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**127th Annual Spring Convention**

**April 20-23, 2023**

**Red Lion Pasco Airport and Conference Center**

**2525 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA**

**"Women Take Flight"**

Call will be sent out in early March with registration form. See preliminary agenda and other details at the end of this newsletter.

Clubs & Districts, please note : Our fundraisers will include:

1. 50/50
2. Silent Auction—each DISTRICT is asked to bring a silent auction item could be a basket or fancy box
3. Grab bags— each CLUB is asked to bring a gift card that can be used anywhere in the state (grab bags will contain a gift card or other items; there will be something in every bag)



## WINGs to Adventure!

Happy New Year and welcome to the future! That's what a friend wrote me on New Year's Day. While not precisely the future I imagined – we don't have flying cars or handy home robots like Rosey in the Jetsons – other aspects have come true. Who would have imagined that Dick Tracy's two-way wrist radio would be a reality and with the bonus of being able to access anything imaginable at our fingertips. Pretty amazing!

We didn't get to the amazing future in a single bound, and I hope you will all join me at our "Women Take Flight" convention in Pasco this April. We will explore our history while celebrating our achievements of the past year. Brush up on women's history for a District vs District Jeopardy challenge Friday evening and break out your 1920's style Saturday night for an evening of fun and learn some new dance steps to old favorites. We plan to have a "story corps" booth available where people can sign up to share their favorite GFWC memories and one or more hands-on activities on the off chance there's some down time. Details are in work so keep your eyes open for the call which will be published in early March.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating all the wonderful work you've done in your communities over the past year.

In Federation,

*Susan Tyler*

WINGs (Women Inspiring New Generations)

### Special Awards Update

**Clubs and Districts who received one of the special traveling awards need to bring them to the convention in Pasco. There was confusion last year about criteria for some of these awards and the location of several was not established. I have asked an ad hoc committee to establish a tracking process so that the location of awards is documented, and to look into re-defining the Dorothy Colman compote award. The compote was intended to award the club with the best International Outreach project but since that CSP no longer exists, we need to decide how this will be awarded in the future.**

**If your club received an award and no one is able to attend, please let me and your District President know as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to return the award. I appreciate your help while we re-assess our awards to make sure they remain meaningful and relevant.**

**CALL TO CONVENTION**

**LOUISVILLE**

**2023 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**Louisville Marriot Downtown, JUNE 10-12**

Book Your Room Online Today:  
[book.passkey.com/go/GFWC2023ANNUALCONVENTION](https://book.passkey.com/go/GFWC2023ANNUALCONVENTION)

For Phone Reservations Call:  
 Reservations Toll Free: 1-800-266-9432  
 Reservations Local Phone: 502-627-5045

CHURCHILL DOWNS

The official Early Bird Registration runs February 6 - April 1, 2023. The last day to register is Monday, May 15, 2023.

To register, click on the following link: <https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=19390>

Tours include two opportunities to experience **Churchill Downs**—home of the Kentucky Derby on June 8 for the Twilight Races, or Friday, June 9, for daytime races. A walking tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum, a buffet meal with non-alcoholic beverages, and multiple horse races with viewing from a balcony above the Finish Line are included. Our private room will have a cash bar and a wagering window for those wishing to bet on the ponies.



## From the desk of President Elect

### Hello and Happy New Year!

It's hard to reconcile we are approaching the one year—halfway—mark in this, President Susan's administration! Like many of you, I have been working on club reports, preparing to judge your submitted Leadership reports, and with my fellow club members, looking at our projects for the upcoming year. I've also been reading like a crazed person...I LOVE Januarys!

Very soon the process of filling my board and creating administration plans will begin. I will be reaching out, looking for support from many of you. We are working out the logistics for meeting locations and will share as things are more finalized. We (all of us in WA state) have the added pleasure of hosting WSR during September 2024. A few changes to our standard Summer Planning/Fall Board will ensue.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any ideas, suggestions, or needs to help us continue our combined legacy here in Washington State! It will take all of us coming together to keep our state in Federation!

Have a happy, happy spring season! I'll be speaking to you again soon!

Kim Skagen

GFWC-WS President Elect

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# Community Service Program Reports

## Arts & Culture

Vicki Conner, Chair



### ***Do you have a short story or a poem you would like to share with GFWC Washington State?***

If so, please click the link below and download a **Creative Arts Waiver** (half-way down the page), type up your story or poem - following the instructions further down the page from the Waiver (**Writing Contest**) - and pop it in an envelope addressed to: Vicki Connor; 4923 Parker Road East, Sumner, WA 98390. Please include your phone number or email address, and I will send confirmation I received your entry. **Deadline is February 15, 2023.** If you have submissions for the **Youth Writing Contest**, be sure to include the grade level, so the entry will be judged in the correct category.

For information on the writing, arts, and photography contests:

[GFWC WS 2023-Report Writing](#)

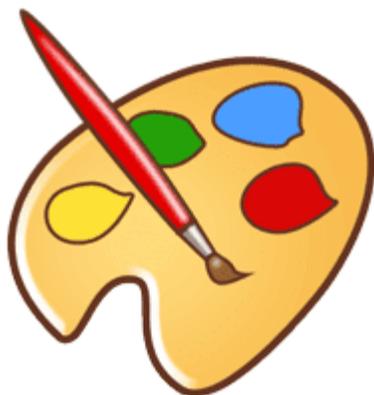
### ***Did you take “the perfect photograph” in 2022?***

Is your photo artistic, interesting, off-the-wall, funny, or just one of your favorite people, furry friends, places, or object? If so, please click the link above, and download a **Creative Arts Waiver** (half-way down the page), print out and mount your photo – following the instructions further down the page from the Waiver (**Photography Contest**). Bring your mounted photograph to the Arts Room when you come to GFWC-WS Spring Convention April 20-23, 2023 in Pasco, WA. You may send your photo and waiver to Pasco with one of your club members.



### ***Does painting, drawing, jewelry making, or textile art bring a sparkle to your eye?***

If so, bring your creations to the Arts Room when you come to GFWC -WS Spring Convention April 20-23, 2023 in Pasco, WA. This contest does not require an Arts Waiver, as it is Washington State only, and your items will be returned to you at the end of the convention. It is fun to see how creative our members are!



# Community Service Program Reports

## **Civic Engagement & Outreach**

**Gail Crump, Chair**



**Operation Gratitude** has been selected as a program to be highlighted this year. I want to challenge all to participate in Operation Gratitude. I did not know this existed until it was brought to my attention by our President Susan after she saw it on a You Tube video from the White House Christmas. Operation Gratitude proudly delivers care packages to deployed troops, first responders, military families, recruit graduates, veterans, wounded heroes and caregivers. Care packages can be requested to be sent by Operation Gratitude to all of these people. There are many ways to show our gratitude by donating, volunteering, sending items to fill care boxes. Volunteers and donors provide care packages to thank all who serve.

Volunteers also can serve by writing letters and cards to show support. Thousands of handwritten letters and cards of appreciation, love, and support to military, frontline responders, graduates, veterans, wounded, and caregivers are very much appreciated.

Ways of donating are by products, matching gifts, legacy giving, and qualified charitable distribution and stock donations.

A little history—in March of 2003 Operation Gratitude sent its first four care packages to deployed service members in Iraq. Since its inception, the organization has provided opportunities for thousands of Americans to express their gratitude through hands-on volunteerism, lifting the spirits of those who raise their hands to serve. Let us, along with other Americans, say, “Thank you”.

We would like clubs to collect items from the following list to make up care boxes for Operation Gratitude. A lot of items can be handmade and can fill member’s time over the next few months. It is my idea that **clubs take their items to their Fall District Conferences for collection**. In turn, we will send them on to Operation Gratitude which is located in Chatsworth, California. Volunteers there assemble items into care packages. I encourage you to look up Operation Gratitude on the internet and see what they all do. They give directions to follow in making items and you can find them on You Tube videos. To learn more, click on link: [Homepage - Operation Gratitude](#)

**President Susan has planned a hands-on project Thursday night at convention that involves making para cord lanyards for Operation Gratitude.**

### **Wish List Items**

Black Crew Length Socks  
Individually Packaged Wipes  
Sunscreen 1oz. Tube  
Instant Coffee Packs  
Puzzle Books  
Jerky  
Beanie Babies, Welkins, or Other Small Plush Toys  
Purchased Blank Greeting Cards

### **Handmade Items**

Knit or Crochet Hats  
Knit or Crochet Scarves  
Fleece Scarves  
Fleece Hats  
Para cord Lanyards  
Cool Ties  
Drawstring Bags  
Handmade Greeting Cards

# Community Service Program Reports

## Environment

Sally Larson, Chair



### *Nature's Best Hope*

Spring is close and our environmental thoughts turn to spring planting. Native plant and tree sales are advertising a huge variety of available native trees. To get guaranteed native plants, your best bet is native plant society sales or locally owned shops where the staff is generally knowledgeable about how to grow Washington natives. And when choosing your plants remember our native wildlife, and look for native plants that produce seeds, nuts or fruit. They will provide interest in your yard year round.

Two very important days are coming up to celebrate and volunteer for our environment. First is Earth Day on Saturday April 22, followed closely by Arbor Day on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Earth Day came about because of a massive oil spill in California. The day continues to be supported by the Earth Day Network to remind everyone worldwide, of the importance of being aware and supportive of the world's environment. Arbor Day started in January 1872, when a Nebraska newspaper editor proposed a tree planting holiday to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. The idea became reality on April 10, of that year and Arbor Day was born with the goal of encouraging people to plant trees.

Both days are widely celebrated in Washington. Please check out local opportunities to get involved and volunteer for the environment. **And don't forget the challenge of planting 2 native trees during Susan's presidency. So far Chambers Bay and Avalon have completed the challenge.**

*Snowberry* –

- 3-5 ft shrub that can get straggly, needs sun to partial shade, deciduous
- Blooms late spring or early summer, small white-pinkish tubular flower
- White berries fall through summer (important winter food for birds)
- Flowers attract Hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees
- Host plant for moth
- Berries attract robins, waxwings, grosbeaks, towhees, and thrushes
- Grows on both sides of the Cascades
- All parts of plant toxic to humans.



# Community Service Program Reports

**Education & Libraries**

**Bonnie Rail, Chair**



## GOT BOOKS?

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL!

A reminder that **February 15 your club reports are due** to state chairman, state president and your district president. **GFWC-WS Scholarship Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1st.** Contact Rena Johnston if you have questions about scholarships.

Trudging through our wet, snowy weather has been challenging, but I know you continue to support schools in your area with donations. Ideas I hear are helpful are hands-on supplies, reading software, playground equipment, buddy benches and assisting with field trips.

Local libraries branches may need help with story hour or open houses.

Featured member author this month is Mary Ann Trail who belongs to Woman's Club of Abseco, N.J. A mother, traveler and lover of history, her favorite era is the 19th century. She writes historical mysteries and romances. Featured book coming out in January 2023 is *Their Winter Burn*, a strange new city, a bitter winter and a dead body. Boston 1805 is not what they expected! Learn more about Mary Ann at <https://www.maryanntrail.com>.



Other new releases in January include: *The Bandit Queen*, *Spare*, *Exiles*, *The Villa* and *Good for a Girl*.

Stay well my friends!



# **GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children**

## **Val Selby, Chair**

Volunteering to help child advocacy is a great way to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. Whether it's helping children in foster care, refugee children, homeless families or those suffering from poverty, volunteering can be a powerful act of compassion and kindness. Volunteering can involve anything from providing legal assistance to families to mentoring young people in need.

No matter how you choose to help, your volunteering efforts have an important impact on the lives of these children and their families. Here are some ways that you can get involved:

- **Local Childcare Centers:** Offer your time at local childcare centers to provide support for children and staff members. You may be able to help with administration, feeding time, playtime or even teaching basic lessons.
- **Refugee Outreach Programs:** If there are any refugee outreach programs near where you live, consider getting involved as a volunteer. Refugees are often fleeing difficult circumstances, so having somebody on hand to provide support can be invaluable in building up trust and encouraging resettlement into the community.
- **Foster Care Agencies:** Contact your local foster care agency and inquire about volunteer opportunities such as tutoring or recreational activities for kids who have been placed into foster homes.

**Donate Your Time to Campaigns:** Local advocacy campaigns could benefit immensely from your valuable donations of time and energy if you're passionate about campaigning for more resources and better protection for children around the world.

No matter how much time or effort you put into volunteering; each contribution towards helping vulnerable children makes positive change possible!

Think outside the box on ways you can help in your community. Share your club ideas at the District and State level and see how many clubs you can get involved in your cause.

## Special Committees

### Communications and Public Relations **Cindy Bassage, Chair**

Are you taking advantage of all the many ways to communicate to your members and your community? Communication is key to the continuation of your club. You can use snail mail, email, zoom, or the phone. Keep everyone informed about your club. Be sure you have a newsletter with a calendar and information about your projects. Add pictures and graphics to make it interesting. Send a copy to potential members and organizations that you work with.

Find someone who can help you create a website and/or a Facebook page. Post projects past and future. Include pictures to grab people's attention.



**Newsletter Contest** (see page 37 of GFWC-WS Administrative Handbook)

Be sure to enter the newsletter contest by sending a copy of your newsletter to Cindy Bassage and to Jen

Nowak, GFWC Newsletter Chairman. **All entries must be printed and sent via postal mail, postmarked no later than March 15 in the year in which they will be judged** to: Jen Nowak GFWC Newsletter Contest Chairman. The envelope must be clearly marked GFWC Newsletter Contest. More details about entering the contest are on the GFWC Portal and in the GFWC-Washington State Administration Handbook. All clubs can enter.

**Website Contest** (see page 38 of GFWC-WS Administrative Handbook)

Submissions must be made via email to CPRentries@charter.net. The subject line of the submission email must read Website Contest Entry. **The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 15.** More details about entries are available on the GFWC portal and in the GFWC-Washington State Administration Handbook. All clubs can enter and don't forget to send a copy to Cindy Bassage.

# Legislative and Public Policy



**Beth Juvik, Chair**

Your government is in session on national, state and local levels.

## **National level:**

- Washington State's two senators are Patty Murray & Marie Cantwell.
- Find your US Representative at: [Find Your Representative | house.gov](https://www.house.gov/representative)
- **REGISTERING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER (LAC) IS EASY.** You can sign up for the LAC by going to the GFWC website (GFWC.org), clicking on the "What We Do" tab, then clicking on Legislation/Public Policy, and finally scroll down to click on the image that says, "Legislative Action Center." From here, members will click on the blue button that says "Join Now." The direct link to the LAC is [https:// cqengage.com/gfwc](https://cqengage.com/gfwc).
- Members fill in their name, address, and email address then click in the boxes under "Remember Me" and "Email Opt-In" in order to receive the notifications issued by GFWC and then "TAKE ACTION" by responding to the notifications that the member supports. Members are encouraged to share the information from the LAC notifications with their family, friends, and local community.
- Use a club meeting as a time for members to sign up.

## **State Level:**

Washington State Legislative Regular Session runs January 9 to April 23, 2023. Click on the link in blue to find your legislative district, what's on the daily agenda, and much more. [Legislature Home \(wa.gov\)](https://leg.wa.gov)

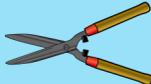
- 2023 Legislative TV coverage can be found at: [Home - TVW](https://www.tvw.com)
- TVW provides complete coverage of the Washington State Legislative session. Watch live or on-demand.
- Your senators and representatives may have call-in town hall meetings. Check your phone messages as they leave information on how to join in the meetings.
- Various tours of the capital are available. Please click on the link in blue for information. [Tours | Department of Enterprise Services \(DES\) \(wa.gov\)](https://www.des.wa.gov)

## **Local level:**

- Attend your city council or county commissioners meetings; check out the agenda before the meeting and if you have the opportunity to provide input, be prepared to present your concerns in a succinct, informed manner.

**FEDERATION FOREST  
ANNUAL WORKDAY  
June 3, 2023  
10 am to approx. 2 pm**

**Come out to the park & enjoy a day with friends & nature at this beautiful park**

- Breakfast snacks, lunch & beverages provided
- Bring your favorite small hand gardening tools & gloves.  We will be planting kinnikinnick plants in the planters outside IC windows.
- **Meaningful inside activity for those unable to garden or for those who can garden only for a short time. Interpretive Center is warm and seating is available. This is a day for all to enjoy the park!!** 
- Dress in layers to accommodate for the changing weather
- Park is located approximately 15 mi E of Enumclaw off Highway 410, just past milepost 41 

## **Clubs in our State**

### **GFWC Avalon**



### **Meeting the GFWC-WS Environment Challenge!!!!**

Pictured above are Anna McKinney and Gail Crump of GFWC Avalon, planting a native American Red Cedar tree.

Avalon met the challenge of the Environment Program Chair to plant a native tree of Washington. Joining with the Thurston County Environment group who were planting trees to preserve the vegetation on the Deschutes River in Tumwater, they planted four native trees —3 American Red Cedar, and 1 Douglas Fir.

# **Clubs in our State**

## **Battle Ground**

### **Senior Center Explained**



At the January 26 meeting of GFWC-Battle Ground, Sharon Wodtke and Lori Lindberg, loyal supporters of the Battle Ground Senior Center, detailed the history and vitality of the nonprofit group. Activities offered include games such as pinochle, entertainment, speakers and lunches. Anyone over fifty years of age is eligible to take part.



### **Welcome New Members!!**

This time around, club members wore "threads in reds" as a reminder that the first Friday in February is National Wear Red Day as declared by several heart health associations. The two ladies on the far left joined the club at this meeting. Welcome, Linda W. and Flo W.!



## Clubs in our State

### **GFWC Chambers Bay Woman's Club**



Chambers Bay had a busy holiday season. We continued our tradition of providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and purchasing gifts for four families chosen by local school counselors. We attended fundraisers for the organizations we support. This year for the first time 10 of us went to Caring for Kids Elvis fundraiser. We

danced in the aisles, caught stuffed animals tossed to the dancers and all who wanted got their picture with Elvis. A thrill for all who attended. We topped off the holiday season with a Christmas dinner at the Ram and each member brought an ornament to exchange. Lynn Cline provided the decorations and a Christmas music tape that her son had recorded. Lots of laughing and holiday cheer.

We are back to work with the new year. Our club donated 3 baskets for an auction each with a panda bear theme. The baskets had member knitted hats, knitted sweater, knitted shawl, sewn blankets, panda stuffed animals and panda books. We look all year for panda basket items and make baskets from what we find. Next year's theme is penguins. The search is on already. Every two weeks a group gets together to cut the material needed for menstrual pads that are sent to refugee camps by the organization, Days for Girls. We continue to make one dinner a month for the YWCA Women's Shelter, work at a local food bank twice a month and work at Gilmur Park once a month restoring habitat. And every time we get together, the members get a lot done, always having a good time.

# Clubs in our State

## GFWC Kitsap Peninsula



At the November meeting of GFWC Kitsap Peninsula, members filled 70 children's stockings and 26 mother's bags for the YWCA women's shelter. **We valued the items at \$4,000!**

Members heard of a need and quickly gathered stuffed animals and BINGO prizes for a local special needs group called **Tommy's Story Hour**. The group was started by a young man to give special needs adults a place to feel safe, welcome and meet new friends.

A truck load of items was delivered to Tommy the week before their Christmas Party. He was very surprised and thanked everyone who helped.

Pictures show members filling the stockings and bags, the overflowing stockings all boxed up, and the car loaded to capacity for delivery.



"Living the Volunteer Spirit"

# Clubs in our State

## GFWC Peninsula Keystone

### Peninsula Keystone goes on Retreat



One of the biggest perks of serving as District President of Peninsula District is the after party! All seated presidents are offered membership in Peninsula Keystone, our club of past presidents. Peninsula Keystone serves to serve our district and state's needs, but we take some time for fun every January with a 4 day / 3 night retreat, usually in some gorgeous, most often, seaside location.

Like all good things, we had to skip the last few years, but we made up for it this year with a trip to Rockaway Beach, OR. Eight of us ventured south and made excellent use of a grand home with amazing views of the Pacific Ocean.

What happens at Retreat... stays at Retreat so no more details, but we have a few pictures to share!



Mornings start slow...



Meals are grand and tables well set.



"Living the Volunteer Spirit"



"I only want 5 feet of rope!"

# Clubs in Our State

## GFWC Springdale

### It's almost MadHatter Tea Party Time!

This 17th Annual GFWC Springdale event

Will be held on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at the Camas Valley Grange in Springdale WA

(there is plenty of free parking)



This is your personal invitation to:

-  Dress up and wear your finest - don't forget your hat; chat and giggle with the girls; and be entertained
-  Enjoy listening to the Guest Speaker and enjoy the Parade Of Hats. You can even join in with your own design and maybe win a PRIZE!!

**ALL FOR ONLY \$10.00 each**

**~ Guests 8 years and younger only \$5.00 each ~**

**~ Also ~**

-  Drink tea and nibble on finger foods to die for, such as fresh scones, tiny crust trimmed sandwiches, mini cream puffs, brownies, tea bread, cookies, chocolate covered strawberries, and more!
-  The raffle and the silent auction are held to aid our club in our various local civic endeavors, such as school supplies.
-  **RSVP:** By phone: Lela at (509) 258-7160 ~o ~ Stacy at (509) 828-3194  
By email: [leytaylor@gmail.com](mailto:leytaylor@gmail.com)

To reserve **one of our limited handcrafted tickets**



## **Clubs in Our State**

### **Woman's Club of Spokane**



### **WCS co-sponsors Mahima Project Bazaar**

Woman's Club Spokane cosponsored an Afghani craft bazaar and dinner to benefit the Mahima Project of Refugee and Immigrant Connections Spokane (RICS) on December 7. In addition to its contributions to the bazaar, the club supports the project by providing club space for beading classes led by Arianna Brooke, owner of Millianna Jewelry. When the women achieve beading proficiency, Arianna pays the class members for their work. The beading work is done in a culturally sensitive setting for the women while providing them with a way to make money and connect socially with other Afghani women.

The bazaar featured Millianna jewelry, traditional Afghani clothing embroidered by project members, henna art and an Afghani food buffet. The bazaar also allowed the Afghani women to celebrate their achievements since joining the project.

Pingala Dhital, Mahima Project director and WCS member, moved the project to Thrive International <https://thriveint.org> on January 1<sup>st</sup> to become a part of their women's empowerment program. WCS continues its primary service goal to support refugee and immigrant women for 2023.

## **Clubs in Our State**



### **Step back in history**

March 10, 2023 as we celebrate the  
140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of

### **The Woman's Club of Olympia**

Join us for a celebration at the historic  
**Abigail Stuart House**  
1002 Washington Street SE • Olympia  
**4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Tours of the Abigail Stuart House, High School choir, video  
programs, speakers, information and refreshments.



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## SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Carlene and Del Garner's younger son, Brent this past weekend at his home in Raleigh, NC. While running on the treadmill, he suffered a heart attack, collapsed and died. In addition to his parents, he leaves behind his son and daughter and his brother Bruce and his family. May God bless and comfort the entire Garner family during this difficult time. Cards may be sent to Carlene at 1874 N. Hawthorne Dr., Tacoma, WA 98406

### Events & Special Days

Feb 20	Presidents Day
Feb 21	Mardi Gras
March 2	Read Across America Day
March 10	Woman's Club of Olympia 140th Anniversary Celebration 4-7 pm
Mar 12	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
March 15	Chairmen reports to HQ
April 9	Easter
Apr 20-23	GFWC-WS Spring Convention Pasco, WA
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Federation Day
April 28	Arbor Day
May 1	WA Clubwoman Articles Due
May 14	Mother's Day
May 29	Memorial Day
June 1	Jennie Award Entries Due
June 3	Federation Forest Workday 10 am to 2 pm
June 10-12	GFWC National Convention Louisville, KY
June 18	Father's Day

# Resolutions-page 1

## —Proposed changes to resolutions for consideration at State Convention—

At the 2023 Convention, the Resolutions Committee will be presenting proposed changes to the following resolutions in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Program and proposed changes to one resolution in the Health and Wellness Program which was sent back to committee at the convention in 2022.

Proposed additions are noted in **[bold blue text and surrounded by brackets]**. Proposed deletions are noted in *strikethrough italic text*.

Regarding the resolution which was referred back to committee:

### **506. Colorectal Cancer Awareness.**

(Adopted 2008, Reaffirmed 2012, Amended 2016)

WHEREAS, Colon Cancer has now been declared the third cause of death among both men and women in the United States, and

*WHEREAS, Colonoscopy is currently the best means of early detection of colon cancer; therefore*

**[WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that people commence regular screening for Colorectal Cancer at the age of 45, or younger if they have a family history of colon cancer.]**

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State strongly encourages everyone ~~over 50~~ to follow their physician's advice as to when to schedule regular *colonoscopies* **[colorectal cancer tests]**, and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State urges its members to participate in funding further research.

In the Civic Engagement and Outreach Program:

### **205. ~~Crime Prevention Councils.~~ [Crime Prevention Associations].**

(Adopted 1972, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, Crime in the United States continues to be a serious problem; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of every community have a responsibility to assist their local law enforcement agencies in a program of crime prevention; and

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WHEREAS, Cooperation between those serving the public welfare and those whom they serve will create an atmosphere in which all are working together to solve the problems of crime which now exist; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges member clubs to work in cooperation with other groups and organizations to establish *Crime Prevention Councils* [**Crime Prevention Associations**] where none now exist; and further

RESOLVED, That the members of GFWC-Washington State show their civic responsibility by supporting ~~and serving on established Crime Prevention Councils~~ [**and joining established Crime Prevention Associations**].

**Rationale:** Washington State does not have Crime Prevention Councils but does have Crime Prevention Associations.

### 212. Drug Abuse.

(Adopted 1925, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1933, 1939, 1970, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Amended 2007. 2014)

The Resolutions Committee proposes to delete the second WHEREAS and the third RESOLVED.

**Rationale:** Both of these deal with the study and classification of cannabis. Cannabis is now legal in Washington State so the classification has changed.

### 215. Enforcement of Cigarette[ , Vapor Products] and Marijuana Laws.

(Adopted 1909, 1912, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2007, Rescinded and replaced 2015)

WHEREAS, Washington State law prohibits the sale ~~or use of cigarettes and other tobacco by~~ [**of cigarettes and vapor products to**] minors, under the age of ~~eighteen~~ [**twenty-one**], and

WHEREAS, Washington State law prohibits the sale of recreational and medical marijuana to persons under the age of twenty-one, and

WHEREAS, the sale of cigarettes [ , vapor] and marijuana products to persons under the legal as stated in the laws of Washington State carries stiff penalties and fines, therefore

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RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State members encourage strict enforcement of the laws covering the sale of cigarettes [ , vapor] and marijuana to underage persons within their respective communities for the health and well-being of the youth of our state.

**Rationale:** To update

### **217. Human trafficking** (Adopted 2016)

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of State:

- Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery, involving victims who are typically forced, defrauded or coerced into sexual and/or labor exploitations; and
- Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal activities globally, and
- ~~Annually, over 700,000 people, mostly women and children, are trafficked worldwide, including over 50000 persons in the United States; therefore~~  
**[24.9 million people are victims of forced labor. Of this number, 4.8 million people are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation.]**

**Rationale:** To update

The Resolutions Committee proposes the following resolutions in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Program remain unchanged:

201. Abolishment of Pornography
202. Adequate Criminal Facilities
203. Animal Eye Tests
204. Community Program to Deter Child Molestation
206. Criminal Act Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol
207. Desecration of the Flag of the United States of America;
208. Disposal of Hazardous Waste
209. Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
210. Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Mind Altering Substances
211. Drugs-Narcotics
213. Economic Disarmament
214. Encourage Continuing Use of the Word "Chairman"
216. Flag Code
218. Immigration
219. Importation of Weapons

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- 220. Improved Administration of Justice Studies
- 221. Labor Program for the Penitentiary
- 222. Law Enforcement
- 223. Mentally Disturbed Individuals
- 224. National Elections
- 225. Our Nation's Capitol
- 226. Pleading Insanity
- 227. Prohibiting the Exploitation of Great Apes
- 228. Sentencing Reform Act of 1981 and Early Release (Parole) from Prison
- 229. Sexual Assault
- 230. Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children.



"Living the Volunteer Spirit"

**Red Lion Pasco Airport and Conference Center**  
**2525 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA**

Standard King \$109.00

Standard Double Queen \$109.00

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes.

For a direct link with group rate and block code auto populated see below:

[Click here for Reservations](#)

To book by Phone, please have your guests follow these steps to reserve their room reservations.

Call 509-547-0701 ext. 0

Ask to make a reservation at the Pasco Red Lion

Let them know you are with a group on **April 2023, – General Federation of Women's Clubs WS Spring Convention**

Give them the group block code **GFWC0420**

Complete individual reservation with agent.

*\*This rate is not guaranteed at third party booking sites such*

*as expedia.com and hotels.com. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.*

GUESTROOM CANCELLATION POLICY: Guests have 24 hours, prior to arrival, to cancel their room reservation without penalty. Guests will forfeit one (1) night's room and tax if they do not cancel their reservation by 4:00pm, local time, 24 hours prior to arrival.

Some exceptions may apply which your reservations agent can advise you of at the time of cancellation. NOTE: All attendees must identify themselves as a member of the Group to receive the Group rate and to have their reservation credited to your block.

Any reservations made outside of the Group block will not be considered for purposes of complimentary allocations, attrition, meeting room rental, or any other provision of this agreement contingent on room pick-up.

**Dress:**

Thursday evening: Casual (jeans acceptable)

Friday day: Business casual (khakis, etc.)

Friday evening: Dressy, after 5 clothing

Saturday day: Business casual (khakis, etc.)

Saturday evening: Bring out the flapper in you with Roaring 20's attire

Sunday: Casual, GFWC branded clothing encouraged

<b>Menu:</b>	
<b>Friday lunch:</b>	
<i>Vegetarian Wrap</i> - Sliced cucumber, tomato, sprouts, mushrooms, avocado, roasted peppers and cream cheese wrapped in a chipotle tortilla	\$39.00
<i>Roast Turkey Club</i> - ciabatta bread with roasted turkey breast, crisp bacon, lettuce, tomato, swiss cheese, avocado and mayonnaise.	
<i>Includes fruit on a tray with assorted cookies and dessert bars, garden salad with assorted toppings and dressings and potato salad, coffee service and iced tea.</i>	
<b>Friday Dinner</b>	
<i>Mozarella Risotto (Vegetarian)</i> - Creamy mozzarella risotto with Italian tomato and basil fresca with a white balsamic glaze	\$37.00
<i>Artichoke Chicken</i> - Pan seared chicken breast with artichoke caper cream sauce	\$47.00
<i>Entrées include warm Tuscan baci rolls &amp; butter and gourmet carrot cake. Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaf, iced or hot Bigelow tea</i>	
<b>Saturday lunch</b>	
<i>Grilled Vegetables</i> - Grilled mushrooms, zucchini and yellow squash on a baguette with provolone, lettuce, tomato and onion with balsamic mayonnaise	\$39.00
<i>Ham &amp; Swiss</i> -On a flaky croissant with sliced pickles, tomato, lettuce and stone ground mustard.	
<i>Includes fruit on a tray with assorted cookies and dessert bars, garden salad with assorted toppings and dressings and potato salad, coffee service and iced tea.</i>	
<b>Saturday dinner</b>	
<i>Three Cheese Ravioli (Vegetarian)</i> - Three cheese ravioli with a butternut squash sauce	\$44.00
<i>Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken</i> With sage and gouda cream sauce	\$51.00
<i>Entrées include warm Tuscan baci rolls &amp; butter and Tequila Lime cheese-cake. Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaf, iced or hot Bigelow tea</i>	

**Thursday, April 20**

3:00 – 5:00	Registration table open
3:30 – 4:00	CSP & Special Projects Chairmen
4:00 – 4:15	Elected Officers
4:15 – 5:15	Finance Committee
5:15 – 6:15	Executive Board
6:30 – 8:30	Past State Presidents Dinner
8:30 – 9:30	Operation Gratitude service project

**Friday, April 21**

	Complementary breakfast
8:00 – 9:45	Registration table open
8:30 – 9:00	Committee meetings (as needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federation Forest, Leadership, Membership, Nominating, Resolutions, Scholarship, Bylaws</li> </ul>
9:00 – 9:45	“Story Corps” booth open
9:00 – 9:30	Club Presidents and District Presidents
10:00	Business session called to order
12:00	Lunch, Grateful for our Veterans
1:00	Business session resumes
5:30	No host bar
6:00 – 8:00	Dinner, Women in flight in the PNW
8:30 – 9:30	Jeopardy, may the best District win!

**Saturday, April 22**

7:00 – 8:45	Complimentary breakfast
8:00 – 8:45	Story Corps booth
9:00 - Noon	Business session resumes
Noon	Lunch, Refugees at home and around the world
1:15 – 4:30	Business session resumes
5:30 – 6:00	No host bar
6:00 – 8:30	Roaring 20’s dinner & dance

**Sunday, April 23**

7:00 – 8:45	Complimentary breakfast
8:00 – 8:45	President Emeritus meeting
9:00 -Noon	Business session resumes
Noon	Meeting adjourns, safe travels home!