

NEWSMAKERS



In The Big Things of Life ~ We Are At One



Autism Projects Raise \$1,100

Au-Some Summer Swim To Begin Soon

With over 50 registered participants in this year's Autism Awareness 5K Walk/Run and nearly 100 blue bulbs sold for 'Light It Up Blue,' the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club has raised over \$1,100.

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Overall Male and Female Winners of the 5K race were Christopher Whited and Beverly Church, who earned free entry into next year's race. Among our top age winners were clubwomen or junior club members, including Kathryn Wampler (2nd in 14 & under), Anna Ruth Coleman (1st-tie in 60+), Ginger Robertson (3rd in 60+), and Pam Wolford (4th in 60+).

Proceeds will fund summer swim lessons for between 8 and 11 children with autism in the county. Currently, we're working with the Buchanan County YMCA and the Buchanan County Public School System to select children most in need, both on developmental and financial levels. If you know an au-some family that might need our help, please see JoBeth Wampler.

See Photos, Page 3.



Reminders

Membership dues for the 2017-2018 term are now due. Members may mail these to the club at P.O. Box 77, Grundy, VA 24614.

For the State Project: Dare to Dream of No Hunger, clubs in the Southwestern District have been asked to bring white and brown canned food items to the 2017 GFWC VA Conference in August. Canned food donations may be EITHER the color of the food inside OR the color of the can on the outside. Monetary donations are also being accepted. See Ginger Robertson for details.

Newsmakers

Newsletter Editor -
JoBeth Wampler
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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! I hope that everyone is having a great summer so far. As you are out and about this summer, keep your eyes open for any new ideas/projects for the club and let me know about them. The Executive Board is working on several projects for the summer. We will be using email, Facebook and the newsletter to keep you posted on what's happening. If any of you have any ideas for fund raising, which we need desperately so that we can continue to fund our many worthwhile projects, please pass those along to us. Be safe in your travels and have a great summer!



Glenna

Fundraising



Ideas, Ideas, Ideas ... No Job Too Small

As the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club enjoys its summer break, we're still thinking up fundraisers that will help us continue making an impact in our region. But no one person can do it all.

So if you're not able to attend meetings or volunteer in a big way, consider helping out in some other way. Make a phone call, check prices on an item, spread the word by clicking 'Share'... Even a small task can make a big difference. Take time to call the person coordinating an event and see how you can help today.

The following fundraisers are currently being considered:

- Cupcake Wars (Tentative date Aug. 26) - JoBeth
- Vintage Fashion Show - Bertha
- Yard Sale (See Page 5) - JoBeth
- Bingo Night & Trunk Show (Tentatively June 17 @ GBC) - Sandy & Bertha



Autism 5K

Photos Courtesy of Buchanan County Robotics

Chairman Reports

Home Life – Sandy Stiltner

We have a lot of things we can do in the Home Life and Health Program. Like helping the nursing home with its July 4th celebration, taking care of yourself, making sure you are taking all of your meds, and being aware of changes going on with your body!

I am working with a new partnership and location for Ladies Night Out. I know it is several months away, but it will be here before you know it! This should be a GREAT one! We are planning for the first week in October. I know you're thinking, "WOW!



That is a long time off!" But we are in the process of adding a lot of new FREE screenings for ALL women in attendance! I am so excited and I hope you girls will help with this endeavor!

Leadership – JoBeth Wampler

"As soon as I say, 'I can't believe *they* decided...,' I have separated myself from an organization [...] *They* implies blame, while *we* implies trust and unity, even if (and especially when) you weren't in the room for the decision."

They vs. *We* – a lot is said in such a short word, isn't it? I remember the first time a fellow clubwoman overheard me speaking about our Grundy Woman's Club shortly after I joined. "Not *they*," she reminded me. "*We*. You're a member now, right?" Newbies often disassociate themselves in this way, as they work to find where they fit in. However, veterans do it for other reasons. And while we might have every reason to cast a little 'they' blame, 'they' also separates us from being able to change what bothers us.

Last month, I encouraged our members to attend the LeaderCast Simulcast at Mountain Mission or go online to join LeaderCast Now. And that's where this very obvious realization hit me – casting 'they' blame and being critical (even privately) is toxic.

So instead of "being critical, start thinking critically." If you see a problem, don't ask, "Why on earth would *they*..." Ask what *we* can do to make things better.



Birthdays

June 2 - Barbara Fleenor

June 14 - Bertha Street

June 15 - Cari Mitchell

June 17 - Judy Holland

June 18 - Lynn Cornett

July 4 - Catherine Stiltner

July 7 - Nikki Stiltner

July 8 - Patricia Ratliff

July 11 - Sommer Chambers

July 17 - Sandy Cole

Jul 20 - Kayla Stephens

July 25 - Brandee Brown

July 26 - Connie Ramey

July 27 - Debbie Deel



Anniversaries

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)

July 9 - Frannie Minton (Rayburn)

July 22 - Connie Ramey

July 24 - Bertha Street (Mike)

July 26 - Leigh Ann Hackney (Freddy)

Partner Spotlight



Last month, we were pleased to be joined by Mary Hill, of Easterseals UCP, at the Special Needs Parent Resource Fair at Riverview Elementary. Sharing information about camp with the parents of special needs children in our community, Mary was a delight to meet and very generous of her time.

Easterseals assists more than one million children and adults with disabilities and their families annually through a nationwide network of more than 550 service centers. Here in Southwest Virginia, the organization serves our region through Camp Easterseals, which gives special kids something that's hard to find anywhere else – the typical summer camp, designed with their needs in mind. Do you know a child who might benefit from camp? Financial aid and scholarships are available for families in need.

GFWC VA Juniors will be helping check in campers at camp on Sunday, July 9, starting at 1 p.m. The camp has given us the option of coming early, at 12, for lunch. In addition, Camp Easterseals is holding a 60th anniversary celebration of the camp on Sunday, July 1. If you plan to attend either event, contact GFWC VA Junior Special Project: Camp Easter Seals Chairman Heather Placer (camp@gfwcva.org).

Yard Sale Fundraising Options – Input Needed

As some of you already know, the Executive Board met recently to discuss several fundraising events for the coming months. Among those, two options were suggested for the popular Yard Sale fundraiser and we need your feedback to proceed. Currently, opinions are split between the two! Please let JoBeth know which is your preference:

Option 1 – Host an online Facebook Yard Sale page. Members may post and sell their unwanted items to benefit the club.

Option 2 – Host an actual Yard Sale. A tentative date was discussed (Sat., August 5).



Calendar of Events

June 10 - Mental Health Awareness 5K Walk/Run (Grundy Community Center)

June 17 - Bright Star Touring Theatre Event (BCPL)

June 17 - Garden Days (ACP)

August 4 - Relay for Life of Buchanan County (Poplar Gap Park)

Club Calendar

June 1 - Jennie June Award Deadline

June 2 - The Virginia Clubwoman Article Deadline

June 23-26 - GFWC Annual Convention (Palm Springs, CA)

July 1 - Camp Easterseals Anniversary

July 9 - Camp Easterseals Volunteer Check-in for Juniors

August 12 - GFWC VA Conference (Natural Bridge)

**GFWC Grundy Woman's Club
Treasurer's Report
04-30-2017--05-31-2017**

Balance on Hand – 04-30-2017 **\$3,503.64**

Receipts

05-01-17 Dinner	\$ 200.00
District Meeting	20.00
Convention	225.00
Dues	345.00
Pinwheel donation-Dr. Crumpton	50.00
05-02-17 Autism Walk; blue bulbs	1,912.00
05-05-17 Dues	30.00
Convention	265.00
District Meeting	20.00
Blue bulbs	<u>18.00</u>

Total Receipts \$ 3,085.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS **\$ 6,588.64**

Disbursements:

05-01-17 #5322 Cash 28 dinners	280.00
05-02-17 #5323 Relay For Life	1,500.00
05-08-17 #5324 Traditional Screenprinting 41 Autism Tees	287.00
05-20-17 #5325 " " 14 " "	<u>98.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 2,165.00

BALANCE ON HAND 05-31-2017 **\$4,423.64**

**GFWC Grundy Woman's Club
May 1, 2017 - Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club was held May 1, 2017 in fellowship hall of the Grundy Baptist Church, President Glenna Owens presiding. Chaplain Barbara Fleenor led the prayer of Grace before the meal at 5:30 pm.

Following dinner, Owens called the meeting to order and welcomed 27 members and guests (9 guests 18 members) to the annual college shower. Susan Slone accompanied Mountain Mission student Sarah Tedla. SWCC Upward Bound coordinator Terry Butcher and her assistant Adrianna Culbertson introduced Grundy High School student Shelby Blankenship accompanied by her mother Katy Blankenship and grandmothers Cindy Rife and Sandy Natady. The President recognized Laurann Brown, recipient of the club's Appalachian School of Law Scholarship.

Tania Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Barbara Fleenor presented the thought for the day: "Gratitude - what we are thankful for." The shower recipients were then excused to examine their gifts and depart whenever they were ready.

Minutes of April 2017 meeting were approved and on motion by Judy Holland. Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$2503.64, without objection report placed on file.

Reports of Committees & Projects:

- The president reported on SWD meeting and announced the club won 15 district awards at that meeting.
- Leadership Chairman JoBeth Wampler reported on GFWC Virginia Convention held last month at Hotel Roanoke.
- Ginger reported on the GFWC VA Conference Skittles project to benefit the state project, 'Dare to Dream of No Hunger.'
- Health Chairman Sandy Stiltner reported on the Heritage Hall Easter Party. She also reported on GFWC Special Projects - Domestic Violence Shelter -Easter Baskets.
- JoBeth Wampler reported on the GFWC Junior's Special Project - Advocates for Children, and the successful 5K Race. She announced removal of the blue ribbons.
- Fundraising Chairman Tania Stephens mentioned several fund raising ideas that were used throughout the state last year, including Breakfast with Santa, home tours, and a decorating contest. JoBeth and others mentioned such things as "Cup Cake Wars" and a "Chili Cook off," nothing definite decided.
- GFWC Virginia Food Challenge for August Conference will be white and brown foods.

New Business:

- The After Graduation Party was discussed. The club will not participate with gift cards this year.
- Motion by Shirley Belcher, seconded Judy Holland, that the club continue as a Gold Sponsor for \$1,500, as budgeted, in the annual Relay for Life. Motion approved.

Announcements:

- Dues of \$30 are now due for 2017-2018.
- GFWC Virginia Conference will be August 11 & 12 at Natural Bridge, Va.

Next meeting August 27, 2017, a Tea Party at Willowbrook Country Club.

Club Collect recited by all.

Meeting Adjourned.

Betty Shields, Secretary

*Want to include something in **News**makers, the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club monthly newsletter? Contact JoBeth Wampler at jobeth.wampler@gmail.com or call 276-935-2123 (W) or 540-250-6294 (M).*