

## 2011 Junior Club Award Compilation for Lee District

*Based on projects completed in 2010*

### **ARTS ~ Ginny Joyce, Junior Chairman**

#### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project - Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project - Collaboration: Powhatan Junior Woman's Club**

*This is this club's 15<sup>th</sup> year creating a limited edition Annual Pewter Ornament which featured the original "Bank of Powhatan".*

**Best Overall: Varina Junior Woman's Club**

*Varina JWC held their 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theatre raising over \$16,000 to benefit Varina High School, two libraries and Comfort Zone Camp.*

#### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club**

*These ladies sponsored a monthly greeting card workshop for seniors. Members provided instruction and supplies to help seniors create their own greeting cards.*

**Best Overall: Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester**

*The JFWCC provided for the 13<sup>th</sup> year the Chester Cotillion, a program for 200 middle school students where they learn dance, manners and etiquette.*

### **CONSERVATION ~ Mary Schindel, Junior Chairman**

#### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Essex Junior Woman's Club**

*They collected used greeting cards to send to St. Jude's Children's Ranch. Cards are used to make a few new cards and are sold. Proceeds benefit the Ranch.*

**Best Overall: Powhatan Junior Woman's Club**

*Lug a mug program. Members bring reusable cups to meetings and at Holiday Party and May Banquet cloth napkins, china and silverware is used to cut down on recycling.*

#### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club**

*In January members cleaned out their closets and donated career clothes to Dress for Success.*

**Best Overall: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club**

*For their Cinderella Dreams project. They collect community donated formal dresses for area high school girls to reuse for their prom.*

## **EDUCATION ~ Lisa Lumpkin, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Essex Junior Woman's Club**

*Essex Junior Woman's Club held three "Reading is Fundamental" programs at a local elementary school and provided 218 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with 3 new books each.*

**Best Overall: Essex Junior Woman's Club**

*EJWC supported the Education department through literacy projects, programs and scholarship campaigns.*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club**

*Midlothian Junior Woman's Club adopted a local Title I elementary school and supported the school's students as well as teachers and staff throughout the school year.*

**Best Overall: Caroline Junior Woman's Club**

*Caroline Junior Woman's Club supported the education area through projects with local schools and scholarship campaigns.*

## **The Edith Emory Memorial Award for Education – Essex County**

**Junior Woman's Club:** *The Essex County Junior Woman's Club held three Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) programs at our local elementary school. In holding these distributions, they were able to provide 218 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students with 3 new books each. Without these distributions, some of these children would not have books of their very own.*

*At each distribution, a motivational book was read to the students, to not only get them excited about books and reading, but to help them feel positive about themselves and their decisions. Handmade bookmarks were also handed out to each student with their books. Total books donated (and bookmarks) – 654, Members participating – 3 Money Spend: \$300/club fund and \$990/RIF Grant.*

## **HOME LIFE ~ Heather Taylor, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club**

*This club supported Freedom House, a local homeless shelter and a local middle school charity project by donating 50 pairs of socks, outerwear and a monetary sum to the student's Freedom House project.*

**Best Overall: Westwood Junior Woman's Club**

*This club volunteered with the first annual Rebuilding Together 5K Race, ran a regular Meals on Wheels route twice a month, was actively involved with the Linus Project by collecting homemade blankets to be donated to hospitals, shelters, and nursing homes. The club donated \$300 to the Central Virginia Food Bank as well as hundreds of canned goods collected from their annual Bingo Fundraiser. Westwood contributed \$1000 to the Hospital Hospitality House and volunteered at several fundraising events for the organization, and also sold notecards from Nah's Children and donated the proceeds to the organization*

**Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

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

*each week, 1-2 club members pick up all unsold merchandise from the local Panera Bread store, repackage it, and deliver it to food shelves/pantries, missions, rehabilitation centers, day treatment facilities, police stations, fire stations, military personnel, school personnel, and members of the VA legislature.*

**Best Overall: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club**

*This club delivered Meals on Wheels, collected travel size toiletries for the Richmond Friends of the Homeless, collected items for the troops, participated at a Holiday party sponsored by ASK, participated in the Chesterfield Christmas Mother program and donated meals to the CCHASM for Thansgiving.*

**HEALTH ~ Amanda Gambacini, Junior Chairman**

**Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: GFWC Ladies in Purpose Junior Woman's Club**

*This club spent the following year collecting and delivering magazines to give to the Massey Cancer Center.*

**Best Overall: Powhatan Junior Woman's Club**

*This club participated in several breast cancer and cancer awareness projects including teams organizing a team for Relay for Life and Race for the Cure, wearing ribbons, educating*

*members on the need for Mammograms as well as supporting Heart Health awareness by wearing red on Heart Health Awareness Day.*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

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

*For their efforts with Relay For Life. This club spent at least 71 hours and earned \$5,000 for this year's Relay for Life event.*

**Best Overall: Essex Junior Woman's Club**

*These ladies supported the Tappahannock Free Clinic, passes out ribbons for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and red ribbons for Heart Health Month. Heart health tips were also printed in their newsletter.*

**The Edna Holsclaw Memorial Health Award - Essex County Junior Woman's Club** (no narrative available)

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH ~ Shannon Bradford, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: Essex Junior Woman's Club**

*The Club donated a sheep, a flock of chicken, a Hope Basket and three rabbits through Heifer International.*

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Hanover Junior Woman's Club**

*Members wore pedometers to "walk" around the world. At each Club meeting members learned about women of the country they had "walked" to.*

**Best Overall: Hanover Junior Woman's Club**

*The Club volunteered 120 hours with Operation Christmas Child, Medical Kits for Haiti and created "Walk Around the World for Women".*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club**

*The Club donated 875 used pill bottles to Haiti and Guatemala.*

**Best Overall: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club**

*The Club sent care packages to soldiers stationed overseas and donated used pill bottles to Haiti and Guatemala.*

## **PUBLIC ISSUES ~ Angela Gregory, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: None**

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Essex Junior Woman's Club**

*Essex Junior Woman's Club donated money to their local Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squads.*

**Best Overall: Powhatan Junior Woman's Club**

*Powhatan Junior Woman's Club cleaned out their own closets and donated clothes to local veterans.*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project Partnership: Caroline Junior Woman's Club**

*Caroline Junior Woman's Club sponsored the Frazier Mason Memorial ride. This is a motorcycle ride that raises funds for military injured veterans. The club donated the funds.*

**Best Single Project Collaboration: Ashland Junior Woman's Club**

*Ashland Junior Woman's club collected and mailed six full care packages to soldiers in Iraq. The care packages consisted of hygiene products, socks, CD's and candies, also heartfelt cards and personalized letters from the club women and their children.*

**Best Overall: Ashland Junior Woman's Club**

*In addition to their best single project of sending care packages to soldiers in Iraq, This club also signed Stop Childhood Obesity discriminations and Bullying petitions, as well as signing a Hospice Advocacy Petition to protect Hospice form budget cuts.*

## **GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ~ Carol Outten, Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project : Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club**

*This club collected personal care items for their local domestic violence emergency shelter. Friends and family members assisted club members in their collection efforts.*

**Best Overall: Essex County Junior Woman's Club**

*This club donated money to their local shelter, published domestic violence fact sheets in their newsletter, wore and distributed purple ribbons and provide public service announcements for local radio stations.*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project: None**

**Best Overall: Bon Air Junior Woman's Club**

*This club sponsored a Theater IV "Hugs and Kisses" play production at a lower income school. This play teaches children about inappropriate touching and provides an opportunity to understand inappropriate touching and seek help if necessary.*

## **FUNDRAISING – Abby Magruder, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project : Essex County Junior Woman's Club**

*Calendars customized with family birthdays and anniversaries were sold, along with ads to local businesses to cover expenses for the most dollars by a small club.*

### **Large Club Category**

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

*The annual Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester's Black Tie and Diamonds Ball included participation by all 42 members, took 370 hours and \$15,000 in revenue this year.*

**Best Overall: Essex County Junior Woman's Club**

*This small club of seven members conducted seven projects that resulted in the most profit per member. They were truly dedicated to raising funds.*

## **LEADERSHIP ~ Joy Matkowsky, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project : Hanover Junior Woman's Club**

*This club celebrated Junior Month by presenting a skit about the Federation family for the club membership, three guests and several new members.*

**Best Overall: Hanover Junior Woman's Club**

*This club focused on educating their club on the Federation through games that sent members to GFWC, GFWCVA and Lee District websites, skits, question and answer sessions and instituting a federation education program into the monthly business meetings.*

## **Large Club Category**

### **Best Single Project: Bon Air Junior Woman's Club**

*Welcomed several new members into leadership roles, providing local, state, district and Federation education. This club also had the GFVC State president come and speak at their club to give insight into how club work can fit into our lives.*

### **Best Overall: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC Inc.**

*This club is very active within the district with several members serving. A charter member of their club serves at a club mentor. This club has also instituted an Honorary Member program to recognize past member with strong service to the club.*

## **The Pat Cloey Leadership Award - GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's**

**Club:** *The Bon Air Junior s have several new members that have stepped up to the plate and taken on board responsibilities. The current secretary, treasurer and co-president have all been in the club less than 3 years. They try to provide their members with as much knowledge as possible and how club fits into Lee District as well as GFWC Virginia and GFWC in general. They feel that this will help their members to become more comfortable with the structure of their organization and the responsibilities of the various leaders.*

*This club also invited the current GFWC Virginia President Hope Royer to attend a meeting and were given some insight into club work, how it can fit in to our busy lives and how the club can help the community. This club also has two members serving at the district level. One as the Lee District Junior Membership Chair and the other as the Lee District Junior Secretary/Treasurer.*

## **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY –Lyn Neira, Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project : None**

**Best Overall: None**

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project: No Entries**

**Best Overall: No Entries**

## **MEMBERSHIP ~ Holly Waddell, Junior Chairman**

### **Small Club Category**

#### **Best Single Project: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club**

*This club held an **Act in October** Wine and Cheese Prospective Social. They had a jeweler on hand to buy gold, held a door prize drawing, gave out treat bags and one lucky lady received a makeover. They discussed GFWC membership, club activities and handed out brochures and contact cards.*

#### **Best Overall: Powhatan Junior Woman's Club**

*This club sends out a monthly newsletter, updated its yearbook, provides babysitter at monthly meetings, values new members by holding an orientation for them and having a separate meeting with the president to ask questions, as well as several fun activities. Over 200 hours were logged throughout the year for membership activities.*

### **Large Club Category**

#### **Best Single Project: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC**

*This club brainstormed a new way to attract/approach potential new members. At their annual Holly Ball, they handed out cookie cutter invites to all women, inviting them to do a hands on project with the club at a later date. They also assembled gift bags for teachers in their community inviting them to attend their February Valentine's meeting.*

#### **Best Overall: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club**

*This club has a fun membership event every month of the year. Movies, spa night, ice cream socials and dinners out are ways that these members keep it fun and keep in touch with each other. They helped out club members in need, supported local events in the community and held an Open House for prospective members.*

### **Circle of Hearts**

**Essex County Junior Woman's Club - Gold**

**Bon Air Junior Woman's Club – Silver**

**Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club - Silver**

## **COMMUNICATION AND IDENTITY – Sharon Goss, Junior Chairman**

**Best Single Project : Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club (*Narrative was not available*)**

**Best Overall: Powhatan Junior Woman's Club** *Powhatan Jrs.-Appointed Community/Identity chairmen, wore nametags with GFWC pins to social events/meetings, displayed banners, maintained Facebook page and website, made and distributed business cards, designed logo T-shirts, oval magnets, and information sheets. A proclamation was prepared and read by the club president at the Board of Supervisors meeting for Federation Day and a commemorative copy of the document was presented by the board.*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project: Midlothian Junior Woman's Club**  
*Midlothian Juniors used radio and TV, as well as newspapers, fliers and the internet to help get the word out about projects such as their annual festival and Cinderella Dreams events.*

**Best Overall: Caroline Junior Woman's Club of GFWC, Inc.**  
*Caroline Jrs Along with displaying a banner at a Little League field and sponsoring one of the teams, Caroline Jrs. participated in social networking through Facebook and Craig's list, maintained a website, and printed and distributed business cards.*

## **GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT- ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN ~ Lacy Whittaker**

### **Small Club Category**

**Best Single Project: GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club**  
*Katie-Dids (a team for a child with cancer)*

**Best Overall : Hanover Junior Woman's Club**  
*For their Junior Achievement Mentor Program*

### **Large Club Category**

**Best Single Project: GFWC Bon Air Junior Woman's Club**  
*Beds for Kids*

**Best Overall: Louisa Junior Woman's Club**  
*For their Tea with the Queen project.*

**JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S BEST OVERALL~ Stacey Garnett, Junior Director**

**Small Club Category: Thomas Jefferson Junior Woman's Club**

*This Club donated personal care items, collected, laundered and delivered gently used children's clothing, donated shoeboxes, held recruitment events, retention activities, collected Campbell soup labels and sponsored one study for HOBY.*

**Large Club Category: GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club**

*This Club sponsored monthly greeting card workshops, participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program, collected used toner/printer ink cartridges, awarded 2 scholarships, adopted a family for Christmas, collected peanut butter and jelly for the Community Cupboard, collected Yoplait lids, assembled Christmas packages for soldiers, did a Pocket Book Bingo and a handbag and Halloween gift set raffle.*