

## Junior Awards Spring Convention 2017

### Mary Ann Taylor Award



Congratulations to **Virginia Papadpoulos** of GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club for receiving the Mary Ann Taylor Award. Mary Ann Taylor gave of her time unselfishly while promoting child advocacy through the juniors' special project. Virginia worked tirelessly for The Haven of RCS collecting food, gift cards for grocery stores, toiletries, toothbrushes, clothing, and even a freezer for the kids residing at the domestic violence shelter. She even won a community award for her efforts.

### Jennie June Croly Scholarship

The Jennie June Croly scholarship was established to assist a junior member in her educational financial needs. It was named in honor of the founder of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote under the name of Jennie June. Congratulations to this year's recipient **Johanna Amigo** of the GFWC Tampa Junior Woman's Club. Johanna works full time and is pursuing a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Management. She attends Saint Leo University as a full-time student with a 3.7 GPA.

### Gail Hill Smith Award



The Gail Hill Smith Marketing Award is presented to an outstanding junior club that effectively promotes the GFWC Florida Federation's name, image and objectives. It was established in 1996 in honor of Gail Hill Smith for her outstanding vision to unify and "brand" our volunteer strength with one name and one marketing image. Congratulations to **GFWC St.**

**Petersburg Junior Woman's Club** for the marketing of their fundraisers, Mardi Gras Pub Crawl & Pumpkin Palooza. Pumpkin Palooza is a family fall festival that attracted over 2500 attendees with a variety of

activities for all ages. Mardi Gras Crawl was a pub crawl fundraiser that sold over 100 tickets with 75% of the ticket sales to non-members. A press release was created for the event and it was promoted on multiple online sites.

### **Nancy Crawford Award**



This annual Junior award is in honor of Nancy Crawford, past GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs, and recognizes leadership qualities in volunteers. The recipient of the 2016 Nancy Crawford Leadership Award is **Melanie Otte** with GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman's Club. She is an outstanding Junior who has grown and developed as an individual, led others, and helped nurture leadership qualities in others. Melanie is passionate about GFWC and helping others. She has become a pro at planning volunteer events and club projects. In the past year she has arranged speakers to talk to her club from Vets4Pets, Suncoast Kids Place and sex trafficking safe house, Redefining Refuge. She was club chair for the St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk and her team raised over \$1,000! Last spring, she organized a volunteer event at RVR Horse Rescue, which was very well attended by members. Melanie's love for animals also came out when she coordinated club participation in the first Dogfest to benefit Canine Companions for Independence in Tampa. Congratulations Melanie!

### **Teddy Hulse Junior to Junior Federation Interaction Award**



The Teddy Hulse Junior to Junior Federation Interaction Award is presented for outstanding interaction between Junior clubs while serving their communities and member's interests and furthering the objective of Federation Interaction. The winning club interacted with 7 different Junior clubs throughout the year in a dozen different ways, including hosting members from other clubs as guest judges at the Baby Parade and Little Miss Plant City, attending other clubs' fundraisers such as Night of 5000, Murder Mystery Dinner and Crawl for a Cause, and attending service projects such as Sole Hope, Pancakes for Pillows and Safety Bears workshop. Friendships are

formed and Federation is strengthened when club members can interact one on one in relaxed settings.

Congratulations to this year's winning club **GFWC Plant City Junior Woman's Club**

### **Outstanding Junior Chairman**



Congratulations to Junior Arts Chairman, **Lauren Leahey** for winning this year's Outstanding Chairman. Lauren met her deadlines and promptly replied to all emails. Even though she was new, she did not shy away from helping lead her group to plan their workshop at Fall Board. Lauren even did optional chairman duties like turning in an article for the Clubwoman.

### **Ginny Winsemann Outstanding Junior District Director Award**



**Joy Post** GFWC Florida Junior District 9 Director jumped right into her position and took to heart the goal of establishing new clubs. She has a passion for Federation and recruiting and shares that passion wherever she goes. She has traveled many, many miles in her district and worked tirelessly to help establish two new Junior clubs. Thank you Joy for your outstanding service and commitment in the last year.

### Junior Charlotte Meeds Smith Award



Congratulations to **Diania Pimenta** for winning this year's Charlotte Meeds Smith Junior Volunteer of the Year Award. Diania unselfishly volunteers her time and energy for worthwhile causes while promoting the GFWC Florida Federation throughout her community and state and makes this world a better place. She is on The Hillsborough County Children's Services Advisory Board. This board oversees a county run foster home for neglected and abandoned children. She helped raise funds for children in Bolivia and volunteers with CAICC who provides services to children, who through no fault of their own, live in prison with their parents. Her volunteer work does not stop with helping children here and internationally but she also helps those in Tampa Bay by being a Red Cross Volunteer. She takes shifts every week to respond to house fires and other small disasters on a moment's notice. She provides them with financial assistance provided by the Red Cross. She also is a Government Liaison. When there are large scale disasters or events in the area, Diania goes to The Emergency Operations Center and coordinates all activities with other local, state, and federal agencies and non-profits. These are only a few of the activities, but you can see why we are so proud of Diania and she is deserving of this award.

### Unity in Diversity Award



This year's Unity in Diversity recipients are: **Candy Jackson**, District 8 Director and **Vi Zonfrelli**, Junior District 8 Director. Candy and Vi have worked tirelessly together for each and every event that occurs. They must be joined at the hip, as if you see one, you see the other! It doesn't matter if it's a Club or a District event, or supporting a state program...they are there for each other and the members of their District, working side by side. At the Annual District Meeting, they equally shared the program, for Club and District events, they are on Facebook

making sure everyone is aware of fun volunteering opportunities and having a great time; and they communicate and rally the troops for state events. When it comes to District meetings, these two share responsibility for conducting the meetings, equally engaged in the important aspects of pulling together the agenda, the speakers and even the smallest details like photos, and fellowship. They are fun to watch in action, and their enthusiasm shows in how their members respond. Organization is key to make the District Events successful, they even do it twice, making sure that all members can attend important events, they host day and night meetings. They are truly together in Unity in Diversity. If you don't see one of them, you can certainly hear them, because they are excited to always yell a few words "District 8 is Great."

### **GFWC Florida LEADS Winner**



Congratulations to **Heather Brott** of GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman's Club for being named the 2016 GFWC Florida LEADS Winner. Heather is a volunteer in her local elementary school, serves on the board for the Barefoot Bay Computer Club, helps spread the word for Children with Hair Loss, and is very active in her Junior Club as the Programs Chair and incoming President. She has demonstrated a strong desire to be active in many of our leadership projects. She would now like to know the "Big GFWC Picture." She is a retired military veteran who served as an electronic technician during several tours of the Middle East. She has risked her life for our country and now wishes to give back to her community thru Living the Volunteer Spirit!