

**Lee District Special Awards for the 2020 Club Year Presented March 20, 2021**

**Special Awards**

**Alex's Friends – “Children in Crisis” - Given by the Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club**

Presenting this award is Kathy Theado, President, Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club.

The winner is **GFWC Regency Woman's Club**. Regency supported several efforts throughout the club year. Most strikingly Regency supported both the UNF Shot@Life Campaign whose mission is to make sure children around the world get life-saving vaccines and the World Pediatric Project which focuses on healing critically ill children and builds healthcare capacity around the world.

**Jennette T. Ellis Award – Given by Woman's Club of Essex County, GFWC**

Presenting this award is President Bess Haile

This award is given to the General Woman's Club judged to have done the most outstanding work in the field of visual arts in their club and community. We selected the The Tri Club for their many arts projects. Most impressive of their many projects was their donation of over 250 items of protective clothing and masks that club members made for front line workers in the community.

**The Joan Paris Historical Preservation Award – Given by Woman's Club of Essex County GFWC**

Presenting this award is President Bess Haile.

*GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club* did an outstanding job with over 40 projects in honoring, celebrating and documenting the vital roles women have played in their club history, GFWC history, and American history. Their updated club history and digital program has been preserved and distributed among club members. This included a presentation on woman's suffrage at a Lee District meeting on the eve of the 100<sup>th</sup> presidential election 100 years after women in Virginia were first allowed to vote.

**The Eloise Engledove Membership Memorial Award – given by Lee District**

Presenting this award is Second Vice-President/Membership Chair Brenda Jennette.

This club hosted a new member outdoor social which was successful in increasing their membership. They created a Secret Sister Gift Exchange. recognized a Clubwoman of the Month throughout the year, awarded their “SHE” Award to one outstanding member, set up meal trains for members who were new moms, and delivered “Birthday Babe” gifts each month all while continuing to meet virtually and keeping in contact with their monthly newsletter. Congratulations to the Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester

**The GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club Award for the Awareness and Prevention of Domestic Violence - Given by GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club.**

Presenting this award is Second Vice-President Johanna Schuchert

This year's winning club of 33 members partnered with its local family service agency which provided support for many citizens including domestic violence survivors. They provided items for the food pantry through a Reversed Advent Calendar Food Drive, on-line food ordering, drive-by food collections, and cash donations for additional foods. They helped with registration, administering domestic violence cases and preparing Safe Houses for clients, provided major financial support for Safe Harbor domestic violence shelter. They raised \$2,500 for the "Walk IT-to-End It" fundraiser for their human trafficking shelter, and participated in Giving Tuesday to raise additional funds for the domestic violence shelter, and filled a unique need by donating 11 sports bras in varying sizes. Congratulations to the **GFWC Goochland Woman's Club**.

**The Sandi Shamblin Memorial Conservation Award – Given by GFWC**

**Worthington Woman's Club.** Presenting this award is President Debbie Wolfe.

The winner of this award is **GFWC Goochland Woman's Club**. This club supported the Goochland Pet Lovers and the Goochland Animal Shelter by helping to fundraise for the organizations, donated items such as food, towels, blankets, and used Amazon Smile to donate money from their purchases. This club raised awareness of the importance of recycling and energy saving. They are saving wine corks for \$.02 per cork through cork club.org to donate money to conservation non-profits.

**GFWC Goochland/Behrens Education Award – Given by the GFWC Goochland Woman's Club.** Presenting this award is President Jane Polk.

This club provided three \$1500 scholarships - two to graduating seniors and one to an outstanding student in the Vocational Tech program. They showed appreciation to teachers by taking bags of healthy snacks, treats and personal items to the 6 staff rooms and 118 boxes of tissues to elementary schools during the cold and flu season. They supported reading by providing each elementary school with 15 Dr. Seuss books, 72 Cat in the Hat bookmarks and Dr. Seuss stickers, donated 20 *Kits for Kids* filled with storybooks, Beanie Babies, activity books, coloring books and supplies for creative drawing and writing and supported the YMCA Bright Beginnings program with a donation of \$200. Members were encouraged to join the Friends of the Library organization, and a \$300 donation was made to the county library. **Congratulations to the Woman's Club of Powhatan County, Inc**

**The Edna Holsclaw Memorial Health Award – Given by the GFWC Hermitage Woman's Club.** This award is presented by President Linda Holsclaw.

**JUNIOR WINNER ~ JUNIOR FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB of CHESTER:** This club completed 9 different projects with 40 members participating a total of 125 volunteer hours. A total of \$6,190 was donated plus \$3,613 in-kind donations (no club funds were used). The health and wellness projects they focused on were *Bosom Buddies*, *Susan B Komen Walk*, the *Walk to End Alzheimer's*, the *Chesterfield Food Bank*, the *Doorways*, *Thanksgiving basket*, *Grace House* and *Safe Harbor*.

**GENERAL WINNER ~ HENRY CLAY WC:** This club participated in 10 projects with 30 members working 107 volunteer hours. A total of \$294 was donated with \$554 in-kind donations. The health and wellness projects they focused on were *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*, *Alpha House* (an Alzheimer's residential unit), *Hanover Interfaith Free Clinic*, the *Ronald McDonald House*, *Virginia Voice*, *Saint Joseph's Villa*, *River*

*City Stars* (a special needs cheerleading squad), *Wings of Hope Ranch* (a Christian ministry that rescues neglected horses and rehabilitates them to provide therapy for troubled youth, *Shot@Life*, and *Moments of Hope Outreach* (a non-profit) organization giving Hope to homeless or poverty stricken neighbors by providing meals, supplies, and health screenings).