

2010 Junior Club Award Compilation for Lee District

Based on projects completed in 2009

ARTS ~ Abby Magruder Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Varina Junior Woman's Club

Their dinner theater raised over \$15,000 for their charitable organizations.

2nd Place: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

This club devoted 77 hours to multiple forms of arts, including the annual pewter ornament & scrapbook, Cards for CAS and participation in a play.

1st Place: Varina Junior Woman's Club

This club once again managed a large theatrical production involving many members of the community, involvement of time and volunteers. 14 different organizations received donations as a result of their efforts, including Comfort Zone Camp.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

The Card Making with Seniors project used art to reach out to senior citizens. It required a monthly commitment and provided enjoyment, stimulation and a lot of greeting cards.

2nd Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

Provided food to support arts festival in the community, supported the community with original knitted items, and reached out to senior citizens bringing art and joy to this special segment of their community.

1st Place: Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester

Conducted the Chester Cotillion, a 2 year program to teach dance, manners and etiquette to 7th and 8th graders, which promotes and preserves the art of dance and culture for young people of the community.

Best Overall: Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester

Chester Cotillion.

CONSERVATION ~Joy Matkowsky, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club and Westwood Junior Woman's Club(tie)

Both clubs participated in the beautification project conducted by a local Eagle Scout troop. Both clubs donated time and money to improve and beautify the grounds of the West End Community Center.

2nd Place: Westwood Junior Woman's Club

Members utilize email for newsletters, minutes, reminders and other communication. They also keep this information updated on their website. The club also utilized the GFWC On Line Reporting form for their annual reporting.

1st Place: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

Members recycle aluminum using the money raised to send a young person to Forestry Camp sponsored by the 4-H center in Appomattox. The student learns about ecology and resource conservation.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's Club

This club joined nearly one billion people in Earth Hour. The project had the members make a statement regarding climate change by turning off all power for one hour, demonstrating that by working together we can have a positive impact.

2nd Place: No Award

1st Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club continues to participate in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program. Members maintain the cleanliness of a two mile stretch of highway in their local area.

Best Overall: GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's Club

For their participation in the Earth Hour project.

EDUCATION ~ Sharon Goss, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club

For over 30 years this club administered a Reading is RIF program. In 2009 the club distributed over 3000 books to elementary school students and developed reading incentive programs to encourage children to read.

2nd Place: Varina Junior Woman's Club

This club created a playbill containing advertisements and cast biographies for their 39th Annual Dinner Theatre. The profits went toward several generous college scholarships chosen by their Education Committee based on merit.

1st Place: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman’s Club

This club administered a RIF program for 470 at risk elementary students, arranging 3 distributions. Books were chosen based on child, teacher and librarian feedback. The club also collected box tops and labels for education.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Junior Federated Women’s Club of Chester

This club hosted a catered luncheon for teachers at a local elementary school. During the luncheon the club donated 65 gift certificates to both teachers and teacher’s assistants for classroom supplies.

2nd Place: Midlothian Junior Woman’s Club

This club awarded 3 generous scholarships for girls entering college. They also adopted a Title 1 elementary school to support students, staff, families through numerous projects including baking events; organizing (and donating) supplies, coats and Christmas gift collections.

1st Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman’s Club

This club raised funds and awarded 3 generous scholarships based on merit; raised money for a school mentoring program; collected box tops and labels for education; collected over 100 books for Social Services Literacy Program.

Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman’s Club

This club awarded a Miss Piedmont Scholarship as well as 2 other generous college scholarships based on merit; collected box tops and labels for education; collected over 100 books for literacy program, and donated monies to a school mentoring program.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ~ Heather Craven, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: No award

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman’s Club

Participated in Cocktails for a cause raising money for Safe Harbor Shelter.

1st Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman’s Club

Held a yard sale for a local domestic violence shelter & collected items for the Lee District domestic violence shower at the Fall Meeting.

Best Overall: No award

HOME LIFE ~ Anita Resnick, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club – Smart Financial Sense Seminar

Julie Adkins came and spoke on reducing debt, surviving a layoff, insurance purchases, etc. Attendees were two guests from the community and three from Ladies/Purpose.

2nd Place: Westwood Junior Woman's Club – Bears for Robin

Donated bears for kids in the hospital. Project named for member's friend that recently passed away from breast cancer, leaving a husband and two kids.

1st Place: GFWC Ladies in Purpose Junior Woman's Club – St. Joseph's Villa's Santa Room

Collected donations – hoodies, toiletries, cosmetics, card games, movie tickets, fast food coupons and more, for teens expelled from HS w/o a traditional family experience.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester – Thanksgiving baskets

Put together complete Thanksgiving meals for 34 families, including a roasting pan and \$10 turkey gift cards, and delivered to a local Title 1 school

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc. – Glory Outreach

Substantial clothes and non-perishable food donations, have formed a relationship with the director and have further arranged for future hands-on-projects to assist the ministry.

Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

Wide variety of projects – food donation, adopt-a-family/mom, Cinderella's Closet (prom), homeless, pets, Daisy Scouts and military families and dollars donated (\$1,865.82).

HEALTH ~ Holly Waddell, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Ladies In Purpose Junior Woman's Club

LIPJWC completed a scrapbook that was presented to the Virginia Blood Services Ambassador. The scrapbook included pictures and notes of thanks, reflecting on the Ambassador's hobbies, interests and her accomplishments during her time as Ambassador.

2nd Place: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

PJWC continued to support breast cancer in honor of a club member that is in remission by distributing breast cancer awareness information and wearing pink ribbons. They also supported the American Cancer Society Relay for Life by donating time and money totaling \$1500.

1st Place: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

Ashland focused on educating their members this year by discussing nutrition and breast cancer awareness. They had a nutritionist attend a meeting and do a private health screening for each member. They also have a member that is an OBGYN and she completed a breast cancer pre-screening tool on all members.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester

This club had 9 members "Bosom Buddies" that went together to get their annual mammograms followed by mini massages and social time. Several members had not had a mammogram before and the support of their friends during this event helped to overcome their fears.

2nd Place: GFWC, Louisa Junior Woman's Club

Louisa supported several worthwhile organizations on 2009 including American Cancer Society Relay For Life, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Central Virginia Pregnancy Center and Pounds for Pounds Feeding America.

1st Place: Caroline JWC of GFWC, Inc.

Caroline Juniors once again spent several hours and thousands of dollars supporting the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. They had a huge tent set up the day of the race, theme related foods and a website for easy donation access. In addition, they participated in STEP for the Roses, ranking as the 110th overall team in the nation.

Best Overall: No award

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ~ Mandy Gambacini, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

The members of the Ashland JWC collected many items for a local church group that was traveling to Latvia to provide a summer camp for underprivileged children. They sponsored two camperships and collected a lot of supplies.

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: Varina Junior Woman's Club

The Varina JWC participated in Operation Christmas Child-Samaritan's Purse and donated 20 boxes (1 project, 30 hours, \$210)

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc.

The Caroline JWC of GFWC, Inc assisted Flock of Hope through Heifer International by holding 50/50 raffles at meetings (1 project, 10 hours, \$210).

1st Place: No award

Best Overall: No award

PUBLIC AFFAIRS –Ginny Joyce, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: No award

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's Club

Members supported soldiers currently serving in Iraq by sending numerous cards of appreciation through the website www.LetsSayThanks.com.

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: No award

Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

Members donated \$50 to each of the eleven local fire and rescue departments in Louisa County, collected stuffed animals for the Sheriff's Department, and collected items for care packages to support soldiers.

LEADERSHIP ~ Stacey Garnett, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Thomas Jefferson Woman's Club

Strongly encourage members to take a leadership role and have individual conversations with members who show interest but are hesitant to step forward explaining what's involved.

2nd Place: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

This club has a reports chairman and a committee, attended district events, prepares agendas, has a nominating committee and has a meeting to turn over information to the incoming officers and chairmen.

1st Place: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

This club includes articles on leadership in their newsletter, attends State and district meetings, has an officer installation ceremony, creates a handbook for all members, with bylaws, etc and holds leadership training during club meetings.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club attended district events, held new officer installation, reviewed parliamentary procedures and presented club members with a calendar, budget and bylaws.

1st Place: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club

This club encouraged leadership development and opportunities. They also continued to use club procedures and policies.

Best Overall: No award

MEMBERSHIP ~ Kelly Lane, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Westwood Junior Woman's Club

Established the Helping Hand Project to help members in need in such situations of job loss, death, serious injury and illness.

2nd Place: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

Well rounded membership program that includes a member orientation, secret sisters and annual awards presented at Celebration Banquet.

1st Place: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club

These clubs reached outside the box by having members attend local business/networking luncheons to promote the club. One woman was invited to speak at a club meeting.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc.

This club handed out cookie cutters at their largest annual fundraiser (Holly Ball) with a note inviting potential members to attend their January Meeting and participate in a hands on project assembling gift bags for teachers.

2nd Place: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club

This club embraced the Membership Theme – “Get in the Game” by having two game themed member outings. Maintained membership numbers.

1st Place: Caroline Junior Woman’s Club of GFWC, Inc.

Teacher gift bags included an invitation to the February Meeting which is their famous Valentine Gift Exchange. Held 4 additional member socials throughout the year. Maintained membership numbers.

Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman’s Club

Well rounded membership program including Mommy to be Diaper Drive, successful New Member Ice Cream Social that resulted in 6 new members. Played several teambuilding games such as Get to Know You Bingo, Did You Know, I Never... and Lost on a Dessert Island. New Member and Member of the Year Awards chosen by the membership.

FUNDRAISING ~ Kerry Osborne, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club

PJWC’s 7th annual Holiday Gift Harvest earned the club nearly \$600 and included arts and craft vendors, a 50/50 raffle and baked goods. They also coordinated with local Boy Scouts to sell food at the event.

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman’s Club

AJWC created and sold personalized chocolate easter eggs to friends and family and also coordinated a sales booth at Ukrops supermarket to earn nearly \$900.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: Midlothian Junior Woman’s Club

MJWC coordinated the 28th annual Midlothian Village Day Festival, which included live entertainment, craft vendors, and a silent auction. The club earned \$10,477 for their sole fundraiser in 2009.

2nd Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman’s Club

LJWC conducted a Direct Sales Bingo to raise funds for scholarships awarded to two local high school students, and also sold pointsetias.

1st Place: Caroline Junior Woman’s Club of GFWC, Inc.

CJWC held its annual Holly Ball and earned gross receipts totaling \$8,230, including ticket sales, a 50/50 raffle and donations.

Best Overall: Midlothian Junior Woman’s Club

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GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT- ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN ~ Meghan Wlaz, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: Westwood Junior Woman's Club

The Westwood Junior Woman's Club held their 6th Annual Bingo Bonanza. 110 hours were volunteered to make this event a success so that \$500 could be donated to each of their favorite charities that help children.

2nd Place: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

The Powhatan Junior Woman's Club supported Katie Schools' Brain Tumor Research Project. Katie Schools is the daughter of a club member's friend who has been fighting the battle against cancer her whole life. They participated in events, spread the word about brain tumors and donated soda tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

1st Place: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

The club assisted their most beloved project, Comfort Zone Camp by making a generous donation of camp supplies and funds. The club's donation of \$800.00 sponsored two children to attend this special camp that supports children and allows them to grieve the loss of a loved one.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club assisted the Louisa Santa Council. This is a local organization that provides food, clothing and toys to over 600 Louisa families in need. The club ensured that all 825 children in the program received gifts. The club ran an Angel Tree, volunteered to wrap gifts, and raised money to donate \$850.00 for this cause.

2nd Place: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc.

This club proudly sponsored a coloring contest, and prizes with the theme "How to be a Blue Ribbon Family" for Child Abuse Prevention month. Children also received information about child abuse prevention and what makes a "Blue Ribbon Family".

1st Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club decided to assist the Louisa County Sheriff's Department by donating 75 stuffed animals for the police officers to give to traumatized children they encounter during their work.

Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

As advocates for children, this club completed 10 projects to benefit children. Their support of Louisa County Santa Council ensured that 825 children had a new gift to open on Christmas. This club also supported children in foster care, helped teens have a safe after-prom party and assisted children experiencing trauma and grief by supporting Comfort Zone Camp and Louisa County Sheriff's Department's Stuffed Animal Program.

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY ~ Marcie Morgan, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: GFWC Ashland Junior Woman's Club

This club wrote letters on behalf of Hospice patients to the Senate for Hospice Advocacy opposing the current Health Bill. The approved House Bill includes a productivity cut to the hospice community, amounting to a \$10 billion rate cut over the next 10 years.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club invited a local High School Student who attended all the Inauguration festivities in Washington, D.C. in which the club raised the funds for the student to attend.

Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

Same as Above

PUBLIC RELATIONS ~ Christine Kerkeslager, Junior Chairman

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: Westwood Junior Woman's Club

This club recruited members using Facebook, and participated in another Club's activity and promoted clubwork.

1st Place: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

Powhatan Junior Woman's Club promoted their club with Facebook, articles in the local paper, and their Annual Gift Harvest.

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club sponsored a Girls little league softball team and the club's name was displayed on the girls jerseys.

2nd Place: Bon Air Junior Woman's Club

This club took aggressive steps to promote their club. Including: Using Meetup.com, Craigslist.com, and enhancing google searches for Club information with Google Adwords

1st Place: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club

This club promoted their club by advertising two of their largest projects in print, radio and television.

Best Overall: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club

This club promoted themselves in print, radio, television, billboards, banners, flyers to schools, websites and more.

NEWSLETTER ~ Sarah Blankenship, Junior Editor

Small Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: No award

1st Place: No award

Large Club Category

Best Single Project: No award

2nd Place: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This newsletter includes a calendar of events, announcements, a President's report, and project updates.

1st Place: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club

This newsletter includes reports from officers, a monthly member spotlight, an events calendar, and website links to items mentioned in the articles.

Best Overall: No award

JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S BEST OVERALL~ Danielle Abbott, Junior Director

Small Club Category: Essex Junior Woman's Club

This club may be small but they work hard to make a difference in their community. The club took over the Christmas Mother Project from the local Social Services and spent over 200 hours ensuring 165 impoverished families (consisting of 407 children) had everything they needed for a wonderful Christmas, as well as many other projects throughout the year.

Large Club Category: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club works hard to make a difference in their community. They are often approached by various organizations within the community to assist with programs and they are always willing to assist, whether financially or through direct participation.

Junior Special Awards

Alex's Friends – "Helping Children in Crisis" – No Junior award

The Edna Holsclaw Memorial Health Award – No Junior award

The Edith Emory Memorial Award for Education - Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club

The Patricia Cloey Leadership Award – Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club