivered clothing, books, games, DVDs, toiletries and more as well as 'canteen cards' for wounded soldiers staying at a local veterans hospital.

Large Clubs:

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

This club continued its' Veteran's Monument Project which had begun in 2008. They planned, researched, erected and dedicated this war memorial that listed the local sons and daughters who fought in the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, World War I, World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War – resulting in 1,060 names. .

Best Overall Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

This club baked various breads, cookies and muffins for distribution to Veterans living in their area. They included a thank you card and personally delivered so that the veteran had an chance to talk about their war experience. The club donated 10 cell phones to the Phones for Soldiers program for refurbishment. They award a \$50 District Award to the club who display the best achievement and service for Public Affairs.

THE JACKIE OVERBOE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Presented by the Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc. to the GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS- Janice Miller, Chairman

Small Clubs:

Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Ashcake WC

Sponsored its sixth Annual 10K run; advertised in 9 local newspapers, 11 websites, 1 magazine, radio station, created a web site and issued 40 club Tshirts to volunteers

Best Overall Winner: GFWC Ashcake WC

Used all media, created new banners and updated old one, used GFWC logo on all; adopted highway, booth Strawberry Fair, recognized in school newsletter for contributions.

Medium Clubs:

Best Single Winner: Pamunkey WC

For advertisements through the media and exposure to linking communities about their Historical Calendar known as the Pamunkey WC Calendar

Best Overall Winner: No award given

Large Clubs:

Best Single Winner: GFWC WC of Essex County

Promoted club at Rivahfest with banner, club apparel, invited fairgoers into club house to see displays of commitment to community and past history of club.

Best Overall Winner: TIE: Mathews County WC

They communicated through phone, email and newsletter. Had 3 articles in newspaper, radio chats with notices of club activities.

WC of Powhatan Co., Inc.

Used GFWC, GFWC VA, GFWC Lee District logo in all communication, newsletter, 3 newspaper articles with 1 picture, also listed in community calendar

Newsletters – Lyn Swallen, Traveller Editor

Small Clubs (outside judging)

3d GFWC Sycamore WC

2d GFWC Ashcake WC

1st Metropolitan Richmond WC

Medium Clubs

3d GFWC Varina WC

2d GFWC Kanawha WC

1st GFWC Worthington WC

Large Clubs

3d Abingdon Woman's Club of Gloucester

2d Dunlora WC

1st Tri-Club WC

Website Contest – Janice Sadler, Chairman

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

Powhatan's website is geared toward prospective members. Nicely done and a good PR tool. <http://womansclubofpowhatan.com>

Best Overall Winner: Tri Club Woman's Club

It is chocked full of information for members and prospective members, including membership application forms. The club's projects were listed in good detail with lots of informative links. You only have to look at this club's calendar to know they will have a busy 2010. <http://TriClubOnline.org>

Women's History and Resource Center- Helen Ware, Chairman

SMALL CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: Rural Plains Woman's Club

Celebrated *Women's History Month* by wearing something that had belonged to their mother, grandmother, etc. Each told what that person contributed to community thru an organization.

Best Overall: No award given.

MEDIUM CLUBS

Best Single Project Winner: Pamunkey Woman's Club

Published and sold calendar with pictures of historic homes, churches, and short history. Members interview representative of each location and the proceeds were used for scholarships and philanthropic endeavors.

Best Overall: No award given.

LARGE CLUBS (42+)

Best Single Project Winner: No award given.

Best Overall: No award given.

CIRCLE OF HEARTS CERTIFICATES

The **Circle of Hearts** is an honor roll distinction awarded in recognition of a club's exemplary participation in Federation activities.

GOLD AWARDS

The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc.

GFWC Regency Woman's Club

Tri Club Woman's Club

GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

SILVER AWARDS

GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club, Inc.

GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club

Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Sandston

Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

BRONZE AWARDS

Abingdon Woman's Club