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The 126th Spring Convention



It was pretty unanimous among all attendees... finally being able to meet in person once again was FABULOUS!

Several members started the weekend's festivities by visiting the Abigail Stuart House, built in 1908 by the

Woman's Club of Olympia. Sandra and Linda greeted everyone dressed in period garb. Visitors got to see the new renovations and the new signage at the house.

The Olympic Hotel at Black Lake did not disappoint, they were so accomodating. Great food, fantastic staff, comfortable rooms! Opening day we were started off by the George Rogers Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. In full historical costumes.

Amazing!



Many awards were given, many hugs were given. Great speakers and visitors from the Federation Forest. A beautiful memorial service and butterfly release for Dorothy and Delores. Lots of pictures to see in the next few pages and online! And also the complete award list is posted on our website, check it out!

Welcome to WINGs – Women Inspiring New Generations

Thank you for the support and kind wishes I've received from so many of you as I step into my new role as President of GFWC-WS. I'm excited to take flight and start working on gaining new members and broadening our support of the communities we call home. Achieving these goals cannot be done single-handedly and I'm counting on the ideas and hard work you all bring to the table. A pilot may plot a course, but it takes a team of people – mechanics, engineers, ground crew – to make the airplane fly and reach its goal. There is rarely only one right way to get from point A to B. Taking many viewpoints and ideas into account ensures that when a solution is reached, it works for everyone and that we all reach our destination at the same time. We've become adept at making course corrections the last two years, and we have learned the importance of flexibility and resilience. As we work back to our new normal, those skills will continue to be invaluable.

I have chosen the USA for United Nations High Commission on Refugees as my President's Special Project. Even before the war began in Ukraine, the number of people displaced from their homes was staggering – more than at any time in human history. I plan to have guest speakers and special activities to illuminate the experience of what it is like to be forcibly displaced from your home, in many cases leaving with little more than the clothes on your back. Our advocacy and fundraising for refugee programs can help give wings to the millions of people living the refugee experience.

At the close of my installation, I asked everyone to write their wishes for the upcoming administration on a paper airplane and let those wishes take flight. I am delighted to say that I received at least 40 paper airplanes and I'm sharing those wishes with all of you. We may not be able to achieve world peace in two years, but it's worth a try.



As Les Brown says, "Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

Susan Tyler
GFWC-Washington State
President 2022-2024

Paper Airplane wishes from the Installation banquet

- Peace on Earth
- Hoping for peace and health in 2022-24 where we have no need to provide help to refugees
- Fly to new heights and strive for new outcomes
- Stop losing members and increase membership by 5%
- Membership, fellowship and community improvements
- Increase membership and participation
- To meet expectations and go beyond. Wishes for kindness and respect for all
- It is my hope that the members of GFWC-WS can inspire new generations of women to follow in our footsteps
- That all wars and hatred stop
- My wishes are peace, health and happiness for all
- Be available and share GFWC
- Chocolate, laughter and happy days!
- We need to grow our membership and leadership
- Success in new clubs¹
- A happy life for me and family
- Help the refugees from Ukraine and all
- More members and inspired leaders
- To see our membership grow and to see a younger generation willing to come forward and serve in leadership positions
- Hope for support of special project
- Help those who need help
- Have each club plant one native tree
- Listen to one another's special stories and learn from them. Learn how to make paper airplanes!
- Increase membership by 100%. Retain all the clubs we now have
- Keep our club alive and become more aware of the needs of those around us
- Hope for good health and peace in our country and around the world
- Get resolutions in order
- To grow and continue to learn something new every day
- Have a balanced budget
- I dream of recruiting many new excited members into our club. I dream of encouraging my friends around the country to support GFWC in their communities
- Be kind – be nice – listen to Susan
- A club where all members are able and willing to step up and continue the GFWC Legacy
- I wish for more diversity in age and race
- May our dreams stay big and our worries stay small. May we never have to carry more than we can hold. May we always know we are not alone.
- The world lives in peace. See more willingness to compromise. Continue to try to stay open minded. Find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Bring more ethics and compassion into the world.
- Be optimistic and positive / cheerful and kind.
- Grow and expand. Share success. Inspire the new generation. Invite – mentor – support – be a friend
- To understand what I have agreed to do
- Dreams – more help for those in need. No war. More young people for GFWC and see our mission. Keep GFWC going for 200 more years. Make more friends.
- Better communications, especially use of Facebook.
- That more members step up to serve.

ONE FINAL RAINBOW...



This president has had a very unusual 2020-2022 term, as did all GFWC-WS members. Washington had the first COVID-19 cases which ultimately dictated to us we would have ZOOM meetings because of the 6 foot distance and mask requirement. So GFWC Washington State complied with all the safety requirements.

Having ZOOM meetings became a learning experience. However our GFWC-WS members took it all in stride for 2020 Fall Board and then 2021 Spring Convention.

By the time 2021 Fall Board planning came around our stalwart GFWC-WS members were getting tired of no hugs or in-person meetings. 2021 Fall Board was completely planned, agendas and registration forms sent, registration forms back in, but sometime in August 2021 it was decided with the new Covid-19 version, to cancel Fall Board.

Once again, a ZOOM meeting was quickly planned, information was sent out to members who again registered for Fall Board ZOOM meeting.

Many prayers were said for an in-person 2022 Spring Convention. Prayers were answered and we were blessed with a fantastic in-person, hugs personified, 2022 GFWC-WS Spring Convention!

I would like to personally thank all the Districts, Clubs and each and every member who participated in my personal project of “Teddy Bears & Handbags”. I know the kids loved the bears, at least the ones I personally gave out did. And I’m pretty sure many others did too.

Now I would like to say thank you to those members who voted to put me in the position of president. Even with three of my terms meetings being Zoom meetings, I have enjoyed every meeting and time spent being your 2020-2022 president. Many blessings to every single member for your time and support.

Lela J Taylor
GFWC-Washington State
President 2020-2022

Dorothy Crowder - President Elect, 2020-2022



On Saturday, March 26, 2022, Dorothy Wilhite Crowder, dearly loved wife, mom, Gammie, aunt, and friend passed away in Olympia, Washington at the age of 79 surrounded by her family.

Dorothy was born on June 28, 1942 in Lee County, Texas to Mamie and Lonnie Wilhite. On May 15, 1964, she married the love of her life, Jerry Crowder, and they raised two daughters and one son in Leesville, Louisiana, where they lived for more than 20 years.

Dorothy was a bright light in this world who was passionate about helping those in need, especially children. She spent her career in special education classrooms and was a dedicated volunteer for many organizations, including Special Olympics, All Kids Win (formerly Homeless Backpacks), and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She was also an avid lover of flowers, butterflies, and birds and enjoyed gardening, always creating a beautiful yard wherever she lived. Dorothy was known for her smile and her kind, generous, compassionate, giving spirit.

Family was everything to Dorothy – she loved her family with everything she had. She loved being a wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, and aunt but really loved being Gammie. She and her grandson had a special relationship and she shared her love of cooking with him by sending him recipes to try. She loved her sons-in-law as if they were her own children. Her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews held a special place in her heart. ▯

Dorothy taught us to love big, help others, and smell the flowers. Her legacy is one of love, compassion, and advocating for those in need and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Lonnie and Mamie Wilhite, her brothers, Elmo Wilhite and Rusty Wilhite, her sister Belle Matlock, her nephew Dennis Matlock, and her brothers-in-law, Earl Matlock and Vic Crowder. She is survived by her husband of almost 58 years, Jerry Crowder of Olympia WA, daughter Traci Crowder (Ian) of Olympia WA, daughter Tammi Pitzen (John) of Eagle Point OR, son John Crowder of Olympia WA, grandson James Pitzen of Eagle Point OR, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A small service will be held for family and a larger celebration of Dorothy's life will take place in June for all family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to All Kids Win at <https://allkidswin.org>, which was one of Dorothy's favorite causes, or one of your favorite children's charities.



Convention Photos



Brianne (Elahan) with Lela



Suzanne (Sokico) with Lela



Among those attending were Louise Tucker, Bonnie Walden (past state president and first president of the Battle Ground club), Paulette Stinson (club secretary and district president) and Johanna Hyatt (incoming club president).



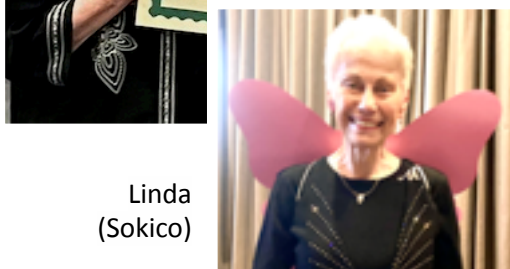
Bonnie (Battle Ground) with Lela



Lela, Rena, Linda, Cindy, Katrina



Karen (Capital) with Lela



Linda (Sokico)



Northeastern District!! Lela, Ginger, Bonnie, Gail



Paulette 'Happy' (Battle Ground)



Cheryl (ABC) with Sally (Kitsap Peninsula)

Convention Photos



David Schwarz, Park Ranger



Friday Lunch Crowd!



Beautiful Bonnie



Martha (Tacoma)
with Lela



Kim, Betty, Suzanne



Pins from Lela
for all members

Jeanette (Camas
Washougal)
with Lela



GFWC-WS Clubwoman of the Year

Stepping in to serve as President Elect Pro-Tem for our Convention, Susan Tyler was honored to present this year's Clubwoman of the Year award.

Cindy Bassage, GFWC-WS Clubwoman of the Year has been a member of GFWC for over 10 years and is friends to many in our club. She is a worker bee and organizer. She is welcoming to new members, answering their questions, making them feel welcome, and that their opinion matters.

Throughout Covid, Cindy stayed involved, delivering valentines, coordinating holiday meals and gifts for adopted families, and supporting YWCA. Her shopping at Fred Meyers and Amazon supports the club by donating part of the proceeds.

She has embraced leadership positions within the club, District and State, and belongs to multiple clubs. She has served on the scholarship and bylaw committees willingly.

The past two years, many of us have learned that ZOOM is a 4 letter word but a needed option. Even though Covid restrictions prevented meeting in person projects still got done. Cindy led the charge for two special projects - Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which provides beds, mattresses and bedding to local children in need and her second project, Amara, that provides items and gift cards to foster care societies.

Besides juggling leadership roles in GFWC, and she works in Criminal Justice at Pierce College. She is married to husband Ron and has two adult children.



**Congratulations Cindy
Clubwoman of the Year for 2021**

2022 Scholarship Winners

Ellie Durgarian

Sponsored by GFWC Battle Ground

1st place \$4000, Kathy Estep \$1000



"...I aspire to become a gastroenterologist, which requires a bachelor's degree, four years of medical school, three years of in-hospital residency, and three years of a gastroenterology fellowship. While this may seem to be a somewhat strange profession to choose, I am truly passionate about learning as much as I can about the digestive system and using that knowledge to help others. To further inspire me to become a gastroenterologist I learned that women are disproportionately affected by autoimmune diseases which require treatment by gastroenterologists. Historically, the medical world has not treated women with the same respect as men, whether they are seeking treatment as patients, or aspire to become medical professionals. I want to prove that women will get equal standing in the medical community.

I decided to stay locally for my bachelor's degree so I can live at home and pay in-state tuition. I have been attending Clark College since my Sophomore year of High School to graduate a year early with my Associate in Arts of Biology degree at a more financially reasonable institution. What I am most concerned about is the cost of medical school."

Caroline Jenkins

Sponsored by Woman's Club of Olympia

2nd place \$3000

"...I hope to pursue my passion for promoting social justice through a career in public service. As a future college Political Science Major, I intend to eventually pursue a graduate degree in public policy, or a law degree. I recognize that financing both a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Policy will be challenging, especially while working in public service.

With regards to financing my college education, the estimated cost of attending the University of Washington for the upcoming academic year is \$30,640 for in-state residents. However, the average estimated costs of attendance after financial aid is \$10,299. "



Jayrylle Jaylo

Sponsored by Cascade Woman's Club

3rd place \$2000



"...While I continue to lead and serve others, I aim to be pursuing my Civil Engineering degree with a minor in Architectural Design at the University of Washington Seattle. I wish to balance a job as well with my studies to continue to provide for myself and my goals.

I use my job as an opportunity to meet new people and build my skills in customer service and other aspects. I have not allowed my job to interfere with my personal goals, I've maintained a 3.9 GPA along with extracurriculars such as clubs and other responsibilities. The money I earn is used to provide for myself so my parents don't have to worry about my personal expenses in order to focus on bills and other financial worries. With this money, I purchase my own wants and needs, but don't have the capability to pay for a semester's worth of tuition or other essentials such as textbooks. This scholarship will give me the opportunity to cover the expenses of which I can not personally contribute to as well as have more time to work on my studies."

Federation Forest Work Day

It was a wet one!

Beth Juvik, Sally Larsen, Cindy Bassage (and hubby Ron), Linda Butcher and Puddles, Lynn Cline, Susan Tyler and myself (Jodi Walker) worked both outside when the rain let up, as well as inside, when it was raining.

Outside was pruning long branches that would slap someone in the face if they walked up to the Visitor Center, as well as display case cleaning.

Inside was window washing, dusting the display stands and floor maintenance.

Cindy's husband, Ron, brought a leaf blower that took care of the dirt and dust in and around the building, as well as floor mats. He was a 'trooper', getting up on the ladder and clearing out cobwebs in the light fixtures and blowing downed leaves and debris away from the Visitor entrance.

GFWC members did a bit of weeding and pruning as well, but all in all the weeds weren't all that bad this year. Park Rangers' Kristen and Heather, were pleased and thankful for all our work.

Lynn and Beth brought goodies to eat for both Breakfast and Lunch!

Breakfast items were muffins, sweet breads, fruit, V-8 Juice, or water.

Lunch was Lynn's Mom's Potato Soup recipe, as well as homemade Chili. Both yummy! There was also various crackers and a fruit salad, and Beth made a 'Fluff' with fruit, marshmallows, mixed with cool whip, for dessert.

We also took a photo of the entire group, and hopefully, it will get sent to someone in our group that can forward it along to the rest of us.

We only worked inside and out, until 12:15, then cleaned up the food after eating lunch, and loaded the food/drinks, in Lynn's car, and then we all left. All in all a great day!

Thanks for listening,
Jodi Walker
Chamber's Bay
Environment Chair



ABOVE: The gang's all here!



LEFT: The infamous Apple Gavel

Quilt for Federation Forest Interpretative Center

By Char Lysne

Spring of 2021 Federation Forest Committee Chairman Lynn Cline asked me if I would make a quilt for the Interpretive Center. (I am the other member of the committee.) While discussing the proposal, I suggested that we have many members who sew and quilt and would want to participate in this project. We agreed to have this be a statewide project and I would take the lead, as Lynn does not make quilts.

She and I selected the pattern and fabrics for the quilt and got busy with our light boards tracing the patterns for the blocks onto the applique adhesive material. These were very time-consuming processes. Because she likes to cut things out, Lynn took on the task of tracing and cutting out each of the bear paws and ironing them onto the block material as well as ordering a presentation plaque.

My part of the project was to iron each quilt piece onto the appropriate fabric, cut out the block background material and distribute the blocks to members who wanted to make a block. After the blocks were returned to me, I sewed them together, added borders and delivered it to the woman who did the quilting. I attached the binding, and it was completed!!!

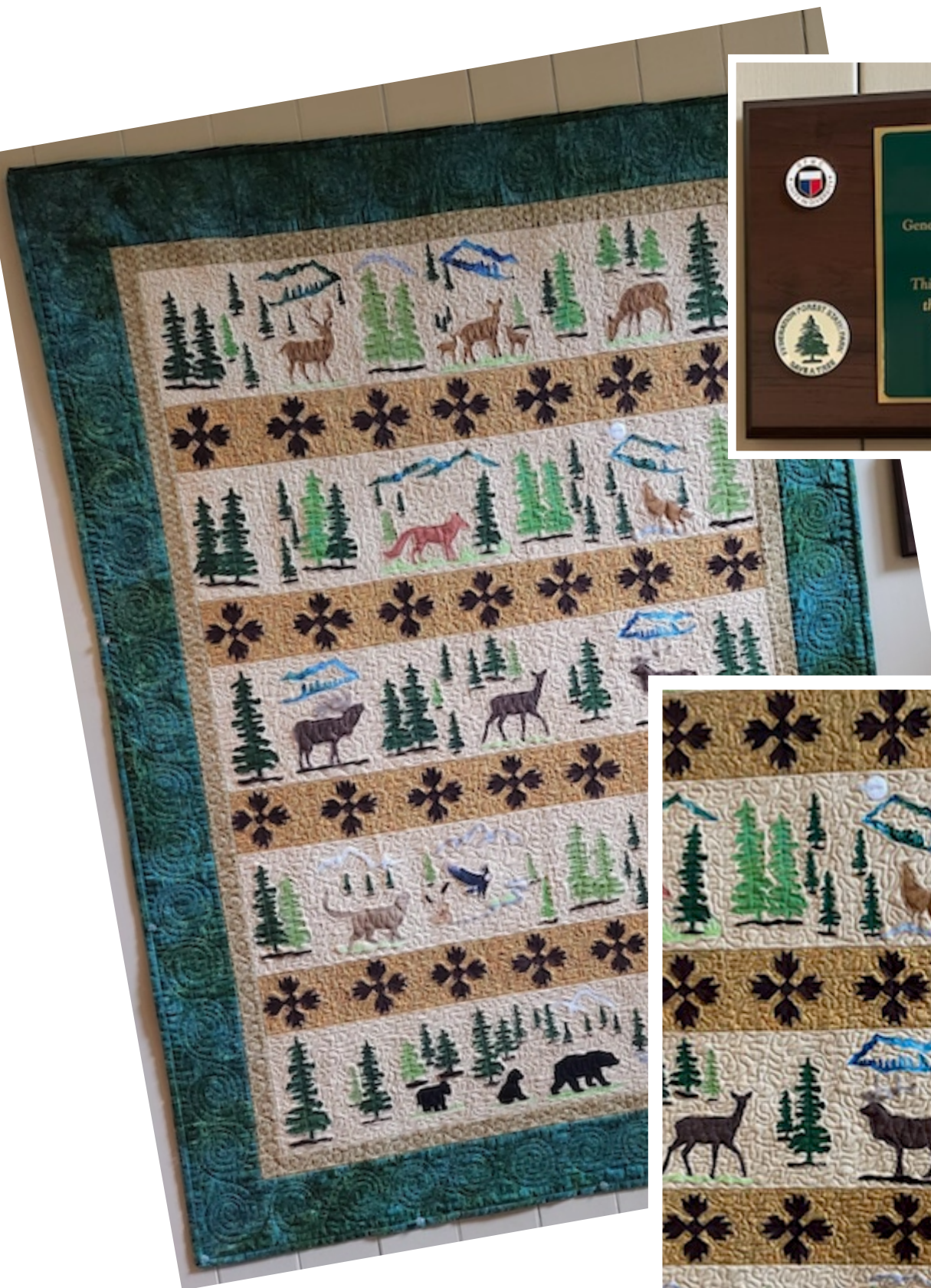
Thank you to Susan Tyler, Laura Guerra, Sandra Groves, Nancy Burdick, Jeannette Jester, Linda Butcher, and Cheryl Holman who worked on blocks and to Martha Curwen who referred me to a friend of hers who did the quilting for us. Each block took at least several hours to cut out the tree or animal, iron it on the block and machine stitch around the edge of each pattern piece—and there were some very tiny ones. If left anyone off this list, please let me know as it was not intentional. I have been clearing out emails and did not keep those related to the quilt project.

I am happy to report that when I took the quilt up to the interpretive center to be hung on a wall, I was surprised to learn that Area Manager Jeff Vassallo would stop by. He took time to look at the quilt very closely, expressed his appreciation and commented on how beautiful it is.

This was a wonderful statewide project for us during a time when our activities were restricted.



Federation Forest



Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground

At the May 12 club meeting, Ellie Durgarian received official documentation for the \$6,500 in GFWC scholarships from chairman Leese Pohl. On the left is Durgarian's mother, Renee, and on the right is Mary Lee Miller, club president. Three scholarships were awarded: \$1,500 from the club \$4,000 from GFWC-WS and \$1,000 from the GFWC-WS Kathy Estep Memorial.



Mary Lee Miller fans the 17 questions asked of Louise Tucker, historian and GFWC member, who presented a Q & A about places and facts in Battle Ground history.

Initiate Karen Mortensen, right, was welcomed into the club with a "girly goblet" to hold the libation of her choice while "living the volunteer spirit." She is our newest "Girl Friend Who Cares."



Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground

Club celebrates golden anniversary at 'black tie' affair

Looking over memorabilia brought by members to the celebration are Joyce Lewis, Bonnie Walden, Mary Lee Miller and Louise Tucker. Bonnie was the club's first president and went on to be the three-county district president, state president, eleven-state regional president and served the international president as her official hostess for two years. Mary Lee is the current club president. Louise was the second club president, district president and served as chairman of various state committees. Joyce, Bonnie and Louise were charter members of the club. GFWC headquarters is in Washington D. C. Louise gave an overview of the club's history.



The club was recognized by GFWC Washington State for its community service since 1972. It is well known for organizing the Ladybug Bazaar, enjoyed by craftsmen and shoppers alike. Plans are for the next bazaar to be on the first Saturday in November.

The anniversary cake featured balloons in the club color, which happens to be gold.



Cutting the cake was Mary Lee, president, and Paulette Stinson, secretary. Paulette is also GFWC Columbia District president.



Special guest was Kylie DaCunha, the 2018 winner of the club's scholarship. She is the community engagement Specialist for Columbia Springs and the Vancouver Trout Hatchery. She finds it rewarding to inspire visitors to learn about the natural world at the free, 100 acre, local park.

Everyone wore some sort of black fabric to make the occasion a "Black Tie Gala."

Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground



Member Cindi Pike acquainted us with her champion show dog, Trouper. Not only is he a winner of trophies, but he won the hearts of the members as he circled the room with his affection. Cindi shared highlights of her life as a show dog's "mother."



Above right: Junko, visiting from Japan, told about her town and how she developed a deep friendship with member Leese. When Junko visits Leese, she always hopes to attend a GFWC meeting. Refreshments included Japanese cookies and candies.

Ginger Crabtree and Johanna Hyatt display the comfort quilt which member and avid quilter, Darlene Angelatos, made for Rebecca, a former club scholarship winner who has been suffering from a persistent neurological disorder.



Peninsula District

The 2022 GFWC Peninsula District Spring Conference was held on Saturday, March 26th. The Conference was hosted by GFWC Capital Woman's Club and was held at the Rainier Sportsman's Club in Rainier, WA, with a theme of "Volunteering Builds Friendship." We were overly excited to be together in the same room for the first time in two years. Our Conference was well attended, and many hugs were shared between the members.

Our guest speaker was Katie Ferguson, from Amara. Amara was founded in 1921 and based in Washington State. Amara is a nonprofit organization that supports children in foster care, adoptees, and their families. Katie presented a slide show and video presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session. Members donated hundreds of items that will be used by Amara and another foster parenting organization.

Carlene Garner was recognized as a 50-year member of GFWC and was presented with a crystal vase, engraved with the GFWC logo, and filled with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



Awards were presented as follows:

- Art and Culture presented by Deborah Peterson to Kitsap Peninsula Woman's Club
- Civic Engagement and Outreach presented by Ellen Wagner to Kitsap Peninsula Woman's Club
- Environment presented by Beth Juvik to Chambers Bay Woman's Club
- Education and Libraries presented by Mary Siddell to The Woman's Club of Olympia
- Health and Wellness presented by Rena Johnston to Tacoma Woman's Club
- Communication and Public Relations presented by Kim Skagen to Chambers Bay Woman's Club
- Community Improvement presented by Taryn Loftness to Kitsap Peninsula Woman's Club
- Fundraising presented by Julie Thompson to Chambers Bay Woman's Club
- Leadership/LEADS presented by Rena Johnston to The Woman's Club of Olympia
- Legislation and Public Policy presented by Nardine Sandberg to Chambers Bay Woman's Club
- Membership presented by Rena Johnston to The Woman's Club of Olympia
- Women's History presented by Char Lysne to The Woman's Club of Olympia

Special Projects Awards:

- Domestic Violence presented by Gail Crump to Kitsap Peninsula Woman's Club
- Advocates for Children presented by Sally Gill to Valley Volunteers

Special Awards:

- Clubwoman of the Year presented by Rena Johnson to both Ellen Wagner and Cindy Bassage
- New Clubwoman of the Year presented by Rena Johnston to Linda Mallenchuk-Finnan
- Betty York Award presented by Cindy Bassage to Valley Volunteers
- Tina George Award presented by Cindy Bassage to Rita Loseth

After a lovely lunch, a Friendship poem was read, and each member was presented with a Friendship Bracelet.

Carlene Garner performed the installation of the new officers using a Red Rose theme.

Our 2022-2024 Officers are:

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| • President – Cindy Bassage | • Vice President- Rena Johnston |
| • Secretary – Deborah Peterson | • Treasurer – Ellen Wagner |

Wishing you all a sunny summer,

Cindy Bassage
Peninsula District President

Right: Three First-Timers were
recognized for attending.



Peninsula District continued

It is with great pride that I introduce the Peninsula District Club Women of the Year!

First up... Congratulations, Linda Malanchuk-Finnan, Woman's Club of Olympia, New Club Woman of the Year. While Linda has newly joined, she started with a bang. She has taken meeting notes, has arranged speakers, headed projects and donated her time and effort to making her club even better. She helped collect hygiene products for Period Day, helped at the Annual Bazaar and is a leader for the Evening group. Linda wears many other hats in our community too. She is part of NOW, Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking, and Kolo which addresses cross-cultural collaborations and promotes healing from many kinds of trauma against women. Linda and her husband have a son and 2 grandchildren that live in Tumwater. She gardens, hikes and collects china and has tea parties. She enjoys learning about women's history and other cultures and loves to travel. She was a teacher for 40 years in special education and enjoys reading to her grandchildren. Linda is a well rounded and vital member to the Woman's Club of Olympia.

Next, With pleasure and pride I introduce Club Woman of the Year! This year 2 deserving women were awarded Co-Club Woman of the Year for Peninsula District.

Co-Club Woman of the Year, Ellen Wagner was nominated by her GFWC Avalon Club. Ellen has held many offices, and is currently their treasurer. She's been with GFWC as a Junior in Wisconsin, and has belonged to 2 other GFWC clubs in the Olympia area. Ellen worked tirelessly to get Capital Club's paperwork turned in for the 501(c)3. She has let us borrow her freezer to store millions of pies, and has helped with many more of our bazaars and fundraisers. Ellen's wonderful sense of humor makes me smile every time I see her.

Co-Club Woman of the Year, Cindy Bassage was nominated by GFWC Chambers Bay. Cindy has held many jobs with her home club of Chambers Bay, while being a full time working woman. She is a wife to Ron, and mom to two adult children. She organizes and helps with a variety of her Chambers Bay's clubs fundraising including their bunco night that she found a way to make money even though Covid canceled it.

Cindy was the Peninsula District President during the 2 dark years of Covid and Zoom meetings. She's handled all the ups and downs of canceling live meetings and organizing them to Zoom. She's dealt with conflicting personalities with style and grace. She organized 2 special projects, Build a Bed and Amara (Backpacks for foster kids) during her term as Peninsula District President. On the state level Cindy has been the Financial Secretary for 4 years and has gone to all state, and international meetings. She cheerfully says, Yes! to helping other members and other clubs with their projects too. Cindy is a very busy lady, has a huge heart and is devoted to GFWC!

It's a pleasure to know and work with these special women, and to know they spread good cheer throughout our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wolfe,
past Vice President
Member of WCO & Capital Club

Right: Members from Chamber's Bay - Beth Juvik, Kim Hunter, Ann Bonnell, Sally Larson, Nancy Gladstone, and Jodi Walker - who nominated President Cindy Bassage.



Clubs in our State

GFWC Valley Volunteers

For the last two years, GFWC Valley Volunteers has been focusing on 4 large projects, one for each quarter. We have continued to meet via Zoom but one meeting per quarter, we meet in person and assemble a large donation for one of our projects.

February of this year we gathered up diapers, wipes, baby blankets, and hats and once again delivered them to Step by Step in Puyallup. We love that we are part of the hand-up that their programs provide to new moms and babies in our local community.

May's meeting found us back in person at the VFW in Sumner. This time the fruits of our labor - feminine hygiene products, tooth brushes and toothpaste, and many many toiletry items - were collected and delivered to Crystal Judson Family Justice Center in Tacoma. Three large cans of baby formula were also added to the donation as a way to help with the recent shortages mothers have been facing. No mother, especially one who has left a home situation due to violence, should then have to worry about having formula to feed her child. We have been making donations to the Center at least once a year for well over 10 years.

We are currently exploring options for our August collection but have have been building our 'nest egg' for our year end project. Additionally we continue to support the Orting Old Soldier's home and Washington Veterans home at Retsil. Three dozen jigsaw puzzles were recently split and delivered to the two locations.



Clubs in our State

Chamber's Bay Woman's Club

We are back to in person meetings. April and May were at Round Table Pizza with a couple members on zoom. June will be at Joni's clubhouse with a catered dinner, final plans and ideas for the next few months and installation of our officers. Good bye to member, Vivian who is moving to Salem to be nearer granddaughters and welcome to new member, Lynn Cline.

Convention in Olympia was fun for Cindy, Co-Presidents Beth and Sally (a first timer). So much fun being together again, good food, friends, recognition of our hard work, recognition of 2020-2022 officers we were not able to party with for 2 years and installation of 2022-2024 officers. A beautiful memorial for Delores Kuykendahl and our own Peninsula District member and past District Director, Dorothy Crowder. It was special because Dorothy's two daughters were there and spoke and live butterflies were released. A big congrats to our Cindy on being installed as Washington State Vice President and being awarded the 2021 State Clubwoman of the Year Award.



Upcoming events are supporting Amara, Caring for Kids in their open house and garage sale, Memorial Day with placing of flags on graves and Duck Daze Parade on June 4 in University Place where we pass out chalk.

Have a great Summer and keep busy..... See you in the Fall, Beth Juvik (co-pres)



• • • • • Open Positions on the GFWC-WS Board • • • • •

- Thanks to all of you who agreed to serve on the GFWC-WS Board in the 2022-24
- Administration. There are a few positions left; if you are interested in learning more
- about the expectations and time required, please email Susan Tyler at
- suewatergirl@comcast.net and let her know.
- * CSP - Health & Wellness Chairman
- * Special Projects - Communications & Public Relations Chairman
- * Special Projects - Leadership Chairman
- * Resolutions committee (one opening)

Clubs in our State

Tacoma Woman's Club

At our April meeting members made tug toys for dogs at the Tacoma Humane Society. We like to do “done in a day” projects. The toys are made from strips of recycled t-shirts.

Members found unique ways of keeping the nine strips of fabric together while braiding.

We had a lot of fun completing twenty tug toys.
Martha Curwen, President



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happy @ the
happen Humane
Tacoma & Pierce County
Society

Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal

In February GFWC Camas-Washougal participated in the downtown Camas “February is Heart Health” event.

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

A husband and wife stopped by to get their blood pressure checked and discussed the warning signs for both men and women and the difference between them.

Photo below: Carol Styles – Treasurer, Clubwoman Alma Ladd, Club President Chris Kamps and Susan Bennett, Vice President. We had two Camas-Washougal Firefighter/Paramedic’s joining us.



Photo below is our banner in the front window of the event center.



Photo left: Camas-Washougal Firefighter/Paramedic speaking with a young visitor. It is never too early to learn about heart health.

Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal

On March 11th GFWC Camas Washougal hosted our first Refuel Washougal for 2022. Refuel Washougal is a spin-off of Meals on Wheels. Meals are served every Friday night by a group of volunteers who plan, shop, prepare and serve the meal. This was our 13th meal. We have served a meal every quarter for the past three years. We served a total of 100 meals.

Our menu:

Chili cheese dogs
Assorted potato chips
Apple sauce
Assorted hand cakes

Our crew!! Vice President Susan Bennett, Club President Chris Kamps, Club members; Ann Stevens, Angela Hancock, Barbara Carpenter, Leah Davis, Secretary - Jeanette Jester and Rachael Reis.



Photos Left to Right:

Assembly line – Angela Hancock and President Chris Kamps.

Lead cook Barbara Carpenter

Leah Davis, Club President Chris Kamps and Barbara Carpenter



Clubs in our State

GFWC Camas Washougal

April Child Abuse Prevention month

GFWC C-W was presented with proclamations by both Camas and Washougal Mayors. Photo at right: Camas Mayor Steve Hogan presenting a Proclamation to Vice President Susan Bennett.

Gardens were planted in front of (clockwise):

** Hathaway Elementary School

** Hathaway Elementary School - Club member Angela Hancock

** Washougal Library - Vice President Susan Bennett, Club members Leah Davis, Barbara Carpenter and Club President Chris Kamps.





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21st

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First Day of Spring

GFWC Convention, New Orleans, LA

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Summer Planning - Auburn

August

1st

25-28

Clubwoman Articles due

WSR Conference - Anchorage, AK

Thank you
from the bottom
of my heart.

Just a quick note
to say **THANK YOU**

for 8 amazing years as your
ClubWoman editor. It has been
more fun than you will ever
know and truly a labor of love!

xo Kim



2022 GFWC-Summer Planning Meeting

W.I.N.G.s – the Birds and the Bees, Bringing Ideas to Life

Location: William C. Warren Building at Veterans Memorial Park
411 E Street NE, Auburn, WA 98002

Date: Saturday, July 16, 9:30 – 3:00

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 Social gathering. Coffee, tea, light pastries, fruit
10:00 – 12:00 Planning sessions
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch. Presentation: Creating a safe haven for local pollinators,
Jillian Hirst Johns, beekeeper
1:00 – 3:00 Planning sessions

Lunch: Boxed lunch from Panera. Sandwich / salad, chips, cookie. Coffee, tea, sodas, flavored sparkling water will be provided.

Turkey/Avocado BLT – Roast turkey, bacon, tomatoes, avocado, mayo, salt and pepper on sourdough.	
Chicken Salad Sandwich – chicken with celery, sliced red grapes, toasted almonds and dressing with emerald greens, tomatoes on sourdough bread	
Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich – Zesty sweet Peppadew™ peppers, feta, cucumbers, emerald greens, tomatoes, red onions, hummus, S&P on Tomato basil bread.	
Chicken Caesar salad – Chicken, romaine, parmesan and black pepper focaccia croutons with Caesar dressing.	
Seasonal Greens salad – Arugula, romaine, baby kale and red leaf blend, grape tomatoes, red onions and cucumbers with Greek dressing.	
Citrus Asian Salad – romaine, chopped broccoli, green cabbage, carrots, kale, tossed with edamame, pickled red onions and cilantro in tangerine soy ginger dressing with crispy carrots and teriyaki drizzle.	
Limited changes/substitutions can be made. Please note changes on form.	
Registration/ lunch fee:	\$35.00

Please send registration to:

GFWC-WS Treasurer, Pinkie Eggleston

27812 M Place

Ocean Park, WA 98640-4882, pinkienegg@centurytel.net

Registration deadline - July 9, 2022

Auburn hotels close to Veteran's Memorial Park:

Comfort Inn Auburn - Seattle

16th Street NE, Auburn WA 98002

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Auburn

225 6th St SE, Auburn, WA 98002-7800

Best Western Plus Mountain View Auburn Inn

401 8th St SW, Auburn, WA 98001-5901

Driving directions to Veterans Memorial Park:

405 E ST NE

From I-5 or Hwy 167, take Hwy 18 East. Take the Auburn Enumclaw exit. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Auburn Way South. Go north to Park Avenue. Turn right onto Park Ave. Follow road into park. William C. Warren building on left just past entrance.

Post-meeting get together at Susan Tyler's, beginning at 4:00.

801 9th St. SE, Auburn WA 98002

Drinks and light refreshments.