

NEWSMAKERS

In The Big Things of Life ~ We Are At One

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Club Calendar

May 1 - Grundy Woman's Club & College Shower

June 2 - The Virginia Clubwoman Article Deadline

June 23-26 - GFWC Annual Convention



Photo Courtesy Anne Bryant

Website Wins State Contest

All Club Entries Earn Ribbons in State Arts & Crafts Show

Grundy brought home First Place in the GFWC Virginia Website Contest, as well as four ribbons for arts & crafts.

During the GFWC Virginia State Convention, held April 21-23 at the Hotel Roanoke, local clubwomen Alex Berge, Anna Ruth Coleman, and Sandy Stiltner earned Second Place ribbons and Pam Wolford received third place for their crafts.

This is the first time the Grundy Woman's Club has competed in the state contest since its web redesign in September 2013. Pictured above, GFWC VA President Fran Edwards (left) and Third Vice President & Junior Director Joy Matkowsky (right) pose alongside Grundy Woman's Club First Vice President JoBeth Wampler on April 22 at the Hotel Roanoke.

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Taste the Donations

Prior to the GFWC Virginia Convention in April, we asked all of you to bring in cash donations for the Skittles challenge to benefit GFWC State Special Project Dare to Dream of No Hunger.

Kudos to you! Grundy brought in the highest amount with a donation of \$100. And we were elated to see fellow Southwestern District club, Pennington Gap Woman's Club, guess the correct number of Skittles.

Newsmakers

Newsletter Editor -
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Clubwomen are encouraged to send in articles, pictures and suggestions.

Deadlines are the 20th of each month; however, late submissions will be considered for publication.

President's Message

Hello Ladies!

It is hard to believe that we are having our last meeting of the year before our summer break. Wow where has the time gone – seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Christmas! This will be our college shower for two very deserving high school seniors. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to get a gift for the young ladies, please let me know and I will make arrangements to get it to them. Just because we will not be meeting again until August/September, it does not mean that we will not be busy working over the summer. Please check your email and Facebook for updates on activities over the summer. As you relax and enjoy the summer, please be thinking of ideas for projects for next year. Also, if you have fundraising ideas for the club, please let me or one of the officers know. I hope that each of you has a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall! Thanks for all that you ladies do to make the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club a wonderful organization!



Glenna

May Meeting Reminders:

- Bring your donations for the College Shower, which will be held during this meeting. A reminder will be posted on Facebook.
- Membership dues for the 2017-2018 term are now due. Please come on Monday prepared to pay them, as well as any outstanding fees.
- For the State Project: Dare to Dream of No Hunger, clubs in the Southwestern District have been asked to bring White & Brown canned food items to the State Conference in August. Canned food donations may be EITHER the color of the food inside OR the color of the can on the outside. Some examples: Potatoes, White Beans, White Hominy, White Corn, Turnips, Cauliflower, White Tuna, Onions, Evaporated Milk, Black-Eyed Peas, Mushrooms, Spam, Vienna Sausage, Pork & Beans. Check the label to make sure it still has a sell-by date for August.





Southwestern District Awards



The GFWC Grundy Woman's Club won various awards last month, including:

- Best Overall Report in Communications & Identity, Conservation, Education, Fundraising, Health, Home Life (CSP), Home Life (Partnerships), International Outreach, Leadership, Membership, Women's History & Resource Center, and GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence.
- Best Single Project in GFWC Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children, Home Life, GFWC Virginia State Project: Feeding America and Women's History & Resource.

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Chairman Reports

Conservation - Anna Ruth Coleman

Entering Nature's Wonderland, Buchanan County, from Tazewell County, has been even lovelier this spring thanks to the beautiful tulips planted last fall by Conservation



Committee member Pam Wolford. This welcome planter with its beautiful blooming tulips took on new meaning in April with the addition of blue pinwheels in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Since this is spring and our last meeting until September, please take advantage of programs being offered by the county for recycling and clean up of the county. Plant shrubbery or plants to help preserve natural habitat for birds and wildlife. If you enjoy watching the birds, continue feeding through summer months. Preserve our natural resources by looking for ways to conserve energy, water as well as recycling as much as possible. Remember to keep up with your time worked and money spent in completing these projects as well as others that are related to conservation and report to our committee for inclusion in our annual report.

Thank you and wishing everyone a wonderful summer.

Buchanan County Calendar of Events

- May 1 - Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (Courthouse)
- May 5 - Read It, Eat It, Plant It Sale (BCPL)
- May 5 - Leadercast 2017 (Mountain Mission School)
- May 5 - Wrapped in Love Bingo Night (Grundy Baptist)
- May 6 - Riverside Storywalk Adventure (Kiwanis Playground)
- May 6 - Council Kids Fishing Day (Council Park)
- May 7 - Graduation Celebration (Harman Memorial Baptist Church)
- May 13 - Grundy Kiwanis 5K (Breaks Interstate Park)
- May 13 - Dismal River Kids Fishing Day
- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 15 - Buchanan County IDA (Southern Gap)
- May 19-21 - Blessing of the Bikes (Grundy Community Center)
- May 20 - BCYI Countywide Graduation Party (YMCA)
- May 29 - Memorial Day
- June 10 - Mental Health Awareness 5K Walk/Run



Birthdays

- May 6 - Glenna Owens
- May 10 - Brandi Clevinger
- May 14 - Tania Stephens
- May 22 - Vonda Slone
- June 2 - Barbara Fleenor
- June 14 - Bertha Street
- June 15 - Cari Mitchell
- June 17 - Judy Holland
- June 18 - Lynn Cornett

Anniversaries

- May 6 - Nelma Eslwick (Jessie)
- May 14 - Becky Bartley (Sam)
- June 6 - Carolyn Mitchell (Chris)
- June 12 - Anna Ruth Coleman (James)
- June 20 - Kayla Stephens (Joseph)
- June 24 - Jill Yates (Joey)
- June 30 - Glenna Owens (Patrick)

Leadership – JoBeth Wampler

During the GFWC Virginia Convention this spring, we heard a lot about the power of dreams. Looking back over the past 70 years of the Grundy Woman's Club, it's amazing to imagine what the ladies of Grundy's first club dreamed of in 1947. For some, it was cleaner streets or feeding the county's hungry children. Others simply enjoyed spending time with one another. Some things don't change much, do they? I think we still all enjoy a little social time!

Today, take a moment to consider what you dream for the future of our Grundy Woman's Club and for the GFWC. How can we make that dream a reality? After all, don't dreams go hand in hand with leadership?

Martin Luther King, Jr., once shared a dream that went on to inspire a nation. First came the dream. Second came the sharing. If we ever hope to spark change, we must first invite others to join us in our dreams. So, go on, dreamers. Keep dreaming. Just make sure you talk about them.

Southwestern District Spring Meeting 2017



Twelve Grundy Woman's Club members attended the Southwestern District Spring Meeting last month at the Davis Banquet Hall in Pearisburg. The club brought home 15 district awards in various areas of community service and partnership projects.



Partner Spotlight

This Memorial Day, we hope you'll take time to learn more about the United Service Organizations (USO) – a GFWC Partner whose roots stretch back over 75 years. Strengthening America’s military service members, the USO keeps them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service.



Just prior to the onset of America’s involvement in World War II in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to unite several service associations into one organization to lift the morale of our military and nourish support on the home front. Those entities – the Salvation Army, Young Men’s Christian Association, Young Women’s Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board - became the United Service Organizations, or the USO, as it's often abbreviated.

The USO offers a variety of programs and services designed to support our service members and their families. Benefitting deployed service members, military families, transitioning troops, families of the fallen and wounded, ill and injured service members, the USO works to 'always be by their side' – no matter where they are.

College Shower Sign-ups List:

- Nelma E. - Twin Sheets (2), Alarm Clock (2), Laundry Detergent
- Glenna, Mary, Tammy - Twin Comforters (2)
- Ruth - Blanket (2)
- Sandy - Pillows (2), Towels (2), Umbrella (2)
- Anna Ruth - Shower Caddy & Toiletries (2)
- Barbara - Laundry Basket (2)
- Bertha - Laundry Detergent, Plastic Hangers, Alarm Clock
- Pam - Desk Lamp (2)
- Shirley - Backpack (2)
- JoBeth - Blank CDs/DVDs (2)
- Vonda - USB/Thumb Drive (2)
- Leigh Ann - Appointment Book (2)
- Kim - Flashlight, Plastic Hangers
- Ginger - Gift Card (2)
- Judy - Gift Card (2)
- Betty - Gift Card (2)



**GFWC Grundy Woman's Club
Treasurer's Report
03-31-2017--04-30-2017**

Balance on Hand – 03-31-2017 **\$3,819.94**

Receipts

04-04-17	Dinner	\$ 31.00
	District Meeting	100.00
	Convention	<u>265.00</u>

Total Receipts \$ 396.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS **\$ 4,215.94**

Disbursements:

03-24-17	Debit Card – Home Depot – blue bulbs	\$ 523.34
04-01-17	#5320 Deidre Ward – refund	60.00
03-28-17	Debit Card – Ipage	53.96
04-19-17	#5321 Walmart – 3 -\$25 gift cards-Foster Children	<u>75.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 712.30

BALANCE ON HAND 04-30-2017 **\$3,503.64**

GFWC Grundy Woman's Club
April 3, 2017 – Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club was held April 3, 2017 in fellowship hall of the Grundy Baptist Church, President Glenna Owens presiding. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Chaplain Barbara Fleenor led the prayer of Grace before the meal.

Following dinner, Owens welcomed new member Nelma Elswick and guests Beth Vencill and Lora Scott, representing the Department of Social Services, as well as 15 members (1 junior – Elle) in attendance.

Sandy Stiltner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Barbara Fleenor brought the devotion entitled "Rule That is Golden."

Minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was presented by Ginger Robertson showing a balance of \$3819.94. Without objection the report was placed on file.

Guest speaker Lora Scott spoke on the DSS Adoption Program. In a Q & A session, members were told they could help by such things as: spreading the word, collecting emergency items, and working with the Christmas list.

Prior to Committee reports, Parliamentarian Judy Holland spoke on "Business first, Social last."

Reports of Committees & Projects:

- JoBeth Wampler discussed the progress on the Jr. Special Project: Advocates for Children Program – Autism Awareness Month and the 5K Walk/Race, and noted the Gazebo and Town Decorations. Peebles, Jags, Medical Park Pharmacy, Rife's TV, Childress Furniture and Walmart were mentioned as donors of prizes for autism projects. Kim Long is to call Mark at Save A Lot.
- Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention were discussed, they have been placed at the Gazebo.
- Sandy Stiltner discussed the Heritage Hall Easter Party, suggesting eggs, baskets and stuffed animals. Domestic Violence, the GFWC Special Project was discussed previously along with the DSS Adoption Program.
- Ginger Robertson continued to collect dollars for the "Guess the number of Skittles" program for the state project at Convention with \$32 collected thus far.
- Conservation Chairman Anna Ruth Coleman reported on the river cleanup and lunch provided by the club for workers on Water Day. Earth day is April 22, 2017. The shredder will be at Grundy Plaza on April 21, 2017.
- In the absence of Education Chairman Mary Belcher, the president read a letter requesting items for HOBY at Convention. These items are listed on the GFWC Virginia webpage.

- The president reported on the Education Committee College Shower for an Upward Bound student and a Mountain Mission School student to be held at the May meeting. A sign up list for gifts needed was distributed.

New Business:

- Judy Holland moved that three \$25 Walmart gift cards be given to three foster care students graduating this year from high school. Seconded by JoBeth Wampler. Motion approved.

Announcements:

- The Autism 5K race will be held April 29, 2017. Proceeds from the event will supply Autism swimming instruction at the YMCA.
- Federation Day is April 24, 2017.
- Bertha Street to check with Margie on a feasible date for a Vintage Fashion Show this year with GBC as a possibility, Judy Holland to check on Presbyterian Church.
- Courthouse discussed, painting class discussed.
- CASA will have an event every Friday in April as a Fundraiser.
- Upcoming events include: Annie, Jr.; Sexual Assault 5K on April 22; SWD meeting April 15 in Pearisburg, members asked to bring mac & cheese; peanut butter and crackers for the food program; state convention April 21-23 in Roanoke, VA.

Next meeting May 1, 2017 Grundy Baptist Church, meal 5:30 pm, business session 6 pm. The college shower will be held at that time.

Club Collect recited.
Meeting Adjourned.

Betty Shields, Secretary

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