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GFWC Second Vice President's Report

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This has been a wonderful year serving as your GFWC Second Vice President. Having the opportunity to work closely with the dedicated and energetic GFWC Chairmen who serve so well in their various roles has been an exceptionally enjoyable and educational experience.

Please know that this officer attended all meetings as required by her position – and fulfilled the duties as prescribed in the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws.

This spring she had the delightful experience of being the GFWC guest and speaker at four excellent state conventions and while she can't tell you all of the highlights of each trip. She sends her heartfelt thanks to South Dakota, where she greatly enjoyed working alongside their members during their day of service and then learning to line dance with those same members; to Oklahoma, where she was overwhelmed by the beautiful memorial that stands in place of the Oklahoma City Bombing site and her visit to the Art Museum to see a Dale Chihuly glassworks exhibit; to Rhode Island, and their breathtakingly gorgeous views of the Atlantic Ocean as well as their excellent Conservation workshop; and to my neighboring state of Delaware, where the musical entertainment was exceptional and the many state accomplishments celebrated in grand style.

Each of these states has such warm hospitality and truly made this officer feel like she was a real part of their federations and so proud to be a GFWC member as she listened to the extensive accomplishments of your clubs!

Using many tips and suggestions from our GFWC Chairmen, this officer compiled a Guide to Reporting document which will be offered free of charge to all GFWC members in our Member Center during this convention and later will be posted online. Our hope is that it will help to answer most of the questions during next year's reporting process. It also provides a listing of what the GFWC Chairmen are looking for during the judging process.

This officer was saddened to attend the beautiful heart warming funeral in Charleston, West Virginia, of our beloved GFWC International President Maxine Scarbro (1998-2000). Loving every minute serving as Maxine's Director of Junior Clubs, and having the benefit of learning so much from this wonderful lady, it was important to me that her family knew how much she meant to me. I greatly appreciated the warm and gracious hospitality of my West Virginia friends that day.

This officer participated in and took members of the GFWC STARS Junioresettes Club of Westminster to HQ to work the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium 26th Annual Museum Walk this past weekend. What a delightful experience for everyone to relive the history of our beautiful Headquarters and participate in this event.

This officer thanks you – the members – for allowing her the opportunity to serve GFWC and to work with this executive committee who give constantly with their time, talents and hearts.

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