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December 17, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin helps pass out baskets at the Mountain Mission, in Kanawha County.



December 10, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin visits with Santa during the Mason County Family Christmas event in Pt. Pleasant.



November 23, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin and Gov. Joe Manchin help serve a Thanksgiving meal at Union Mission Ministries' downtown Charleston Shelter facility.



November 16, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin visits with students and parents during a Thanksgiving lunch at Kanawha County's Piedmont Elementary School.



Oct. 31, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin greet trick-or-treaters at the Governor's Mansion.



Oct. 24, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin speaks during the 125th Assembly of the Council of Churches in Charleston.



October 21, 2005 West Virginia First Lady Gayle Manchin presents Whoopi Goldberg with a proclamation naming her an honorary West Virginian on Thursday, October 20, 2005, after Goldberg performed as part of the Marshall Artists Series at the Keith-Albee Theatre, in Huntington.



October 15, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin enjoys watching jumpers leap from the New River Gorge Bridge during the annual 26th annual Bridge Day, one of the largest extreme sporting events in the world.



October 14, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin join nearly 4,000 citizens during a ceremony to mark the official introduction of the West Virginia State Quarter and the completion of the State Capitol Dome restoration project. **More Photos from the Celebration**



October 4, 2005 First Lady Gayle Manchin gives welcoming remarks during the Beginning Teacher/Mentor Institute at the Charleston House Holiday Inn.



First Lady Gayle Manchin joins Secretary of State Betty Ireland and many other lovely ladies to show how they go red for the women of the Mountain State. The American Heart Association recently announced that February 2006, will see the launch of the largest "Go Red for Women" campaign ever seen in West Virginia. The campaign is designed to call attention to heart disease and stroke, the number one and number three killers of women in West Virginia and in the nation.



Sept. 23, 2005 Before she participates in a dedication ceremony, First Lady Gayle Manchin is welcomed by several students at the Fairplain Elementary School in Jackson County.



First Lady Gayle Manchin speaks to union members at the annual United Mine Workers of America's Labor Day celebration and picnic at John Slack Memorial Park, Racine.



Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin tour Blenko Glass with William Blenko, Jr. This West Virginia glass company has produced Country Music Award trophies, Presidential Gifts, U.S. Capitol lighting globes and original Williamsburg® stemware.



First Lady Gayle Manchin joins West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Secretary Martha Walker, Secretary of State Betty Ireland and participants of the 85th Anniversary of Women Suffrage event at the State Capitol.



First Lady Gayle Manchin watches as Lawrence Cuttip, Hope Doss and Rusty Cogar build computers during a training seminar at One Stop Workforce Center in Webster County.



First Lady Gayle Manchin encourages swimmers during the Back to School Bash at Camp Casear 4-H Camp, Webster County.



First Lady Gayle Manchin speaks with Gennifer Mangosong, a master's student of Gerontology at San Diego State University who is participating in the West Virginia Governor's Internship program.



First Lady Gayle Manchin speaks with community leaders during a Forum on Truancy and Attendance, sponsored by the Fayette County Youth Issues Committee and the Fayette Alternative Program.



First Lady Gayle Manchin joins Marshall University President Dr. Stephen Kopp, Verizon WV President Stan Cavendish, June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development Executive Director Dr. Stan Maynard, Marshall University Foundation Board of Directors Chair Monica Hatfield, Pam Hoppe with the WV Department of Education and Senator Robert Plymale (D-Wayne) for a presentation of major gifts totaling \$500,000 to Marshall University's June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development during a ceremony at the university's Drinko Library.



First Lady Gayle Manchin reads to students during the Energy Express Read Aloud at Sissonville Elementary School.



Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin recognize all the winners of the 2005 Governor's Service Awards at the Charleston Marriott.



First Lady Gayle Manchin speaks about the importance of volunteerism during West Virginia's First State of Promise Forum. The event builds upon the efforts of America's Promise and the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows in West Virginia.



First Lady Gayle Manchin and Gov. Joe Manchin attend the swearing-in ceremony for the new State Superintendent of Schools Steve Paine in the Governor's Reception Room.



First Lady Gayle Manchin hosts members of West Virginia AARP staff and advocacy group at the Governor's Mansion.



Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin welcome the 2005 participants of the Governor's Internship Program. The program offers high-achieving college students the opportunity to learn in a real world work environment.



First Lady Gayle Manchin speaks with participants from the Governor's Internship Program. The college students were invited to the Governor's Mansion for their first official academic event.



First Lady Gayle Manchin presents more than 200 PROMISE Scholarships to students during a ceremony at South Charleston High School.



As a member of the executive board of The Education Alliance, the First Lady had the pleasure of introducing the Graduates of Distinction, Lawson and Jeanne Hamilton of Lewisburg during their annual luncheon on June 7th at the Marriott. Also pictured with her is one of the found fathers of the Alliance, James H. (Buck) Harless. Approximately 250 people were in attendance to honor these worthy individuals, who have given so much to further educational opportunities through scholarships.



First Lady Gayle C. Manchin receives a briefing from project architect, Rob Cole, as she tours the State Capitol dome restoration project, and views gilding work currently in progress.



As Honorary Chairwoman for Children's Memorial Flag Day, First Lady Gayle C. Manchin speaks to those gathered at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston to remember the children who have been lost to violence and preventable accidents, including child abuse and neglect. The Children's Memorial Flag is flying in many locations in all 55 counties, including the State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion.



First Lady Gayle C. Manchin addresses the opening of the 47th Session of West Virginia Youth in Government in the House chambers of the State Capitol. This event, sponsored by the Hi-Y Leadership Center, is a three-day Model Session for high school students, giving them a foundation in democracy and responsible citizenship.



To encourage volunteerism throughout the state, First Lady Gayle C. Manchin, speaks during the launching of the new Web site, www.volunteerwv.org, sponsored by the West Virginia Commission on National and Community Service.



The First Lady signs up on the Web site as a volunteer, assisted by Jody Cottrill, Volunteer Coordinator for Volunteer WV.