



# NEWS & VIEWS



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## From the President:

Dear GFWC DSFWC Clubwomen,

March is Women's History Month, but April with our spring teas and luncheons is also a good time to remember our GFWC DSFWC heritage. Oh how the clubwomen of the 1900s loved their Reciprocity teas and luncheons. Spring was a time for dusting off winter and coming out to Club. They were no different than us.

The other day my phone rang and it was a reporter from a local newspaper. His first question was "as President of GFWC Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, why does your organization celebrate women's history month and why is it so important. Why celebrate women's history?" That question took me by surprise because I thought it would be obvious.

Yes, to me it was obvious. We honor and remember DSFWC clubwomen during Women's History Month because the women who came before us wanted a better quality of life for their children and their community and they were willing to work for it and make it happen. The clubwomen who came before us were just like us. By studying our Club histories, we can feel a kindred spirit with these women. We can gain understanding of how they solved the problems of their day and we can use that knowledge to do exactly

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## HONOR YOUR CLUBWOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THEIR LOVE AND DEDICATION

Oral history is a method of obtaining and preserving the spoken memories and perspectives of a woman with first hand knowledge of past Club events. Oral history provides current and past GFWC DSFWC members with a historic voice and preserves the Club history for future generations. Through oral history interviews, GFWC DSFWC members share their experience, enabling other members and researchers to better understand what it means to be a member of the GFWC Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs. Why not have a "Pass the Mike" meeting where all the members talk about the good times of your Club's history! All you need is a tape recorder, the members and lots of tea and food! For guidelines and step by step instructions contact Jane Folz, 703-303-2114, or WHRC at GFWC.org.

## LEADERSHIP

Good leaders find creative strategies to keep spirits up and develop teamwork! Being a leader means you will be faced with the responsibility of building or maintaining morale for your members. As the club role model keep your demeanor positive and energized. In other words keep those hugs and smiles coming for all your Club members.

what they did, raise the quality of life in our communities and ensure our children and grandchildren will have boundless opportunities for their lives.

In honor of all GFWC Delaware State Federation Clubwomen, past and present, below are excerpts from a speech given by Mrs. Walter Powell, former President of the Dover Century Club and Past Delaware State Federation President. Reprinted from Delaware Clubwoman, January, 1932

“Why I am proud to be a club woman. It is worth while, its object and purpose is united effort toward peace, charity, and everything that promotes the highest interests of our homes, towns, and states –in other words service, or love in action. ... Clubs are a service chain linking women to community, state, nation, world. ...

Our inspiration is from the past. Our duty is with the present. Our hope is in the future.”

Why do we celebrate Women’s History, because our Clubs’ worth in the community service our members do then and now, is worth it.

The women of Sussex County invite you to the 116<sup>th</sup> GFWC DSFWC Convention “By the Sea” at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Come and join your clubwomen sisters in celebrating why it’s great to be a Delaware State Federation Clubwoman. The Call is printed further on in this newsletter. Please send in your registration today and make your reservations at the hotel and come and enjoy the fun. Also, for the first time this year, the Call will not be mailed to the members. Please pass the call on to all Club members. Also the Call will be on the DSFWC website: GFWCdelaware.org

Dream It Wish It Do It

Create the Moment in Federation Service

Jane Folz, President  
GFWC Delaware State Federation of Women’s Clubs

## GFWC PARTNERS ANNOUNCE NEW PROJECTS

### USO backyard BBQs fundraisers

USO will provide a BBQ planning toolkit which includes all your Club needs to host a USO BBQ fundraiser. More information is at GFWC.org or contact your local USO office.

### American Mural Project

As a tribute to our men and women who have served in the Armed Forces the American Mural project has dedicated a section to the US Military. They are currently collecting uniform nametags or unit patches. If a club wishes to support this American Mural project, all the details are at GFWC.org under Arts partnership program, American mural project, or you can contact Liz Doddmeade at [Doddmea@aol.com](mailto:Doddmea@aol.com) or 860-364-2605 for additional information.

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Looking to the future;  
GFWC Conventions

2014-June 21-24-Chandler, AZ  
2015 - Memphis TN – Marriott  
2016 - Baltimore MD - Marriott



**GFWC FIRST  
VICE-  
PRESIDENT  
Sheila Shea**

*We are pleased and honored to have Sheila Shea, GFWC First Vice President, as our GFWC Delaware State Federation guest at our 116<sup>th</sup> Delaware State Convention. Sheila hails from Massachusetts and is an active member of her Club as well as serving as GFWC First Vice President.*

*Sheila will be with us for the entire convention. She will be the honored guest at the VIA pre convention reception on Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning for all the members, she will be conducting a work shop, Gardens of Beautiful Leaders. Thursday evening she will be the keynote speaker at the banquet*

**Jessie Green Candidate for DSFWC Finance Committee from Kent County**

I was born and raised in Georgia, after High School, I attended and graduated from the Atlanta Business College in Atlanta Georgia. I attended Army leadership Course, Army Management Course, Army Administrative Course. Army strategic Planning Course.

I am married and have three adult children. We are a Military family. I was a Government Civil Servant until I retired January 3, 2013. I worked for the Army as a Budget Analyst estimating, executing and management of 192 million dollar budgets.

In 2010, I joined the Rising Sun Community Club which is in my community. I became Chairperson of Public Issues, my first community service was Vases for Vets, and we successfully delivered 270 vases to all of the veterans' hospital in the Delaware area.



**Henrietta Belcher-Stack Candidate for GFWC-DSFWC President elect**

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

Trustar Guarantee and Trust Co

WSFS Bank  
National Sales Manager Reverse Mortgages Services  
2008-2011  
AVP Millsboro and Selbyville Branches 2011-Present  
Accomplishments  
Certified Sr. Advisor  
Certified Reverse Mortgage Prof

**VOLUNTEER CAREER**

PTA Chairman  
University of Delaware Parents Board of Directors 1991-1995  
GFWC LEADS Graduate 2010  
GFWC-WCIR Past President 2007-2008  
GFWC-Zwaanendael Women's Club President 2010-2012  
GFWC-DSFWC Home Life Financial Issues Chairperson 2008-2010  
GFWC-DSFWC LEADS and Leadership Chairperson 2010-2012  
GFWC-DSFWC Treasurer 2010-2012  
GFWC-MAR Past Convention Chairperson 2009  
American Heart Association Go Red 2007-2013  
GFWC DSFWC Sussex County Vice President 2012-2014

**GFWC Annual Convention:**

Florida is Calling, Sun, Fun and Friendship  
June 30-July 2, 2013.

The Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa: [www.DiplomatResort.com/GFWC](http://www.DiplomatResort.com/GFWC) Room Block Page  
phone 954-602-6000

## The Avon Club of Felton's 70 year member Elva Warren

Elva was honored by the Avon Club of Felton for her longstanding service to the Avon Club and to the Felton Community.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to **Elva** and she received cards and notes of appreciation from members at the annual Avon Christmas Luncheon.

**Elva Warren** joined the Avon Club of Felton in **1943** and has been an active member for the past **70 years** while holding various leadership positions, and generously donating her financial support, her time, and energy to the "Avon" programs, projects and fundraisers.

## **GFWC WOMEN'S CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER**



Vice President Jackie Horst has been awarded Exemplary School Coordinator Award for her support of mentoring throughout the state and our WCIR has received Exemplary Community Partner Award which was presented on Jan. 23 at the Dover Sheraton.

Left to right after receiving our awards, member Elaine Burns, Pres. Muriel Pfeiffer and VP Jackie Horst at the Sheraton Hotel.

Members Left to right Pres. Muriel Pfeiffer, newest member Kaye Womax and Past Pres. Judy Kirkey got together to make "no sew" blankets which at this point is an ongoing project We are waiting for some of our "Snow Birds" to return And our next project will be the First Night Bags.



We attended Federation Day on March 2 and had a great time.

At our March meeting Past DSFWC Pres. Sandy Roberts installed 4 new members and we will be continuing to meet throughout the Summer. Pictured left to right at their installation: Betty Hudson, Barbara Lewandowski, Diane Pfahl and Eileen Betty with Sandy Roberts.





## GFWC ZWAANENDAEL WOMEN'S CLUB

At our January meeting we discussed a project to study gun control Issues and the lack of mental illness services as a result of the Newtown tragedy and the subsequent study President Obama commissioned. This brief was prepared by member Dottie Pepe. Also at this meeting Maxine McWhorter Ungerbuehler spoke to the related topic of bullying.



Two new members were inducted into the Z club. Left to right Ann Marie Rooney, Pres. Jo Anne Koehler and Karen Caulk.



New Members were installed at our Feb. meeting. Left to right Maureen Slivka, Pres. JoAnne Koehler and Madeline Masi

Upcoming events are The Tulip Festival and open House on April 13 from 10 – 3. Z Club Women's club

President's luncheon to be held at the Indian River Yacht Club on April 16 at noon.

April 30 a Victorian Tea at the Club house from 1 -3 for more info 947-1233.

*You are invited to attend the closing ceremony and luncheon on*

*Sunday May 19, 2013*

*at the Dover Sheraton*

*Cost \$20.00*

*Mail you check to*

*Judy Palmer*

*701 Cox Neck Road*

*New Castle, DE 19720*



**HOBY Seminar**  
**May 17-19, 2013**

**Wesley College**  
**Dover, DE**

**HOBY needs your help-make a donation by April 15 to be included in the program book**

**make your check payable to**

**HOBY DE**  
**and mail to**  
**Judy Palmer**  
**701 Cox Neck Road**  
**New Castle, DE 19720**

## VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Renovations on the Village Improvement Association clubhouse are now complete and a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on March 17 to celebrate the occasion. State, county and local officials, those who contributed to fundraising efforts, friends of the VIA, and members attended the event.

The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce presented the VIA with its most prestigious award, the Mae Hall-McCabe Award on January 24, 2013. This award honors service to the community. In the photo, VIA President Carolyn Billingsley accepts the award from Chamber presenter Mike Meoli.

VIA welcomed 7 new members at the February 13 meeting and one new member at the March 13 meeting.



On February 9 several VIA ladies with trucks and vans helped to move the family that the VIA has adopted into their new home provided through the Community Resource Center. VIA mentors continue to give assistance.



New member 3/13 - Irene Paonessa

New members at the 2/13 meeting

Left to Right: Linda Moreau, Claudia Alesi, Roxanne Nelson, Gail Geno, Sue Scaglione  
VIA Membership Chair, Lea Peter, Mary Ellen Kenney, Bernie Polinski

The Village Improvement Association (VIA) is sponsoring a *Seaside Art Show* featuring Clothesline Art on Saturday, May 18, 2013, from 9am to 4pm on the clubhouse grounds at Boardwalk and Grenoble Place. The event will also feature a Juried Fine Arts and Crafts show and a Silent Auction. A Wine & Cheese Tasting and a Live Auction will follow the art show. A Rehoboth Art League mini-exhibit will highlight former VIA artists. There is a \$5 charitable donation admission.

The Art Show will benefit the Capital Campaign fund.

For more information visit [www.rehobothbeachvia.org](http://www.rehobothbeachvia.org) or call 302-644-2264 or 240-409-8800.



**GFWC Middle Atlantic**  
**"Step Forward and Grow"**  
**Delaware Conference**  
**October 3 - 6, 2013**  
**Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel**  
**New Castle, Delaware**  
(Route I – 95, Airport Rd. Exit)  
**\$139.00 / night with Free Breakfast**

**For Reservations Call**  
**(302) 328 6200 Code - GFWC**

**Hotel Amenities**

Complimentary WiFi  
Indoor Pool & Gym    Outdoor Patio & Terrace  
Full Service Restaurant, Lounge & Bar

**Area Activities**

Tax - Free Shopping at Christiana Mall  
Delaware Park & Casino  
Tax - Free Outlet Shopping (Rehoboth)  
A Trip to the Beach

**Possible Tours**

Brandywine Valley Wine Trail  
Brandywine Valley Art Museums  
Historic New Castle and Odessa  
Estate Homes and Gardens:  
Winterthur, Nemours, Eleutherian Mills, Mt. Cuba

**Tentative Agenda**

Thursday - October 3 rd. Tours & Dinner  
Friday - October 4 th. - Executive & Board Meetings  
Friday - October 4 th - New York Banquet  
Saturday - October 5 th - Opening Session  
Saturday - October 5 th - Pennsylvania & New Jersey Luncheon  
Saturday - October 5 th - Delaware Banquet - Adjournment

**GFWC Region Chorus Performance**  
**LEADS Reception**

## Women's Club of Odessa



Carla Pyle President, Maria Walker Domestic Violence Committee member, Anne Undorf, Child, Inc Administrator And seated is Ginette Malone, Child, Inc., receptionist and

Carla Pyle and the Women's Club of Odessa hosted a "Winter Blahs Coffee" in February at Carla's house. All those invited were asked to donate a pair of slipper socks or slippers for Clild, Inc.

About 70 women attended the coffee and of those 28 were club members.

At the coffee 142 pairs of non-skid socks and slippers were collected.



Auctioneer Carole Coleman, Stephanie Brown (green shirt) as auction runner



Emme Miller, WCO, Anne Hawley, guest and Cindy Angermeier, Rising Sun and DSFWC Recording Secretary, waiting for the auction to begin



Auction in full swing with Janet Butler preparing an item to be sold

The Club holds an auction annually in March, which is known as the "trading of members junk". Each year the first \$500.00 raised is donated to the Stockley Center Auxiliary and the remaining funds to a special project. This year the project is fixing up and refurbishing the cemetery which surrounds the club house. Over 45 people attended the luncheon/ auction and just over \$1,500.00 was raised. Fun and great bargains was had by all.



## CALL FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Article XII. Section 3. The Executive Board, delegates from the clubs in active membership, and one representative of each club or organization in Associate Membership, shall constitute the voting body of the annual meeting.

Section 4. Clubs in active membership shall be entitled to representation.

(a) Clubs with 10 members or more shall be entitled to representation at the Convention as follows: 10 to 50 - 1 delegate; 51 to 100 - 2 delegates; 101 to 150 - 3 delegates; 151 to 200 - 4 delegates; 201 to 250 - 5 delegates.

(b) If less than 10 members, the club president or her representative shall be the representative at GFWC-DSFWC State meetings and Conventions.

(c) The following shall be entitled to vote by virtue of her office: Directors Standing and Special Committee Chairmen, and Past GFWC-DSFWC Presidents.

(d) No delegate shall vote unless wearing a delegate's badge. An alternate, in the absence of her delegate, if wearing a delegate's badge, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of a delegate

Section 5. Members of clubs in ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP and ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS belonging to the GFWC DSFWC may attend the Annual Meeting upon payment of visitor's fees.

May 9 and 10, 2013

THE 116<sup>th</sup> GFWC DSFWC CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Convention Chairman - Rose Marie Patin

Registration - Ruthann Bilowith and Ann McFarland

Credentials - Sue Ockles

Sussex County Vice President - Henrietta Belcher-Stack

Hostesses - Members of Sussex County Clubs

## CONVENTION THEME

### **“By The Beautiful Sea”**

The GFWC Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs will celebrate their 116<sup>th</sup> Convention on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M there will be an Arts Project in a Day presented by Clear Space Theater. We will tour the theater which is located across the street from the hotel. Also, an actors workshop will be presented by actors, singers and dancers from the theater's current production of "Nine to Five." You will take a class that will parallel our Broadway Bound programming where you will receive 25-minute sessions of instruction in music, dance, and acting and will then put all three of these elements of theatre together to produce your own musical number. You will get to work with three professional instructors and will learn all of this to George M. Cohan's "Give My Regards to Broadway".

Take an opportunity to see Dolly Parton's 9 TO 5: The Musical on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

GFWC DSFWC Executive Committee meeting, hotel, 3:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

A Pre-Convention Reception will be held at the Village Improvement Association's newly renovated clubhouse on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. Dress is casual. Dinner on your own.

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. GFWC DSFWC Executive Board Meeting. GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sheila Shea will be conducting a "Gardens of Leadership" Workshop for the Executive Board. All board members should attend, all convention attendees are invited.

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> the 116<sup>th</sup> Convention convenes at 11:00 A.M with the opening luncheon followed by the first business session at 2:30 pm. Our special guest and keynote speaker at our Thursday night banquet will be GFWC First President Elect Sheila Shea. Dress for Thursday's lunch is business casual; Thursday night is semi-formal or formal.

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. will be our Inspirational Breakfast and Celebration of Life. Following breakfast at 10:30 A.M. is the second business session. Friday is business casual.

The Sussex County Club Members invite each one of you to attend the Convention. We join together to take the GFWC Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs forward to enhance the lives of others through community service.

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Members are to make their own room reservations at the Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth Beach, DE at (302) 227-2511 and ask for GFWC Delaware State Federation of Women's Club room rate which is \$109.00 for a king or 2 double beds, plus tax. Deadline to receive this rate is April 8, 2013. Please use Code # 6663 when making your reservations.

## RESERVATIONS

An event, meal and drink reservation form is enclosed. Fill out this form, please enclose a check payable to GFWC- DSFWC and mail to Ruthann Bilowith, 727 Hickman Drive, Millville, DE 19970-9634.

DEADLINE FOR MEAL RESERVATION IS APRIL 19, 2013.

Late fee of \$5.00 extra will be accessed to forms received after April 19, 2013.

## REGISTRATION

The registration desk will be open at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and one hour prior to meal functions. All members of clubs in Active Membership may attend the convention upon payment of registration fee, but do not have voting rights. REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL DELEGATES, ALTERNATIVES AND VISITORS IS \$10.00. NO DELEGATE SHALL REPRESENT MORE THEN ONE ORGANIZATION Vendors will have booths set up on Thursday and Friday. Be sure to shop early!!

Enclosed is a tentative convention schedule of events for your convenience.

# TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| ART PROJECT IN A DAY (meet at hotel to walk to theater)       | 10:00 A.M. |
| Clear Space Productions                                       |            |
| Pay As You Go Lunch at Laura's Sandwich Shop                  | Noon       |
| GFWC DSFWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING                        | 3:30 P.M.  |
| PRE-CONVENTION RECEPTION                                      | 5:00 P.M.  |
| Village Improvement Association Club House (on the boardwalk) |            |

## THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

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| REGISTRATION   | 8:30 A.M.  |
| GFWC DSFWC Executive Board Meeting and <u>Gardens Of Leadership Workshop</u> | 9:30 A.M.  |
| Sheila Shea, GFWC 1st Vice President   |            |
| CONVENTION CONVENES with LUNCH   | 11:00 A.M. |
| Entertainment-The Harmonizers  |            |
| FIRST BUSINESS SESSION   | 2:30 P.M.  |
| RECESS   |            |
| RED CARPET RECEPTION for Sheila Shea, GFWC 1st Vice President                | 5:30 p.m.  |
| BANQUET  | 7:00 P.M.  |
| Keynote Speaker- Sheila Shea, GFWC 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President            |            |
| Entertainment, Mario Rocco   |            |

## FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013

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|---|------------|
| A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND INSPIRATIONAL BREAKFAST | 8:00 A.M.  |
| SECOND BUSINESS SESSION                           | 10:30 A.M. |
| Vocalist, Trisha Julian                           |            |
| ADJOURNMENT                                       | NOON       |

# GFWC DSFWC 116<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION 2013 "BY THE BEAUTIFUL SEA" REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE DATE: APRIL 19, 2013, NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE, LATE FEE OF \$5.00 ADDED AFTER THE DEADLINE OF APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC DSFWC.** Mail along with this form to:

Ruthann Bilowith  
727 Hickman Drive  
Millville, DE 19970-9634

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (  ) First Time Attendee

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GFWC-DSFWC OFFICE OR CHAIRMANSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB OFFICE OR CHAIRMANSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A VOTING DELEGATE? *Please check one* Yes (  ) No (  )

|  |  |
|--|--|
| REGISTRATION FEE                       | _____ \$10 _____ \$5 late fee                                      |
| Wednesday, May 8, 2013                 |  |
| Arts Project in a Day                  | _____ \$10   |
| VIA Reception (reservations required)) | Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| Thursday, May 9, 2013  |  |
| GFWC DSFWC Board Mtg and Workshop                                    |  |
| Gardens of Leadership by GFWC 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Sheila Shea | Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>THURSDAY BUFFET LUNCH</b>   |  |
| Sandwiches, wraps, salad and dessert 11:30 A.M.                      | _____ \$23   |
| DRINK TICKETS (tickets will also be available at each meal)          |  |
| Premium Drinks (Martini, Manhattan, Cosmo, etc.)                     | # _____ \$10 each  |
| Standard Drinks (High Balls, Wine and Imported Beer)                 | # _____ \$8 each   |
| Domestic Beer  | # _____ \$6 each   |
| Total Drink Tickets  | \$ _____   |

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| THURSDAY BUFFET BANQUET                                       |                   |
| Soup, Salad, Salmon, Pork Loin, Vegetable & Dessert 7:00 P.M. | _____ \$36        |
| DRINK TICKETS (tickets will also be available at each meal)   |                   |
| Premium Drinks (Martini, Manhattan, Cosmo, etc.)              | # _____ \$10 each |
| Standard Drinks (High Balls, Wine and Imported Beer)          | # _____ \$8 each  |
| Domestic Beer   | # _____ \$6 each  |
| Total Drink Tickets   | \$ _____          |

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Friday, May 10, 2013            |            |
| <b>FRIDAY PLATED BREAKFAST</b>  |            |
| Traditional Breakfast 8:00 A.M. | _____ \$20 |

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs below:

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| TOTAL | \$ _____ |
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