



GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont



Celebrating 115 years of community service

MAY

2023



NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO:

The regular monthly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 22nd 6pm at The Club House**. Dinner served by the hostesses: Nita Hobbs, Billie Anne Garrett, Barbara Haddad, Joyce Giordano, and Nancy Porter.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, NANCY PORTER:

Several newer members have asked me what the duties would be if you volunteer.

- If you volunteer at Main Street Fairmont (the 3rd Saturday 10-3 from May to September), you would just sit/stand at our table and hand out brochures about the club, sell baked goods/chips/sodas. Water is free. Set up is around 9:30. You would need to bring your own chair and someone needs to bring a table. Sometimes we raffle off a basket or do 50/50. See Rae or Julie if you're interested in helping with that. Usually 2-3 people are needed.
- If you volunteer at the Mon County Center/Mylan Park events, they are in June, October and December from 10-4. Set up around 9:30. Basically the same duties as Main Street, except we don't sell food or soda. Usually 2-3 people are needed. Bring a chair. Let me know if you'd like to help.
- If you volunteer for an event at the clubhouse, if you are assigned to the first shift, it would be getting the food ready to put out in the dining room. It might mean cutting veggies for salad, mixing the salad mixing up chicken salad, or cutting cake and putting on small plates, getting the pitchers made up for tea and lemonade, putting ice in bowl for drink table, carrying out the pitchers, getting serving dishes out, washing dishes as you go, etc. Contact Diana Dunn to volunteer.
- If you volunteer for cleanup for an event at the clubhouse, it would mean clearing the tables once everyone has finished eating, tossing trash, rinsing dishes, washing dishes, loading the dishwasher, carrying remaining food into the kitchen, taking trash to outside cans, sweeping the event room floor, etc. Contact Diana Dunn to volunteer.

Thanks for volunteering!!

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM MANDY STEELE, TREASURER:

REMINDER – Dues can be mailed to Mandy Steele, 218 Cochran St, Fairmont, 26554. Dues were delinquent March 1st, 2023.

HAPPY BIRTHAY THIS MONTH TO:

Judy McGinnis Nancy Porter
Billie Garrett Marie Mason
Brenda Huey Nancy Farley
Cathie Metheny

CONTACT US -

On Facebook - GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont

Email – womanscluboffairmont@gmail.com

Phone – 304.363.9414 & please leave a message

Monthly Meeting Dinners –

June meeting hostesses are: Linda Chehren, Penny Morrison, Ellen Shields, Sherry Roof, and Carla Wood.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May20 Sat May21Sun	Quilt Show	** Need volunteers **
May20 Sat	Main Street Fairmont 10-3	** Need volunteers **
May22 Mon	Club Meeting, 6p	
May 23 Tues	Book Club	
May 27 Sat	Bridal Shower	** Need volunteers **
Jun 3 Sat	Baby Shower	** Need volunteers **
Jun 8 Thu	Junior's meeting	
Jun 9 Fri	Birthday Party	** Need volunteers **
Jun 9 Fri	Relay for Life @ FSU	** Need volunteers **
Jun 10 Sat	Summer Shindig @ Mylan Park	** Need volunteers **
Jun 10 Sat	Shower	** Need volunteers **
Jun10-12 Sat-Mon	GFWC Convention in Kentucky	
Jun 12 Mon	Salvation Army Board	
Jun 13 Tues	Book Club	

Jun 14 Wed	St Theresa's	
Thur	Speaker on Diversity & Pot Luck, 5p	
Jun 17 Sat	Main Street Fairmont 10-3	** Need volunteers **
Jun 17 Sat	American Heart Association Walk	
Jun 17 Sat	Baby Shower	** Need volunteers **
Jun 23 Fri	Set up @ Valley Chapel, 6pm	** Need volunteers **
Jun 24 Sat	Yard Sale @ Valley Chapel Methodist Church, 9-2 1511 Pleasant Valley Road	** Need volunteers **
Jun 26 Mon	Club meeting 6p	
Jun 27 Tue	Book Club	
Jul 11 Tue	Book Club	
Jul 11 Tue	Board meeting ZOOM 1:30p	
Jul 13 Thur	Next Gen meeting, 6p	
Jul 15 Sat	Main Street Fairmont 10-3	** Need volunteers **
Jul 24 Mon	Club Meeting, 6p	
Jul 25 Tue	Book Club	

Future bookings will be shared with you as scheduled. Please contact Diana at diana.dunn1959@gmail.com or 304.612.5031 or Linda Chefren at tmalcoll4@gmail.com or 304.365.1631 if you are able to help with events. Volunteers are always needed. **REMINDER - ALL members who work events are required to have a current Food Handlers card. Please send Diana Dunn a copy of your card.**

PROGRAMS - CHAIR: MARCELLA YAREMCHUK & VICKI IBER:

The speaker for the May meeting will be Kimberly Thorne from the FBI speaking to us about various fraud schemes.

PROJECTS - SUE GARCIA:

Our project for May will be donating Walmart/Kroger gift cards to Woody Williams House. Sue Garcia will have a gift basket to raffle during the May meeting for the Marion Co Library Family Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*** We are always looking for new members. Invite your friends or new acquaintances to join us at a club meeting. We provide so much to our community.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

Lydia Warren

QUILT SHOW UPDATE:

We are gearing up for an awesome quilt show on May 20 and 21st. The Club will be hosting, quite possibly, it's first ever quilt show at the clubhouse from 9-3 on May 20 and 21st in cooperation with "Country Roads Quilt Guild". Quilters from all over the region are submitting quilts for viewing and local quilt shops will be on hand to provide demonstrations. Local acclaimed quilter Terry Chilko will provide a trunk show on Saturday and Kelly Dlugos will be putting on a fashion show Sunday. Both days will be packed with quilty fun! Tickets are \$25 each day (includes lunch and all programming) or \$40 for both days. To only view quilts, there will be a special walk-thru/viewing on Saturday from 3-4 for \$10. Advance tickets are encouraged and can be purchased online.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

As most of you know, last year we sponsored Wreaths Across America and sold around 150 wreaths. This year, we decided to set up the option to purchase wreaths online or by mail and to sell them all year long. Attached is the form with directions to purchase online. If you or a friend or family member purchases by mail, please complete the form and mail it to the address cited.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

To sponsor the cost of a wreath, you can now pay online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Once you get to the website, go to the menu lines in the top right corner and look for Search Locations/Groups. Then choose Local Sponsorship Group. On search line, type in GFWC Woman’s Club of Fairmont. Our ID Number is WV0113. Choose sponsor and the form to fill out will open. You can fill out the form online and pay that way. Or instead of going online, you can write a check made payable to GFWC Woman’s Club of Fairmont and mail with this form to: 300 First Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. Please send form and check in by NOVEMBER 10TH. Thanks.

Number of Wreaths to Sponsor:

- 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$17)
- 2 Wreaths (\$34.00)
- 5 Wreaths (\$85.00) *Most Popular
- 10 Wreaths (\$170.00)
- Custom Number of Wreaths

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

BASKETS NEEDED FOR MYLAN PARK EVENTS & CLUB MEETING RAFFLES: PLEASE HELP!

There are events scheduled for June, October, and December. We need volunteers to prep a large basket for each of these events. The contents can have a theme if you so choose. Three or four ladies can go together to offset the cost. Please get together a group and let Barbara Haddad (304.549.6439) or bhaddad51@gmail.com) know who is taking the lead and the month you choose. All proceeds from the raffles will go toward window repair or whatever needs the clubhouse has. Thank you in advance for your help. (A suggestion might be a Charcuterie Board with sauces, knives, crackers, gift card etc.)

We will also need smaller baskets, Charcuterie board, lottery ticket trees, or gift card trees to raffle at club meetings, The proceeds have always been for lawn care. Please help if you can and again let Barb know the month. We do these baskets, etc. in lieu of the “pink pigs on the tables at club meetings”.

LADIES – if there are topics you would like to see in our newsletter, guest speakers, or projects you would like to do, please let me know and I will share with the proper committee.

bhaddad51@gmail.com

GFWC TIDBITS:

Founded in 1984, the Women’s History and Resource Center collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections, and publications. We also maintain a reference library collection focused on women’s history, the woman’s club movement, and the history of volunteerism. Much of this collection is online for people to see.

GFWC WV Summer Conference - On Friday afternoon beginning at 1:00pm we will be having LEADS. This Leadership, Education and Development Seminar is intended to further your GFWC knowledge and expand your leadership skills. The conference will officially open at 6:00 pm on Friday. During the weekend we will honor our Jennie Award Winner, LEADS participants, Scholarship recipients, have program workshops, and District get-togethers. Saturday evening, we will have "Fun at the Fair".

Room Reservation Deadline is June 3, 2023, and Meeting Registration Deadline is July 10, 2023. See info below:

Summer Conference 2023

August 4 - 5

2 days and nights



Canaan Valley Room Reservations

Simple Online Reservations:

<https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23260>

Group ID: 101633

- Wait for page to load - Select "Groups and Meetings" on the blue bar and then "Conferences" on the drop down menu
- Click on the actual calendar and enter the dates of stay (DO Not Use the drop down option), Select Dates: arrival 8/3/2023 or 8/4/2023 and check out 8/6/2023.
- Next room options will appear below "Book Now" and complete your reservation.

Or you may **Call today for reservations**
304 - 866 - 4121

ROOM RATES

\$119 per night for 2 people

Special rates for 2, 3 or 4
bedroom cabins are also offered

GFWC WEST VIRGINIA
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GFWC WEST VIRGINIA SUMMER CONFERENCE
AUGUST 4-6, 2023
CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, CANAAN VALLEY, WV

GFWC WV State President Cathy Jo Bryant invites all clubwomen and guests to attend the 50th Annual GFWC WV Summer Conference at the Canaan Valley Resort.

Go online <https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23260>
Group ID: 101633

Vendors Open
Friday 1-6
Saturday 8:30-6

Or Call today for room reservations 304-866-4121. Room deadline June 3, 2023

1. Clip and Mail to the Registration Chairman or
2. Use the QR Code below to register from your phone or, finally
3. Register Online: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/gfwcwwsummerconference>

2023 Summer Conference Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Club _____ District _____

email address _____ Cell number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

I am a military veteran _____

_____ Registration Fee \$15
 _____ Late Registration* ADD \$5
 _____ LEADS No Charge

If you hold a position, please state:

_____ GFWC _____
 _____ GFWC WV _____
 _____ District President _____
 _____ Club President _____
 _____ Guest _____

Vegetarian/Gluten Free, please check here: _____

_____ Friday HEROES Banquet \$42
 Circle One: Grilled Salmon
 Spinach/Artichoke Chicken
 Bourbon Beef Short Ribs

_____ I will be attending LEADS on Friday afternoon (1-4 pm)

_____ Saturday Lunch & Learn \$24
 Soup, Salad and Sandwich Buffet

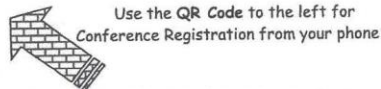
Send to: Addie Hopson
18751 Kanawha Valley Road
Southside, WV 25187

Make checks payable to:
GFWC West Virginia



_____ Saturday Picnic @ The Fair \$30
 Buffet: Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Salads

_____ Total Due



GFWC WV REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 10, 2023 (No refunds after this date.) See late note above

Do not register online and send in a hard copy. One registration per person. You certainly may send in this hard copy registration along with payment but online registration will be extremely helpful.

BINGO WAS A HUGE SUCCESS: THANK YOU LADIES TO ALL WHO DONATED OR WORKED!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JULIE & JOBY CHADWELL WHO LED US IN THIS EFFORT & TO THE WHOLE COMMITTEE: Mandy Steele, Mary Jo Thomas, Tina Faber, Karen Richman, Dana Linger, Nita Hobbs, and Nicole Colton.

LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL CROWD OF BINGO FANS:





CHECK OUT ALL THE PRIZES AVAILABLE AT BINGO:



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF FAIRMONT LOST TWO MEMBERS IN RECENT MONTHS –

MEMORY ETERNAL:

 **June Bradley Spiker**
August 10, 1928 - February 16, 2023



June Bradley Spiker, 94, of Fairmont, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at her residence. She was born on August 10, 1928, in Mannington, WV, a daughter of the late Ozzie Ray and Opal (Cottle) Bradley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Gay Spiker.

June was an active member of The First Presbyterian Church in Fairmont, where she served on the Woman's Association and Sunshine Committee. She also enjoyed Lunch Brunch Bible Study.

She was a 1945 graduate of Mannington High School. Upon graduating high school, June attended WV Business College. She was a member of the Life Long Learners. She formerly attended Fleming Presbyterian Church, where she was very active. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, member of the Dorcas Board, Representative to Church Women United, and member of the Choir.

June worked for Rymer, CPA Firm of Fairmont, C & P Telephone, Monongahela Power Company in the Accounting Department, and the Colony Shop.

She also enjoyed the Fairmont Women's Club and Fairmont Business and Professional Women's Association.

She is survived by many devoted nieces and nephews: Courtney and Sherry Hamcy, Cheryl and Steve Huff, Denny and Christine Bradley, William and Christine Bradley, Denise and Rick Cook, and several great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Marguerite Bradley.

She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Paula Jeanne Spiker, brother, Ray Denver "Jack" Bradley, and sister-in-law, June E. Conaway.

Friends will be received at the Ford Funeral Home, R.C. Jones Chapel, 1410 Country Club Road, Fairmont, WV 26554 on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 6 PM - 8 PM and Sunday, February 19, 2023, from 1 PM - 2 PM. The funeral service will be celebrated in the funeral home on Sunday at 2 PM with Reverend Evan Walker presiding. The interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com. The Spiker family has entrusted the care and arrangements to the Ford Funeral Home, R.C. Jones Chapel in Fairmont, WV.

No Events Scheduled At This Time



Marjorie Helen Hayhurst

February 2, 1931 - April 10, 2023

Marjorie Helen Russell Hayhurst, 92, of Fairmont passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023, at her home. She was born in Akron, Ohio on February 02, 1931, a daughter of the late Willard and Lulu Goode Russell.

She is survived by one son Danny Lee Hayhurst (Phyllis) of Morgantown; three daughters, Deborah Bouvy (Randy) of Fairmont, Donna Tubolino of Morgantown, and Doris Watson of Lumberport; five grandchildren Jennifer, Jason, Benjamin, Dollie, great grandchildren Carter, Jackson, Cruise, Isabella, Garrett, Levi, Jonathan and Jenna; one brother Charles Russell of Mannington and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of nearly 75 years Charles Lee Hayhurst on March 04, 2023; one son-in-law Randy Watson; two brothers James Russell and Richard Russell and one sister Dollie Sharp.

A special thank you to WV Caring Hospice and staff.

A private funeral and burial were arranged by Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home.

Addressing the Rape Kit Testing Backlog

DEBBIE SMITH ACT OF 2023



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When a victim of sexual assault reports the assault, a doctor or nurse will photograph, swab, and conduct an invasive and exhaustive examination of the victim's entire body for DNA evidence left behind by the attacker. The process may take four to six hours to complete. The victim assumes the evidence will be utilized to its fullest extent and in a timely manner to bring a perpetrator to justice. The reality is that there are still thousands of rape kits sitting in law enforcement evidence rooms or awaiting testing at state and local crime labs. Congress can take action to eliminate this backlog. Let's work to support survivors with the justice they deserve and hold perpetrators accountable.

Please urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Debbie Smith Act of 2023 which provides vital funding to state and local law enforcement agencies and crime labs nationwide to improve DNA collection and analysis, eliminate the rape kit backlog, and enhance state and local prosecutors' capacity to bring these cases to court.

One of the most important methods to identify and prosecute sexual predators is through DNA analysis. State and local law enforcement need the federal government's resources to efficiently analyze and process DNA evidence from sexual assault, homicides, and rape kits. It is time to put an end to the backlog of untested and unanalyzed DNA evidence and hold perpetrators accountable. Please urge Congress to enact H.R. 1105/S. 499, the Debbie Smith Act of 2023. **CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN!!!**