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Living the Volunteer Spirit



**GFWC-WS Members...
as our second 'virtual' year
draws to a close, we want to
reach out and say Thank You!
Members make our state
what it is and your Executive
Board is grateful for each and
every one of you!**



Enjoy the approaching holidays
with your families, friends, and
fellow clubwomen. Finish your
projects on a high note and plan
for a January of Report Writing!

**Be Safe, Be Well,
and Be Covid-free!**

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 the directory. It's so easy to forget to update the roster when our members make updates. Not updating at the State level means our members miss out on critical and informative emails and also the quarterly ClubWoman newsletter.

Thank you much!
Kim Skagen, GFWC-WS Treasurer



REACHING FOR RAINBOWS



Hello GFWC-WS members -

First of all I would like to thank those of you who joined us, for your attendance at our 2021 GFWC-WS Fall Board on September 25, 2021. This was hopefully our last Zoom meeting for this president. Other than no Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag or singing of the National Anthem, we followed pretty much a normal meeting schedule.

Thanks to the decision of our Past State Presidents, led by Carlene Garner, our current Executive Officers were finally installed to their 2020-2022 offices. Past GFWC-WS Presidents included in the ceremony were: Betty MacMaster, Jeanette Jester, Nancy Burdick, Jane Cline, Nancy Jones, Martha Curwen, Cheryl Holman, Bonnie Walden, and Kathie Jorgenson. Each incoming officer was defined as a color of the rainbow: Treasurer Kim Skagen, Green; Secretary Ginger Bowman-Rape, Blue; Vice President Susan Tyler, Yellow; President-Elect Dorothy Crowder, Orange; and President Lela Taylor, Red. Our long standing tradition of “Passing of the Pin” was virtually performed.

I want to personally thank the Past GFWC-WS Presidents for providing this administration with the Installation Ceremony they had been denied due to canceled and Zoom-held meetings. They did a fantastic job, and it was very moving.

The Nominating Committee chairman reported that endorsements for candidates for the 2022–2024 GFWC-WS Administration need to be submitted by November 15. The nominating committee includes Marilyn Nichols; Beth Juvik and Jeanette Jester. Please contact these ladies if you would like to “throw your hat in the ring...”

GFWC-WS Treasurer Kim Skagen and GFWC-WS Financial Secretary Cindy Bassage held the GFWC-WS Financial Committee meeting by Zoom on September 22, 2021. It was very well attended by all committee members and the Budget was presented to the audience at Fall Board the following Saturday.

We are still wearing masks and many in Washington State have received Covid-19 vaccines. Although those of us who attended GFWC-WSR in Colorado Springs, Colorado did go without masks to most of the evening dinners. I believe everyone had an excellent time. Upon arriving home, the following day I received a text from WSR President informing us that one of the attendees had tested positive for Covid-19. Luckily no one from our state was exposed.

Asking for prayers and positive Rainbow thoughts that this nasty disease is mostly or gone by April 2022 so we may have a real live, and well attended, GFWC-WS Spring Convention in Olympia.

Be well ~~ Lela J Taylor
GFWC-Washington State
President 2020-2022

Invite a Friend today
to Share the Federation experience

Endowment Enlightenments



Are you Grateful?

Are you Thankful? Are you Blessed?

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us all take some time to consider these three questions.

Make yourself a list and add things to it when you think of things you are grateful for, thankful for, or how you have been blessed.

When you have finished your list, consider how you would like to give thanks for these blessings in your life. Often times we are grateful for our families and friends, or thankful that we have a place to live, or feel blessed to have had opportunities in our lives.

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to give thanks for these things?

During November and December, when we are blessed with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, remember all the things you have written on your list, and consider making a donation to your GFWC-WS Endowment Fund, to perpetuate this financial vehicle that continues providing interest income, which helps to fill the gap between what we pay in dues and the actual cost of operating GFWC-Washington State.

There is real satisfaction and something wonderfully fulfilling about doing something good that lasts, and that really makes a difference.

Peace, Blessings, and Thanks ~~

Linda Butcher, Endowment Fund Trustee

GFWC-WS Members... your state needs YOU!!!

Interested in Leadership? Focused on making the state stronger? Curious about how things operate at the State Level?? Put your curiosity to work! The Nominating Committee is actively looking for Candidates for Office for the 2022-2024 Administration.



Interested candidates should review our [State Administrative Handbook](#) for necessary steps and prerequisites. Contact [Jeanette Jester](#), Nominating Committee Chairman, and let her know if you will be submitting a packet!

Nominations should be submitted by November 15th. Anyone wanting to be considered following that will need to be nominated from the floor at Spring Convention.

2021 Western States Region

Colorado Springs, CO



Cheryl Holman, Denim (Jeep Driver) and Bonnie Walden at the top of Pike's Peak

Linda Harms, Bonnie Walden, Nancy Burdick and Cheryl Holman



Past WRS Presidents:
Patty Benskin (Wyoming)
Bonnie Walden (Washington)
Carol Lopez-Lucey (California)
with Joann Wheeler (Oregon,
former member of GFWC WA
State)

Community Service Programs... CSP's

Hello everyone, Bonnie here in Chewelah as your (... OOPS! let me put on my other hat...) Dean of Chairman.

Our planned workshop for fall board did not happen as not really conducive to ZOOM format. Thanks to Nancy Jones and Kathie Jorgenson who were ready to be our presenters.

Our CSP and Advancement Chairmen are still in place, ready, willing and able to answer questions or find answers to any questions you may have.

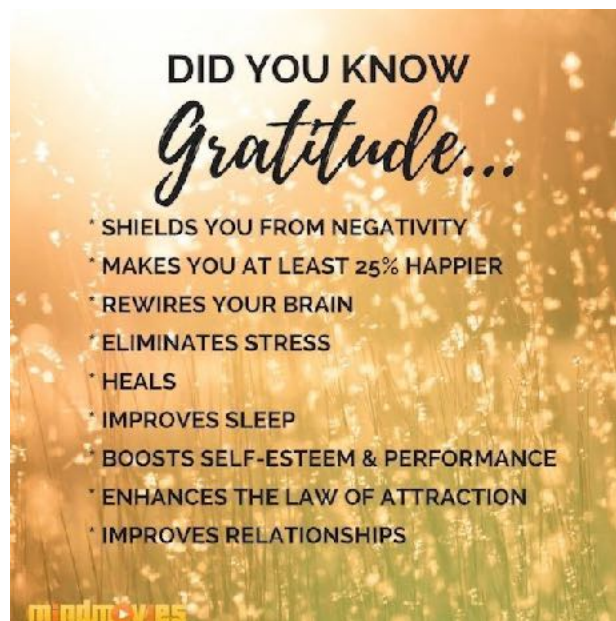
Have a safe and productive autumn season.

Be safe my peeps..

HUGS TO ALL..

Bonnie Rail, Dean of Chairmen

2020-2022



Missed attending Convention? Wished you were able to attend the workshops that were offered? One good thing has come out of the new "virtual" world we now live in...

Convention Workshop Webinars Registration Open Now!

Mark your calendar to register for the **GFWC Convention Workshop Webinars**, a package of five popular 2021 Convention presentations that have been modified for viewing from the comfort of your home. Learn how to effectively advocate for issues in a nonpartisan way and how to educate youth about the early signs of an unhealthy relationship. Provide tools for developing club and state leaders, growing a positive club culture, and creating a brand and website that will make your club stand out in its community.

The following pre-recorded sessions, with handouts, are at your fingertips for just \$25:

- Communications and PR: Let's Talk About Branding...And Your Club Website!
- Leadership: Tools for Developing and Encouraging Leaders
- Legislation/Public Policy: Staying Nonpartisan in a Partisan Time
- Membership: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall
- Signature Program: Fifty Ways to Make a Difference

Register now so that you can have as much time as possible to watch all five webinars. After registering, you will receive an email with links to view each webinar until November 30. Registration and viewing for this five-webinar package closes November 30.

Proceed to the [Member Portal](#) at gfwc.org to find the Events tab and register!

Community Service Program Reports

MEMBERSHIP - Sharing and caring

As we grow near to the end of 2021, we feel blessed with tremendous potentials and challenges having been given to us. We have met them and continue to meet our goals. We have worked very hard in spite of this epidemic to give communities their needs.

I watch on our zoom meetings the smiles and comradery that shows in the faces of many when they have met up again. We don't care for zoom but that is the way we communicate right now. We appreciate the planning and time spent bringing this to us. This is our Federation sisters keeping us together to bring us the latest information to take back to our clubs. Do we realize that after this virtual meeting, knowledge is attained and ready to share?

I thank my sponsor of almost 40 years for inviting me into this fabulous organization. This is the most rewarding un-paid position we will ever have. Volunteerism takes HEART and as we Federation members, we have HEART, a whole lot of it. You must feel proud of yourselves for giving so much unconditionally.

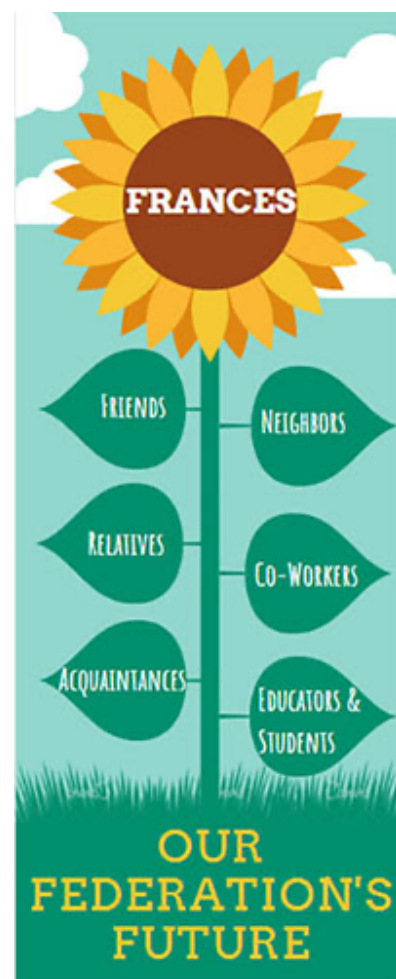
It is very hard to share new generation ideas so myself and committee members will have you to please scout around for ladies trying to find something to do. Place ads anywhere you can, find a place where you can meet and speak. Tell them you are starting a New Generation club and would they like to know more. Have information on your club, give them the GFWC.org and the GFWC Washington web site. Be sure they know this is volunteerism and all of the opportunities we offer. Contact information is very important. Possibly have a signup sheet for name, address, and phone. Call them back within 3 days. They should have had time to go into web sites if interested!

Our State Membership committee will have everything you need and will also attend the meeting by calling us. We have new club packets and any questions about this organization.

We are leading with pride and we must share, share this organization with others not knowing, who and what we are.

Lynn Cline 407-467-5680

Barbara Murray 425-582-0098



[from the October 7, 2021 News & Notes...](#)

The future of our Federation relies on building new clubs and growing the membership. To that end, I want to introduce you to *FRANCES - Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Co-workers, Educators, and Students*. Each of these represent a group of people that you could introduce to GFWC. Any of them could offer an opportunity to start a new, single-issue club. An art teacher or librarian may have a network of colleagues and friends who would like to form a club solely focused on creative arts or literacy. Your neighbors might express an interest in community conservation projects, or perhaps civic engagement and outreach to encourage community activism and support local first-responders. A group of students, maybe youth athletes, could provide an opportunity to engage a new generation and form a Juniorette club focused on health and wellness issues.

Community Service Programs... CSP's

Legislation Report Fall 2021

Martha Curwen

At the International Convention in Atlanta last month, this chairman attended Legislation/Public Policy workshop, titled Staying Non-Partisan in a Partisan Time. Here are few key points that were gleaned.

Why is it so important that GFWC clubs stay non-partisan? GFWC is recognized under the Us Internal Revenue Service tax code as a 5019 (c) (3) non-profit organization. To maintain that tax-exempt status, and the ability for donors to take a tax deduction, GFWC is **required** to remain non-partisan.

Nonpartisan is a lack of affiliation with, and a lack of bias toward a political party. To be nonpartisan is to be candid, equitable, evenhanded, impartial, just, fair and objective. GFWC can be all of these and still support **ISSUES!**

When you receive a Legislative Alert email, please know that the action you are asked to take has be vetted by the Legislative/Public Policy Committee and the Resolutions committee.

GFWC Legislative Action Center has given a challenge. Between now and June 1, 2022 we are being asked to increase our participation in the Legislative Action Center registrations. At Western States Region Conference we were given statistics for the 11 states in the region. The good news is that Washington State has 21% of its membership enrolled. The largest percentage is Oregon with 26%. California only has 8% registered.

How do you go about registering to receive alerts? It's simple. You can sign up by going to cqrcengage.com/gfwc. Let's step up to the challenge and sign up if you haven't already.

Once you are registered please respond to the alerts you receive knowing that you are being non-partisan and supporting the issue.

Finally, when reporting in February, please let me know how many have signed up.

And finally, another way to remember GFWC...
Gathering Facts, Working for Change



GFWC LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER CHALLENGE

GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION

Which State will have the biggest increase in their percentage of members registered on the GFWC Legislative Action Center?

Which State will be number one in the Region?

Which State and Region will be number one in the country?

It could be you.

The Facts:
Timeline: July 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022

Goal: Being first in the Region & the Country

Award: Bragging Rights & Recognition

Community Service Program Reports

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Civic Engagement and Outreach has many ways for Clubs and members to participate in:



- Encourage all members to vote in all elections.
- Support our troops by collecting Coupons.
- Support the Fire Fighters in your area especially those that have spent so much time fighting forest fires. Find something that they are short of and donate it to the Department.
- Have a speaker from the Police Department on areas our members should be aware of. Include your community members in this presentation.
- Have a program on SCAMMERS and include Seniors and Veterans.
- Food Banks always welcome donations of food.
- Support Foster Children with clothes, jackets, and essentials.

Participate in this year's Wreaths Across America. The theme for 2021 is **Live up to Their Legacy**. Even if one is unsure or does not have a specific cemetery or veteran to honor, the WAA program can still use the help.

Finding out which cemeteries can use help is simple with a quick search on the WAA website. Anyone can search via city, zip code, state or by using a direct cemetery donation code.

Local Washington State Cemeteries Seeking Donations: (Cemetery Donation Codes)

- Washington State Veterans Cemetery (WAWSVC)
- Tahoma National Cemetery (WATNCK)
- Camp Lewis Cemetery (WACLJB)
- Washington Veterans Home Cemetery (WAWVHR) - Port Orchard
- Washington Soldiers Home Cemetery (WAWSHO) - Orting
- Evergreen Washelli - Veterans Memorial Cemetery (WAVMEW)



Visit WreathsAcrossAmerica.org to find the full list of events taking place and to donate or volunteer at a location of your choosing.

I encourage clubs to support the Women Veterans in your community.

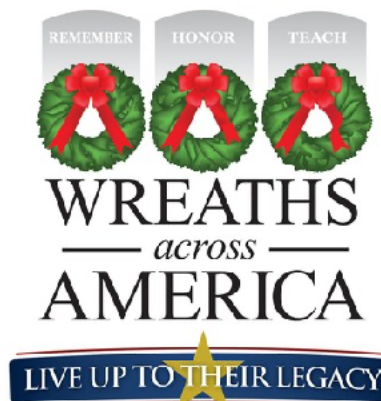
There are many ways we are needed in our communities, and each thing you do for your community is much appreciated even though you don't always hear it.

My best to all of you in your effort to help your communities to be a better place.

Barb Murray
Chairman



**MILITARY
WOMEN'S
MEMORIAL**
Honoring her service



Save the Date!
Saturday
December 18

Community Service Programs... CSP's

Education and Libraries CSP

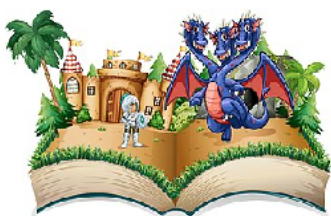
STEM Projects with Students with Disabilities

It has been an interesting year for clubs to try to support schools. With the dark days of winter approaching, I am hoping you and your club can think of ways to use the following STEM idea for getting younger students involved in learning about science.



Ice Age Dinos

1. Take a Tupperware or other plastic container and fill it two-thirds of the way with water.
2. Place some toy dinosaurs inside it the container and put it the container in the freezer. The water will expand to cover the dinosaurs.
3. After waiting roughly 12-24 hours (depending on the size of your container) take the container out of the freezer.
4. Tip the ice out of the container and onto a tray. If you can't get it out, run some hot water over the bottom of the container for a few minutes.
5. Now it's time to get the kids involved! They can then use spoons to dig the dinosaurs out, or wash warm water over the ice to help it melt. Consider having them test how salt reacts to ice too, and talk about the different reactions.
6. Be sure to take lots of pictures!



February 15 is going to be here before we know it. I look forward to receiving your reports and hope some will contain how you were able to present STEM to students and teachers.

Kathie Jorgensen, Chairman

National Author's Day

Did you know this observance was created by GFWC in 1929 and in 1949 was given a place on the list of special days prepared by the US Department of Commerce? The resolution stated "by celebrating Authors' Day as a nation, we would not only show patriotism, loyalty and appreciation of the men and women who have made American literature possible, but would also encourage and inspire others to give of themselves in making a better America...".

On November 1st, celebrate National Author's Day by curling up with your favorite book, a hot beverage and spend time drifting into another world! We spend many hours devouring books and often do not think of the blood, sweat and tears of the person behind the pages! This day is a day to take a moment to appreciate the author who spent countless hours writing our favorite books.

Authors are creators. From the most famous of authors, William Shakespeare, who has enthralled millions with his ability to satirize royalty and common people, to J.K. Rowling and Stephen King of today, who create fantastical and horrifying worlds, an author allows us moments in our life to reflect and even escape reality. Authors have the ability to teach, entertain, and move us.

From the 8th century when Homer's works is placed on papers to 1440 when the printing press is invented, there have been lots of pages written. In 1994, when Amazon was created, it also has forever changed the way authors and reading consumers have interacted.

Buy a book and give it to a friend.

Give some time to the author inside of you. Write a story! Sponsor a writing day at your local school with prizes for all of the budding authors.

Community Service Program Reports

ARTS AND CULTURE



There are many projects that will help people in our communities all while inspiring our members to appreciate and encourage arts.

As a club, host a creative workshop or Arts&Craft night. Invite your friends and neighbors and make it a membership opportunity.

Some ideas:

- making quilts for the senior citizens in local Nursing Homes. even your non-sewing members can be involved cutting or ironing or just doing the refreshments!
- baby blankets, sewed, knitted or crocheted for babies born with drug or alcohol addiction.
- gather art supplies and make “kits” for specific projects (cards, seasonal decorations, arts & crafts) and donate them to foster children, homes that care for children, or classrooms.
- with the holidays just around the corner, consider making, decorating and hand-addressing cards for Senior Citizens or Veterans
- also with the holidays, host a Movie Get-Together! So many holiday favorites to choose from, don't forget the popcorn and M&M's!

These are just a few ideas but I am sure you will come up with more ideas to further Art In your Communities.

Thank you,
Habiba Sadat, chairman



Domestic Violence Report



As Domestic Violence continues to plague our communities and our nation, I plead with my GFWC-WS sisters to lean in to the projects, organizations and available opportunities that not only support victims, but whole families around this issue. Services for perpetrators of abuse as well as funding for victims is critical during this time.

Reach out to those around you, your family and your friends for conversation and support during the current challenges. Caring for others brings hope and healing. Healthy individuals have healthier relationships.

If there are priorities during the rest of the 2021-2022 Administration, please let your clubs make one of those priorities Domestic Violence.

Thank You ~
Ginger Bowman-Rape
Domestic Violence Chairman

GFWC North Eastern District

2021 Fall Board

Club members from Chewelah, Tillicum, and Lilac City were hosted by Springdale Womens Club for NE District on October 19th.



Members wore their favorite TEAM attire. Anything from sports, colleges and universities, team Cancer, Alzheimer's Association, church etc. Gonzaga, Eastern WA Eagles were prevalent. One shirt declared University of Texas in Dallas... gave her a pass, however, as three of the grandchildren attend there.



Usual business meeting and "when are you getting your booster vaccine?" conversation but mostly the joy of seeing each other as these smiles can attest.

Bonnie Rail, acting District President

Photo: GFWC-WS President Lela Taylor, Stacy Johnson, Springdale President, and Cleo Miller, Springdale Treasurer



Photo: Lilac City members: Dean Robb, Karin Peterson, Anne Corwin, and Gwen McManus

Photo: (acting) District President Bonnie Rail and Cleo Miller, Springdale Treasurer



Photo: Marilyn and 'Nick' Nichols



GFWC Columbia District

The 2021 GFWC Columbia District Fall Conference was held on Saturday, October 16th. Members had hoped to have an in-person meeting but as the weeks progressed it became evident that the COVID virus was still pretty active in our area. The executive board voted (via e-mail) to move to a Zoom meeting. Susan Bennett was our Zoom administrator and did a great job.

Paulette Stinson, Columbia District President, presided with twenty-four members in attendance including three past GFWC-WS Presidents. Paulette gave an overview of the GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting which was held via Zoom in September. Two members from Columbia District, Bonnie Walden and Cheryl Holman, attended the WSR Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Cheryl gave an excellent overview of the meeting and highlighted the “Free the Girls” project.

Marcia LaFevre, Columbia District Vice-president, reviewed specifics on reporting and various important deadline dates.

GFWC Columbia District voted to send \$25.00 to the GFWC-WS Endowment Fund in memory of Dolores Kuykendall. A past GFWC-WS President, Dolores was very active in Columbia District before moving to Arizona.

Wendy McDaniel from GFWC Battle Ground won the 50/50 pot.

The meeting concluded with the five current club presidents reciting the Club Collect. Each president took a paragraph with all others muted. This resulted in a very moving Collect.

We all hope that in the spring we can safely meet in person....FINALLY !!

Stay safe and healthy all from your Federation Sisters in Columbia District.



GFWC King County District

This term has been a challenging one. Our Fall Conference and Spring Board were held virtually, with all members learning new ways to continue to stay in touch with each other. Our Fall Board Meeting will be held on October 9th, virtually as well. We are looking forward to the opportunity to have our Spring Conference in person, if conditions allow.

King County District has four clubs: GFWC Cascade, GFWC Elahan, GFWC Kirkland, and GFWC Sokico. All clubs are looking forward to an exciting and fulfilling year.

Although there have been challenges, all of our clubs have been busy helping their communities in many areas and are making plans for continuing to make their communities better and to help meet their needs.

We will all be focusing on membership this coming year.

Nancy Larsen
GFWC King County District President

GFWC Peninsula District

Covid may have changed the way our district clubs perform but it certainly did not keep them from doing what they are all about. "Living the Volunteer Spirit" I am extremely proud of each and every one of the clubs in Peninsula District.

1. Most of the events were held via good old zoom.
2. In July, Peninsula District was able to gather together for the first time in over a year for a summer barbecue. Every club was represented with a total turnout of 32 members. A great time was had by all that were able to attend.
3. My project for the year was "Sleep In Heavenly Peace" No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our State. We collected and donated tons of bedding items and presented \$6,450.00 to the nonprofit organization that serves children in need. Five of clubs held a Build Session and between the five clubs we built 45 beds. Each bed is delivered and assembled to an appreciative home and built to last a life time. The clubs that held a build session had a fantastic time. Once again all our clubs participated in some shape or form.
4. Our Fall Conference was held October 23, via zoom. We welcomed a speaker from the YWCA talking about Domestic Violence since October was DV month.

Like all other Districts we are looking forward to the days we can start being together again.

Thank You,

Cindy Bassage
GFWC Peninsula District President

*Peninsula District -
Volunteers to the core...*



Invitation to GFWC-WS Convention

Peninsula District is happy and proud to invite you to GFWC-WS Convention to be held at Hotel RL located in Olympia, Washington, April 22-24, 2022

Our Guest will be GFWC-President Elect, Deb Strahanoski!

For those of you that can arrive early on Friday, the Women's Club of Olympia will be hosting an open house and tour of their remodeled club house known as "The Abigail Stuart House" Light refreshments will be served.

Watch for the Call to Convention and further details in the Spring Clubwoman. Room Rates will be \$122.00 per night and reservations close March 25, 2022.

Come participate in the fun, learning, and visiting with friends.
Hope to see all there!

Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground

School supplies tallied

GFWC-Battle Ground brought 5,261 school supply items to the Battle Ground Education Foundation office on Tuesday, August 17. Among the 23 kinds of donations were 738 pens, 515 rulers and 388 pencil sharpeners. In addition, \$200 was donated to apply to possible shortfalls. The club had been amassing the collection for months to provide supplies for students in need in time for school start-up in September.

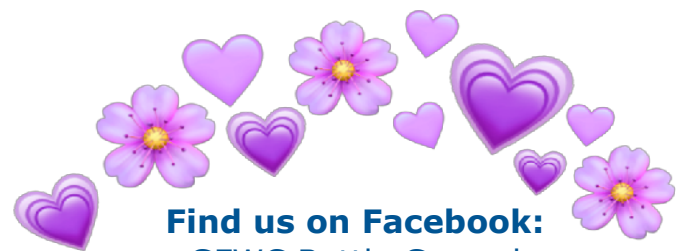
The stash will be distributed throughout the year by the Family and Community Resource Center, an arm of the BGeF. The center's coordinator Lydia Sanders complimented the club by saying, "I think it's safe to say we'll be good on school supplies for the next couple of years thanks to your and so many others' donations!!!" She added, "Between your donations and volunteering your time you have helped in monumental ways to make sure that all students in BGPS will have what they need to start school this year!"



Photo: Boxes and bags of school supplies were taken to the Battle Ground Education Foundation office on the district's Lewisville campus by GFWC-Battle Ground members. Standing are Ginger Crabtree, president Mary Lee Miller, Nancy Lee, Johanna Hyatt and Linda Tochen. In front are Marla Polos, Paulette Stinson and Valerie Huey. Not pictured was Cindi Pike, member photographer.



Photo: The club's school supply collection barely fit in the back of Cindi Pike's pickup truck. "Showing off" their success are Johanna Hyatt, Ginger Crabtree, Mary Lee Miller, Paulette Stinson, Valerie Huey and Linda Tochen.



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

It was all about PURPLE

To put the spotlight on October as the national "Domestic Violence Awareness Month, several members dug through their closets to find something **purple** to wear to the October 14 club meeting. Purple is the chosen color for DM. Paulette Stinson (club member and Columbia District President) could find nothing in her wardrobe so, instead, she painted her fingernails purple.

Program for the meeting was given by member Wendy McDaniel who presented a power point overview of how to report, when to report and the importance of reporting. She urged all members to track their volunteer hours and dollars spent on club activities.

Posing in purple are Wendy McDaniel, Johanna Hyatt, Louise Tucker, Ginger Crabtree, Marla Polos, Paulette Stinson, Club President Mary Lee Miller and Mary Eastman.



Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal

Refuel Washougal is a program that is hosted by a variety of volunteers every Friday 52 weeks a year. This program offers those in need of a meal, no questions asked.

GFWC Camas-Washougal has been hosting four events for the past three years. We receive a stipend of \$175.00 to plan, purchase, prepare and serve these meals.

When the weather turned cool in October we served from scratch beef stew. We served a record 109 meals that evening.



Photo above: GFWC C-W Secretary – Jeanette Jester, President – Chris Kamps, Treasurer – Carol Styles and Vice-President - Susan Bennett.

Photo below: GFWC C-W President – Chris Kamps, Vice- President – Susan Bennett and Secretary – Jeanette Jester



Photo above: AJ who masterfully butchered a 26 pound beef chuck roast

Find us on Facebook:
[GFWC Camas-Washougal](#)

Photo below: Our menu

General Federation of Women's Clubs
Camas/Washougal
Presents

Homemade Beef Stew
Dinner Roll
Oatmeal Cookie

ReFuel Washougal

October 1st
4:00-6:00
Grab n' Go
Washougal Community Center

*Menu subject to change
ReFuelWashougal.org



Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal continued

Since 2017 GFWC C-W has been awarded a Camas Washougal Community Chest Grant for our Reach For the Stars Through Books program. In 2020 the program went to a virtual format, previously the children would attend a class once a week in-person. Normally a child from birth to five would receive a backpack full of books and additional learning aids after attending six in person visits.

We continued the program with the virtual learning that is now offered five days a week. While the program attracted a greater amount of students it was hard to track exactly who was attending these classes. It might be one child or their could be more. The viewing could only be tracked by email addresses. Each email was only counted once per week rather than daily for our reward system.

In June we awarded 12 backpacks full of books and other learning aids at a drive-through pick-up complete with the Reading Specialists who provided the classes via Zoom. It was an outstanding experience to see the children in person and to hear the Thank You's. "We had to come by and see our teachers".

Photos, Counter-clockwise:

- Our amazing Reading Specialists – Miss Jen, Miss Erin, Miss Julie and Miss Stephanie
- Dad and children "We had to come by and see our teachers".
- Miss Jen and Evan
- Ryder and Rocky



Prior to the start of school GFWC C-W donated the following back to school supplies for Hathaway Elementary School in Washougal:

- 14 pairs of earbuds
- 22 reams of paper
- 6 boxes of pencils
- 13 notebooks
- 7 composition notebooks
- 10 boxes of watercolors
- 60 boxes of 24 crayons
- 21 misc. items in addition to a collection of bookmarks and books



Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal continued

Royal Court Coronation – honors seniors who have served their community in years past.

King Kay and Queen Ann Prouty were selected by their peers in 2020. Due to COVID we were unable to celebrate them for their years of volunteering to the communities' of Camas and Washougal.

This year we celebrated Kay and Ann with a cake and beverage reception at the Black Pearl on the Columbia event center. 50 past Royal Court members were in attendance to celebrate Kay and Ann.

GFWC Camas-Washougal is honored to have hosted this event for the past 12 years.

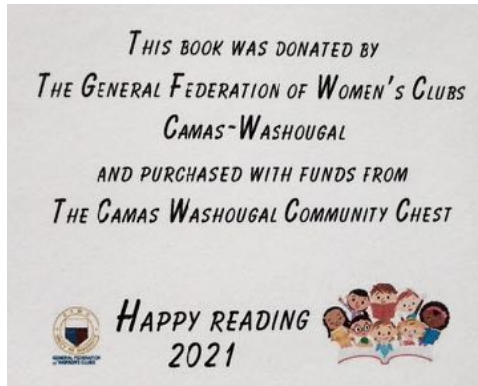
Honorees Kay and Ann with their individual cakes.



Pictured: GFWC C-W members; President - Chris Kamps, Treasurer – Carol Styles, Sommer – Events Manager of the Black Pearl, Vice-President - Susan Bennett, Hope Gilson and Kimily DeVerteuil

Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal continued



GFWC C-W received a Camas Washougal Community Chest 2021 grant in the amount of \$6,000.00.

This grant was divided equally between the Camas and Washougal School Districts.

The Early Learning Specialist from each school district purchased an assortment of books to be distributed in their class rooms and distributed at various Summer activities.

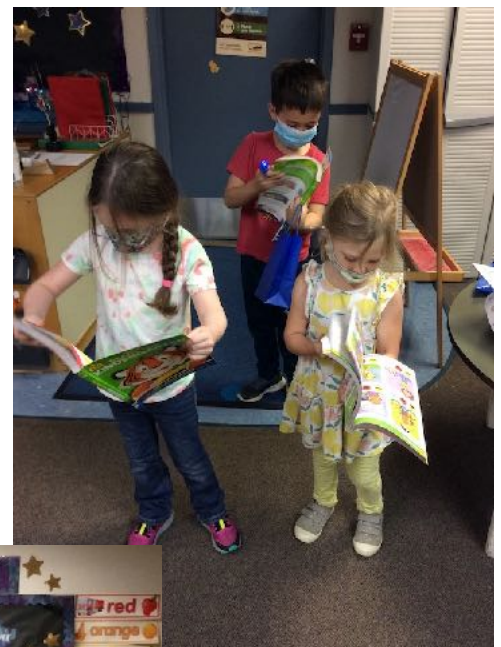
Camas School District distributed 100 bags of books to students during their Book MOBus events every Wednesday this summer.

A second event provided books to sixty preschool students in our summer daycare camps.

Book plates are placed in each of the books prior to being given to the Early Learning Specialist for distribution to the children.

Photos Right & Bottom: Children from the Washougal School District

GFWC Club President, Chris Kamps and Vice President Susan Bennett



Clubs in our State

GFWC O.T.H.E.R.

Over The Hill Executives Retired or perhaps "Recycled" as one of our witty members recently quipped, is the Past NE District presidents club. A planned November meeting is forthcoming for some restructuring and fun.

We'll be participating in our WA Presidents project of Teddy Bears and Handbags. Members are asked to bring a couple mid size bags and items for winter to put in them... small tissue packs, chap sticks, lotions, gloves etc.

These will be delivered to our local Women's shelters as Hope House in Spokane is our signature project.



Submitted by Bonnie Rail

GFWC Chewelah



There is no "I" in Chewelah but most certainly a "WE!"

Reporting six members in our little WE club... 5 of whom attended the recent NE District meeting.

Members are gathering items for our Women in the Military display in November at City Hall featuring past and present area women.

A nice article, taken in part from The Clubwoman about our GFWC Signature Project, was submitted to a local newspaper and published.

We will be involved with community holiday activities as they surface.

Happy Halloweenie, Happy Thanksgiving AND happy return to pacific standard time!

Submitted by Bonnie Rail

GFWC CHEWELAH members Sally Paramore and Nancy Hartill beside the finished **Women in the Military** display at Chewelah City Hall.

GFWC Apple Blossom Club

GFWC Apple Blossom Club is collecting new and gently used bras for "Free the Girls". So far we have collected 35 bras. If you would like to help us please send them to Nancy Burdick, Cheryl Holman, or Char Lysne before Christmas. We are also continuing to collect bread tags and pop tabs and would welcome your donations. 45 knitted knockers were recently made and sent to women in Mexico.

Do you know anyone that would like to join our club? We are now holding Zoom meetings on the 2nd Monday each month. Our members live all around Washington State and one in Colorado!

Have you seen Miss Apple Blossom on Facebook?

Nancy Burdick
GFWC Apple Blossom Club



Clubs in our State

GFWC Capital Women's Club

Due to Covid no contact restrictions, GFWC Capital Women's Club Installation of Officer's for the 2020-2022 administration was delayed. In August we finally honored our 2020-2022 executive board officers. To be an elected officer member is an honor, and the celebration was going to happen sooner or later. At last, Americans got freedom from restrictions.

We held our officer's installation ceremony on Friday, August 20, 2021, at River's Edge Restaurant, Olympia. Cindy Bassage, current Peninsula District President, honored us by performing the installation of officers.

GFWC CWC's 2020-2022 officers are:

- Taryn Loftness, President
- Deborah Peterson, Vice President
- Karen Smith, Treasurer
- Christina Gossett, Secretary

Outgoing GFWC CWC officers 2018-2020:

- Nardine Sandberg, President
- Taryn Loftness, Vice President
- Karen Smith, Treasurer
- Christina Gossett, Secretary

The dinner was attended by members and family guests or friends. It was decorated beautifully and with gorgeous Dahlias flower arrangements by Linda Wolfe.



This is what we did over the summer:

- Attended the Peninsula District's Summer Picnic, at Dorothy Crowder's back yard. Close to 40 PD members attended an afternoon of yummy, delicious potluck dishes and variety of drinks! Most of all...lots of hugs, greetings and everyone being so happy to see and being together in person... not Zoom.
- CWC garage sale. It was a hot day but it was successful and fun. We met and signed up interested people who were curious about GFWC's volunteer mission. All members attended, setup, breakdown and/or contributed great items to sell. It is an annual neighborhood community yard sale. The Olympia police department, and other community organizations, worked with school students to select an art design to make yard sale signs and signs for auto car drivers to watch out for kid. The signs were free to all, well made, waterproof with frames to stake into the ground. We setup at Deborah Peterson's new home, new community in her garage and driveway.

additional State Committee reports

Resolutions Report — 2021 Fall Board Meeting

Resolutions are important to GFWC - Washington State. They establish the policies of our organization.

Your resolutions committee members have been busy. Because GFWC changed the names and number of our community service programs, this required our resolutions to be reorganized. At the 2021 Spring Zoom convention, resolutions in Arts and Culture and Environment were reviewed. At the 2022 state convention, the rest of the resolutions will be dealt with.

At the convention, new resolutions can be brought before the body as well. A new resolution can be sent to the resolutions committee by any club, district, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or a Community Service Program Chairman. The resolutions committee is also able to present a new resolution. Three copies of a new resolution must be sent to Bonnie Walden, Resolutions Chairman by December 10, 2021. Copies of the current resolutions can be obtained from Nancy Burdick, Administrative Secretary.

Bonnie Walden
Resolutions Chairman



Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee will be meeting shortly after the first of the year to review any proposed changes.

Amendments can be proposed by GFWC-WS elected officers, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, any District or any club.

Please submit any proposed changes to the President (Lela Taylor) and the Bylaws Committee Chairman (Cindy Bassage) by December 1, 2021.

Any questions do not hesitate to email cbassage@comcast.net or call 253-564-3304.

Thank You,

Cindy Bassage
Bylaw Committee Chairman



International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

November 25, 2021. The UN Secretary-General's UNITE Campaign to End Violence Against Women is hosting a United Nations Official Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.



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Clubwoman articles due

14th

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15th

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