

GFWC Virginia Statistical Form – Annual Club Record – 2025 Activity Summary

2025 was a highly active year for the Woman's Club of Springfield.

- In January of 2025, WCoS spouses and friends joined members at a local Chinese Restaurant to celebrate Chinese New Year. A member held an open house with cookies to share her family's train display. There was a collection of items for our layette program. Yvonne Sening (ND President) attended the general meeting and spoke on Mental Health Matters. A White Elephant gift exchange was held.
- Snow and icy weather changed our February general meeting to ZOOM. A new member was inducted.
- A representative of Friends of Richard Byrd Library spoke on opportunities to support the library in March. 2025 -2027 officers were elected. Layettes were delivered to two hospitals. Springfield Challenger Program was given a donation. Final taxes were filed for the Pink Elephant.
- April found us celebrating WCoS at our Federation Luncheon and Installation at Maggiano's. Yvonne Sening, ND President, installed our new officers. Seven members participated in the NDGFWC Spring meeting in Woodbridge.
- At the May annual business meeting, there was a brief overview of annual report. Due to FCPS rules and regulations, WCoS could not meet the requirements on time to present our scholarship this year. May also found us at our annual Spring Faire where we hosted vendors and earned money to support Bethany House. Members supported the Richard Byrd Library's semi-annual book sale. Our president attended the GFWC Virginia State Convention in Richmond. Another new member was inducted.
- At our June Awards Potluck Dinner, we invited and recognized our Pink Elephant consignors as our guests. Checks were presented to Bethany House from our Spring Faire and to Prince of Peace as a thank you for their support of our Spring Faire. School supplies were donated to two elementary schools. A new member was inducted.
- In July, sixteen stuffed animals were donated to Gleaning For The World.
- Two members attended the GFWC VA Summer Conference in Staunton, VA in August. Much was learned!
- In September, before the start of our meeting, everyone enjoyed a get acquainted game of Tic-Tac-Toe. Members enjoyed four games of Bingo with prizes. Diane Tuininga, ND 2nd VP, spoke briefly on membership. Members participated in a drive by donating clothing to the forensic nurses for the National Day of Service.
- In October, two forensic nurses spoke about sexual abuse. Collected underwear was donated to the program. In support of two members diagnosed with breast cancer, bracelets were provided to members to show our support. Also in October, our President and three members attended the GFWC Northern District meeting in Chantilly. Three members participated in Dog Fest, a Canine Companion fundraiser, and two members participated in an Alzheimer's walk. Crayons collected from the VA GFWC Conference were donated to a preschool in Marshall. Recycled pill bottles were sent to Matthew 25: Ministries. A new member was inducted.
- In November, a physical therapist spoke on Fascial Counterstrain, a new form of physical therapy. Members supported the Richard Byrd Library's semiannual book sale. Five anti-bullying books were presented to three local elementary schools. WCoS participated in its first Saver's Fundraiser for the club.
- In December, our Hospitality committee planned a lovely sit down, potluck dinner for our holiday celebration. The West Springfield Madrigal Choral Group presented a concert of holiday songs. Everyone enjoyed the festivities. In lieu of a gift exchange, members donated food gift cards to Garfield ES, Lynbrook ES, and Crestwood ES for needy families. Four members attended the GFWC Headquarters Open House. Four members helped students and parents decorate cookies at Crestwood ES Preschool parents' meeting. Five members assisted parents at the Crestwood ES Pop-up Holiday Shop.

Throughout the year, WCoS reviewed the By-Laws. Changes were made to make the By-Laws clearer and relative to our club. Votes were taken at three meetings.

Besides our general membership meetings, our members met for lunch, free movie classics at the Richard Byrd Library, new movie releases at local theatres, arts and craft workshops, concerts, plays, game day, thrifting Thursday, book club, and Senior Nights at IHOP. We're hoping that our meaningful programs will attract even more interest in our Club. We inducted 4 new members in 2025!

We look forward to more ways to serve our community in 2026.