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Fall Board was sooo much FUN!

The Howard Johnson in Yakima was again the location of a tremendous Fall Board! 48 members from all corners of the state attended and spent 3 days sharing stories, laughs, and federation news! We can't wait to return in the Spring!



Worldy Wisdoms...



Since our GFWC-WS convention, our Washington State ladies have been busy representing our state at the GFWC Convention, GFWC-WS Summer planning, GFWC Board of Directors, Western Region Meeting and GFWC-WS Fall Board.

The GFWC WS Fall Board was held in Yakima, from September 28th to September 30th. We had 48 members in attendance. During the weekend we heard from the program chairman and held a successful carnival with "big top" information. Members brought 220 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls, one of the GFWC Grand initiatives. Our lunchtime speaker was J.D. Drollinger, who gave us information about the 2018-2020 Special Project, "Relay for Life." We were able to raise \$420 in support of this project, which is very dear to my heart.

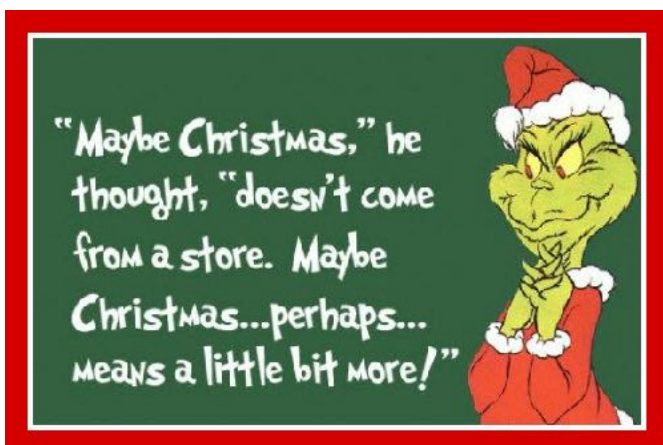
Our evening speaker was Susan Tyler with information from her trip to Uganda with Shot@Life. Later that evening we had a partner video event. After watching the videos we voted on our favorite; \$130 has been donated to UNICEF for the World Hunger and UNICEF-US-Fund Sex trafficking videos.


Thanks to all the GFWC-WS members for attending the Fall Board.

The districts have all held their Fall Boards. Now, Clubs are preparing for the next year. Please review all the GFWC projects. Consider supporting our Special Project, "Relay for Life." Our GFWC-WS Webmasters have posted Relay for Life information on the web, and new this year is the "virtual" Relay where you can donate and pick a time to walk.

Thanks for all you are doing.

Betty MacMaster
GFWC-Washington State
President 2018-20



To the world you may be 
one person,
to one person you may be
the world.

President's Special Project

RELAY FOR LIFE

A very special THANK YOU to all of you who helped kick-start "Change for a Cure" for President Betty's Special Project "Relay for Life" at the GFWC-WS Fall Board in Yakima with donations totaling \$420! Guest speaker, JD Dollinger kept enthusiasm going as he spoke about his volunteerism with Relay.



Our gfwcws.org website now has a listing of all the 2019 Relay for Life events. Plan ahead to participate and find the upcoming event nearest you.

If you or your Club do not have an event nearby and you would like to participate, you can make a donation to GFWCWS marking on the memo line "Relay for Life" and sent to me or our GFWC-WS treasurer Kim Skagen.

Thank you all for your support!
Valerie Huey, Chairman



In memory...



On October 26, President Betty Macmasters's father, Irving Studebaker, passed away. Please keep Betty and family in your thoughts.

His obituary is available here:

<http://www.edwardsmemorial.com/obituaries/Irving-Glenn-Studebaker?obId=3395791#/obituaryInfo>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Scholarship News



Scholarship Recipients Update:

At the Spring Convention in April, the GFWC-WS Scholarship Committee selected 6 scholarship winners and 2 alternates. To date, only 3 scholarships have been paid out. After tracking down the remaining 3 awardees, it was determined that one recipient has taken a break from school, and is waiting for acceptance to start college in January, one required a new claim form to update, and one chose an out-of-state college, and is therefore unable to accept the award.

Erin Trantham, sponsored by the GFWC Camas-Washougal Woman's Club has relinquished her \$1000 scholarship. First Alternate Krislyn Koler, sponsored by GFWC Chewelah Woman's Club will be accepting a \$500 scholarship in her place.

Alternate award winners receive no more than the last place scholarship award (which was \$500). Any remaining/unpaid funds will roll over for use in 2019. All scholarships must be claimed by December 31st. We are working with these remaining 3 recipients to meet this deadline.

It's Time To Send Out Scholarship Applications:

Hopefully by now you've contacted your local schools with Scholarship Applications. If not, it's needs to be done soon! The guidelines can be found starting on page 49 of the Manual. The actual application is on pages 106-108 of the Manual. The GFWC-WS Scholarship rules and information has not changed since last year, but where you send the applications has changed. Applications must be postmarked to Janice Orr no later than March 1.

Scholarship Applicant Email Addresses:

If you have an opportunity, please obtain your scholarship applicant's email address and enter it on the applications. Thank you!

\$1000 Scholarship Fund Donation:

The GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia very generously contributed \$1000 to the GFWC-WS Scholarship Fund at Fall Board in September. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and recognition of the importance of helping support the success of young women in Washington State.



Please be sure to make club donations to the State Scholarship fund with your dues submittals this fall! The amount of scholarships we are able to award each spring is based on the interest the funds make each year plus the donations from clubs and individuals.

2018-2020 Scholarship Committee:

Janice Orr (Chairman), Rena Johnston and Audrey Charron

Community Service Programs...CSP's



HomeLife

Valerie Huey
Chairman

GFWC continues to focus on women's health and especially women's heart health through a healthy lifestyle.

Yes, we know, we've heard it all before! We know we should eat healthier and get more exercise. It's NOT the knowing it's the doing that is the obstacle. So make small changes in your lifestyle. Challenge your club members to put a quarter in a jar every time you eat a cookie or a slice of cake (and be honest). Then donate the collected funds to the local food bank, American Cancer Society or whatever program you group chooses. It might also help you to not eat so many Christmas cookies!

Get your Club members together and walk once or twice a week. You can chat to your "heart's content" something that you often don't get to do at a Club meeting.

Red isn't just for Christmas! February is Heart Health month: wear Red at your Club meetings. Know what your blood pressure is and what is a healthy blood pressure! Supply your members and friends with a Vial of Life form to be filled out with their medical information ready for emergency rescue events.

Please look at the GFWC Home Life program manual and the GFWC-WS handbook on the state website for many more ideas.

REMINDER: Please send all Home Life and President's Special Project: Relay for Life reports to me. Thank you for ALL you do in your communities!

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD—Martha Curwen

At Fall Board I had hoped to sign members up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Unfortunately, I could not get on line to do that. I'm giving details now so you can do it on your own. Being part of the Legislative Action Center is one of the Grand Initiatives for GF President Mary Ellen Brock. By signing up you will receive notification when Legislators need to hear our voices.

Action Alerts will come from programs@gfwc.org. Action will be taken on items that are reflected in our GF Resolutions. The following information can also be found in the Fall 2018 GF Clubwoman Magazine on page 22.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to www.GFWC.org.
2. Click on "What We Do", then on "Public Policy", then on "Legislative Action Center."
3. Click on "join the Legislative Action Center" and complete all requested information.
- 4. Be sure to select the "Opt In" box.**
5. You're signed up!
6. Respond to Action Alerts that come from programs@gfwc.org.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Community Service Programs...CSP's



Advocates for Children

Kathie Jorgensen
Chairman

In 1998, Advocates for Children was selected as the GFWC Juniors' Special Project focus, and since then clubs have tackled issues such as child abuse, teen dating violence, depression and suicide, foster care and adoption, and more.

GFWC has a long history of child advocacy, including work towards preventing child labor, supporting proper health care for mothers and their babies, and establishing public libraries and kindergartens. Add to the legacy with your club's projects!

If your club didn't decide on a project, it's not too late. Read the [Juniors' Special Program](#) section of the GFWC Club Manual for a wealth of ideas for how you can make a difference in a child's life.

Please consider these statistics: Each year in the United States 700 women die from pregnancy-related causes and more than 50,000 have a near-miss (nearly-die) from severe complications from labor and childbirth. The U.S. is one of the most dangerous places in the developing world to give birth. This is simply unacceptable.

The nation's rate of preterm birth—the largest contributor to infant death in the United States -- increased again in 2016, after nearly a decade of decline, earning the nation a “C” grade on the latest March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card.

The rate of preterm birth rose in states across the country for a second year in a row. More than 380,000 babies are born preterm in the U.S. each year, facing a greater likelihood of death before their first birthday, lifelong disabilities or chronic health conditions. An additional 8,000 babies were born prematurely in 2016 due to the increase in the preterm birth rate between 2015 and 2016.

The March of Dimes says: “The 2017 March of Dimes Report Card demonstrates that moms and babies in this country face a higher risk of preterm birth based on race and zip code,” says Stacey D. Stewart, president of the March of Dimes. “We see that preterm birth rates worsened in 43 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and among all racial/ethnic groups. This is an unacceptable trend that requires immediate attention.”

“The March of Dimes is dedicated to giving every baby a fair chance for a healthy start in life, and our work is more vital than ever,” Ms. Stewart says.

The U.S. preterm birth rate went up from 9.6 percent of births in 2015 to 9.8 percent in 2016, according to final data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Across the country, black women are 49 percent more likely to deliver preterm compared to white women and American Indian/Alaska Native women are 18 percent more likely to deliver preterm compared to white women.

Premature birth (before 37 weeks of pregnancy) is the largest contributor to the death of babies in the U.S. Babies who survive an early birth often face serious and lifelong health problems, including breathing problems, jaundice, vision loss, cerebral palsy and intellectual delays. In addition to the human toll, preterm birth accounts for more than \$26 billion annually in avoidable medical and societal costs, according to the National Academy of Medicine.

“In addition to discovering new ways to prevent premature birth, and improve the care that women receive, it's essential that we improve the broader social context for health,” says Paul E. Jarris, MD, MBA, chief medical officer of the March of Dimes. “Only then will our nation be able to level the playing field for mothers and babies in every community.”

Advancement Areas

Each club is encouraged to enter a deserving club woman as a LEADS candidate. Below you will find all of the information you need. But, should you have any questions or concerns please let me know. I would be happy to assist in finding the answers to your questions.

Please refer to page 103 of the Administrative Handbook for the Nomination form.

- LEADS -

Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar **Turning today's clubwomen into tomorrow's leaders.**

In 2001 GFWC conceived the idea to begin a training program for leaders. Today, over 800 "future" leaders have gone through the LEADS training and many are now serving in leadership roles for their clubs, districts, states and even GFWC.

Since the inception of the program, GFWC Washington State has proudly sponsored a candidate at each of the Seminars. If you yourself, or if you feel there is a member in your club or district who has great leadership potential and is interested in pursuing additional federation leadership opportunities, LEADS may be a perfect fit. The application process is simple. Complete the LEADS Application Form and send it to Carlene Garner, GFWC-WS Leadership Chairman along with two letters of recommendations

GFWC suggests the following criteria for those interested in applying for this "one in a life time adventure." The Seminar is held on the day prior to the opening of the GFWC Convention.

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state federation
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level (this criterion is recommended to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply)
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once

For the selected candidate, GFWC will cover a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:

- Stipend of \$250 for travel
- Lodging allowance of half of the double room rate for two nights at the Convention hotel
- Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program
- Checks will be distributed to candidates upon attendance and completion of the seminar.

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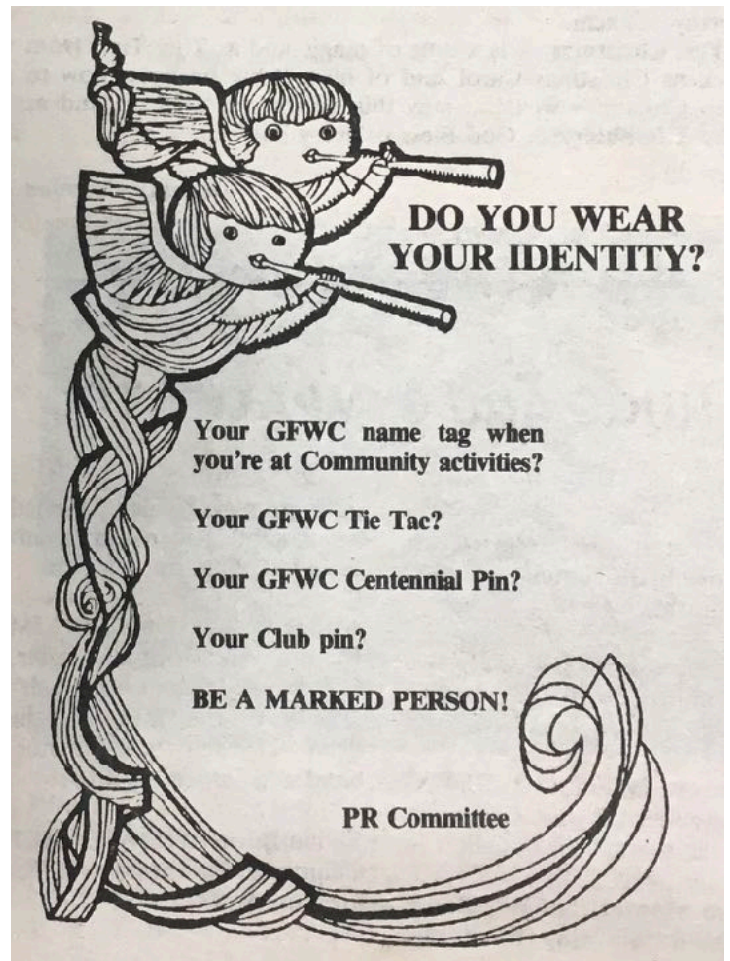
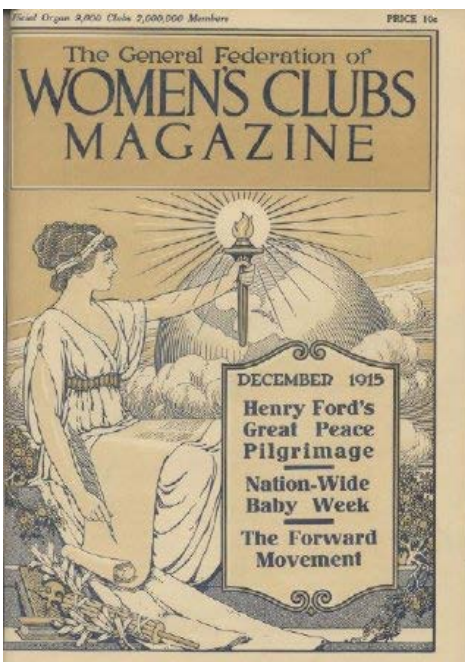
Women's History & Resource

As mentioned in GFWC's NEWS & Notes; second addition of "Rising By Light to Higher Things" is available through GFWC Marketplace – this book details the HRC's one of a kind Museum & Archival Collection – should be an interesting source of knowledge for all of us. The cost is very reasonable at \$15.00 – all proceeds from this sale are donated to WHRC, a great way for us to support them.

A couple of our History's Accomplishments: In the 1922 GFWC purchased our Headquarters at 1734 N Street; GFWC founded 75% of all U.S. Public Libraries according to the American Library Association and one more thing for this addition, in 1942; through GFWC "Buy a Bomber" Campaign during World War II, members raised \$154,459,132 through the sale of war bonds – enough money to purchase 431 planes – no wonder we are so proud of all of our members, especially those that have gone before us, they sacrificed so much to make this happen.

To share some of our past, we intend to include a few pictures or memories from some of our newsletter archive. Please enjoy these here and on the next page. More Histories and Accomplishments in next edition.

Juanita Paulson
GFWC-WS WHRC Chairman



Top Left: Club women seated in front of our historic Headquarters building.

Bottom Left: The cover image of a 1915 magazine.

Right: Image from the December 1987 WA Clubwoman.

Fund raiser

License plate proves to be popular item

If you hurry really fast you might be able to take advantage of the first shipment of Washington State Federation of Women's Club license plate frames.

The shipment arrived in time for the state convention. They are superb quality and you have a choice of chrome or black matte finish. They are all metal, so they are not only attractive, but also durable.

This special project, which is being chaired by Nancy Jones, is to serve as a fund raiser to support WSFWC hostess activities for the GFWC Convention which will be held in the State of Washington in 1995.

These lovely license plate frames retail at a bargain price of only \$10.00. So send your check and address today to:

Nancy Jones
26244 39th Place, S.
Kent, WA 98032



NANCY JONES
WSFWC 2nd Vice President

Together we can

Here it is the middle of my administration and it seems that my ship has developed engine trouble and some of the crew has abandoned ship. I don't think that it is sinking. There is hope because engines can be repaired and crew can be replaced. The once magnificent ship can be repaired if the right people put their minds to it. It is with positive thinking and positive action that we will be able to accomplish the goals that were set forth for us many years ago.

Yes, times have changed and we must adapt our ways to the working woman, the career woman, the single mother; and the fact that there is more work to be done today and fewer volunteers. Women are now not only competing in the business world but they are participating and competing in sports. There are many more service organizations and support groups out there now. All of these take women away from the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We must make our work visible to the public, let them know what great work we do. Consider the hours, both in the amount and the time of day. We must be flexible. Consider projects that will interest the sportminded woman, the career woman, and the single parent. We are no longer working with the woman who is wife and mother who stays home to keep the house and take care of the kids. Her hours are few and precious, so use her time wisely. You must make your meetings and



NANCY BURDICK
WSFWC-JM Director
1990-92

projects so important that women feel it is important to participate.

Yes, membership is one of the keys to overcoming our engine trouble. We, the Junior membership, are now being asked to make some decisions that may help our engine trouble. A very difficult decision! We must consider the long term effects of our decision. What will help the General Federation grow? How can we strengthen not weaken? This is our 100th Anniversary. Learn from the past, plan for tomorrow, and live for today.

I would like to close with a BIG THANK YOU to all of you at convention, both the Junior membership and the General membership, for making me feel so important. You have honored me more than I deserve.

As seen in an article from 1991, membership and maintaining members has always been something we struggle with. By the way, notice the two lovely ladies in these photos... both are still involved in every day activities here in Washington and also at Headquarters!

District Fall Conferences

North Central District

GFWC North Central Conference was held on Wednesday, October 17th - destination Waterville. The Moses Lake ladies (as did the others) had a splendid day to travel, wild life was spotted along the way, the eighty mile trip takes you through the wheat county of central Washington on US Hwy 2 that goes right through Waterville. The meeting was held at the unique Coyote Pass Cafe, travelers from all over the U.S. have stopped in, there is a map on the wall where they have placed a push pin to show where they are from. The lunch served us was fantastic. Members from four clubs took part in the days activities.

District members Judy Steele, Jane Cline, and Margaret Schiffner gave an overview of the state Fall Board held in Yakima. President Margaret shared with everyone the GFWC 2018-2020 Administration, Seven Grand Initiatives, along with GFWC-WS President's special project, "Relay for Life".

The 198th NCD Spring Conference will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in Moses Lake.

Columbia District



Columbia District Fall Conference was hosted by GFWC Camas-Washougal at the Washougal Community Center on Saturday, October 20.

A successful farmers' market and 50-50 pot raised funds for district operations. Door prizes were drawn.

Paulette Stinson, Columbia District President, led the meeting and shared helpful tips on well run meetings.

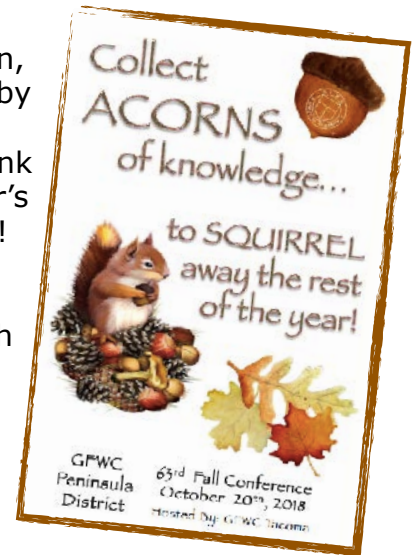


District Fall Conferences

Peninsula District

GFWC Peninsula District kicked off the 2018-2020 administration with a fun, squirrel and acorn membership focused Fall Conference! We were hosted by the ladies of GFWC Tacoma at the First United Methodist Church, home of My Sister's Pantry. President Kim Skagen asked attending members to thank Tacoma for hosting by "Drop Your Drawers" for Tacoma's project, My Sister's Pantry. Members donated an amazing 274 pairs of brand new underwear!! Thank you ladies!!

To focus on membership, each attendee designed their own name tent with fall themed stickers and number stickers to represent their years of GFWC service. This was then used as a conversation starter... we had some of our longest members in attendance - Juanita Paulson who has 60+ and our newest member Dianne Weaver who is still in her first year! We ended our meeting with a discussion around how we encourage membership with fun year-end activities.



In addition to our membership focus, we listened to guest speaker, Kyra Doubek, who works as a Sex Trafficking advocate with the Kent Police Department. Kyra was inspirational, from telling us her own story of being a victim to ways we can help and support others trying to get away from it. She in return was so inspired by us she is considering membership! Win-Win for everyone!

Yummy food, great CSP themed raffle bag fundraisers, loving friendships, and strong women... it was a very successful conference!

Our Spring Conference will be hosted by GFWC Kitsap Peninsula on Saturday March 30 at the Eagle's Nest in Bremerton. To thank our Kitsap ladies for hosting, we will be holding a "March of Diapers" collection! Can't wait to see how many diapers we collect! We also have a speaker from Pierce County Habitat for Humanity on the agenda. Contact Kim if you would like to join us.



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Clubs of our State

GFWC Chewelah

GFWC CHEWELAH members recently gathered apples from a small orchard of previous member Cheryl. We will distribute to the local food bank as well as the food pantry at the church where we hold meetings.

Thanks Cheryl, we love you!
Miss you too!



GFWC Chewelah Woman's Club has joined other organizations and volunteers that support our troops by participating in the Troopons program.

The program consists of clipping and sorting manufacturer's coupons which are distributed to military personnel and families stationed overseas. This program has a huge impact on their quality of life in tough situations.

GFWC Chewelah has participated in this program since November 2017. The total value of the coupons that were clipped and shipped on behalf of our troops totaled \$23,184.81.

About 15,000 patriotic volunteers across America work on the Troopons Team. Troopons reported that last year 20,000 overseas military families each saved \$150.00 every month on food and home needs thanks to the entire Troopon Team effort.

The Women in the Military display at the Chewelah Public Library in November sponsored by GFWC Chewelah features a Troopons "drop box" for your participation convenience. Any manufacturer's coupons ...even outdated up to three months accepted.

Feel free to check out SUPPORTOURTROOPS.ORG or call 1-877-879-8882

Submitted by:
Sally Paramore, Public Issues Chairman
GFWC Chewelah Woman's Club

Clubs of our State

GFWC Kitsap Peninsula

This past June, GFWC Kitsap Peninsula attended the Birthday/Bingo day at Washington State Veterans Home AKA Retsil. One of our members, Juanita Paulson crocheted an afghan and donated it to be raffled for the residents. Our members assisted the residents with marking their cards during the bingo games. This was such a successful event that we plan to return every other month to repeat. Minus the afghan of course.

For our October meeting, GFWC Kitsap Peninsula members dressed up in costume. We did a lot of planning swapped our Secret Sister gifts then drew for the craft basket. It was a good meeting.

Very Respectfully,
CHERYL COON



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Clubs of our State

GFWC Apple Blossom Club

GFWC Apple Blossom Club made "wash cloth Bunnies" at their meeting during the GFWC-WS Board meeting in Yakima. Members completed 8 bunnies and donated them to a teacher in Selah along with 5 Dr. Seuss books, and 5 boxes of crayons. Sheila Meier and Cassie Nalley (LAP Coordinator) were THRILLED to get the books, crayons and bunnies for their PRIDE room. The PRIDE room is used for students who need to calm down or just need an emotionally safe place on campus. It has a very peaceful ambiance and that is where "Wally" their therapy dog stays to comfort those who come in.



Nancy Burdick
GFWC - Apple Blossom Club



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Believing that small gestures through our membership can add up to grand results, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock has set seven goals to accomplish over the next two years.

- #1 1,000 clubs will do a service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019.
- #2 1,000 trees will be planted on Arbor Day.
- #3 1,000 pairs of shoes will be donated to Soles 4 Souls or Nike "reuse-a-shoe".
- #4 1,000 Dr. Seuss books will be donated by March of 2020.
- #5 1,000 members will join the Legislative Action Center.
- #6 1,000 projects will be devoted to women in the military.
- #7 1,000 members will donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign.

The 7 Grand Initiatives... how are your clubs supporting? Be sure and report to Betty Macmaster and Sue Tyler using the form attached at the end of this newsletter with any actions for 2018 by December 31, 2018.

Clubs of our State

GFWC Valley Volunteers



GFWC Valley Volunteers is in the midst of their crazy, busy time of year!

This August we again sponsored the Rhubarb Rockets (a STEM project) booth at the Sumner Rhubarb Days. Time was spent at the July meeting preparing rocket parts. Several members met the day prior and prepped veggies for the Rhubarb Racers. The day of, August 4, members helped with the build of over 100 rockets and the subsequent 400 rocket launches!



During our September meeting we prepped over 1000 granola bars for distribution at the annual Come Walk with Me 5K for Breast Cancer research event held October 6th. Members both walked in the event and/or handed out the bars to participants. Altogether we raised \$330!



A new project we took on for 2018 is the St. Jude mask straps. After a couple mornings spent cutting, sewing, and ironing, 139 straps were ready to ship! These were sent to coincide with Advocates for Children's week in October.

October's club meeting was spent labeling approximately 1300 snacks for the Sumner Street of Treats yearly Halloween event for families in downtown. The third weekend of the month we found ourselves at Fall Conference, hosted by GFWC Tacoma. The last Saturday we co-sponsored and worked at a Halloween Party with the VFW. And finally on the last day of October, members 'worked' at the Street of Treats event!



Clubs of our State

GFWC Battle Ground



GFWC-BG donates \$250 to library project

At the Sept. 27 meeting Bev Jones, member of the Battle Ground Lions as well as the Friends group of the community library, presented an awareness of a sound abatement project to cut down "echoing" in the library. The Lions initiated the project, followed by major support by the Friends. The GFWC \$250 donation was included in the club's 2018-2019 budget. The total amount needed is about \$14,000.

GFWC-Battle Ground supports education

When the Battle Ground Education Foundation asked for help setting up the community center to prepare for the annual dinner-auction Sept. 20, four members responded working for parts of two days. They also attended the fundraiser where three of the four were photographed here, Nancy Lee, Marla Polos and Louise Tucker. Mary Lee Miller and her husband were at a different table.

The club's donations of time and money helps fund needs of homeless students and other disadvantaged students.



Veterans are given "love bags"

As a token of appreciation for all that our veterans have done for us, GFWC-Battle Ground collected and assembled goody bags which were delivered to Fisher House in Vancouver by chairman Valerie Huey. Bags, 34 tied with ribbons, contained personal items and treats. Some were filled with items especially chosen for women veterans.



Back four members are Johanna Hyatt, Ginger Crabtree, Leese Pohl and Ruth Anne Lance. In the center row are Joyce Lewis, Karen Rice, Mary Eastwood, Jo Ellen Angel and Lynn Froelich. In front are Nancy Lee, Louise Tucker, Bonnie Rippengale, Paulette Stinson and Valerie Huey.

Clubs of our State

GFWC Battle Ground • Lady Bug Bazaar

Ladybug Bazaar bigger than ever

GFWC-Battle Ground's Ladybug Bazaar saw shoppers start lining up a half hour before the doors were opened. This primary fundraiser for the club has been continuous since 1967 and has grown from 12 tables in a social hall to 189 tables (spaces) in two adjoining gyms and a mezzanine above one.



A substantial club money-maker at the Ladybug Bazaar is its kitchen menu. Members rotate shifts. This crew included a high school student, an exchange student and an "almost" member. Popular items started the morning with cinnamon buns and throughout the day served baked potatoes, hot dogs, chili and nacho cheese. Even though more food was ordered to sell this year, some items sold out.

Thousands attended GFWC's Ladybug Bazaar Sat., Nov. 3. Pictured above are shoppers in one of two gyms. Photo was taken from the gym's mezzanine which accommodated additional shoppers.



Ruth Anne Lance, right, accepts a vendor's check to renew her contract for 2019. Immediate renewals for the next year are often made. Ruth Anne meticulously keeps the contract records with the "power" of maintaining The Waiting List which usually allows space for a new vendor in about two years, when and if a current vendor bows out.

Federation Forest

Get your gardening gear in order and plan to spend the day with Mother Nature at Federation Forest on May 11, 2019. We're working out the details and will have that information ready next year.

Exciting news in regard to the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center update – Charlene Lysne, liaison from GFWC to Washington State Parks & Recreation for the CMIC update and Susan Tyler, Federation Forest committee chairman, were invited to speak to the Washington State Parks Commissioners when they

toured the forest on November 13. Char and Susan spoke about the history of GFWC and the on-going efforts of GFWC-WS clubwomen in support of the park and expressed their desire to finish the CMIC upgrade. Judging from the questions and conversations that followed, the Commissioners were receptive to the request for funding. My favorite question from the day: "If someone dropped a bag of gold at your feet, how would you spend it?" – Char didn't miss a beat before responding that she would like to see the CMIC upgrade completed. The request for funding will go through a lengthy legislative review process beginning next year. If action is required on the part of GFWC-WS Clubwomen we will let you know (letter writing, etc.).

The GFWC-WS website netted an interesting request from a student in the Forestry Management Department at Green River Community College. Susan and Park Rangers are working out a response that could include a tour of the park with emphasis on the history and ecosystems.

Also, we have Federation Forest pins available for \$10 each – they would make great Christmas presents for any of your tree hugger friends and family! Send a note to Susan Tyler at suewatergirl@comcast.net if you're interested in purchasing pins.

Thanks for all your support in taking care of our precious Federation Forest state Park!

Susan Tyler



From all of us to all of you...

HAPPY THANKS GIVING



As we express our *gratitude*
we must never forget that the highest
appreciation is not to utter words, but
to *live* by them. John F. Kennedy



Christmas Bucket List

Be

1. ~~BUY PRESENTS~~

2. ~~WRAP GIFTS~~ *someone in a hug*

3. ~~SEND GIFTS~~ *love*

Donate

4. ~~SHOP FOR FOOD~~

5. ~~MAKE COOKIES~~ *memories*

Be

6. ~~SEE THE LIGHTS~~





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<https://www.gfwcws.org>

NEW email for website submissions:

webmasters@gfwcws.org

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Forms!

District events!

Club newsletters!

Fed Forest Save A Tree pins!

So many things to find!



Events & Special Days

December

1st	World AIDS Day
5th	GFWC Open House
21st	First Day of Winter
31st	7 Grand Initiatives reports due

January

20	Martin Luther King day, National Day of Service
31	LEADS applications due

February 1st Clubwoman articles due

15	Club Reports Due to State and District Chairman
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Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President



7 GRAND INITIATIVES

GFWC-WS Club Reporting Form

2018 _____ 2019 _____ 2020 _____

Club Name _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Email _____

****Martin Luther King Day of Service** # of project/s _____

Briefly describe the project/s:

Plant Trees - # of trees planted on Arbor Day _____

Donate shoes # of shoes donated _____

Dr. Seuss Books # of books donated _____

Donated where _____

Joined Legislative Action Center # of members signed up _____

****Projects for Women in the Military** # of project/s _____

Briefly describe the project/s

Capital Campaign Donations # of \$1,000 donations _____

****When describing Martin Luther King Day or Service or Women in the Military projects
Include # of members, hours in-kind or money donated in the write up**

THIS FORM IS DUE IN WITH YOUR ANNUAL REPORTING IN JANUARY

This is a tally sheet for the 7 Grand Initiatives, these projects need to be added to your club's statistical form and annual reports in the correct Program Areas.

Thank you for participating in the 7 Grand Initiatives