



The Washington Club Woman

Living the Volunteer Spirit

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That's a wrap

Another fabulous State Convention has come and gone!

Our 122nd GFWC Washington State Convention was a smashing success! Awards, fundraisers, new friends, old friends, it was a little of everything and so much more!

Several of us enjoyed getting to know and spend time with our special guest, "Deb-ski" as we shortened her name to! She entertained us with her news of GFWC Headquarters and her hometown of Chicago.



We welcomed new friends with 9 first-timers in attendance!

...and said 'good bye' to our very dear friend, Jeanne, with a memorial service in her memory.



We handed out awards, so many awards, to almost every club in our state! Way to go, ladies!

More Convention! Too much fun for just one page!



We awarded one very surprised, but extremely deserving Sue Tyler with ClubWoman of the Year honors

And someone equally deserving as our State LEADS representative, Dorothy Crowder



We installed our newest President Betty MacMaster and welcomed her family into our craziness!



And presented outgoing President Tina Bair with a bag of goodies to remember us by as she prepares to not only retire from the helm but to leave us for sunny skies and warm beaches in Florida!



But mostly we laughed and loved and reminded ourselves what we love most about GFWC, service and ourselves... we are **Girl Friends Who Care**



Worldy Wisdoms...



I would like to thank all the GFWC-WS members for electing me as GFWC-WS President and for your support for the next two years. The Installation ceremony for the 2018-2020 GFWC-WS officers was great. Having Deb Strahanoski as our special GFWC guest was a special treat. In addition, thank you to the GFWC King County District and to GFWC Sokico for the wonderful reception.

Thanks also to Tina Bair for a successful last two years; she has left big shoes for me to follow! And thank you to my family and friends for attending. The special bagpipe performance by my brother-in-law, John MacMaster, was wonderful.

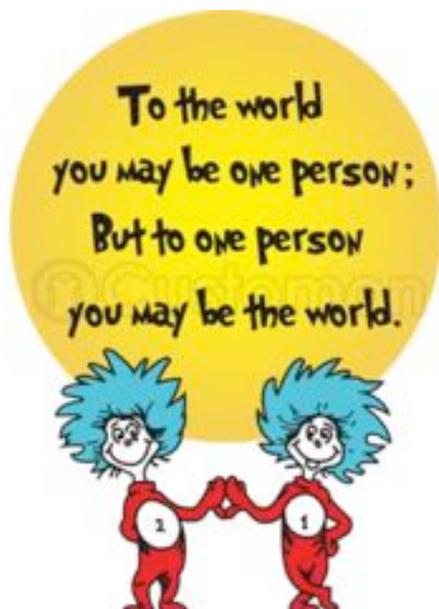
As many of you heard, my special project is support for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This event is near and dear to my heart as I lost my mom to melanoma (skin cancer). And, many friends and family have been affected by cancer. There are a number of Relay events in the next few months in Washington State. Please consider joining one or more of these events.

I will be participating in the South Sound Relay for Life in Kent at French Field on June 1st and 2nd. If anyone has time, please join us at that event. We continue to: Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back.

The 2018-2020 GFWC WS Board has started planning for the next two years. Please plan to attend the GFWC-WS Summer Planning meeting on July 14th at Federation Forest. (See the Registration form attached in this newsletter).

Thank you for everyone's support.

Betty MacMaster
GFWC-Washington State
President 2018-20



Final thoughts from the sole...

As the 2016-2018 administration comes to a close, it is time to reflect and now become part of the GFWC Washington State history.

When I began my journey in 2006, I thought 2016 was so far of in the distance. Someone once told me to take each year as it comes and embrace each experience and that is what I did. Each elected office I held thought out has special memories. Before I knew it, it was April, 2016 and I was preparing for my installation and the next two years as your State President. What an experience it has been. The friends and memories will always hold a special spot in my heart.

I want to say a special “thank you” to all who served on my board these past two years. Without all of your hard work and willingness to serve, we would not have had the fun and successful two years. Each of you brought your smiles, enthusiasm and dedication to this organization. Each of you also stepped up to fill positions, take part in or meetings, and were willing to try new things. I applaud you for your love of GFWC Washington State.

My wish to Betty and her administration is to have a great two years of fun, fellowship, and success. Now embrace the challenges that may arise but most of all be proud to be GFWC Washington State.

I hope that the 2016-2018 administration has left a positive impact not only to you but your communities. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to serve as your GFWC-Washington State President.

Love,
Tina

Love, in Federation,
Tina Bair
GFWC-Washington State
President 2016-18

President's Special Project



GFWC WS President Betty MacMaster has chosen the American Cancer Society's RELAY FOR LIFE as her special project focus for the next two years.

Most, if not all of you are familiar with this signature fundraising event for cancer which is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries.

Club Presidents attending the GFWC WS Convention in Olympia received information on 2018 Relay for Life events throughout Washington State. I encourage you to support the President's Special Project by participating in a local Relay event. You may do this in a variety of ways:

Volunteer at the event

Enter as a participating team and gather financial sponsors

Donate to team

Donate directly to Relay for Life website

For more information please go to the Relay for Life website since many events take place in late spring or early summer.

During this administration all President's Special Project reports may be sent to me along with your Home Life reports rather than two different community service chairmen.

Thank you for your participation and support!

Valerie Huey

GFWC WS President's Special Project

Home Life Chairman



Scholarship Committee

Thanks to a very profitable year for our investments and the many wonderful donations by our state Clubs, we were able to award 6 scholarships this year totaling \$6250! We had 8 fantastic submissions and all clubs who nominated candidates should be proud of their girls!



- 1st Place - Kylie Sahota, GFWC Battle Ground
- 2nd Place - (TIE) Simone Morrujo, GFWC Cascade
and Colby Dragon, GFWC Olympia
- 3rd Place - Erin Trantham, GFWC Camas-Washougal
- 4th Place - Brooke Simmons, GFWC Philomathic
- 5th Place - Madysen McLain, GFWC Springdale

In the event one or two of the above are forfeited, two alternate scholarships are also available.

- Alternate #1 - Krislyn Koler, GFWC Chewelah
- Alternate #2 - Sarah Hoeing, GFWC Kitsap Peninsula

Thank you again!
Living the Volunteer Spirit,
Linda Butcher, Janice Orr, Joyce Lewis

2017 GFWC-WS FUNDRAISING Statistics

Hello Members,
Congratulations to all Clubs that submitted their 2017 Statistical Form and Fundraising Report. All of you were winners whether you reported one project or seven...your club planned, organized, worked together and reported your event.

Listed are the total numbers I promised to report to you in our newsletter:

- Number of Clubs Reported: 15
- Number of projects: 57
- Volunteers Hours: 2,913.5
- Dollars Raised: \$37,362.83
- In Kind Donation: \$5,242.00

Winner in Category A, B, C, and D:

- A: Springdale
- B: Sokico
- C: Capital Woman's Club
- D: Amalak

Inspired and Amazed,
Nardine Sandberg
2016-2018 FUNdraiser Chairman



Districts of our State

GFWC Peninsula District

GFWC Peninsula District had a fabulous Spring Conference and Installation. We were hosted by GFWC Nisqually at the lovely Abigail Stuart House, also known as the Woman's Club of Olympia clubhouse.

The new administration was installed by our own Past GFWC President Carlene Garner, who used a 'Gems' theme. Officers for the 2018-20 administration will be President Kim Skagen, Vice President Cindy Bassage, Treasurer Rita Loeth, and Secretary Norma Martin.

Outgoing President Dorothy Crowder was gifted a beautiful personalized clock to hang on her wall with our many thanks!

Fall Conference will find us gathering together at the First United Methodist Church where will be hosted by the ladies of the Tacoma Woman's Club.



GFWC Northeastern District



Spring Conference in the Northeastern District was hosted by the Lilac Club.

Ginger Bowman-Rape proceeded over the 2018-20 Installation of new officers with a 'handbag' theme.

Pictured: (left to right) Bonnie Rail, Lela Taylor, Marilyn Nichols, Ginger, Tami Wright, and President Audrey Charron.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! GFWC-WS Clubs

Greetings Members!

First of all, we, FUNdraiser Committee, say farewell with a happy dance that our fundraising efforts in 2016-2018 administration was successful because of YOUR SUPPORT!

As you know, fundraising is all in-house...so it was **YOU!** We hope our theme of Safety, Home and Beauty brought you meaningful items and awareness of emergency preparedness in the event of a disaster, personal safety, and fun with home and beauty items.

The fundraising results from our 2018 Spring Convention:

•**Basket/Container Challenge, 19 entries: \$947**

Blue Ribbon Winner: Olympia Woman's Club, entered a garden theme entry, it had a high bid of \$65 and the basket overflowed with garden planting items and delightful garden décors.

•**50/50 Raffle: \$382**

Winner: \$191 to Kim Skagen

**Total 2016-2018 (ending 4/30/18) PROCEEDS
after expenses: \$2,605.23**

All fundraising proceeds go to our WS treasurer to cover convention expenses, continue informational, educational and communication training.

Thank you for making our job as the GFWC-WS FUNdraisers during the 2016-2018 administration a pleasure! It was an honor to work with all of you. We hope you had FUN...we did!!

It was also an honor to work for Tina and her Board. The experience of learning and meeting the challenge to do our best for GFWC-WS was exciting.

To our GFWC-WS Family with love,
Nardine Sandberg,
2016-2018 GFWC-WS FUNdraising Chairman and
Committee Members: Gail Crump and Cassy Faulkner



Clubs of our State

GFWC Amalak

GFWC Amalak has a knack for finding ways to help and honor locally and internationally. At our International Potluck dinner the speaker was with the USO, and food was donated to her organization. In addition there was a "bra drive" and bras were donated for Nepal.

One of our members had an altruistic item on her bucket list. She wanted to be able to donate a water buffalo through Heifer International. Heifer International is a wildly acclaimed nonprofit group that helps communities alleviate hunger and end poverty through gifts of livestock. They use the "teach a man to fish" theory. Amalak devised a surprise way to announce the gift of the water buffalo. There was a special award granted. It announced a water buffalo had been donated to Heifer Intl, and was named Loe. Using her nickname let the realization dawn slowly. When Lois Swanstrom, made the connection she was touched her to tears.



In GFWC tradition, kindness continues with one community to another, one heart to another.

GFWC Apple Blossom Club (or GFWC ABC)

*GFWC Computer Link has changed their name to
GFWC Apple Blossom Club*

*We have a new [Facebook](#) page and a new
[webpage](#)*

Please visit them, and us.

We are looking for new members that would like to "blossom" by joining our club. We meet via email each month and at state meetings. So if you have a friend that likes GFWC and wants to help their community by being a member but can't attend a regular meeting, invite them to try our blossoming club.



Clubs of our State

GFWC PENINSULA KEYSTONE

The members of Peninsula Keystone recently met for their annual Pizza Party, which they combined with this years Installation of Officers!

Keystone member, Lynn Cline, hosted the night and performed the Installation using a "Run for the Roses" theme stemming from the recently ran Kentucky Derby. Complete with hats, roses, and horse statues.

Lynn happens to live next door to some goats who provided a large part of the evening's entertainment prior to dinner!

Thanks for a fun evening Lynn and the ladies of Keystone!



Above: Lynn, in her Roses finery, performs the installation.

Left to Right: Martha Curwen, Treasurer; Laura Guerra, Secretary; Caroline Stolhand, Vice President; and Carlene Garner, President

Below left and right: Carlene and Dorothy feed the 'twins' Barnes and Noble.



Clubs of our State

GFWC-CAMAS-WASHOUGAL

In February, GFWC Camas-Washougal received a \$1500 grant and in turn used that grant money to create the Reaching For The Stars With Books. A perfect partnership was then forged with the 1-2-3 Grow & Learn Program at Hathaway Elementary School in Washougal, Washington. 1-2-3 Grow & Learn is an early learning program for children from birth to five years of age.

Below is the article that was published via Facebook and the local newspaper.

Submitted by Susan Bennett, GFWC Camas-Washougal

Washougal, WA - Pre-kindergarten children and their families in Washougal are being challenged by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Camas-Washougal to "Reach for the Stars with Books."

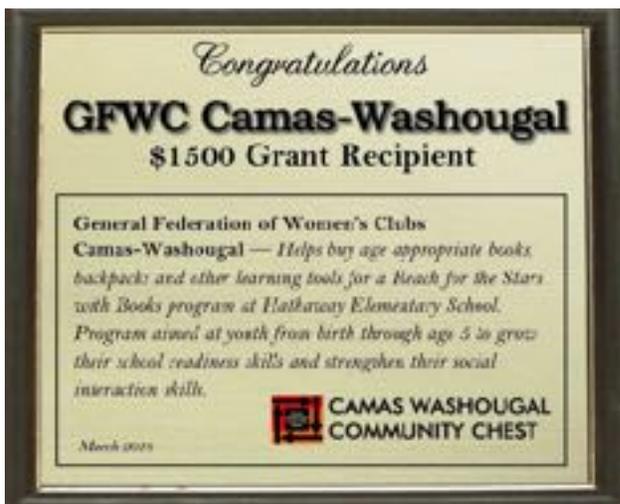
"The goal of our program is to enrich the lives of young children through growth and learning skills prior to entering kindergarten and pursuing their academic journey," said GFWC incumbent Vice President, Susan Bennett. "We received a grant from the Camas-Washougal Community Chest to purchase age-appropriate books, backpacks and other educational tools for children ages birth to five years old."

GFWC members have now begun distribution of the educational materials. The group was on hand April 11th at Hathaway Elementary School to reward students and parents who have attended six visits to "1-2-3 Grow & Learn Program," a free, drop-in, interactive and educational program for families with pre-kindergarten children. In addition to the books, backpacks and educational materials, students receive a light blue T-shirt after attending their sixth session.

1-2-3 Grow and Learn is offered through ESD 112 for parents and children from birth to 5 years and teaches school readiness activities and gives parents a fun way to play and learn with their child. The program is located at several Clark County schools. GFWC Camas-Washougal is assisting with the program at Hathaway Elementary, 630 24 St., Washougal. The Hathaway program, under the leadership of Julie Jacobson, EDS 112, meets each Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:30 a.m. through June 6. The 1-2-3 Grow & Learn Program will resume at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

The Community Chest grant received by the women's club compliments the ESD 112 program well. "Reach for the Stars with Books" focuses on parent-child time," Bennett explained. "These gifts for learning are a reward to help reinforce to both the parent and child the importance of attendance and structure at an early age.

"By putting books into the hands of children they will grow their school readiness skills and strengthen their social skills through interaction with other parents and children," she said. "We believe these gifts will spark the children and parents' imagination and take them on a journey of a lifetime!"



Clubs of our State

GFWC-CAMAS-WASHOUGAL continued



Pat Suggs (C-W Vice President), Bonnie Walden, Mrs. Sarika Mosley (Hathaway Elementary School Principal), Nancy Nass-Boon (Family Resource Coordinator Hathaway Elementary School), Susan Bennett and Carol Styles (C-W President).



Carol Styles (C-W President), Bonnie Walden, Susan Bennett, Pat Suggs (C- W Vice President), Tina Bair (W State President) and Michelle Aguilar (Child Care Aware Manager Early Care & Education - Michelle oversees the 1-2-3 Grow & Learn Program through ESD 112).



Clubs of our State

GFWC NISQUALLY

GFWC Nisqually recently hosted a Paint & Sip fundraiser party and several ladies from all over Peninsula District made the trek to Yelm to paint along!

Nardine Sandberg added these thoughts: “Hi! Passing along some fun pictures at the fundraising event, 5/3/18, at the Puerto Vallarta Restaurant in Yelm. We all had fun with painting, dinner, drinks and raffle of baskets. Even though the paint subject was the same theme, everyone’s paintings were different and lots of ooh’s and ahhs. Nardine

Thanks for hosting GFWC Nisqually!



Clubs of our State

GFWC BATTLE GROUND

HeeHaw! Several members of GFWC-Battle Ground supported the annual Parks and Recreation "Shindig" on April 14. They were entertained with a country western dance band and a variety of foods. Proceeds from the event support the city's Veterans Memorial Monument. Attending were Lois Simmons, Nancy Lee, Louise Tucker, Valerie Huey and Gloria Walck.



Battle Ground club hosts terrific teen girls

Winners of the GFWC-Battle Ground scholarship program visited the club at the April 26 meeting. Hannah Stuchlik (left), second place winner, received \$800 and Kylie Sohota, first place, received \$1,000. In addition, Kylie was surprised to learn that she also received \$1,500 from GFWC-Washington State as its top scholar!

Also at the club meeting on April 26 were the four Rose Float Princesses, a traditional visitation. Club members heard a review of each princess's aspirations and various aspects of building the floral float Battle Ground enters in Portland's grand floral parade each year. GFWC-BG has supported the project for decades -- hands-on and monetarily.



Clubs of our State

GFWC BATTLE GROUND continued



Clubwomen spend Saturday night being creative while wine-tasting

At the invitation of the North Clark Community Food Bank, six members and a guest enjoyed Paint Night at a local winery on April 28. Admission tickets raised \$15 each for the food bank for a total of \$105 from club attendance plus several raffle tickets at \$5 each (no club winners). Wielding art brushes were a guest (Lynne's daughter Kelly), Mary Lee Miller, Bonnie Rippengale, Johanna Hyatt, Sheila McCormack, Louise Tucker and Lynne Froelich. GFWC-Battle Ground's primary support of the food bank is the boxes of food collected from shoppers who attend the Ladybug Bazaar.



As we remember Memorial Day weekend, followed by many other remembrance days of our Veterans and those currently serving, I'd like to share a yummy treat with all of you! Starbucks and Dog Tag Bakery are currently selling Dog Tag Brownies at most

locations. Tasty chocolate frosting and salty potato chip crumbles, what could be better?! Get one today!!

From their label, Dog Tag Bakery works with veterans and military families to find fulfillment in their personal and professional lives.

Only available until June 4, get one while you can!



GFWC Style Project Runway

Conservation Challenge



and the winner is...
GFWC Chamber's Bay

Cindy Bassage will be happily representing GFWC Chamber's Bay and GFWC Washington State as she models the state's winning entry at GFWC Convention in St. Louis next month.



Other state entries, modeled by club representatives...

Tina Bair, GFWC Camas Washougal
Cassy Faulkner, GFWC Amalak
Nardine Sandberg, Capital Woman's Club
Cindy - GFWC Chamber's Bay
Nancy Burdick, Peninsula Keystone

Federation Forest - Work Party 2018



The Spring Cleanup and Work Party at Federation Forest was held May 19. Several members and a few family came out to tour, work the beds, and make a positive impact on 'our' forest!

Additionally, Char Lysne, the outgoing Federation Forest Chairman has shared that the 'Save a Tree' pin fundraiser from the last year has collected and made a "dedicated donation" of \$1200 to improvements at the park!



Before

... and After



Federation Forest
State Park

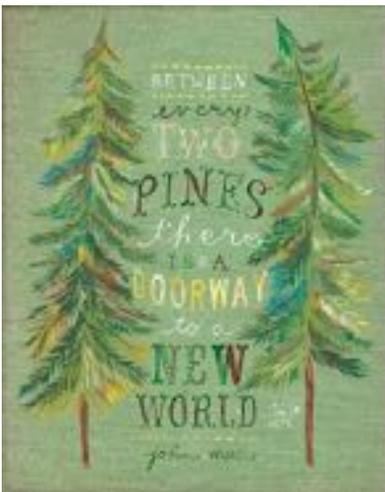


Celebrating 40 Years of
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Recreation Commission



Before

.... and After





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<http://www.orgsites.com/wa/gfwcwashington/index.html>

*Find...
Forms!*

District events!

Club newsletters!

Fed Forest Save A Tree pins!

So many things to find!



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Betty MacMaster

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Lela Taylor

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Dorothy Crowder

Secretary:

Tami Wright

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Margaret Schiffner

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Parliamentary Advisor:

Nancy Jones

Financial Secretary:

Cindy Bassage

Endowment Trustee:

Linda Butcher

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Sue Tyler

Events & Special Days

August 1st

ClubWoman articles due

June

1st-2nd

21st

22-26

Relay for Life - Kent, WA

First Day of Summer

GFWC Annual Convention

St. Louis, MO

July

July 4th

14th

Independence Day

GFWC-WS Summer Planning

August

September

14-16

22nd

28-30

Western States Region Conference

Las Vegas, NV

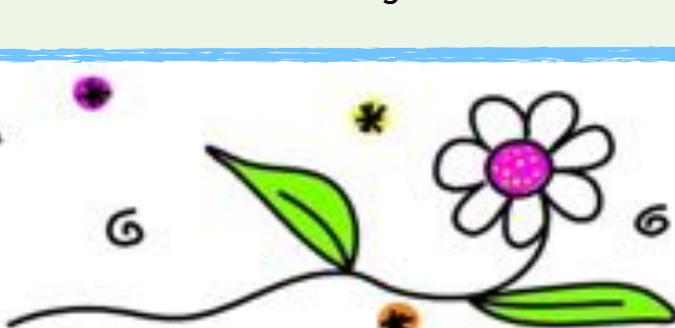
First Day of Fall

GFWC-WS Fall Board

Yakima, WA

October

District Meetings - various



Summer



GFWC – Washington State
Saturday July 14th 2018
9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Federation Forest
49201 WA-410, Enumclaw, WA
(Everyone is Welcome to Attend)

GFWC-WS Summer Planning "Start with the World"

Friday – July 13, 2018 – 6:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting – TBD

Saturday – July 14, 2018 – 9:30 am – Registration and Coffee Hour at Federation Forest

10:00 am – Welcome - Betty MacMaster
Ice Breaker – Susan Tyler
Group Meetings

11:30 am Report from Group Meetings

Noon – Lunch

President's Special Project – Relay for Life – Valery Huey, Home Life Chairman

Endowment Fund – Linda Butcher, Endowment Trustee

1:15 pm – Handbook Pages, Clubwoman Dates, responsibilities and reporting

2:00 pm – Goals

3:00 pm – Adjournment

Registration includes Coffee Hour and Lunch – Cost - \$20 – Due July 1, 2018

Name _____

Position _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Any special Dietary needs _____

Make Checks payable to GFWC-WS and send to Pinkie Eggleston, 27812 M Place, Ocean Park, WA, 98640

"To the World you are one person but to one person you are the World."