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2020 Virtual FALL BOARD

It was so great getting to 'see' all of you!

Our first-ever virtual Fall Board was a great success! We had a few new joinees who may or may not have joined us in Yakima, and we had many familiar faces! There were informative presentations and many great conversations! Thank You all for joining the call!! We hope to meet in person for our Spring Convention, but if we can not, at least we can still meet this way.

See inside for information on our Winter Social and Fundraising!



Dues are now DUE!

Dues will become delinquent December 1st. Clubs not paying State dues by December 1st are ineligible for awards and certificates in the Spring. Submit a "[Dues & Contributions](#)" form along with a typed or printed roster of your club members. Roster must include Name, Mailing Address, Email address, Home and/or Cell Phone at minimum so we can assemble the state directory. Please verify all email addresses before submission so I have the most accurate information for sending information emails and the quarterly ClubWoman newsletter.

Thank you much!

Kim Skagen, GFWC-WS Treasurer



REACHING FOR RAINBOWS

Hello GFWC-WS members. At this point I guess I should say I hope you had a happy Halloween, may you have a fantastic Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. This term of two years is just a bit different from the past, but we seem to be doing very well. By now everyone has their teddy bears and I hope that there are some happy children out there.

I have been calling members and will continue until I have reached all 363 members of General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington state.

I attended our own Northeastern District meeting in October by ZOOM, attended by 10 members. We did officially elect our new board. No installation though. I was also invited to attend the Peninsula District ZOOM meeting October 17th which I truly enjoyed. Thank you Cindy Bassage for the invite. I did attend the annual WSR meeting in September, that was by BigMarker. The WSR board had me tape (by ZOOM) our GFWC-WS report earlier in the month, which was shown during the president reports section. However I attended as an unseen member during the actual meeting. We are really learning many ways to hold our meetings and communicate.

With the holidays just around the corner, we have decided to do a social gathering in December, where you can just stop in and say hello to all your friends in GFWC-WS. There will be no charge to attend, it is just a social get together on ZOOM. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link and details of the event are included at the end of this newsletter. An additional reminder will follow by email to all members. There will be State fundraising! We will have a raffle of mostly jewelry items as they are much easier to send, baskets would be just way too much. There will also be a 50/50 cash pot! You can view the various pieces of jewelry that have been donated by members in our organization in this Clubwoman.



Please stay in touch with each other by ZOOM, by telephone, or by email or snail mail. We cannot let this COVID-19 separate us.

Just remember

“To Reach the Rainbow... You Must Take Chances”

Lela J Taylor
GFWC-Washington State
President 2020-2022

Endowment Enlightenments

The GFWC-Washington State Endowment Fund was established in 1915 to ensure a strong financial future for the Washington State Federation. Our foremothers are to be applauded & commended for the farsightedness in securing a strong financial foundation.

Today, the Endowment Fund has a value of \$109,000. While the principal dollars remain intact year after year, the interest is withdrawn annually to augment the GFWC-WS general budget.

The beginning of each new administration is the perfect time to renew our commitment to the Endowment Fund & the financial future of GFWC-WS. Dues cover only a portion of the annual expenses of the State Federation. The Endowment Fund interest helps to fill the gap between what we pay in dues & the actual cost of operating GFWC-WS.

Districts, clubs, & individuals are encouraged to consider an annual donation to the Endowment Fund. A financial contribution is an ideal way to honor a fellow club member or a club, District, or state officer and/or chairman. Your donation is also the perfect way to remember a deceased club member, family members or friend. A gift to the Endowment Fund is also a wonderful way to say welcome to a new member, celebrate a completed project or acknowledge a community partnership.

A donation to the GFWC-WS Endowment Fund is a terrific way for members to reaffirm their own personal belief in the mission of the organization & its future. Because GFWC-WS is a tax-exempt organization under IRS Code 501©3, individual donations are deductible to the extent that the law allows.

To donate, [use the donation form](#) in the administration manual & send it along with a check to the Endowment Fund Trustee. Donation acknowledgements will be sent to the family if notification information is provided on the donation form. All donations will be acknowledged on the endowment report that is presented at the annual convention.

Some additional facts...

The GFWC-WS Endowment Fund appears to have started in about 1984, when our State Jr. Membership disbanded, & they had \$3,000 in their treasury, which was donated to the general membership.

1984 - '86 also appears to be the first "Named Endowment", which was the administration of Martha Smith, which was named, Centennial Fund, & raised \$1,990.

This process has continued since that inception for 36 years, & counting, with each President having named 'their fund AND their desired goal amount', & each 2-year administration has raised funds ranging from \$1,000 to over \$6,000. There have also been several donations made from clubs or districts after their defederation.

The 2020-'22 fund is Lela Taylor's administration & is named 'Reaching for Rainbows', & her goal is \$3,000.

Endowment donations are divided into four denominations:

Part I – is the Memorial List – made up of Gifts of \$250 or more

Part II – Goodwill List – Gifts of \$250 or more

Part III – Founders of the Endowment – Gifts of \$100 to \$249

Part IIII – Honor Roll - Gifts of \$25 to \$99

Other donation amounts are also gratefully accepted & added to the Endowment Rolls at any time.

Please consider making the Endowment Fund a line item in your club's budget, or have a fundraiser earmarked for the Endowment Fund. And, you might also consider 'personally' adding the GFWC-WS Endowment Fund to your will!

The sky's the limit & we are all Reaching for Rainbows.

Submitted by Linda Butcher, Endowment Trustee

Community Service Programs... CSP's

HELLO EVERYONE! Winter newsletter already?

November finds us exercising our right to vote, supporting our Veterans and of course, Thanksgiving. This is definitely an opportunity to be practicing an attitude of gratitude and finding ways to come up with a project or two while doing just that.

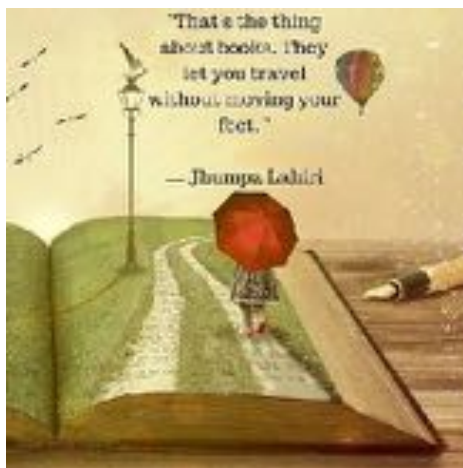
December and January have their own challenges for some club activities and projects. Weather and health related issues slow things down, I know. There are so many clever creative and talented WWW out there to keep things going.

May you be well!
Bonnie Rail, GFWC-WS
Dean of Chairmen



ESO - Epsilon Sigma Omicron

Featured book, *The Black Swan of Paris* by Karen Robards, will be the selected November book on the GFWC 2020-2022 ESO Book Club on Facebook. To celebrate 2020 and the 100 years of women's right to vote we will close 2020 with Elaine Weiss' *"The Woman's Hour: The Great Flight to win the Vote"*. Will be ESO December 2020 book. On Wednesday's the ESO Book Group page on Facebook, there will be a book list released for members to review and add to their "TBR" list Members will be able to comment about books on the list, giving others an idea about the book.



ESO Books by Month:

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| August | Bury Me with My Pearls by Jane Jenkins Herlong |
| September | Purpose, Passion, and Pajamas by Genevieve Piturro |
| October | The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal by Jonathan Mooney |
| November | The Black Swan of Paris by Karen Robards |
| December | The Woman's Hour - the Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss |
| January | The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See |
| February | Scout Over and Make Some Room: Creating a Space Where Everyone Belongs by Heather Avis |

GFWC has updated the ESO Handbook (remember that Washington State has some of it's own special rules). They also have updated the GFWC Book List on the members portal, check it out.

Not an ESO member or your club doesn't have a reading circle, contact Jeanette Jester GFWC-WS ESO Study Director at JeMaJester@aol.com to help you and/or your club get started.

Don't forget 'Talk it up Tuesdays' and 'Well read Wednesdays' on Facebook.

Jeanette Jester
ESO Study Director

Community Service Programs... CSP's

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

The Homeless and Families in Need, can use our help in many ways. Food and gift cards for food will be much appreciated by the many people in need this year. Contact the Food Bank in your area and ask what food they need and /or would they prefer to receive your check. The Food Banks can sometime purchase food items on a discount. Food Banks will be preparing to furnish Thanksgiving dinners and then Christmas dinners for those in need. Your help will be appreciated!



The USO can use your help for the Holiday season. They can use donations towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners for the troops and families that are traveling during the Holidays. The new USO will be opened in the Spokane Area next year and there will be many needs. I will make sure you know when it is due to open.

Wreaths Across America deadline is coming soon, so if you have sold wreaths make sure they are sent soon.

I encourage Clubs to have a speaker on Emergency Preparedness and on all the scams, especially the ones aimed at Seniors. Many of the scams sound real but are only looking for the money they can collect.

If I can be of help please feel free to contact me.

Have a good Holiday Season!

Barbara Murray
Chairman



MEMBERSHIP

Dear GFWC Washington State Members,

When we are together in a venue our Freedom of speech rights are there. Because we live in America and we as individuals have our own opinions, many will listen, take into the right to see both sides, but there are many that do not listen and only think they are correct. Your President tries very hard to keep her club together. She wants to do the job she has at hand which is enough during these stressful times. Clubs need to work together as a team to accomplish our work for our communities.

I have found as a GFWC Mediator that many feel it is a board decision and the members have no say. Well, it is the board to recommend and then take the recommendations to the membership. We are all dues paying members and may speak on issues brought forward. When you have a motion and a second you then have a discussion in case others wish to speak on the issue. Many of my cases feel this way and many of my cases, divide because they can't come to an agreement. Remember the old saying, "Agree to Disagree?" This is also when you turn the other cheek to find solution. Have some negotiation with your parliamentarian so she can see both sides. Your Parliamentarian is not only to follow Roberts Rules of Order during meetings, but she has a very open mind and can get to the bottom of the problem in your club.

When you have a problem in your club as an International GFWC Mediator, I may be called upon at any time. I am but a phone call away 407-467-5680. Please do not allow descension to go further. There is always help, all you have to do is ASK.

Thank you for listening,
Lynn Cline
GFWC/WS Membership Chairman

Community Service Programs... CSP's

Environment CSP

Nov. 15th is Commemorate America Recycles Day!

Our GFWC-WS Administrative Handbook is out. Go to <https://www.gfwcws.org> to check it out. Read to see what your state chairmen highlight plus information and forms you will need.



Fall is here! Now is the time to plant those flower bulbs so can enjoy them in the Spring. Trim back some plants and get the flower beds and gardens ready. Do this at home but also in your local communities with permission. Also plant vegetables, fruits and perennial herbs. Keep your streets clean, parks in order and help your neighbors... **rake, plant... yourself or with other groups.** Remember high schoolers need community service hours!

National Challenge Program focuses on the reduction of use of plastics... those pesky bottles and bags. Check with your local refuse/recycle stations about their suggestions. Craft ideas are on the internet. And with those plastic bags, learn to “PLARN” – weaving/crocheting the bags into mats, etc. for under your plants or larger for the homeless to sleep on. The GFWC National Chairman sent me instructions. I can send to you. When you can, visit parks and enjoy the trees, plants, flowers and wildlife. **Enjoy nature !**

Ideas: When you can, GO PAPERLESS, promote water conservation, on your walks/outings carry bags and gloves to pick up trash. What are your local colleges doing to promote and help clean up the environment. Educate the youth on how they can protect the environment with literature and/or example.

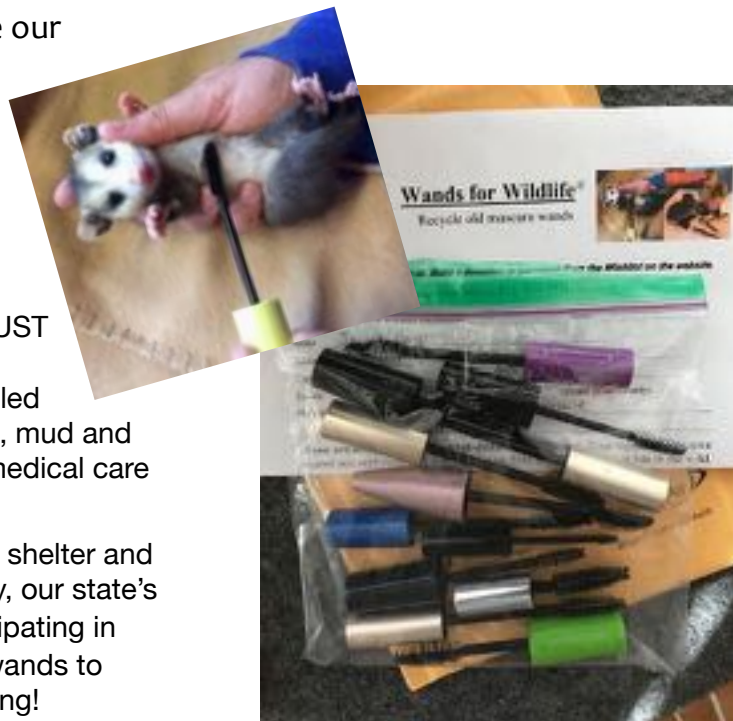
International programs are now included in all CSP programs. **Heifer** promotes working with farmers on crop production, water irrigation and the care of farm animals for food. **UNICEF** - a child's right for safe schools and neighborhoods. Watch those TV ads. They can be very subtle. They send a message. **No talking:** a little girl pushes a case of water bottles across store floor to shelves, to stand on to get the Brita Pitcher. **“Choose great taste without the waste”.**

Just “WOW” me! Do what you can to improve our environment for now & the future!

Beth Juvik, Chairman
bethjuvik@aol.com

A CONSERVATION PROJECT: Please do NOT throw away your mascara wands. Instead, clean JUST THE WAND with dawn soap, and collect them in a ziploc bag. These little wands are able to be upcycled to clean away oil, larvae, fly eggs, mites, infections, mud and other contaminants from wildlife. Works great for medical care and wound treatment.

If your club is interested, contact your local wildlife shelter and see if they will accept your donations. Alternatively, our state's own **GFWC Apple Blossom Club** is already participating in this project. Contact **Nancy Burdick** if you have wands to send her or bring them to our next in-person meeting!



fun things

Important lessons about what it means to be a citizen of the world

We're flexible: We know that circumstances change and that we must throw out our plans if need be.

We're open: We are ready for new experiences as they arise.

We're polite: We understand that other people might not agree with us politically, but that doesn't make them villains.

We're considerate: We remember that our neighbors live nearby and that we need to be respectful.

We're friendly: We greet each other with kindness and offer privacy to those who prefer to be left alone.

We're helpful: If someone has a question or concern, we do our best to assist

We're generous: We share when we see others in need.

While we can't stop the national discord, we can do our best to be good citizens of the world!

... published recently in the Spokesman Review newspaper

A recent announcement in the national GFWC News & Notes was of special interest to one of our Washington State club members. The announcement was about an upcoming issue of a reproduction of an 1892 Federation Badge Pin, called the "rising sun". (See the announcement below.)



Image from GFWC News & Notes

Why was this exciting to Rita Loseth? State webmaster and also Treasurer of GFWC Valley Volunteers, Sumner-Puyallup and Treasurer for Peninsula District. Rita has been wearing an original rising sun pin since 2018. Her husband, an avid eBay, found a listing for the pin and, with an assist from Santa Claus, brought in in for Rita.

A maker's mark on the back of the pin helped them date it to the turn of the century. They are grateful that the News & Notes article revealed the full significance of the pin. We urge club members to buy the reproduction pin and when you see Rita, you could touch your new pin to Rita's original to create a historical bond to the past. After all, isn't that a huge part of what GFWC is about?



Rita's pin, front



Rita's pin, back

National News & Notes Oct 14 2020

Part of the Memorabilia Collection, the original GFWC "rising sun" pin was designed and commissioned in 1892 by the Committee on the Federation Badge Pin. The pin shows a rising sun behind mountains and GFWC's motto "Unity in Diversity" in a red inverted arch along the bottom. Appointees to the committee, which included Jennie June Croly, GFWC's founder, and Charlotte Emerson Brown, first GFWC President, chose blue as the Federation color and dawn with the sun's rays as a symbol.

At the August Executive Committee Meeting, the GFWC Officers authorized the reproduction of the "rising sun" pin for WHRC fundraising purposes. Proceeds will finance a project to stabilize, restore, or replace the frames of the International Past President Portraits. Look for an opportunity to purchase this special legacy pin in the coming weeks.

GFWC Columbia District

2020 Fall Executive Board Meeting

GFWC Columbia District held its Fall Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, October 17. President Paulette Stinson called the meeting to order at approximately 10 AM. Inspiration Chair JoAnn Prestegard shared a lovely poem and a blessing. Since this was a Zoom Presentation, a roll call was taken. Twenty-one Columbia District Executive Board Members were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Bonnie Walden, GFWC Columbia District Treasurer, gave a detailed treasurer's report and presented a two-year budget. The budget was passed without making any amendments to it. A three-member nominating committee was elected to serve in the 2020-2022 term.

The five Community Service & Special Projects Chairmen were introduced by GFWC Columbia District Vice-president Marcia LaFevre. They each gave a report in their newly named categories: Arts & Culture; Civic Engagement & Outreach; Education & Libraries; Environment; and Health & Wellness. The club presidents were asked to share how they are staying in contact with their members during the pandemic with rules of self-isolation and social distancing. Some of the ideas that were shared included drive by parades, tailgate projects, virtual bingo, adjusted agendas (via e-mail), and voting by SurveyMonkey. All members giving reports were asked to submit them prior to the meeting. Sheryl Scarborough, GFWC Columbia District Secretary, was then able to put together a listing of speaker bullet points. These were e-mailed to all members the day before Saturday's meeting. Participants were able to follow along throughout the meeting and had a copy to share with other club members.

Valerie Huey, GFWC Columbia District Membership Chair, emphasized staying CONNECTED! She shared the importance of the personal connection, whether it be via phone calls, e-mails or Zoom meetings. CONNECT! CONNECT! CONNECT!

Fundraising for clubs, district and state organizations has become acutely challenging since in-person meetings are not allowed. Susan Bennett, GFWC Columbia District Fundraising Chair, reported on successful Virtual Bingo, Virtual GFWC Face Mask Sales, and Virtual Boutique/bundle/tote sales.

Before adjournment, members discussed the Teddy Bear Project spearheaded by GFWC-WS President Lela Taylor. It was the consensus of the group that the teddy bears be divided among the clubs. Each club will decide what type of distribution they will utilize.

GFWC Columbia District sends a big thank you to President Taylor for providing the teddy bears so generously. We all hope and pray that we can get back to our in-person meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. Our Health & Wellness Chair, Cassy Faulkner, challenged everyone to get their flu shot this year.... of all years.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Paulette Stinson
GFWC Columbia District President



Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground

Happy 100th Anniversary 19th Amendment!!

GFWC-Battle Ground's "Suffragette Women" waved at passers by on August 26 to honor the historical importance of National Women's Suffrage Day. They positioned themselves across the street from City Hall and near the club's GFWC Little Free Library. The costumed occasion brought attention to the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Club women in the General Federation of Women's Clubs all over the country played a large part in the adoption of the amendment in 1920, a century ago.

The wearing of corona virus masks, sunglasses and shadows from the 1920's wide-brimmed hats makes identities of the participants difficult. Pictured, left to right, are Gloria Walck, Wendy McDaniel, Paulette Stinson, Mary Lee Miller and Johanna Hyatt. The sign that was easiest to read by passersby was "Votes for All." Johanna made the sashes, "Votes for Women."



Find us on Facebook:
[GFWC Battle Ground](#)



Proclamation declares Oct. 25-31 as Advocates for Children Week

A proclamation has been written urging the community to become aware of the need to come to the aid of children victimized by child abuse and other crimes against youngsters. The document explains that GFWC-Battle Ground joins GFWC at all levels to bring awareness to these pervasive problems.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, GFWC-Battle Ground is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, International, the world's largest organization of clubs of volunteer women; and **WHEREAS**, GFWC-Battle Ground is a member of the Washington State General Federation of Women's Clubs; and **WHEREAS**, GFWC-Battle Ground is a service organization which has been actively volunteering in Battle Ground and its surrounding area for forty-eight years; and **WHEREAS**, the object of GFWC-Battle Ground is to train women in leadership toward community service including the needs of children; and **WHEREAS**, GFWC, International, and GFWC Washington State support Advocates for Children Week and recognize the importance of advocating for the prevention of child abuse and other crimes against children; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mary Lee Miller, President of GFWC-Battle Ground, do hereby proclaim October 25-31, 2020, as Advocates for Children Week to encourage the community to recognize the importance of advocating for the prevention of child abuse and other crimes against children in Battle Ground and its surrounds.

Club's Mini Food Drive not so 'mini'



The donations required 3 cars to transport the boxes and sacks of food staples from the collection site by the club's Little Free Library to the food bank building. Estimated value was \$738.14.

Wendy McDaniel, Ginger Crabtree, Mary Eastman, Mary Lee Miller and photo-taker Johanna Hyatt packed the requested canned vegetables and other commodities for the North Clark Community Food Bank on Sept. 24. Executive Director Liz Cerveny and her staff were thrilled to receive the 442-pound donation from the 14 club members who participated.

This donation helped offset the traditional contribution by shoppers at the club's Ladybug Bazaar which is cancelled because of the virus.

Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground continued

Club collecting corks to help save oceans and forests

GFWC-BG members have started a new ongoing project. They are collecting used corks (wine or otherwise) for "CorkClub," whose goals are to increase recycling and donate to environmental causes. Both natural cork and synthetic stoppers are being collected. The cork is reconstituted into usable craft and building supplies and sold. The revenue is then donated to environmental groups who strive to protect our fragile oceans and forests.

At the left, in the tasting room is project chairman Cindi Pike and McMenamens Edgefield Winery representative Haley who has just made a major donation of corks, a few of which are in their raised wine glasses.

Counted to date: 4,845 corks solicited by members



GFWC-BG advocates for children by collecting and assembling Birthday Bags

In keeping with Advocating for Children Week (Oct. 25-31) members of GFWC-Battle Ground held a "tailgate project" to benefit local disadvantaged children. Enough ingredients were brought to supply Birthday Bags for 80 children's parties from now until June 2021.

Bags will be distributed through the North County Community Food Bank and the Family Resource Center. The food bank will receive the first 10 bags in November, followed by ten for the resource center in December, then alternating between the two until spring. Each delivery, half will be appropriate for ages 0-6 and half for ages 7-10. RIGHT: Chairman Mary Eastman holds the Advocacy for Children Proclamation. Johanna helped with bag assembling.



BELOW Left: Mary Eastman, chairman of the Birthday Bag project, readies the receptacles to be used for collecting the items. There were tubs for cake mixes, frostings and more -- even Teddy bears. The location was by the Little Free Library as can be attested by the presence of a patron at the far right.

BELOW Right: Club president, Mary Lee Miller, took a carload of collected "Birthday Bag" supplies to a storage site awaiting bagging and distribution. She holds up an information packet about the Starfish Project, another nation-wide support of GFWC that benefits victims of domestic violence in families.



Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground continued

This is our latest Tailgate Project to outsmart the virus

Environment chairman, Cindi Pike, delivered \$225 worth of donated dog and cat food to the Southwest Washington Humane Society. The generous donation was made possible from contributions by GFWC-Battle Ground members at a successful November 5th Tailgate Event.



The need for animal food has escalated during the pandemic.



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GFWC Camas Washougal

Refuel Washougal is a “Grab & Go” meal to those in need. Our guests are welcome to pick-up a hot meal between the hours of 4:00-6: p.m. at the Washougal Community Center.

On June 26th we prepared and served Chicken/vegetable /barley soup, green salad, French bread and assorted cookies.



Barbara Carpenter



Chris Kamps, President



Chris Kamps, President Kimily DeVerteuil, Susan Bennett, Vice President and Barbara Carpenter

Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal continued

We have made five deliveries to Holly House, a Women's Shelter in Stevenson, WA. July 9th, August 4th, October 1st and 6th. Most of the deliveries involved household items. Approximately 8 of the large canvas rolling carts that the Post Office uses.



At Left: Jeanette Jester and Amy Holly, House Director
At Right: Jeanette Jester and Susan Bennett, Vice President



At right: Our last delivery was of household cleaning supplies, 20 hygiene kits and 15 Halloween bags for the children.



Picture above: are two employees of Holly House and Susan Bennett, Vice President and Jeanette Jester.



School supplies were collected and then provided to Hathaway Elementary School in Washougal, Washington. In addition to providing a few books for our Reach for the Stars with Book program.



Pictured: Susan Bennett, Vice President and Nancy Nass-Boone, Resource Co-ordinator at Hathaway Elementary School in Washougal, WA

Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal continued



In 1922, the VFW was the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, as it remains today.

During the 1923 encampment, it was decided that VFW "Buddy Poppies" would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. In 1924 the name Buddy Poppy was registered with the U.S. Patent Office and all trademark rights were granted the VFW in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing

that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name **Buddy Poppy**.

Donations received from "Buddy Poppies" drives are used entirely to fund our Veterans Assistance Programs. For more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependents. VFW Buddy Poppies are entirely assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals. The minimal assessment (cost of Buddy Poppies) to VFW units provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans.



Buddy Poppy events are normally held in the month of November around Veteran's Day. The VFW Buddy Poppies are entirely assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals. With COVID-19 this year, the veterans were not able to gather to assemble the poppy's. The National VFW put out a call to all VFW Auxiliary's to assemble the needed poppy's.

The minimum amount for an order of poppy's to assemble was 10,000 for \$200.00 to be paid in compensation to each auxiliary. They could order as many as 50,000 poppy's for assembly.



VFW Post 4278 in Camas, Washington ordered 2,000 to be assembled in 30 days and returned to National.

GFWC C-W formed their own work party and assembled 250 poppy's in 90 minutes. We did not ask for any compensation for assembling these poppy's. It was just a way to assist a "sister" group in completing a project.

Pictured: Susan Bennett, Vice President, Jeanette Jester and Chris Kamps, President

Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal continued

GFWC C-W formed a work party to make “Grab & Go” boxes for Fisher House and Lodge 18 houses guests and caregivers who are awaiting a liver, kidney or heart transplant and oncology patients, located on the VA Medical Campus in Vancouver Washington.

The guests of Fisher House and Lodge 18 are responsible for providing the majority of their food during their stays. The pantry in both facilities have pantrys that are not always well stocked, due to the time of the month or government funding. By GFWC C-W providing such items it lessens the burden of the guests. The “Grab & Go” items work well during visits to family at the Vancouver Hospital or for travel on the bus to the downtown Portland medical facility. All of the guests in both facilities are high risk and with COVID-19 it creates a greater challenge for them to shop locally for their needs.

Each items has to be individually packaged. This is true of the items that the two facilities purchase for their guests. No longer are they able to let a bulk package of bagels or other food items sit out on their counters. They are unable to accept any meals, whether they are provided outside of the facilities or within their kitchens. Their Meal Train program has come to a halt.



Above: Chris Kamps – President, Susan Bennett – Vice President, and Jeanette Jester



Above: Dawn Schultz – Assistant Fisher House Assistant Program Manager and Susan Bennett – Vice President.



Clubs in our State

The Woman's Club of Olympia Renovates it's Clubhouse

With the generous grant funds received from the State of Washington for refurbishing the clubhouse of The Woman's Club of Olympia, major changes have come to the house. During the 1950's, windows were covered over with plywood cabinets for storage. These cabinets were used by groups who rented the house on a regular basis to store their meeting supplies. When those groups left, the cabinets remained and over the years, and like many houses, became a depository for a wide variety of items stored. In recent years, the club had grand ideas to remove the cabinets and use the original windows to light the room, but without funds for the project, it was put off for brighter days.

The project regained life when the grand funds were awarded and plans were updated and put into action. First the cabinets were removed by the contractors. What they found behind the cabinets was a disappointment since almost all the windows were broken and not usable. Discussions ensued and a Plan B went into effect to remove the lower destroyed windows and replace just the upper windows. This plan also meant better security from the parking lot without the lower windows.

Cabinets were then installed for storing round and rectangle tables and cabinets along the wall incorporating a buffet-like countertop with plugins for small appliances. Granite was selected and installed to complete the look desired.

The clubhouse is now lit with natural light providing a welcoming and warm feeling to the main meeting room. The maple floors have been refinished to match the cabinets and while the Club loves its new look, renters of the building will also reap the benefits of the improvements.



Before...



During...

***And after...
We love our new buffet
and storage area!***



Clubs in our State

Chamber's Bay Woman's Club

GFWC Chambers Bay has had 2 virtual club meetings (Sept. & Oct.) Not as much fun as meeting in person but we will survive! All members returned and paid dues so our District and State have been paid. We are now planning for the next 2 months "Holidays". We are changing our approach during this time. The club is coming together with ideas to help the less fortunate with food and gifts. Café Oasis oversees Bremerton & Tacoma teen shelters, asked for donations for school supplies and money for laptops for teens. Members made personal donations (our treasury was in transition) to Serra House (Tacoma). Well over \$500. Café Oasis had a virtual auction that our club donated a fully loaded garden wheelbarrow that went for \$290. Meals for YWCA are continuing but pre-made and delivered to the Y. Three members signed up on YWCA Domestic Violence 21 Day Challenge online. We are able to do outside work in parks and street cleaning. We were hit hard on our main fundraiser, Bunco. We postponed/cancelled! Doing our carwash sales, planning for a Feb. fundraiser and reserved the hall for Bunco in May. (praying) Still making masks for migrant workers through Days4girls.

We were hostess for the Peninsula District Spring/Fall Conference on zoom. We wound up the 2018-2020 admin. and started the 2020-2022 administration with President Cindy Bassage and Board. 2 very successful fundraisers totaling over \$700. We heard about Cindy's special bed project for her 2 years. Our club has already purchased a bed and is working on a quilt.

We are so..oooo looking forward for the virus to be in control and social distancing a thing of the past. Until then we will help others and follow the rules.

Membership in the "Grandmas of Twins" is always accepting new members!!

Sally Larson and Beth Juvik
Chambers Bay Co-Presidents

*Connie Claussen's grand-twins:
Lucy & Isla, 10 months. They
have eaten over 80 different
foods, all vegan of course. Goal
is 100 by their first birthday.*



*Sally Larson's grand-twins:
Aden & Evelyn, 2 yrs on
Halloween*



*Jodi Walker's grand-twins:
Ava and Ellie Walker, 7 months. The crocheted
handcuffs, police hat and underpants were made
by my son, David's, Police Chief's wife! What a
gift to the these Officer's kids!*



*Beth Juvik's grand-twins:
Ethan & Davis, 18 months*

Clubs in our State

Sokico Woman's Club

GFWC Sokico's interpretation of the October GFWC-WS VEEP challenge was "WHY DID YOU JOIN GFWC?" ... following are a few our club member's responses. Hope you find it informative:

Suzanne Bagdon joined the GFWC Sokico club in 2016. "Susan Tyler and I worked in the same office at Boeing. For about one year prior to my joining, Susan "hounded me" (in a very kind way) to join the Woman's club. I had wanted to get back into volunteering and because Susan was so convincing I tried it out. My first volunteer event with GFWC Sokico was supporting the ALS walk at Seward Park in 2016."

Betty MacMaster wanted to share that she is has been a GFWC member for 25 years. "I joined because I was asked to help in our local community."

Kathie Jorgensen writes: "I will take a little detour on your question of why I joined... Did you know that we organized in April 1982 and our original members included Linda, Nancy, Sharon, Barb, Joanne and Kathie? The club became a new club in the state when our Kent Federated Woman's Club (a Junior club) decided to join the "General" clubs. That is where the Nancy Jones Scholarship came from... We transferred the leftover \$ we had in Kent Federated to Sokico and established".

Carolyn Johnson submitted the following response to the challenge: "I joined GFWC Sokico just as my husband and I were retiring from the Boeing Company 25 year ago. My friend Betty, had been a member for some time and encouraged me to join. I wanted to be involved in helping the community in some way and I also wanted to make new friends. I was going to miss my Boeing Family. Sokico gave me the opportunity to hold every office in our club as well as District and State offices. I also was able to spear head many improvements in the community. I also made some lifetime friends."

Susan Tyler wanted us to know that "I joined Sokico because my mother made me, but only after I'd been volunteering with Sokico for several years with my Girl Scout Troop in tow, or when attending club events and assisting her with computer tasks. I came because she made me – but I stayed because of the friendships and sense of accomplishment I've gotten from being a member of GFWC."

Walk for the babies 2020

During October GFWC Sokico members and family participated in the PICC (Pediatric Interim Care Center) walk, our team raised \$1,129 to support this wonderful organization.

Thanks to our team (Judy Olson, Ruth Brassell, Nancy Jones, Linda Butcher, Kathie Jorgensen, Susan Tyler, Suzanne Bagdon, Louise Vittitow, and Betty MacMaster) During October GFWC Sokico members and family participated in the PICC (Pediatric Interim Care Center) walk, our team raised \$1,129 to support this wonderful organization.



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GFWC Chewelah

Our ladies have gathered and prepared the "bears and bunnies" from GFWC President Lela, as part of her state project, to be delivered.

We are preparing our Women in the Military display for the month of November at the City Hall in conjunction with them and Libraries of Stevens County, Chewelah Branch.

Staying busy, keeping warm!

Pictured... doggies and bunnies and bears OH MY!



GFWC Apple Blossom Club

For those of you that haven't heard, we are a virtual club that meets via email. Our members live all around Washington State and even one in Colorado. We invite you and your family and friends to join our club. Members continue to make "Knitted Knockers" for women that have had mastectomies and Hats for children in need. We collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We donate books to schools and libraries. We are always looking for new projects for our members that don't sew or knit.

We wish you and your families very Happy Holidays and hoping we can all be together very soon.

*Nancy Burdick
GFWC ABC*



Clubs in our State

GFWC Cathlamet

100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment celebration

The Cathlamet Woman's Club enjoyed themselves with social distancing and face masks on Tuesday, August 18th from 11:30-1 pm.

We were celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment Women's Right to Vote, our 90 years of community service, a membership drive and providing information about registering to vote.

Club members will recognize some of these faces as past presidents.

Thank you,
Pearl Blackburn
Vice President

Top Right: Maureen Zacher looking fabulous
Right: Carol Cole with the Suffragette flag.



Above: We walked along Main Street.

Left: That's JoAnn Prestegard carrying the GFWC flag.

Right: Current President Caroline Walton with our USA flag.



Clubs in our State

GFWC Cathlamet continued



Women's right to vote celebrated

as published in *The Wahkiakum County Eagle*

On Tuesday, members of the [Cathlamet](#) Woman's Club turned out in force to observe and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing most American women's right to vote. The amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920, as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it. However, the right to vote wasn't extended to African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American women until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(at right) The local Woman's Club set up tables with a display and voting registration material on [Cathlamet](#) Main Street and later marched up and down the street, serenaded by Tracy Turner's singing of patriotic songs (below right).

Below: Suzanne Holmes, Woman's Club Citizen of the Year, took a tour in a vintage vehicle.



The Cathlamet Woman's Club created a "Kitchen Lovers Basket" for The Friends of Skamokawa historical Redman Hall's 30th annual fundraising online auction, "A Cornucopia of Treasures". Our members donated items to fill the "Kitchen Lovers Basket" valued at \$120.00 that raised \$53.00 for this organization. The basket included the GFWC brochure to advertise our club's participation celebrating 90 years of community service.



Large wicker basket included:

- Four etched Redman Hall glasses
- Six white tapas bowls
- Bottle of Portlandia wine, from The Tavern at Hotel Cathlamet
- handmade Wooden bottle opener
- Large meat thermometer
- Butcher shop dish towel
- Silicone spatula, serving & salad tongs
- Four microfiber cloths
- Blueberry Jam and certificate for fresh baked yeast bread



WINTER SOCIAL

GFWC – Washington State Registration and Donation Form



Join your fellow clubwoman and our State Executive Board for a no-cost social gathering via Zoom just to **mix**, **mingle** and spread **holiday cheer**! Registration is required to receive the Zoom invite but there is no cost. Complete this form and return to Kim or RSVP via email or phone.

Fundraising and Donations can all be done with this form. Purchase tickets below for the raffle items shown on the following pages. Don't want jewelry? Take your chance with the 50/50 cash pot (It's been primed with a \$100 bill to start!); All tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5! Indicate below how to disperse your tickets, all in one? some in many? I will complete tickets with your names and put them into the appropriate item's bucket(s). We will be drawing all winners during the gathering!

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE	CELL	
CLUB	DISTRICT	

Fundraising: all tickets \$2 ea or 3/\$5

Raffle Tickets _____
50/50 Money Pot _____

Donations:

General Operating _____
Coins for Art _____
Federation Forest _____
Scholarships _____

Total Enclosed \$\$ _____

Raffle Ticket distribution: 50/50 Pot _____

Item #1 _____ Item #2 _____ Item #3 _____ Item #4 _____
Item #5 _____ Item #6 _____ Item #7 _____ Item #8 _____
Item #9 _____ Item #10 _____ Item #11 _____ Item #12 _____

Make checks payable to GFWC-Washington State
Send checks and completed form to:
Kim Skagen (Questions? call 253-261-9241 or email daiziedot@yahoo.com)
12100 SE Triviere Trail ~~ Port Orchard, WA 98367
contact Kim to make electronic payment arrangements via PayPal, Zelle, or Venmo

RAINBOW RAFFLES

GFWC-WS 2020-2022 Fund Raising



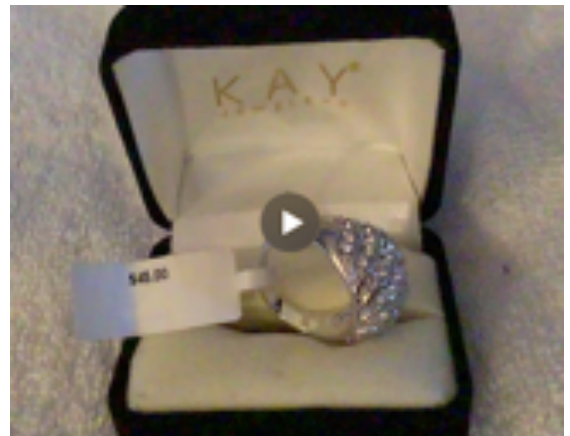
Raffle Item #1:
Necklace is from the 1950s, owner thinks it may be gold but not positive. Earrings are costume jewelry with turquoise stones.



Raffle Item #2:
These items are from the 1990s it's a nice have a gold colored necklace. We believe costume jewelry with a very nice bracelet.



Raffle Item #3:
The ring is from 1948, it belonged to the donators mother. The stones are Garnet and zircons.



Raffle Item #4:
Absolutely gorgeous piece of costume jewelry, looks great on your finger, any finger



Raffle Item #5:
This is a lovely set of costume jewelry earrings and necklace. Comes with its own little container.



Raffle Item #6:
40 inch long costume necklace with silky pink bag one from Mary Kay. Makes a lovely gift or wear it yourself

RAINBOW RAFFLES

GFWC-WS 2020-2022 Fund Raising



Raffle Item #7:
Pink velvet box with silver and pink stretch bracelet costume jewelry, won from Mary Kay.



Raffle Item #8:
Silver and gold goblet, very solid also silver clutch purse, won from Mary Kay.



Raffle Item #9:
Adorable little dachshund carrying Christmas decorations pin, just in time for 2020 Christmas 🌈!!



Raffle Item #10:
Gorgeous locket necklace, will hold your two favorite photos of loved ones.



Raffle Item #11:
Beautiful silver necklace with soft blue "mystery" stones (not sure what they are) Vintage, necklace was purchased in 1956.



Raffle Item #12:
Crystal butterfly brooch



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Events & Special Days

November

26th

Thanksgiving

December

11th

Hanukkah

25th

Christmas

26th

Kwanzaa

Winter Social

Dec 19 ~ 10am

January

1st

Happy New Year's

18th

Martin Luther King Day

20th

Inauguration Day

February

1st

Clubwoman articles due

14th

Valentine's Day

15th

State Reports are due



Purchase your raffle tickets to win this beautiful Red Maple Leaf quilt crafted by New Hampshire clubwoman Anne Engelhardt.

Deadline for purchasing raffle tickets will be November 30.

**We will draw the name of the lucky winner during the
GFWC Holiday Party on December 9.**

Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10 OR 10 for \$25.

GFWC 2021 Toronto



Select the number of tickets you want and mail with a check made payable to:

GFWC to 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

_____ 3 tickets for \$10

_____ 10 tickets for \$25

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, and Zip code _____

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Facemask Order Form

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Name: _____

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Front Pleat mask

— 3 layers, cotton/poly, adjustable elastic ear loops

Color: Deep Navy



_____ Color Logo x \$10 each.....\$ _____



_____ Black & White Logo x \$10 each.....\$ _____

Front Seam mask—2 layers, cotton/poly



_____ Royal Blue with Color Logo x \$10 each.....\$ _____



_____ Black with Black & White Logo x \$10 each.....\$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Shipping & Handling \$1.50 per mask.....\$ _____

FREE S&H with orders of 3 or more!

Grand Total: \$ _____



- Front pleat with color logo
- Three layer/cotton poly
- Adjustable ear loops
- Deep Navy



- Front pleat with B&W logo
- Three layer/cotton poly
- Adjustable ear loops
- Deep Navy



- Front seam with B&W logo
- Two layer/cotton poly
- Black



- Front seam with color logo
- Two layer/cotton poly
- Royal Blue