

Leadership

Small Clubs Best Overall - River City Junior Woman's Club

This club had 2 members attend GFWC VA LEADS, had members serve at the district level, and members attended many district and state meetings.

Small Clubs Best Single Project Winner - Ladies in Purpose JWC

Donated a mystery pouch that proved to be very popular at the fall district meeting, raising \$210 with this single donation.

Large Clubs Best Overall - Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg

This club held a transition meeting for past officers to give information to incoming board members, held an installation dinner, and had an active nominating committee.

Large Clubs Best Single Project Winner - Louisa JWC

Club held a meeting to plan upcoming events and had a Community Enhancement Project for each month.

International Outreach

Community Service Program Large Club - the JWC of Williamsburg was the Best Overall .:

Description: Paid the entire \$525 registration fee for a high-schooler to attend the Model UN, donated baby carriers to Syrian refugees, and contributed to CARE.

International Outreach - Partners

Heifer International - Single Best Project for their donation to Heifer International - JWC of Williamsburg

Operation Smile - Single Best Project for their donation to Operation Smile- JWC of Williamsburg

Membership

SMALL CLUBS (1- 10) ***OUTSIDE JUDGE USED FOR BOTH SMALL CLUB AWARDS***

BEST OVERALL: GFWC River City JWC

This club held three club socials and recruitment events including an ice cream social, First Fridays RVA art exhibit, and a wine glass paint night. Four members joined the club this year. Members were recognized at meetings with valentines and flowers to show appreciation for their service. A new member gift was instituted this year as a way to welcome new members into the club.

Best Single Project Winner: Wine Glass Paint Social – GFWC River City JWC

This club planned a wine glass paint night as both a social for current members and a recruitment event for potential members. Wine glasses and paint were provided and a current member offered her artistic expertise as a guide. All current members and three guests attended. Everyone painted a wine glass and enjoyed sharing information about the club and GFWC.

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL: Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester

This club completed projects for member recruitment, retention, and recognition. A new member social was held and 25 potential members attended. Twenty-five new members officially joined this club in 2017. Members connected at a Sign Making social and through the creation of a pictorial directory. Members were recognized on their birthdays and received a gift bag. A member of the month was selected and the club's sign was placed in the member's front yard.

Best Single Project Winner: Pictorial Directory – Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester

This club has grown considerably over the last two years. In order to help all members get to know each other, a pictorial directory was created that included a picture of each member as well as details about them like their spouse, children, hometown, hobbies, birthday, and how long they've been in the club.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

SMALL CLUBS (1-10)

BEST OVERALL - GFWC Ladies In Purpose JWC

Brought food and household items to the Lee District Annual Meeting for donation to a local domestic violence shelter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Best Single Project Winner: GFWC River City JWC

Members brought decorative baskets and essential items to club meeting and filled welcome baskets for new residents at Safe Harbor.

PARTNERSHIP – Prevent Child Abuse America - Best Single Project Winner: GFWC Ladies In Purpose JWC

Set up a pinwheel garden at the entrance of the Henrico Police Station. Assisted with planting the garden at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Posted information to help spread the word.

NOTE: NO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM LARGE CLUBS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM: Advocates for Children

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program

River City Junior Woman's Club

Raised money for St Jude through their own cookie jar sale; partnered with a general club to do so as well as walking for St Jude and having the state junior director in to talk about her personal experiences with St Jude.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner:

Ashcake Woman's Club

Raised over \$1,000 for scholarships to the local YMCA

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner:

Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

The club raised over \$2,300 for St Jude through participation in a Radiothon and other projects.

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-44)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program

Goochland Woman's Club

Sponsored camperships and donations to St Jude.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner:

None

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner:

Henry Clay Woman's Club

Had a speaker come in and speak about her direct impact by St Judes, as well as raising funds for the cause

LARGE CLUBS (41+)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program

Woman's Club of Powhatan

Made backpacks for children, worked with the courts for children in need, and raised awareness for DARE.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner:

Junior Women's Club of Chester

Visited schools to campaign against the dangers of driving and texting

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner: None

Health

SMALL CLUBS (1-10)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program

GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club

This club took action to help members of two clubs learn about and promote preventive medical care and healthy habits with both of their projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club

This club held an educational meeting where they had a speaker present about preventive testing and visits to their primary care physicians. The members took action on this information and many ended up seeing their doctors for an annual wellness exam.

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner:

NONE REPORTED

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program

Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club participated in five projects that ranged from donations, chemo care bags, sponsoring youth athletic teams, sponsoring a 5 K and implementing their "Support Hope Ribbon" project where they honor, support and remember those who have won/lost battles with cancer. (great project...ask them about it when you get a chance!)

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club supported Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center where one of their members received treatment during her battle with cancer. A poem was included in each bag touching on each item. Bags included lemon drops, socks, deck of cards, and so many other items that space does not allow.

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner:

NONE REPORTED

Home Life

SMALL CLUBS (1-10)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program GFWC Ladies In Purpose Junior Woman's Club

This club had a local mobile clothing truck come to one of the member's homes and invited guest could shop for merchandise. Members supplied refreshments and with 10% of all sales donated to them, they were able to donate \$80 to a local food bank. This club also donated 24 cans of food for local food banks at the GFWC Conference.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: GFWC River City Junior Woman's Club

This club purchased and cooked a meal for 75 hungry people (some homeless) at a local park. The club spent \$100 and the members enjoyed helping those in need.

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner:

Nothing Reported

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program

GFWC Louisa Junior Woman's Club

This club spent \$150 and supplied needed items to a local 17 year old with cancer. The members pitched in with \$120 worth of items also. They collaborated with a local school on their Community Service Project and donated \$584.76 worth of clothing to women who had been incarcerated and were trying to find a job as well as to battered women trying to enter the workforce. They provided a meal and a supply of paper products for 25 people staying at the local Ronald McDonald House. They also adopted a family in financial need and donated \$313 to help them pay their rent.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: Junior Woman's Club of Chester

This club was asked by a local food bank to set up a games station at the very first Back Pack Party. The club members manned the games, greeted the children and distributed back packs. They had secured 150 of \$6 children's meals from Chick-Fil-A and distributed these to the

children as well. The club spent \$25 for this project and since the project is scheduled to be annual – they have a foot in the door to assist each year hereafter.

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner: Nothing Reported

Fundraising and Development

SMALL CLUBS (1- 10)

BEST OVERALL

Best Single Project Winner: River City JWC

Sold “Cookie in a Jar” kits. Members purchased the ingredients, assembled the jars, attached the recipe.

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL Junior Woman’s Club of Williamsburg

Fundraisers included Brews that Benefit, Whistle Belly Virginia Craft Beer Festival, Art on the Square, and Santa Breakfast. Art on the Square had 170 artists and craftsmen participating this year. Members plan, organize, set-up and breakdown the show.

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

Project was Mary’s Charity Ball, “Boots and Bling” Project honored their past president. They sold 314 tickets and has a silent and a live auction.

Education

SMALL CLUBS (1-10)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program GFWC RIVER CITY JWC

This club joined with a general club to take three children on a shopping trip for school clothes and filled back packs with school supplies.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: GFWC LADIES IN PURPOSE JWC

This club helped with teacher and student supplies after a local elementary school was damaged by fire and water.

PARTNERSHIP Best Single Project Winner: N/A

BRIEF DESCRIPTION (25 Words or less)

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB OF WILLIAMSBURG

DESCRIPTION (25 Words or less) This club set up a book exchange for first graders, donated to numerous school libraries and media centers. They funded school supplies and awarded scholarships.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: GFWC LOUISA JWC

BRIEF DESCRIPTION (25 Words or less) This club worked with a high school Leadership Class planning and marketing a county pageant, sponsored scholarships, college survival boxes and funded a school prom.

Arts

SMALL CLUBS (1-10)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program : No Award

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: GFWC River City JWC

Club Members participated in an enriching cultural fashion exhibit learning about design trends and their relationship to other art movements.

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL per CSP Program Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg

Club members awarded art scholarships, donated musical equipment, uniforms, art supplies, sent choir students to concert in NY, and taught young children about art.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project Winner: Louisa Junior Woman's Club

Club members made and decorated inspirational note cards of hope and love for members of an adult day care center.

Communication and Public Relations

SMALL CLUBS (1-10 Members)

Best Overall: River City Junior Women's Club - This club tried new things in 2017 - A brand new website and new newsletter, a Club Google calendar and utilized outside resources with weblinks to LEE, GFWC- VA and GFWC sites.

Best Single Project: No winner.

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

Best Overall: Powhatan Junior Women's Club - Between custom license plate, name tags to website and Facebook presence, this club know how to brand their club.

Best Single Project: No winner.

Women's History & Resource Center

SMALL CLUBS (1- 10)

BEST OVERALL – GFWC River City JWC

This club gave a trivia quiz to members during a meeting. They also purchased & displayed a GFWC History Timeline to help current members learn and to help recruit new members.

Best Single Project Winner: - None Awarded

LARGE CLUBS (11+)

BEST OVERALL – None Awarded

Best Single Project Winner: - Midlothian Junior Women's Club

This club compiled an electronic yearbook of members to help them get to know one another. This scrapbook also helps serve as a historical club document, and helps members in new roles connect with members who previously held those roles.