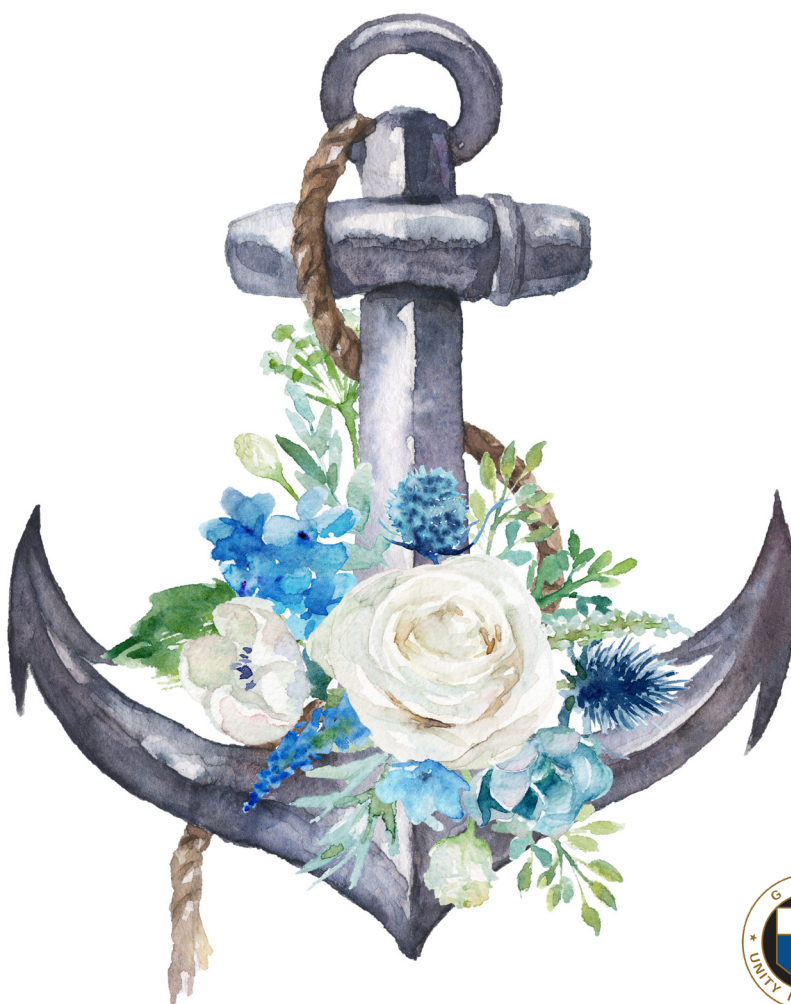


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Board of Directors Meeting Reminder

September 17, 2024

Holly Hills Country Club

5602 Muessetter Road

Ijamsville, Maryland 21754

Clubwoman Connection

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From The President's Desk

Hello Ladies, Friends, Sisters,

I am so excited to be the 2024-2026 Maryland State President. We are going to have a great two years.

Please let me introduce my symbol of the anchor and introduce my theme, "Anchor of Hope" Mental Health Awareness, concentrating on diseases and effects on mental health and lack of facilities in the first year, while concentrating on suicide and mental health in the second year.



During this next administration I will also focus on all the Community Service Programs and the GFWC Signature Program along with the Juniors' Special Project. We are in the process of updating our website and as you can see, are bringing back the Maryland Clubwoman Magazine. I am looking forward to working together as a state to promote leadership, mental health awareness, advocate for children, stop human trafficking, promote education, and instill the EIEIO concept (Encourage, Inspire, Empower, Influence & Opportunity) while having fun and fellowship. I am honored and humbled to be the newly installed State President and I promise to do the very best job I can do. We will be GFWC strong, so anchor in and let's do this!

In Federation Love & Friendship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea".

Andrea Lilly
GFWC Maryland President, 2024-2026



From Your Junior Director



Hello Federation Sisters,

As we embark on our two-year journey together, I am honored to welcome you as the 2024-2026 Maryland Director of Junior Clubs. It fills me with great pride and determination to share with you the guiding symbol that will inspire us through these transformative years: the wave. The wave represents our unity and our relentless pursuit of positive change. It signifies our collective strength and our commitment to making a difference. With this powerful symbol, we embrace our motto: “Be the wave of change to shape the future for education.” Education is more than just a commodity; it is the very foundation upon which our communities grow and prosper. It is the cornerstone of progress, the beacon of hope, and the key to unlocking endless opportunities. Our mission is to support and uplift education, ensuring it remains a vital part of our society’s fabric. As we move forward together, I ask each of you to pledge your support for education within your communities. Let us uplift those who seek knowledge and empower the next generation of leaders. We have the power to be the catalysts for change, driving a brighter future for all. Remember, education is not just about the future—it is our future. And together, united by our shared vision and dedication, we will create waves of impact that will resonate through generations to come. I am excited to see the incredible achievements we will accomplish together. Let’s embrace the wave and make our mark on the world!



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda".

Amanda Krantz
GFWC Maryland Junior Director, 2024-2026



About Your Maryland President

Andrea Lilly, Maryland State President 2024-2026

Andrea was born in Salisbury, Maryland and was raised in Pocomoke City on the Delmarvelous Eastern Shore. She attended Salisbury University and took classes at Wor-Wic Community College. Andrea is retired after working 32 years at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

Andrea has four adult children (Jeffrey, Lindsay, Amanda & Gregory) and is currently enjoying being GiGi to her four grandchildren, Hugh, Evie, Adeline & Charlotte. She is 36 years married to her best friend and love of her life, Don. Andrea teaches pre-k/k Sunday school with her husband and serves on several church committees and is Chairman of the personnel committee and nursery coordinator. She took on the role as caregiver/godmother to 4 young girls and has helped raise them for the past 15 years, the youngest is now 14. Andrea currently serves on the Board of Elections for Worcester County as an election Judge. In 2022 she was chosen as one of six Worcester County Gems to be honored by the Worcester County Commission on Women.

Andrea joined the Pocomoke JWC nearly 34 years ago. She has served as President several times and holds the record for longest term in office.

She has served on the GFWC Maryland Juniors as Conservation Chairman, served as District Chairman for Junior Special Project-Advocates for Children and as the Eastern Shore District Junior Director. Andrea has proudly received the Outstanding Junior Clubwoman award and the Babs Condon award from the Maryland Juniors. She has also served two terms as GFWC Maryland Junior Director and most recently GFWC Maryland President-Elect. Two years ago, she joined the Wicomico Woman's Club in Salisbury, Maryland. On the GFWC level she currently serves as a member of the Credentials committee, and is serving on the Fundraising committee for the GFWC Southeastern Region.

Andrea has enjoyed her involvement with this amazing organization and cherishes the many friendships she has made along the way. She looks forward to these next two years as the State President for Maryland. Her two favorite quotes from Helen Keller are "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible" and "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"



About Your Maryland Junior Director

Amanda Krantz, Director of Maryland Junior Clubs 2024-2026

Amanda was born and raised in “the friendliest town on the eastern shore,” Pocomoke City, MD. She graduated from Pocomoke High School in 2006 and pursued her passion for science at Barton College, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 2010. Committed to furthering her career in education, Amanda obtained a Master’s in Secondary Education from Wilmington University in 2014.

With a decade of teaching experience in Worcester County, Amanda has dedicated seven years to teaching science at Stephen Decatur High School and is now completing her third year at Pocomoke High School. She was truly honored to be named the PHS 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year and was also a finalist for the Worcester County Teacher of the Year, placing 3rd among 14 distinguished teachers from various schools in the county. For Amanda, teaching is not just a profession but a profound passion. She draws daily inspiration from the dedication and enthusiasm of her colleagues and students and remains steadfast in her commitment to educational excellence. Demonstrating her love for science, Amanda employs interactive teaching methods that engage her students, igniting their curiosity and encouraging their interest in future STEM careers.

Beyond her classroom responsibilities, Amanda plays a pivotal role in the school community. She serves as a mentor teacher, co-chairs the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program and is an active member of her School Improvement Team. Amanda also brings her leadership skills to the athletic field as a field hockey coach for the past two seasons.

Deeply involved in her local community, Amanda volunteers in youth activities at Lynnhaven Baptist Church and has served as President of the Junior Woman’s Club of Pocomoke City for the past four years, contributing significantly through volunteer service. Additionally, she has been the Director-Elect of the Maryland Junior Clubs from 2022-2024, assisting the Maryland Junior Director with various projects across the state and within her own club.

Amanda’s dedication to her students, school, and community exemplifies her unwavering commitment to fostering growth, learning, and service. She currently still resides in Pocomoke City with her husband of 8 years, Dale and their two children, Hugh and Evie.





From The International President

Dear Fellow Members,

I am so excited to welcome you to the 2024-2026 administration. I am deeply honored to serve as your 55th GFWC International President during this pivotal period, in which historic progress can and will be made. I encourage you to take full advantage of the numerous opportunities available to you.

Service and personal development have been central to our mission for 134 years. Through these lies the concept of the “circle of influence” – a dynamic sphere within which our actions radiate outward, touching lives and effecting change. Within this circle, as symbolized on our emblem, we find our power to transform, uplift, and inspire. As members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, each of us occupies a unique position within this circle, endowed with the capacity to enact meaningful change and to leave an indelible mark upon the world.

Under the banner of “Educate, Engage, Empower,” let us work to empower individuals from all walks of life, providing them with the tools and knowledge necessary to shape our future. Through education, we open the doors to opportunities and encourage a culture of lifelong learning. Increased engagement creates meaningful connections and fosters a sense of belonging. Empowerment encourages others to become catalysts of change, amplifying the scope and impact of our collective endeavors.

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From The International President



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As we step into this new administration, our Strategic Plan has been meticulously crafted to guide our focused efforts. Our leaders have prepared an incredible Club Manual, a treasure trove of ideas, tools, and tips for grassroots involvement. Take full advantage of this powerful resource to aid our growth and development.

Together, as we embark on this new chapter, hold fast to the values that define our organization—camaraderie, collaboration, and commitment to changing lives through volunteer service. Celebrate our diverse perspectives and experiences, recognizing that it is through our differences that we find our strength. Our potential for undefined progress is limitless when we unite and advocate with one voice and excellent clarity. Be bold as we reimagine all that GFWC can become.

Together In Living the Volunteer Spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suellen B. Brazil". The script is fluid and cursive.

Suellen B. Brazil
GFWC International President, 2024-2026





From The International Junior Director

Dear Fellow GFWC Sisters,

What an honor it is to welcome you to the 2024-2026 Administration as the 37th GFWC Director of Junior Clubs! I look forward to serving alongside you all as we continue the impactful work for which we are known. GFWC Clubwomen are dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service, and we are passionate, creative, and untiring advocates as we work together. I love that we also have so much fun and build wonderful relationships with each other while we work hard!

The guiding concept for the Junior Administration will be “Stronger Together.” We are stronger when we work together at all three levels of GFWC membership: Women’s Clubs, Juniors, and Juniores. Our multi-generational membership is truly one of the benefits of belonging, and we can accomplish so much together. We will support existing Junior clubs and charter new Junior clubs nationwide. We will empower State Directors of Junior Clubs and encourage and equip Junior clubs in states without Directors. We will utilize technology to help ALL Junior members feel connected to GFWC and to each other, including learning about the numerous resources available to all members. We will participate in the goals and vision of the GFWC Strategic Plan and continue to promote and develop the Junior Certification Program available to all Junior and Juniores clubs.

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From The International Junior Director



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Advocates for Children continues to be the Juniors' Special Program. We will encourage clubs to plan projects for their favorite local organizations and/or March of Dimes, St. Jude's, and Prevent Child Abuse America. We will celebrate Advocates for Children Week the fourth week of October and encourage all clubs to participate. More information about the Juniors' Special Program is available in the GFWC Club Manual.

I am at your service, along with the entire GFWC Junior leadership, to help engage clubs at all membership levels in celebrating our rich history while looking ahead to a strong future for GFWC. As we work together, we are Stronger Together!

In Junior Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Bailey".

Shannon Bailey
GFWC International Director of Junior Clubs, 2024-2026



GFWC Maryland Officers 2024-2026



New state officers were recognized and celebrated at the 2024 Maryland Convention.

Maryland State Officers

Andrea Lilly, GFWC Maryland State President

Jeanne Pim, GFWC Maryland President-Elect

Diane Hill, GFWC Maryland First Vice President

Anne Yakaitis, GFWC Maryland Recording Secretary

Rebecca Zarrelli, Maryland Corresponding Secretary

Anita Becker, GFWC Maryland Treasurer

Amanda Krantz, GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs

Maryland State Junior Officers

Amanda Krantz, GFWC Maryland Director of Junior Clubs

Lara Aiken, GFWC Maryland Junior Director-Elect

Trish Wagman, GFWC Maryland Junior Secretary

Karen Hornberger, GFWC Maryland Junior Treasurer

Chesapeake District Officers

Christy Swiger, President

Joyce Houpe, Secretary

Mary Browdoski, Treasurer

Montgomery District Officers

Kendra Wells & Lourdes Posada, Co-Presidents

Jennifer Rutherford, First Vice President

Jean Liejnar, Recording Secretary

Debbie White, Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Flaxman, Treasurer

Western District Officers

Mimi French, President

Sandra Mattocks, Secretary

Norma Wright, Treasurer





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SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

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REGISTER ON THE NEW GFWC MEMBER PORTAL
MEMBERPORTAL.GFWC.ORG

USE THE **EVENTS** PAGE

Register for the GFWC National Day of Service

September 28, 2024

To register their group, members must first create a profile in the GFWC Member Portal (new profiles are approved within 1 to 2 days) and then go to the EVENTS page to register their group.

The GFWC NDS Tool Kit and the GFWC NDS Press Kit resources are available in the Digital Library and on the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service event page. Need Help? Read the [How to Register for 2024 GFWC NDS Support Guide](#).

Please note: If you are two or three clubs working together, a member may register up to 3 clubs in one GFWC NDS registration. If you are a member registering more than 3 clubs, please register in the Member Portal and then email the additional club information to Melanie Gisler at mgisler@gfwc.org.

Register Now



2024 International Convention

Dreams Do Come True! At least that was the theme of the International Convention in Chicago this year. The pre-convention activities were architectural boat tours along the rivers. What a beautiful excursion, my neck hurt from looking at all the tall buildings and the magnificent architecture. We were served lunch, stopped to shop at the Navy Pier and who can forget the famous Rainbow Cones.

From the State Night Banquet with dueling Pianos and a roaring 20's theme to the Opening Flag Ceremony the Grandeur of the Chicago Hilton did not disappoint. Maryland won a few awards which we were very proud of. Our LEADS representative, Jeanne Pim, gave a report on the LEADS Seminar at the SER Banquet on Saturday night. This also marked another event and special occasion as our own Reno Eitel was installed as the incoming SER President. Babs performed a dragonfly installation ceremony. At the Business sessions we passed all the resolutions and in record time I might add.



The Purple Gala Sunday night was known as a Night of Hopes and Dreams, this marked a significant, historical surprise event, as a contract was signed between GFWC and the Alzheimer's Association, which is now one of our affiliates. Then came the Installation Banquet and ceremony where the Incoming Junior Directors and State Presidents along with Region Presidents were officially installed by GFWC. With the theme "It's the Climb" the new GFWC Officers were installed in a beautiful red and cream installation ceremony. The celebration party afterwards ended the convention. I can't tell you how special this time was for me. I am so proud to serve Maryland but the most important part is that I get to do this with my daughter, Amanda the incoming Junior Director. It sure was a dream come true and a convention to remember.

Yours in federation friendship,

Andrea Lilly
GFWC Maryland President, 2024-2026



2024 International Convention





Saturday, August 10, 2024
10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Clubhouse
 7931 Connecticut Avenue
 Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Come learn some history about the federation and maryland, responsibilities as members, officers and chairman, leadership skills, president's special project, reporting, and a fun membership game! This is only the beginning! Anchor in federation style! All District and Club Presidents, Officers & Chairmen, and State Chairmen are encouraged to attend. Any Member interested in reporting is invited and encouraged to attend. Registration is free and desserts and beverages are included. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. All club members can attend. Reservations should be emailed to Sandra Mattocks, Reservations Chairman at: gfwcmdsmattocks@gmail.com. For questions, contact Diane Hill, Dean of Chairmen at 301-498-8596 or nuggetpal@aol.com.

**Directions from
Baltimore:**

Take I-95 South toward Washington.
 Take exit 27 – Merge onto Capital Beltway/I-495W toward Silver Spring.
 Take exit 33 for Connecticut Ave/MD-185 toward Chevy Chase/Kensington.
 Keep left at the fork; follow signs for MD-185 South.
 Turn left at Connecticut Ave/MD-185 South. (1.2 miles)
 Turn left at Dunlop Street. Clubhouse will be immediately on your right.

Directions from the West:

Take I-270 South and merge onto Capital Beltway/I-495 East. (1.5 miles) Take exit 33 for MD-185 toward Connecticut Ave South/MD-185 South/Chevy Chase.
 Merge onto Connecticut Ave/MD-185 South. (1.1 miles)
 Keep left at the fork; follow signs for MD-185 South. (223 feet)
 Turn left at Connecticut Ave/MD-185 South. (1.2 miles)
 Turn left at Dunlop Street. Clubhouse will be immediately on your right.

Directions from the South:

Head North on Crain Hwy/US-301. Continue on Branch Ave/MD-5 North. (9.1 miles)
 Merge onto Capital Beltway/I-495 North/I-95 North via the ramp to Baltimore/College Park.
 Continue to follow Capital Beltway/I-495 North.
 Take exit 33 for Connecticut Ave/MD-195 toward Chevy Chase/Kensington.
 Keep left at the fork; follow signs for MD-185 South. (223 feet)
 Turn left at Connecticut Ave/MD-185 South. (1.2 miles)
 Turn left at Dunlop Street. Clubhouse will be immediately on your right.



2024-2026 GFWC Maryland Directory Form

Attention Club Presidents!

Use this form for reporting 2024-2026 Club Officers. The new 2024-2026 GFWC-MD Directory will be prepared using the informaton you supply. Please print, fill out this form, and email it by **August 1, 2024** to Directory Chairman Laura Lienhard at lauralienhard@comcast.net and Corresponding Secretary Becca Zarrelli at bz.mdcorrespondingsec@gmail.com. To submit this form via Google Forms, click [here](#).

Please TYPE or PRINT clearly.

CLUB NAME: _____

Date Organized: _____ Date of Federation: _____

Annual Meeting Date: _____

Regular Meeting Dates: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT NAME: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

VICE PRESIDENT NAME: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY NAME: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY NAME: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

TREASURER NAME: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

If your club has co-presidents, co-officers, an advisor, or director please include that information on another sheet or he back of the form. If you have questions, please email Directory Chairman Laura Lienhard at lauralienbard@comcast.net

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