

2022
GFWC VIRGINIA LEE DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS AND SUMMARIES
(Based on Projects completed in 2021)

ADVANCEMENT AREA - Communications and Public Relations, Chairman: Joan Krenzir

SMALL CLUBS (1 – 20)

BEST OVERALL: Pamunkey Woman's Club

Completed a club profile to be given to guests/prospective members, has articles about club events published in local newspaper and has a great Facebook page.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: NONE

MEDIUM CLUBS: (21 – 29)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

Meets all CPR objectives. Has a Facebook page and website for its annual walk/run plus a Facebook page for its members; zoom meetings; Federation logos in publications; utilizes email communications.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

Does a lot of advertising/signage for its Harvest Run/Pumpkin Walk in which the club name and federation affiliation is always displayed.

LARGE CLUBS (30 +)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

Great Facebook page and website; local newspaper is used to reach the public; utilized zoom meetings; meets all CPR objectives.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

Participated in their local parade where they spread the news about their club with signage and distributed membership material to those in the streets.

ADVANCEMENT AREA - Leadership, Chairman: Sally Cary

SMALL CLUBS (1 – 20)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club

This club has members on the District, State and GFWC levels. They were present at Lee District meetings, GFWC meetings, GFWC Convention and South Eastern Region meeting. They have a newsletter, file exchange and have discussions about Federation.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: no winner

MEDIUM CLUBS: (21 – 29)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Varina Woman's Club

This club held a Federation information meeting, they made a scrapbook for their club, celebrated Federation Day by telling a person not in the club about Federation and their club.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

This club held a Federation Program about the history of Lee District. The program was presented by Lee District 1st Vice-President.

LARGE CLUBS (30 +)

BEST OVERALL: The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC

This club offers 2 special awards to Lee District clubs. They presented a play of the History of Woman's Clubs at the Lee District Fall Meeting. A Club Yearbook is prepared each year. They held ZOOM meetings during COVID.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

This club has their chairman and officers prepare their reports for the club meeting ahead of time and these are sent out to members before the meeting, so as to save some time with the meeting so the members have time to work on projects that the club wants to do.

ADVANCEMENT AREA - Membership,

Chairman: Brenda Jennette

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC CAPITOL WOMAN'S CLUB

Wedding Memories, Bingo Night with repurposed gifts as prizes. Recreated a Miller & Rhodes Tea with models wearing 1960's clothing, began day meetings, had a Back to Club Pizza Night.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: PAMUNKEY WOMAN'S CLUB

Calls Roll at meetings, members answer a different question each month to "Get to Know You", then after meetings they go to lunch for fellowship.

MEDIUM CLUBS: (21 – 29)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC ASHCAKE WOMAN'S CLUB

"Oscars" at Annual Celebration, Newsletter articles about their mothers or fathers, New Year's Day Party in August to kick off new club year. Went to Maymont, Graves MT, District Spring/Holiday Trips.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB

All members were treated to Valentine Bags, National Volunteer Week Bags, Easter Potted Plants, and Birthday Bags.

LARGE CLUBS (30 +)

BEST OVERALL: WOMAN'S CLUB OF POWHATAN COUNTY

Use a Visitor's Book for guests then follow-up, a committee to arrange outings, a Paint Party, Annual Luncheon at a local nursery, recognize birthdays, and give Service Pins.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC GOOCHLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

Revamped their printed Club Trifold to reflect the new names of CSP's. These are given to new members, guests, and members to recruit.

ADVANCEMENT AREA - Legislation and Public Policy,

Chairman: Lynne Wherry

SMALL CLUBS (1 – 20)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club

This club encouraged members to join GFWC's Legislative Action Center to support equity for women service members. This led to a club discussion of Sara Hammel's novel, The Spring Ones, a compelling story of determined effort made by 46 civilian women to bring equal rights to women in the military and a donation to the Women in Military Service America Foundation.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: No Winner

MEDIUM CLUBS: (21 – 29)

BEST OVERALL: Henry Clay Woman’s Club of GFWC

The club’s Legislation Chair researched and shared the top 10 laws that changed in Virginia in 2021 and published them in their club newsletter.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club

Members attended an election integrity presentation by Chris Piper of the Virginia Department of Elections hosted by a neighboring club.

LARGE CLUBS (30 +)

BEST OVERALL The Tri-Club Woman’s Club

The club Legislative Chairman kept the club informed on new/old laws, reminded members of the importance of the COVID vaccine, presented officers running for the Virginia election, reported voting polls and the outcome of elections. This club wrote letters and made phone calls to their US Senators and US House of Representatives asking their support on several issues GFWC made available in their Legislative Center.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: no winner

ADVANCEMENT AREA - Fundraising

Chairman: Carol Outten

SMALL CLUBS (1 – 20)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Capitol Women’s Club

Bean Soup Project; These hardworking Ladies continued their **Bean Soup Project** assembling and selling 160 bags of beans tied and decorated for the holiday with the recipe for stove top/crockpot attached.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT: GFWC Regency Women’s Club

Silent Auction: This Club held a “Christmas Gathering” Silent Auction. Members donated random items, “re-gifts” baked goods, crafts, and donated items from businesses. Members enjoyed bidding on these items during their Holiday party and simultaneously raising funds.

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club

Ashland Harvest Run: This Club sponsored the 18th Annual “Ashland Harvest Run” 10k/5k. Members coordinated efforts with representatives of this year’s participants throughout the entire project, encouraging them to support the Race with volunteers, runners, and advertisement.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT : GFWC Varina Woman’s Club

Brunswick Stew Sales. This club held two Brunswick Stew Sales (May/October) selling 455 quarts of stew. Members spent many hours cutting vegetables and chicken, stirring stew, packaging, and delivering to customers.

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL: Woman's Club of Essex County GFWC

Farmers Market; over the course of the summer, the club used this venue to promote the sale of books, handmade Christmas ornaments, a homemade quilt produced by a member and raffled a large fall themed decorative basket.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT : GFWC Goochland Woman’s Club

Murder Mystery Dinner; Club members and guests participated in this “who done it” assuming actual parts in the show, "Recipe for Murder". Held at a local restaurant, the activities included a social hour, dinner and 50/50 raffle.

ADVANCEMENT AREA - Women’s History and Resource Center, Chairman: Hope Royer

SMALL CLUBS (1 – 20)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Kanawha Woman’s Club

Projects promoting women’s history included: newsletter articles, reports at club meetings, updating the club history, programs on GFWC Headquarters, Sara Hammel’s *The Strong Ones* and women in the military. Donations were made to WIMSA, Wreaths Across America and GFWC’s WHRC.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Kanawha Woman’s Club

Five wreaths were purchased from Wreaths Across America to be laid on “Wreath Day, 2021” in Arlington National Cemetery at club selected grave sites of five women pioneers in American history.

MEDIUM CLUBS: (21 – 29)

BEST OVERALL: GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club

Projects promoting women’s history included: newsletter articles, reports at club meetings, programs on GFWC and local history; updating the club history and a donation to the local historical society.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT WINNER: GFWC Ashcake Woman’s Club

Members celebrated Women’s History Month at the March club meeting with a program on the history of three GFWC International Past Presidents from Virginia. Archive photos from the GFWC WHRC were included.

LARGE CLUBS (30 +) No Award

BEST OVERALL:

WEBSITE Chairman: Pat Jeffress

First: Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg

Second: Junior Federated Club Woman's Club of Chester

Third: GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

Honorable Mention: GFWC Varina Woman's Club

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Jeannette T. Ellis Award

by The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC
Presented to GFWC Varina Woman's Club

The GFWC Goochland/Behrens Education Award
by GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

Presented to: **Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester**

This club was chosen for their passion for children and education. They supported students in need in Chesterfield County and participated in projects, such as a Game Night to support the elementary school, STEM baskets and were very active in the Chesterfield Schools Head Start Program.

Alex's Friends "Helping Children in Crisis"
by Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club
Presented to: GFWC Regency Woman's Club

The Edna Holsclaw Health Award
by GFWC Hermitage Woman's Club
Presented to: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

Members were active and engaged in contributing to causes—80%. There were 421 hours of real active participation. Donations were at \$5950 which is the 2nd highest. Members were active in the community choosing unique charities to support. They used funds from an annual fundraiser to help 3 charities. These funds were raised through action of the members.

The Eloise Engledove Membership Memorial Award
_ by Lee District

Presented to: **GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club**

The Sandi Shamblin Memorial Conservation Award
by GFWC Worthington Woman's Club
Presented to: GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

The GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club Award
by GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club
Presented to: GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club

The Joan Paris Historical Preservation Award
by The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC
Presented to: GFWC Varina Woman's Club

Circle of Hearts

Gold **GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club**
 GFWC Worthington Woman's Club

Silver **GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club**
 GFWC Varina Woman's Club
 Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC
 The Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC
 GFWC Regency Woman's Club

Bronze The Tri Club Woman's Club