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# The Washington

# ClubWOMAN

*S.H.O.E.S... Serving Has Opportunities Everyone Shares*

## What an amazing group we are!!

Our focused collection for Spring Convention were items for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Members and clubs attending convention outdid themselves with donations!

**Thank you ALL!!**



  
**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
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# Thoughts from the sole...

Dear GFWC Washington State Members:

WOW!! What an amazing week-end at GFWC Washington State Convention. It's hard to believe all the things your clubs have accomplished in 12 short months. The 29 clubs in Washington State accomplished 1227 projects, 65,493.75 hours, \$142,578.66 spent, \$148,306.12 in-kind donations and raised \$78,214.85. Please pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

I want to thank everyone who attended convention for reading the bylaw changes prior to convention. Being so prepared we were able to review and passed them in a timely manner.

I want to express my appreciation to all the chairmen and their assistants for such a successful convention. Your reports were wonderful and the fun we had with the red carpet was priceless. A special thank you to Phyllis Johnson for all the hard work she did in making the beautiful table decorations and table favors that each person was able to take home and enjoy. Also to Jeanette Jester for making all the crosses that were given to those who attended the Inspirational Service on Sunday morning.

Your generosity in bringing items for St Jude's was overwhelming. I know that the children will love all the items that were brought for them. Again thank you for all your thoughtfulness.

Our speakers were fantastic. Friday night speaker was Emily Durr – International Junior Miss Washington Teen. She spoke on her platform, Type One Diabetes. She told us about her challenge in raising awareness for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Emily explained, she had friends who had Type One Diabetes and how it affected their lives and how important it is to get the word out about this disease and how crucial it is to find a cure. She also told about her participation in the scholarship pageant that will be held in Nashville later this year. She is currently attending Washington State University in Pullman and is a member of the Lacrosse Woman's team as their goalie. Her goal is to earn an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice. We wish her the best in achieving her goals.

Our Saturday night speaker was Ellie Alexander, mystery writer. She writes bestselling bakeshop mysteries that take in the Shakespearean town of Ashland, Oregon. She also writes mystery novels which take place in the Pacific Northwest under the name of Kate Dyer-Seely. She told us how she obtains her inspiration and how she starts to work on her novels. She gave us an insight into her characters in both series. She also shared with us her first mystery novel she wrote when she was in the second grade. We, the audience, were asked to interact with special sound effects when she would clue us to do them. We had a great time participating in her first novel.

After dinner each evening, members were invited to meet and greet our guest speakers in the president's suite. Members really enjoyed visiting with them. Our guests stated they really enjoyed getting to know the members of GFWC Washington State and were impressed with the work that we do in our communities.

Thank you to all for making our 121<sup>st</sup> GFWC Washington State Convention a great SUCCESS!!

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

A great big **THANK YOU** to  
all reporting clubs who took  
the time to volunteer,  
record, and report what  
your clubs accomplished  
during 2016! What an  
amazing group we are!

A great big  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to all who won awards  
based on those  
accomplishments!

Nevertheless, its really our  
communities who are the  
winners, regardless of who  
takes home the certificates!



# 2017 Educational Scholarship Awards

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We had another exemplary selection of applicants for this year's scholarship awards. We were also very fortunate to have had a good response from our clubs making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, as well as a good performance from our investments. This allowed us to award three educational scholarships to three very deserving and aspiring young women. We also selected an alternate, in case any of the winners choose not to attend a school in the State of Washington.

Our first-place winner, Evelyn Negrete, is going to be the first-generation child in her family to attend college. Her personal goal upon entering high school, was to graduate as valedictorian of her class, and she accomplished that goal. She is also her ASB President. She will be studying for her nursing degree at the University of Washington-Bothell. Evelyn has applied herself since a young child, to save every penny for her future, to work hard for good grades, to become a part of teams or groups, and to establish herself as a qualified, reliable and trustworthy person. Her grade point average is 3.9 and she will receive the GFWC-WS First Place Award in the amount of \$2100. Evelyn is sponsored by GFWC Waterville Philomathic Club.

Kathryn Hilzinger is our second-place winner, and is sponsored by GFWC Chewelah Women's Club. She currently holds the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Chewelah, is the ASB Secretary, and has earned a 3.92 GPA. Her work and volunteer experience includes theater work, both on stage and directing, babysitting a child with disabilities, and Special Olympics. She has been accepted 'with distinction' at Western Washington University to study Political Science, and has been awarded \$1000 from the GFWC-WS Scholarship Fund.

Emma Tornow, sponsored by GFWC Elehan is our third-place winner and receives \$750 to help her pursue a nursing and business career, so she can start her own business to help children with Cerebral Palsy. Much of her business acumen has been acquired from her several years of participation in the International level of DECA, most recently serving as President of her DECA Chapter this year. She has been volunteering at Swedish Hospital and Safe Harbor Clinic, as well as being a camp counselor for physically disabled children. Emma has earned a 3.972 GPA and has been accepted at Northwest University in Kirkland.

An alternate was also selected, in the event that one of the three scholarship awardees is unable to attend a school in Washington State. Hannah Weaver is sponsored by GFWC Nisqually Women's Club, and is working toward a career in Dentistry or Animal Protective Services. She hopes to attend South Puget Sound Community College, and has attained a 3.934 GPA. Her volunteer work consists of child care, teaching Sunday School, yard maintenance, and is a cadet in the Bald Hill Fire Explorer Program.

Our congratulations to each of these outstanding young women, and to their sponsoring clubs!



*1<sup>st</sup> Place Evelyn Negrete*  
*sponsor club*  
*GFWC Waterville Philomathic*



*2nd Place Kathryn Hilzinger*  
*sponsor club GFWC Chewelah*



*3rd Place Emma Tornow*  
*sponsor club*  
*GFWC Elehan*



**Aloha - ALoHa – ALoHa – ALoHa – ALoHa**

Mark your calendar to join your GFWC Washington State friends in Hawaii (Howard Johnson in Yakima) the week-end of September 22-24, 2017.

The convention committee is working hard to make this a memorable event. They are challenging those attendees to learn the words to the Hawaiian song “Mele Kalikimaka”. The words can be found somewhere in this issue of the clubwoman. The committee tells me, those who learn the words, will receive a special treat. They won’t say what it is, but the secret they say is safely tucked away in their Santa hats for now.

The dance group Na Pua Nani has accepted our invitation to present a program on Saturday evening, September 23. The group is under the direction of Carol Cummings, owner of the Polynesian Dance Studio in Ellensburg. She promises an evening of traditional Hawaiian and Polynesian dancing. The group is diverse in ages. The evening will start with a Luau style dinner buffet. Plan to wear your muumuu or your Hawaiian attire and enjoy an evening of fun and friendship. We might even learn the hula.

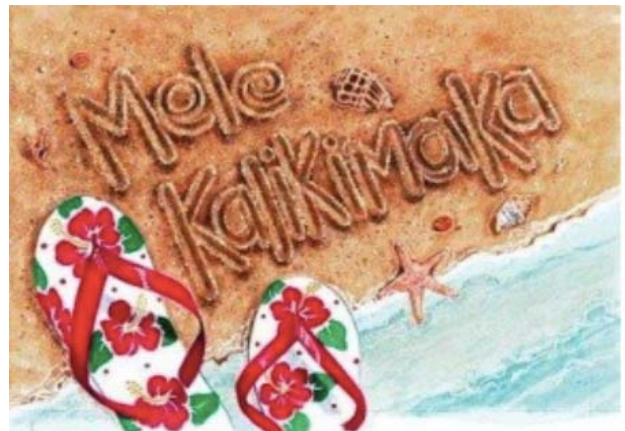
During the board meeting, we are working on having speakers that can help us prepare for a disaster, learn about our judicial system and how to write an award winning leadership report presented by our Leadership Chairman, Kathie Jorgensen.

The FUNdraising committee is hard at work once again planning some exciting ways to raise funds for our state. One project they are planning is to invite clubs, districts and individuals to purchase a table for \$15 to sell their items to raise funds for their clubs, district or even themselves. This is a win-win fundraiser. Your table could have items that would make nice Christmas gifts for all members of your family. This would be a great way to do your Christmas shopping early. Use your imagination, get started and let’s see what Christmas or non-Christmas items you come up with to sell. The committee is also working on a few more opportunities for us to help raise funds for our state.



The room rate for the week-end is \$87 per night plus taxes for single/quad. Deadline for room reservations will be September 6. Breakfast is included with this rate. Remember they are known for their Cinnamon knot rolls.

**Come help celebrate...**  
**“Christmas in Hawaii”**





# President's Special Project



Recently, President Tina Bair and Jeanette Jester, GFWC-WS Administrative Secretary had the opportunity to attend the Fisher House First Anniversary celebration at the VA Portland Fisher House located at the Vancouver, WA Division.

A special bulletin board on display listed the activities and donations that have been given to Fisher House during this past year. They wanted attendees to see who and what had been done for them. Tina is pointing to an area that listed GFWC Battle Ground, GFWC Camas-Washougal, GFWC Moses Lake and GFWC Washington State.

Special tours were given of the facility. They are planning to have an open house each year in May to thank the community for their support. The staff members are very appreciative of all the donations and community support the families receive during their stay from the local and out of town communities.



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[www.fisherhousevaps.org](http://www.fisherhousevaps.org)

# Advancement Areas

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Hello Ladies,

## **FUNdraising**

Nardine Sandberg  
Chairman

All of you are awesome! Congratulations for making a difference in your community. The GFWC-WS 2017 Spring Convention, "Walk the Red Carpet," was so much fun! The red carpet brought out the inner fun personality of those walking the red carpet to receive the "red envelope"...the audience was entertained and we laughed a lot!

Thank you for your support! Each club or a member donated a "Vase of Creations" that was raffled. You filled it with fun, yummy candies, (i.e., M&Ms), useful and beautiful items, each vase creatively decorated which made shopping a dilemma which vase to choose to drop a raffle ticket into. A total of 23 vases were donated. The mystery author and speaker, Ellie Alexander, generously donated two sets of her mystery novels, The Bakeshop Mystery Book Series and Pacific Northwest Mystery Book Series (pen name Kate Dyer Seeley) and her wonderful idea for fundraising a Cameo. The Cameo was an opportunity, for the winner to submit a character name that will be used in Ellie's next novel. At this convention we did two raffles and one silent auction, sold some GFWC member pins and "Live the Spirit" buttons. Through your support we raised a whopping: \$660. Thank you! The proceeds will go to WS treasurer to cover convention expenses and to continue informational, educational and communication training...and FUN for all members.

***What are the FUNdraising plans for Fall Board Meeting, September 22-24, 2017, Howard Johnson Hotel, Yakima, WA? Safety and FUN!***

**It's BACK!!! SAFETY!!!** Again, we want to promote a movement and awareness for our GFWC members to be ready and prepared in the event of a disaster. We plan to provide pre-order forms for Emergency Preparedness Kits (EPK) and Deterra pouches (deactivation of prescription drugs), these order forms may be included with Fall Board Meeting's program and registration form. We are also looking at small products for personal defense protection...we may raffle a few of these items or pre-order.

**FUN...50/50 RAFFLE!** Also at Fall Board, clubs will have the opportunity to rent a table(s) for "Christmas in September" market! So you will have time to get your items ready to sell; such as, holiday crafts, baked goods, jewelry, gift baskets, etc... get your creative ideas flowing, have fun with it...AND we get to SHOP!!!

Have a great summer and hope to see you in September. Please call or email, if you have any questions,

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FUNdraiser Committee Members:  
Gail Crump and Cassy Faulkner

# Advancement Areas

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## Hats off to our State LEADERS for an outstanding State Convention

### Leadership

Kathie Jorgensen  
Chairman

Your officers worked tirelessly to bring you news, updates – and lots of awards!

The speakers: International Junior Miss for Washington, Emily Durr, is focusing on Juvenile Diabetes research and Ellie Alexander/Kate Dyer Seeley a bestselling author who shared her experiences in writing were both wonderful speakers and leaders in their fields.

The CSP chairmen, and programs and special projects chairmen finally were able to present their awards to the clubs for all the exceptional work that has been done in the last year. Judging your work and deciding on winners is a big job. Leaders in your clubs make sure your award entries are sent. I hope you appreciate how much they do for your club.

**LEADS** – This is an early reminder to find a member in your club who could represent our state at the next GFWC Convention in 2018 in St. Louis. This is such a great way to develop leaders for our organization. I hope all clubs take this opportunity seriously and nominate someone. Renee Kuehn will represent you in Palm Springs . Congratulations Renee!

Kathie Jorgensen  
GFWC-WS Leadership Chairman

### **SPECIAL THANK YOU's from President Tina Bair**

A big thank you goes to Paulette Stinson's brother-in-law who works for UPS. He paid the postage to ship all our items we collected at GFWC Washington State Convention in April for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was really impressed with what we do for our communities and was happy to help with this project. Again, thank you for all your help.

Another big thank you goes to Charlene Lysne for organizing our work day at Federation Forest. Even though the weather was not very co-operative, we had a great time making the entrance to the Visitor's Center nice and welcoming. We also want to thank her for the beautiful plants that were given to each of us to take home for Mother's Day. Every one of us appreciated all the hard work you did to make our day a success.

Again, I would like to thank all who attended GFWC Washington State Convention in Richland for allowing me to try some new ideas and your overwhelming enthusiasm was sincerely appreciated. I will cherish this convention for many, many months to come. Thanks for making it so much fun!!



# Federation Forest Work Day

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Our annual Federation Forest Work Day was a wonderful day! Eighteen GFWC-WS clubwomen from Capital, Woman's Club of Olympia, Camas-Washougal, Keystone, Chambers Bay, Nisqually, Amalak, Kitsap Peninsula and Sokico spread bark chips, washed windows, assembled visitors' packets and those who wished to do so, took a walk in the forest down to the White River. We were joined by 4 park staff, Bob Crump, who took photographs, Char's older son and two of her grandchildren, and interpretive specialist Sam's mother who was visiting him from Portland, OR for Mothers' Day weekend.

In a typical May weather pattern, the sun peaked its head out from time to time and spring showers provided moisture now and then.

Thank you to all of you who participated! You are the greatest!!! A special thanks to Nina Morse for her generous donation for snacks, to John's wife Amanda for baking muffins and to Char for providing an impatiens plant for each mother to take home in honor of Mothers' Day.

During our lunch break, interpretive specialist Sam shared about updates that will take place in the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center. Installation should happen towards the end of June. These are Phase I of 4 planned phases which will be completed as funding becomes available. Representatives from your Federation Forest Committee have served as one of the stakeholders in the planning process since late 2014. Be sure to visit the center this summer to check out the Phase I welcome center enhancements!





# Our Federation Forest

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Federation Forest is blessed to be in the hands of such caring WSPRC professionals who are dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural resources entrusted to them. The rangers, park aides and interpretive program staff are knowledgeable, wonderful to work with, and are so respectful of GFWC-Washington clubwomen.

Have you ever wondered about the goal of having an interpretive center as part of the park? I asked this of the Interpretive Exhibits Coordinator, Sam, and will share a brief part of his message: "The designation of the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center (CMIC) as an "interpretive center" is important. Park-based interpretation is a professional practice and methodology that has been developed largely by the National Park Service (with state park systems like ours following in their wake). You may have noticed that Ryan and I work in Washington State Parks "Interpretive Program." Although there are many definitions, in essence, interpretation is communication that seeks to connect visitors with resources. A primary goal of interpretation is to foster a deeper appreciation the resources in a park so that visitors will be inspired to preserve and protect them."



"Unlike museums, interpretive centers are designed to tell **place-based** stories that are directly connected to the landscape that they are set in. An interpretive center should answer the question: "What is significant about **this** place?" In the case of the CMIC, we are seeking to tell a story about Federation Forest (so that visitors will better understand and appreciate the park). The role of GFWC Washington State clubwomen in creating the park is, of course, a major part of this resource's significance, as is the documented presence of the Muckleshoot tribe within and around the park, and the forest and the White River from an ecological perspective. GFWC-Washington State's part of the exhibit focuses on the "Save a Tree" story and the ongoing preservation efforts that have followed."

## Thank you!!

YOUR FEDERATION FOREST COMMITTEE

Char Lysne, Chairman;

Susan Tyler, Member; Lynn Cline, Member



# Clubs of the State

## GFWC Battleground



Affordable GFWC attire in a second or two! A brainchild of club member Mary Lee Miller of GFWC Battle Ground was to devise a way to make any apparel a place to show off the GFWC logo. Her solution was to buy the fabric patches from the GFWC Marketplace, then hot-glue strong magnets to their backs. In this way members can easily switch the patches among their own tee-shirts, blouses, vests or jackets. The sturdy patches hold their shape well.

For the last few years GFWC Battle Ground has marched as a unit in the city's Harvest Days Parade in mid-July. The banner they used was wide and unwieldily. This year will be different with the purchase of a large flag from the GFWC Marketplace. The flag is light weight and manageable. A casing will be sewn at the top to hold a rod, thus carrying the GFWC logo will be easier and more visible to parade watchers. The club will be identified with their major fundraiser, the Ladybug Bazaar, through wearing wings, antennae and visors and vests with polka-dots.





# Clubs of the State

## GFWC Tacoma (& Friends!)

### How to Plant a Pin Wheel Garden

Members from all over Peninsula District (5 different clubs!) came out in style to help the GFWC Tacoma ladies set out a glorious PinWheel garden for this year's Child Abuse Prevention month!



*Dressed for duty!*



Four members of GFWC Washington State enjoyed a visit to New York City. They visited the United Nations while in the city.

Left to right: Martha Curwen, Bonnie Walden, Carlene Garner and Nancy Jones. All have served GFWC Washington State as president.



# Clubs of the State

## GFWC Springdale

GFWC Springdale held their 13th Annual Mad Hatter Tea on April 29, 2017. The tea was a magnificent success, with a Silent Auction and parade of all the hats, with winners in both the adult and youth area. We were also entertained by members of the Mary Walkers High School Drama class with a Mis-Fit Fashion Show, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Members supplied the delicious array of snacks for the Tea which consisted of scones, cookies, tiny sandwiches, creampuffs, and chocolate covered strawberries plus many more delicious tidbits.

The money raised will go for GFWC Springdale's program of buying \$200 gift cards to donate to families whose children attend our local school to help with kids clothes and other items needed for classes.



## Special FUNdraising Opportunities

Courtesy of our Saturday night guest speaker, Ellie Alexander, we had three great FUNdraising opportunities at convention! Ellie graciously donated all three and raised \$185 for our State funds.

Thank you (again) Ellie for your time and our goodies!



1<sup>st</sup>: CAMEO FUNdraiser – Silent Auction to suggest a character's name in her one of her next novels and a signed copy of the manuscript before publication.

**CAMEO: winner Nardine Sandberg, name submitted 'Jarvis O. Sandberg', according to Ellie Jarvis will appear in Book #8 of the Bakeshop series!**

2<sup>nd</sup>: A raffle of the complete set of Ellie's Bakeshop Mysteries.

**BAKESHOP MYSTERY Series: winner Kim Skagen**

3<sup>rd</sup>: A raffle of the complete set of the Pacific Northwest Mysteries.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST MYSTERY Series: winner Kathie Jorgensen**

*Mele Kalikimaka*  
*(A Hawaiian Song)*

(Learn to pronounce the song title and you may be the winner of a special treat)

*\*pronounced meh-leh kah-lee-kee-mah-kah*

Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say  
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day  
That's the island greeting that we send to you  
From the land where palm trees sway  
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright  
The sun to shine by day and all the stars at night  
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way  
To say "Merry Christmas to you."

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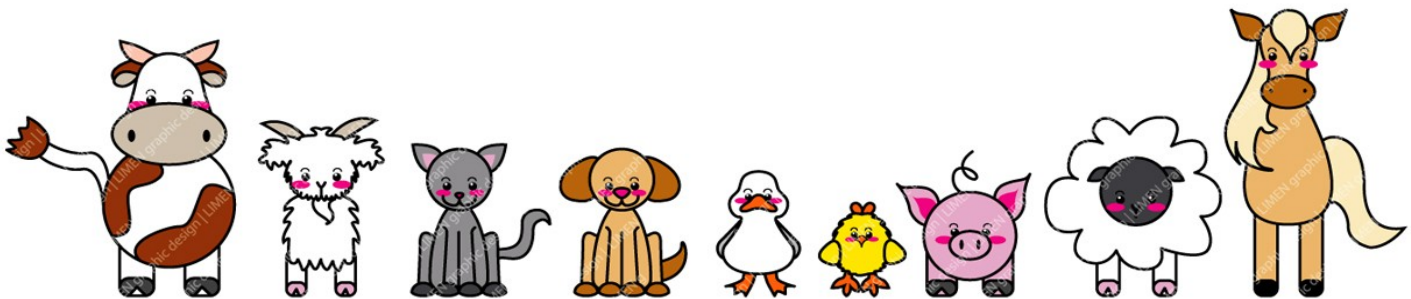


## Show us your PETS!!

We issued a challenge during convention... show us your pets!  
We'd like to showcase any and all pets our state members belong to!

Here's a couple to get started!

Lois Swanstrom's 'Mr. Fritz' and my own 'Lord Doom'



## Save the Date...

GFWC Washington State  
Fall Board Meeting  
September 22-24, 2017  
Howard Johnson Hotel  
Yakima, WA





# GFWC-WS

## *Pre-*2017 Fall Board **FUN**draising

### ORDER FORM FOR WS 2017 FALL BOARD DELIVERY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

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**I am unable to attend 2017 Fall Board, but would like to send in my order and payment now for delivery at 2017 WS Fall Board! Please send my prepaid order with** \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Preparedness Kits (EPK) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A three day supply for one person. The kit includes:

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Deadline for next

*Washington Clubwoman*

August 1st

GFWC International Convention

Palm Springs, CA

June 23-26

GFWC WSR Conference

Helena, MT

September 7-10

GFWC-WS Fall Board

Howard Johnson, Yakima

September 22-24

District Fall Boards

October 2017

