

A COLLECT FOR
CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding
and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each
other face to face, without self-pity
and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment
and always generous.

Let us take time for all things;
make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
straightforward, and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things
in life that create differences,
that in the big things in life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the
great, common human heart of us all,
and, oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

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GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
VIRGINIA

LEE DISTRICT



GFWC ~ IT'S A VOLUNTEER THING!

SPANNING THE AGES

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS VIRGINIA

GFWC Virginia was organized in 1907 to bring into closer unity the women's clubs of Virginia, in order to promote through their common interests the cultural, educational and environmental welfare of the Commonwealth. This administration will build on the accomplishments of Virginia women to lead us into our second century of service. Members of GFWC Virginia are members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), one of the largest women's volunteer organization in the world. GFWC, an international organization, has more than 100,000 members with approximately 4000 clubs across the globe.

WHO ARE WE?

We are a volunteer organization with members willing to help meet the needs of today, and whose purpose is to work cooperatively giving service in our local communities, state and world. Members are at least 18 years of age and participate through both General and Junior Clubs. Juniorette Clubs are comprised of high school students and sponsored by a federated club who attends their meetings as an advisor.

LEE DISTRICT was formed in 1925. Lee District is the second largest of the eight districts in GFWC Virginia. Stretching from Fluvanna County to the Chesapeake Bay, it is comprised of more than 1,355 members in 31 General clubs and 17 Junior clubs for a total of 48 clubs in the district. Lee clubwomen participated in 1922 projects, in 105,779 hours and raised \$490,735.90 in the 2007-2008 club year.

WHAT DO WE DO?

GFWC Virginia District Project – In 1970, the wife of Governor Linwood Holton, opened the Executive Mansion for tours. This became a Lee District Project and district clubwomen have served as docents since that time. In 1984, Governor Charles Robb presented Lee District with a certificate in appreciation for 14 years of service as Executive Mansion Docents.

Other Opportunities for service are provided in the following six departments:

THE ARTS

Art for Youth, Community Art, Literature, Photography, Performing Arts

CONSERVATION

Community Beautification, Resource Conservation/Litter Prevention, Environmental Education

EDUCATION

Lifelong Learning, Literacy, Libraries, School Issues, Scholarships

HOME LIFE

Financial Planning/Responsibility, Helping Hands to Improve the Lives of Others (Easter Seals, Canine Companions, Habitat for Humanity), Women's Health Issues

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reaching Out Internationally to Support Organizations such as CARE, Operation Smile; Cultural Exchange, United Nations Program (UNICEF, UN Education)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Historic Preservation, Safety

Also, a President's Special Project that focuses on special emphasis of GFWC.

WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

- Development of public libraries
- Support of Operation Smile
- Provided scholarship and student loan funds
- Sponsorship of Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation
- Advocates for children
- Supported Canine Companions for Independence by purchasing dogs for the handicapped
- Funded programs and facilities for people with disabilities, with major support for Easter Seals
- Provided guides for school children at State Fair of Virginia
- Established nation's first art mobile
- Stressed leadership development for members and youth

WHAT CAN FEDERATION DO FOR YOU?

Through their volunteer service, GFWC members have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, exchange ideas and form lifelong friendships. There is a unique opportunity for community service in an organized group which derives much of its strength from "Unity in Diversity". As members of a federated club, women can join forces with others to have a major impact on their community, state and nation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Women interested in membership should contact a district club member or district officer or visit the district website: www.leedistrict.org for information regarding the Membership Chairmen.