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128th Annual Spring Convention

Clearwater Casino Resort, nestled on the shores of Agate Passage, was the beautiful venue for our State Convention, April 19-22! Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Secretary, was our special guest and speaker. Other speakers included Ranger Scott Eilrich from Federation Forest State Park, and Lisa Jackson, Suquamish Museum Director.

Awards were presented, the activity center drew many participants, Clubwoman of the Year was announced, resolutions were updated, funding for a building project at Federation Forest State Park was approved, scholarships were awarded, and our 2024-26 officers were installed!! Sunday morning Post Convention Meeting got us started on the next two years of, "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Chuck Wagner, Historian and Executive Board Member of the Suquamish Warriors lead the presentation of colors and Native American blessing in an impressive drum ceremony, which included multi-generational tribal members wearing their ceremonial attire. In his biography, Chuck states, "A Veteran is someone who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'the United States of America for an amount up to and including my life.'" "That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it." **GFWC-WS thanks all the Warriors who bravely served our country!**

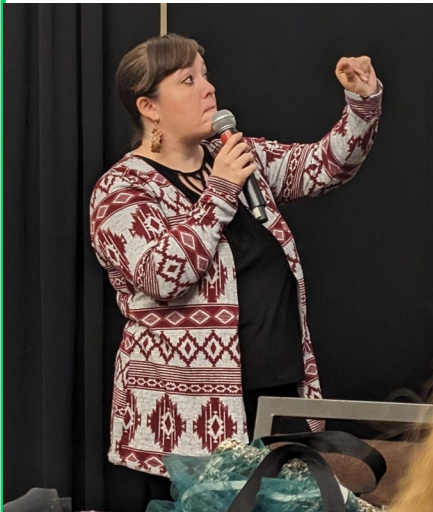


"Living the Volunteer Spirit"

Convention Memories



Top left: 2024-26 officers, L to R: Jeanette Jester, Treasurer; Nancy Jones, Secretary; Paulette Stinson, Vice President; Cindy Bassage, President-Elect, Kim Skagen, President; Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Secretary who installed officers. Top right: Paulette Stinson, Clubwoman of the year. Center: (left to right) Mary Beth Williams, Cindy Bassage, Susan Tyler, Representatives from clubs receiving awards: Johanna Hyatt, Battle Ground; Suzanne Bagdon, Sokico; Sally Larson, Chamber's Bay; Nancy Burdick, Keystone, Kitsap Peninsula & Apple Blossom; Chris Kamp, Camas-Washougal; Martha Curwen, Tacoma. Bottom left: Lisa Jackson, Suquamish Museum Director. Center: view of Agate Passage from one of our rooms. Bottom right: Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Secretary brought greetings to our convention from headquarters.



"Living the Volunteer Spirit"



Newly installed GFWC-WS President Kim Skagen shared how she became interested and involved in GFWC as well as the origin of her administration's theme, "MABLE". Custom cookies pictured above were served at the reception following installation.

The insignia "MABLE" is also shown among a background of white daises.



Red boot centerpieces, seen in the upper left picture, were filled with white daises and adorned each table.

ACTIVITY CENTER (left):

During breaks in the business

sessions, attendees gathered for service projects. Betty MacMaster lead a rock painting activity. We painted 89 rocks for Chemo Bags of Hope, who donate a bag to people going through chemo therapy. Chemo Bags of Hope provides "Chemo Bags" to cancer patients facing chemotherapy and radiation. These bags are filled with items to help patients and caregivers get through the long hours of treatment. Each bag is lovingly filled with HOPE for its recipient. Bags are delivered to patients upon request, as well as to several local infusion centers and cancer resource centers. Martha Curwen offered an activity to make dog toys from fabric scraps. The toys will be delivered to a Humane Society shelter.



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (right): Sally Gill and Julie Thompson offered a variety of fundraising options: 50-50 raffle, grab bags, filled mugs as well as a raffle basket to fill the state's coffers.

Traditional Passing the President's pin



Performing the long-standing tradition of Past Presidents passing the pin and bestowing their wishes for the new president are (from far right: Susan Tyler, immediate past president; Bonnie Walden, Carlene Garner, Martha Curwen, Cheryl Holman, Kathie Jorgensen, Nancy Burdick, Betty MacMaster, Installing Officer Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Secretary, and Kim Skagen.



Kim with her parents and Jose (Luvy)

Kim presents Susan Tyler with Past President's pin.



Members Always Bring Extra Love

"Living the Volunteer Spirit"

Kimberly Skagen
GFWC Washington State President
2024-2026



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your GFWC-WS State President for the next two years! For those of you who missed our Convention in person, I'd like to share my speech!

I was raised to be a volunteer... Mom (Pinkie) became a PTA member when I started school and I was helping with snack days, popcorn days, cutting out sticky stars, you name it... before I was out of grade school! I knew how to type, really type on a typewriter, and cut and paste the articles onto a master sheet and then run that thru the mimeograph printer to make newsletters long before I started using my Mac and Pages to make them pretty! No fancy fonts or color images back then.

I don't remember the order of events, but somewhere around the time I was graduating from high school Mom met Trudy [Whitman, GFWC Sokico] and then GFWC became the new volunteer outlet. I remember hearing about it, but never fully understood what she was doing. It was just "mom's" thing. My interest stopped with attending the Sokico yearly dinner and fundraiser for PICC once or twice.

Sometime, after she and Dad retired to the beach, newly divorced, no longer playing step-mom and volunteering for the local soccer club, I invited myself to join her in Olympia for what I found out was the 2012 State convention at which Kathie Jorgenson was wrapping up her administration and Dawn Magden was being installed. I didn't know what any of that meant, I just thought it would be fun to hang out with mom, see Nancy Jones, and bring two baskets of donations for the shelter they were sponsoring that weekend. Admittedly I was already a member of Computer Link [now Apple Blossom Club] but I had zero intention of becoming a fully-fledged, go to meetings member.

Knowing I would never join Sokico... MOM'S CLUB gawd forbid, someone, probably Nancy, mentioned this club in Sumner that met on weekends and introduced me to Cindy Remington. I think it was pretty much love at first sight! When Cindy introduced me to Rita Loseth a couple hours later, who put me to work helping decorate for Dawn's installation banquet, I was hooked. I have never looked back! I officially joined GFWC Valley Volunteers two weeks later. That October, attending my first district I had the pleasure of hearing the recently returned home Carlene Garner speak about her GFWC International Presidency and was again overly smitten with the entire process and the ladies involved. The following year, Dawn directed me to apply for LEADS. I attended my first GFWC Convention in Hollywood, FL with a bunch of strangers and returned home fully committed to serving. Thankfully I no longer attend conventions or meetings with strangers, and have learned to share, even a double bed, with the one and only Martha Curwen. ([see next page](#))

Kimberly Skagen
GFWC Washington State President
2024-2026



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Hopefully you have spotted a Mabel or two in this newsletter. Prepare to see a lot more of her for the next two years. She is my alter-ego... Mom (Pinkie) has called me Mabel since birth and when coming up with my theme and logo, this little graphic of the snarky girl was perfect for the name. Struggling to come up with words that fit into the letters of MABEL, my sweet Rita came up with the winning phrase “**M**embers **A**lways **B**ring **E**xtra **L**ove”. So, my theme and logo are ultimately a combination of both of my mamas! At the heart of my theme is all things babies. I hope to fill trucks and trailers and vehicles and most importantly organizations with baby supplies... diapers, wipes, formula, clothes, hats, blankets, the sky’s the limit!

Look for a separate article page that officially introduces **#flatMABEL!** The more you do, the more you take pictures of, and then let’s flood our website and our Facebook pages with images of our good works and hashtag flatMABEL! The members in attendance at Convention received MABEL coasters. I am hoping you keep her under your drinking vessel of choice to remind you to ‘bring extra love’ everywhere you go! (I have lots for all your ladies, there are plenty to share!)

My membership focus will be on finding ways to bring our current members back to our meetings. I’ve attended many a district meeting where there were more ladies in attendance than we have had at a State meeting. I’d like to change that. Understanding our ladies are aging and attending is difficult, but if we can find a way to include them again, I would count that as a win! I’d also like to start communicating more! Let’s share what’s happening and re-open the lines of chatter between clubs, districts, and friends! Start using our Facebook pages! Encourage your members who have Facebook to get in both groups if they are not already. I’m planning to share any good books I read, funny jokes, happy thoughts, and maybe even a Wordle score or two!

Throughout this, I specifically name dropped several ladies. All of them, along with many of you, are the reason I stand before you now. I am honored and humbled to be serving in the office of President and hope I make you all proud.



Thank you ~ let’s have a GREAT two years!
 xo Kim
 GFWC-WS President, 2024-26



Members **A**lways **B**ring **E**xtra **L**ove



“Living the Volunteer Spirit”

Dear Friends,

Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Mabel Daisypatch, but you can call me **flatMabel**. I know you probably find that to be an unusual nickname, but after I explain what happened to me, you'll agree that it is the perfect nickname. I am the face of the President's Special Project for the next two years!



I accidentally got flattened when a bulletin board fell down while I was sleeping. I don't really mind being flat because I could have a lot of exciting adventures this way. I can be carried and mailed and taken in bags and purses! I can be photographed with everything! I want to be your favorite Cover Girl!

I found out that I love to travel and I love all things having to do with babies and little children. I recently spent time visiting at Step by Step in Puyallup. They are a wonderful organization that has helped thousands of families in the local community, giving babies a healthy start and moms the skills they need to thrive.

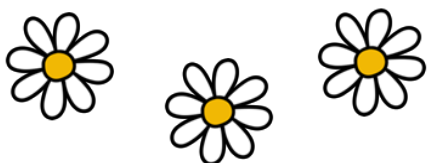
I decided that I would love to visit clubs across the state and see what they do and what organizations they support that are similar! Can you help send me on such travels? Would you mind if I stayed with you a while? You can take me with you to meetings, projects, outings, events or anywhere you are doing things benefitting babies. I would love to have my picture taken with you!

Very soon, your club president will be receiving their very own flatMabels in the mail! If you could please post my pictures on our GFWC- Washington Facebook pages and share my adventures with others, that would be superb! If you use my hashtag... **#flatMabel** everyone can easily find me! And if you are also willing, you can email my pictures to our webmasters (webmasters@gfwcws.org) and our Clubwoman Editor (washingtonclubwoman@yahoo.com) who will be posting as many pictures of me as possible! I would love to see my face everywhere!!

I am hoping to mark on the map all the cities, states, and countries that I visit. We will have two full years of adventures so let's get started!!

Thank you,

Mabel and President Kim





WINGs to the Future State Convention Evaluations

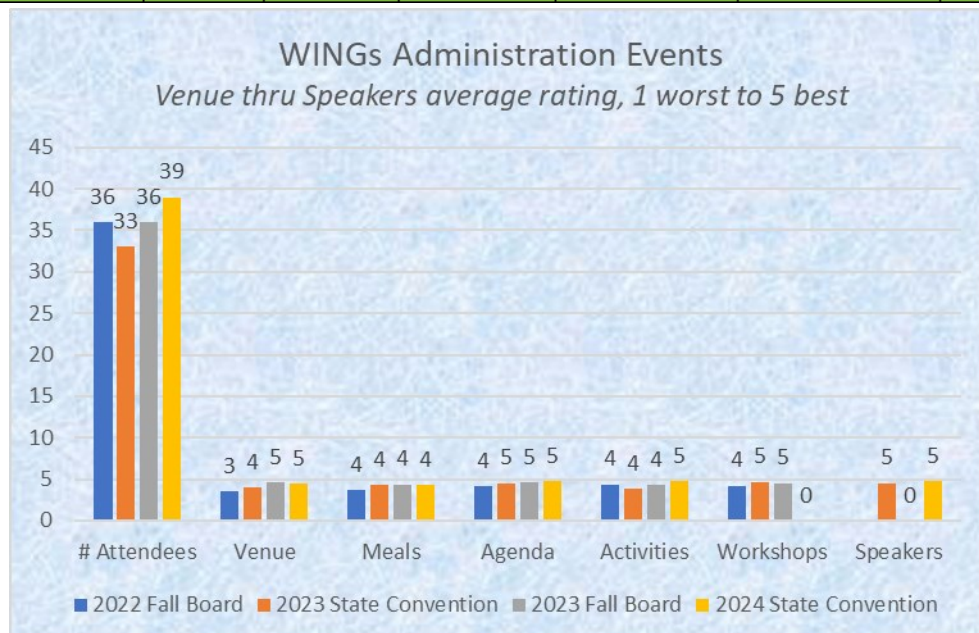
This was our best-attended meeting of the 2022-24 administration and it was a great way to kickstart the next administration!

Several of you commented on the great location and service we received at the Clearwater Casino and the activities table appeared to be a hit. I also heard from several people about the unique and inspiring flag ceremony accompanied by a traditional Native American blessing. It was one of my favorite parts of the convention!

Tightening the agenda and reducing the amount of time and money has been a recurrent theme throughout this administration and I believe President Kim has some changes she's going to implement to address this issue.

128th Annual Convention Evaluation Results

Rating	Venue	Food	Agenda	Activities	Federation Forest update	GFWC Secretary, Mary Beth Williams	Lisa Jackson, Suquamish Museum
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	4	3	2	1	1	0
4	5	7	9	4	2	6	3
5	13	11	9	12	20	14	19
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
Mode	5	5	5	5	5	5	5



Convention feedback continues...

Comments on what went well reflected the ratings on the evaluations – some of the comments below:

What went well
 well planned and carried out
 everything went very well
 everything - phones were actually put down for many speakers
 overall fun
 activities - great idea to fill spare time; great way to spend Fed Forest funds
 Fed Forest - excellent topic, Scott did a very nice job; Lisa Jackson - very informative and wonderful tie in with location & local history
 meeting and meal rooms next to each other
 great facility and friends
 a little spendy; very good, timing moved along nicely; Fed Forest update excellent, best yet; conference ran very smoothly
 agenda - good flow, little dead time; excellent service & rooms
 like group pictures for awards; good speakers
 speakers, socializing & elections, awards, resolutions, humor
 election of officers; resolutions
 always enjoy guest from GFWC
 Fed Forest - very good presentation; we should have an update annually
 loved the flag presentation
 food - better than most before but disappointed with cost, choice & quality;
 Lisa Jackson of Suquamish Museum - just great, she hit the nail on the head in all areas

Ideas for improvement:

tables too close to wall. Start morning w/breakfast 9 - 10 am
 increase attendance
 too much downtime
 too much time filling
 Service at location wonderful. Meetings went well. Needs works - timing - realize that size of attendance influences timing but a lot of free time (not a bad thing, though)
 Timing
 tighten schedule and lower cost
 Timing on agenda - things took way less time, condense
 too expensive; too much down time; move agenda to 2 days not 3
 attendance :(
 condense time members need to be at convention

Ideas for future meetings:

agenda timing
 meals went well and activities great
 excellent food and facility - high cost but you get what you pay for
 time was well utilized and things flowed along as planned without delays

Convention Feedback continues...

stall a little, too much down time; more chair reports

Fed Forest - helpful to learn of completed maintenance but would like to know if new improvements will be done sooner so can jump on to the next improvement goals

I've really appreciated hearing your ideas and was delighted to see so many dear friends at the convention. I think we're turning the corner on the dark days of the pandemic, and I'm looking forward to the next two years with President Kim.

Thank you for sharing the journey with me.

Susan Tyler

It's hard for me to believe but the WINGs administration is a wrap! Thanks to everyone for your support, encouragement, and friendship over the past two years. It means a lot to me.

I hope everyone had as much fun at the state Convention at the Clearwater Casino Hotel as I did. The Suquamish Warriors and tribal musicians treated us to a beautiful and moving flag ceremony. Federation Forest Park ranger Scott Eilrich was a hit with everyone, and I was especially happy that in one of the final acts of this administration, we authorized funds that would allow the park to turn an unused shed into housing. Federation Forest has long been one of my favorite projects and I was delighted that we were able to meet State Park's request.

I love my parting gift of a lovely yard art biplane. Not only does it perfectly encapsulate the WINGs theme, but it reminds me of my dad's Stearman Kaydets – his "workhorses" when he was a crop duster in Arizona.

I'm looking forward to the next administration – President Kim has lots of creative ideas that should boost attendance at our state meetings and increase our membership rolls.

And speaking of the next administrations, I have accepted a position as the WSR representative on the GFWC Legislation and Public Policy Committee. I'm excited to tackle this new role and share what I'm learning on topics related to the Legislative Action Center and resolutions.

Susan Tyler
Women Inspiring New Generations (WINGs)
GFWC-WS President (2022-24)



Stearman Kaydet



GFWC – Washington State Winners 2024

(For Reporting Year 2023)

Membership – Julie Thompson

- A. GFWC Tacoma
- B. GFWC Apple Blossom
- C. GFWC Kitsap Peninsula
- D. GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia

Helen Sutton Award

No winner

Mark of Excellence – Cindy Bassage, GFWC-WS Vice President

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| GFWC Battle Ground | GFWC Camas Washougal |
| GFWC Chambers Bay | GFWC Kitsap Peninsula |
| GFWC Sokico | GFWC Tacoma |

Clubwoman of the Year – Kim Skagen, GFWC-WS President-elect

Paulette Stinson, GFWC Battle Ground

Arts and Culture – Vicki Connor

- A. GFWC Avalon
- B. GFWC Chewelah
- C. GFWC Kitsap Peninsula
- D. GFWC Battle Ground

Environment – Sally Larson

- A. GFWC Avalon
- B. GFWC Valley Volunteers
- C. GFWC Camas Washougal
- D. GFWC Chambers Bay

Education and Libraries – Bonnie Rail

- A. GFWC Department of Tillicum
- B. GFWC Valley of Volunteers
- C. GFWC Camas Washougal
- D. GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia

Meryl Durst Award (\$50) Best of the Best in Education

GFWC Cathlamet Woman's Club

GFWC- WS Educational Scholarship – Rena Johnston

1 st Place — GFWC Olympia — Rianna Slevin

2 nd Place GFWC Chambers Bay--Kian Foster-Grahler

3rd Place—GFWC Battle Ground—Eva Always

Health and Wellness – Anna McKinney

- A. GFWC Tacoma
- B. GFWC Elahan
- C. GFWC Sokico
- D. GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia

President's Special Project – UNHCR – Nancy Jones

GFWC Sokico
 GFWC Columbia District
 GFWC King County District
 GFWC Peninsula District

Leadership – Kim Skagen

- A. GFWC Tacoma
- B. GFWC Valley Volunteers
- C. GFWC Kitsap Peninsula
- D. GFWC Battle Ground

LEADS Candidate – Kim Skagen
no candidate**Woman's History and Resource Center – Linda Butcher**

GFWC Avalon
 GFWC Capital Woman's Club
 GFWC Camas Washougal
 GFWC Women's Club of Olympia

Legislation and Public Policy – Beth Juvik

GFWC Avalon
 GFWC Valley Volunteers
 GFWC Soklico
 GFWC Women's Club of Olympia

Fundraising – Sally Gill

- A. GFWC Avalon
- B. GFWC Capital Woman's Club
- C. GFWC Sokico
- D. GFWC Chambers Bay Woman's Club

Junior's Special Program – Advocates for Children – Val Selby

- A. GFWC Lilac City
- B. GFWC Valley Volunteers
- C. GFWC Sokico
- D. GFWC Chambers Bay

Charlotte Gyllenburg, - Cindy Bassage
GFWC Battle Ground**Community Improvement Project – Lynn Cline**
GFWC Chambers Bay Woman's Club**GFWC-WS ESO – Beta Chapter – Jeanette Jester****Club Award –**

- B. GFWC Capital Woman's Club

One Course –

Jeanette Jester
 Mary Siddell
 Karen Smith

Two Courses –

Cheryl Holman
 Kathie Jorgensen

Three Courses –

Luellen Charneski

Four Courses –

Pinkie Eggleston
 Marilee Massari
 Linda Meglanchuk
 Sandra Groves
 Kim Skagen
 Linda Wolf

Six Courses – Deborah Peterson**Eight Courses and Top Readers**

Marion Hale
 Bonnie Walden

Scholarships



First Place Winner - Rianna Slevin - Woman's Club of Olympia

Rianna plans to pursue a degree in biochemistry. Her ultimate goal is to attend medical school and specialize in orthopedic surgery. She will attend the University of Washington. **Her award is \$4000, plus \$1200 from the Kathy Estep Fund.**

Second Place Winner - Kian Foster-Grahler - GFWC Chambers Bay

Kian will be a second year student at WSU majoring in biochemistry. She will be applying to WSU's Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, a community based **medical school** that trains future **health care** leaders to serve rural and underserved areas.

Her award is \$3000.

Third Place Winner - Eva Selway - GFWC Battle Ground

Eva plans to earn a bachelor's degree in biology and continue on to medical school and residency. She plans to attend Walla Walla University.

Her award is \$2000.





WSR September 5-8, 2024, Embassy Suites in Tukwila

Make plans to attend. Be sure to get your hotel reservations. Reservations must be made by August 7th to get the conference rate.

We have many opportunities for you to help starting at the state meeting (Fall Board/WSR Prep) August 17th that Kim has planned. (Bring your donations for the goody bags, door prizes, and the Country Market on August 17th.) Then in September we will be greeting 150 women from ten states to our wonderful state. So put on your smiling face and show them what a great state we are in. Opportunities will include greeting them at registration and being a table host at the State Night dinner on Friday. We will also need help with the Country Market, which is our big fundraiser. There will be other opportunities to help. I would like all volunteers to wear your green Washington State name badge. I will have a ribbon to attach to it. Please let me know if you need a name badge.

For the Washington State Night Dinner on Friday, I would like to encourage you to wear green. The dress code will be after 5 or cocktail attire.

The official call will come out in July with the schedule and meals. We are looking forward to going on a tour of Tree Houses in Fall City and seeing Snoqualmie Falls on Thursday and on Friday a trip to Tacoma and the glass museum.

Nancy Burdick

GFWC-WS Chair WSR 2024



Nancy Burdick, Chair



Retention is Key- Have a fun activity – make members feel important – honor them for what they do – make changes in projects or meetings, change times, days, or length of meetings. Friendship and community service are reasons women have joined so make sure your club is offering friendship and opportunities to do community service.

Recruiting Members is Essential – friends, family members, neighbors, women on social media who are looking to get involved, your church, women who attend your events/fundraisers. New members bring enthusiasm and new ideas. Invite former members, their lives may have changed and now GFWC might be a perfect fit for them. And remember once you get new members, you need to **retain them**. Make sure your club is doing things and is a welcoming club.

Encourage Members – Encourage members to attend and get involved in district and state meetings. Encourage them to attend Western States and even the GFWC International conventions. By attending they/you will get inspired by new ideas. They/you will get a better understanding of GFWC. And best of all is the many friends you make.

From Headquarters:

GFWC Member portal has changed

You asked and we listened...

The GFWC Executive Committee is pleased to present the latest, greatest “Members-Only” platform to help you access important GFWC documents and connect with fellow clubwomen. It is user-friendly and easy to get started!

You can download files from the Digital Library, view photo galleries, make donations, search for registered members, send direct messages, and much more!

Please allow 2-3 business days for GFWC staff to approve your profile. We thank you for your patience, as we expect to experience a high volume of requests at the beginning of this transition.

To access the new Member Portal from GFWC’s website, click on the pink MEMBER LOGIN button in the upper right corner. **(See the next 5 pages with instructions.)**

Completing Your Registration (Mandatory Steps)



The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service. Members embody Living the Volunteer Spirit.

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Step 1 – Find the New Login Page

Click on the **pink Member Portal button** in the top right corner of the GFWC website, gfwc.org, to go to the new login page where you can enter your credentials.



Step 2 - Register Your Online Profile

To activate your preexisting profile, click **“Register here”** under “Welcome to...” If this is not your first time logging in to the new site, click the **blue “Login” button** or click “Login” in the upper right-hand corner.



Step 3 - Log in to an Existing Account

Clicking **“Register here”** will take you to the “Join The Federation” page. Enter the email address you used for your MemberSuite (previous portal) profile to connect to your existing profile, then click “Next.”

Member's Login →

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Please select your State Federation from the list below. A second section will appear where you will be prompted to choose your club(s) *

Staff

Next

Step 3b – Select Your State Federation

After clicking next, you will be asked to complete *Step 2: Selecting your State Federation*. Select your State Federation from the dropdown. If you are a member of a National Club, select “National Club.” Click “Next” to continue.

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Please select your State Federation from the list below. A second section will appear where you will be prompted to choose your club(s) *

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GFWC District of Columbia Club

GFWC District of Columbia Club

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3c – Select Your Primary Club

To confirm membership, select your primary club from the list. Additional clubs can be added once you have successfully registered and logged in. If you select the wrong state or click twice, simply click “Delete” to remove the selection. Click “Next” to continue.

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Consent Check

If you leave the below opt-in boxes blank, the system will revert to your previously captured consent preferences (if any)

☒ I would like to receive updates via email, (News & Notes, Clubwoman Magazine)

☐ I'm not a robot

Join Now

By joining this community you are giving consent for your personal data to be used on our database in line with our [Privacy Policy](#). You agree with the [Terms & Conditions](#), including our use of [Cookies](#) and receiving occasional system emails relating to your online profile.

Step 3d – Opt-in or Out of GFWC Updates

If you would like to receive updates via email (News & Notes, Clubwoman Magazine), click the box. If you leave the opt-in boxes blank, the system will revert to your previously captured consent preferences. Whatever you decide, be sure to check the “I am not a robot” box.

Then, click “Join Now.”



Step 4 – Select an Account to Complete Registration

If your credentials match an account, you will be asked to select the existing record. If you have more than one account, select the newest of the accounts. **Then click “Join Now.”**

Step 5 – Wait For Profile Approval

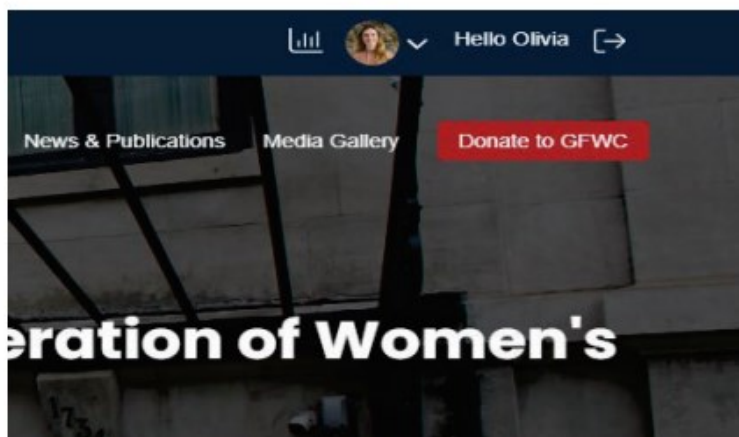
A GFWC staff member will approve your profile within 2-3 business days. Please be patient as GFWC staff will be reviewing a high volume of requests. Once your account is approved, see the next set of instructions for updating your profile information.

Updating Your Profile Information



Step 1- Visit the Member Portal Homepage

After logging in to your Member Portal account, you will be taken to the Member Portal homepage.



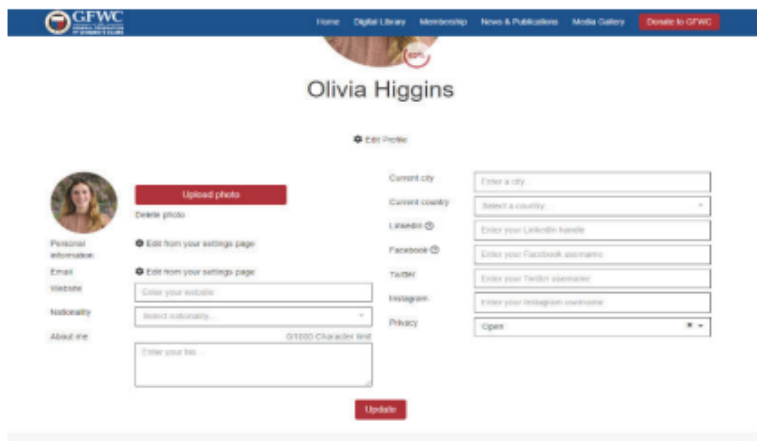
Step 1b – Find “My Profile”

To update your profile, click on the caret (^) next to the profile icon in the upper right-hand corner. A dropdown will appear. Select “My profile.”



Step 2 – Review “My Profile” Options

The “My Profile” page has the following features: Profile, Connections, and Network. To edit profile information, click the “Edit Profile” gear just below the profile icon.



Step 3 – Upload a Photo

“My Profile” gives you the option to upload a photo and enter a bio. To upload a photo, click the red “Upload photo” button. To add a bio, simply type in the “About me” box. To save changes, click the red “Update” button.



Step 4 – Update Personal Information

To update personal information, click on the caret (^) again (see [Step 2 – Finding “My Profile”](#)), and click “My settings.” Scroll until you see “Personal Information,” then click on the “Edit” gear to edit a field.

When finished, click the red “Save” button.



Step 5 – Hide Information

To view your privacy settings, go to Privacy Settings. “Open” means that only logged-in members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs can view your profile. **If you do not want other members to view your profile, click the “Edit” gear. A dropdown will appear. Select “My network only,” then save.**

Other privacy features include hiding email and phone numbers. **If you do not want this information to be shared, make sure these categories say, “Hidden.”** If you do want to share this information, click the “Edit” gear, check the box, and hit save.

To let you know your profile has been approved, you will receive an email like the following:

Dear _____,

We are pleased to tell you that your GFWC Member Portal profile has been approved!

You can now log into the Member Portal using the email and password you entered at registration.

In the Member Portal you can:

- Build and customize your online profile
- Explore membership benefits and programs
- Download members-only resources from the Digital Library
- Sign up for *News and Notes*, GFWC's weekly e-newsletter, share Volunteers in Action submissions with the GFWC Communications Team, and read the most recent issues of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*
- Browse the new Media Gallery

[Login Now](#)

We look forward to staying connected,

General Federation of Women's Club

A complete Portal User Guide can be found on the GFWC.org website.

“Living the Volunteer Spirit”

Community Service Program Reports

Environment

Sally Larson, Chair



Every year all clubs are asked to submit reports on their environmental projects. And from that information, four clubs received certificates for outstanding work. Washington State clubs are doing all sorts of things to help the environment. All reporting clubs are recycling both through commercial and street pick-up. Additional groups are saving prescription bottles to be used by Doctors without Borders. Bread clips are being saved and sent to a group in Indiana to use proceeds for wheelchairs for children. Several clubs are volunteering at local gardens as docents and worker bees. Another club plants a rose in a local garden to honor the Citizen of the Year in their community. Clubs are carpooling to events and donating reusable clothing to charitable groups. Native trees continue to be planted. And this is a sampling of the work we are doing.

Environment State Certificate winners:

Avalon - 4 members

- Planted 3 native trees
- Carpooled to all Women's Club activities
- Recycled at home and donate plastic bags and egg cartons to local shelters
- Saved bread clips that are sent to Indiana for funds to buy wheelchairs for children
- Donated to Federation Forest

Valley Volunteers – 7 members

- Donated to Fed Forest
- Worked at Fed Forest Clean-up day.
- Recycle at home and donate plastic bags and egg cartons to the local food bank
- Collected plastic bottles, drove to Oregon to cash in value for recycling, and earned \$122 that was used to buy and donate weekend backpacks for school children
- Members maintain a wildlife habitat in their yard for birds and small mammals. Area and feeders are kept clean and checked for food daily
- Some members also provide food, bedding, and housing. Even protected from weather, litter areas are available for feral cats.

Camas Washougal – 10 members

- Donated pots to their local 2 River Museum for the yearly plant sale
- Recycled at home and donate shredded paper to a community member who needs it to start her wood-burning stove
- Recycled ink cartridges at Office Depot and that money becomes a credit that can be used later.
- Donated current magazines to VA Fisher Home and Lodge. When the home is done with the magazines, they are then donated to a thrift shop to be sold for 2 cents.
- Donated books to the Friends of the Library
- Collected pull tops and donate to Ronald McDonald House
- Collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids and donated to local Lions Club

Chambers Bay – 24 members

- Worked at Federation Forest Clean-up Day
- Support financially and work at a local historical Apple Orchard where they care for a tree
- Adopted a local street and cleaned it 4 times a year.
- Adopted a local park and cleaned up the garbage left by users 4 times a year.
- Once a month do habitat restoration in a local community park with endless Himalayan blackberries and English Ivy--all of which must be dug out with roots.
- Taught a bird drawing class at a Multicultural Center and entered pictures into a local art contest.
- All member's homes recycle.
- Planted and hand-watered 45 native trees in a local park.
- Recycle plastic bags and clothing for a food pantry.
- Collected over 100 pairs of pre-owned shoes and donated them to the multicultural center
- Joined with Tahoma Audubon in initiating a 4–5-year project of distributing 10,000 native trees in Pierce County. The trees are free. We got \$20,000 in donations, ordered 1000 trees, and advertised through club contacts and Audubon membership.



Federation Forest Workday

June 15, 2024

10 am—2pm

Join GFWC-WS fellow clubwomen, friends and family for a day at the park and make a difference!

- ♦ **Tree planting—Western Red Cedar**
- ♦ **Interpretive gardens cleanup**
- ♦ **Check out the shed-to-housing project we funded**
- ♦ **Indoor sedentary activities**
- ♦ **Beverages and morning snacks will be provided**
- ♦ **Potluck lunch—bring a dish to share—plates, cups, napkins, and utensils will be provided**
- ♦ **Enjoy a short video on the story of Catherine Montgomery's life & learn how Federation Forest State Park began**
- ♦ **After-lunch walk in the forest**



Where is the park and how do I get there?

Park Address: 49201 SE Enumclaw Chinook Pass Rd, Enumclaw, WA

Directions from I-5:

Exit 127 for WA-512 East toward Puyallup, travel 11.9 miles

Take the ramp on the right/WA-410 East and head toward Seattle/Yakima for WA-167 North, travel for 1.1 miles

Take the ramp on the right for WA-410 East and head toward Sumner/Yakima, travel for 12.5 miles

Keep left to stay on WA-410/State Route 410 N, travel 19.9 miles —through Bonney Lake, Buckley and Enumclaw

Watch for Milepost 41 and a sign for Interpretive Center—the entrance is on the right side if you are traveling from Enumclaw—there is also a mailbox



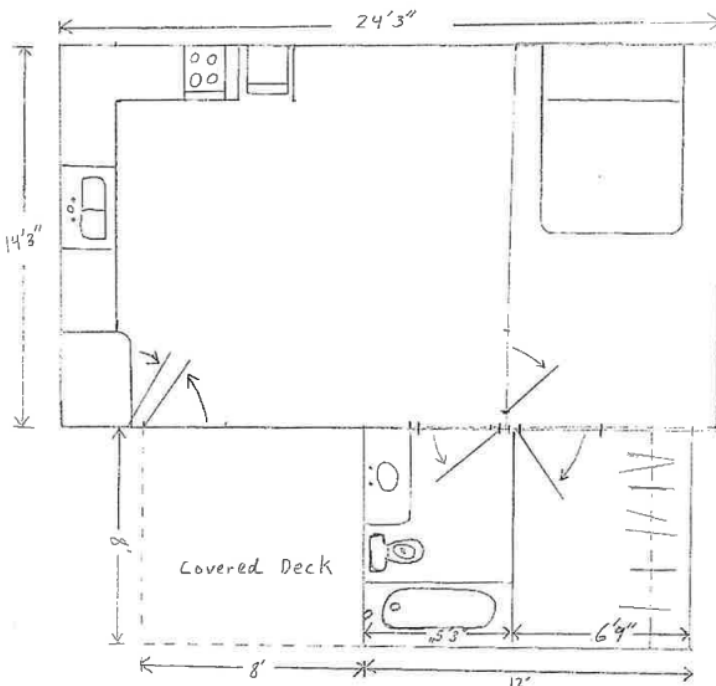
Federation Forest Shed to Housing Project

Converting an unused historic shed into housing for an additional park employee to live on site.

Top picture is the east wall of the current shed which is located next to the shop and near the RV park host hookup site. It is near the entrance, off to the right, just after you pass by the house. The addition will be added to this side of the shed.



Bottom picture is the floor plan of the building with the 8' x 10' addition and layout of kitchen area, bedroom, closet and bathroom.



The project includes:

- 8' x 10' addition to the existing shed that will add space for a bathroom and closet
- Updating existing electrical and plumbing to bring it up to code
- Replacing all drywall with 3/4" drywall for increased fire safety now that it is a living space
- Adding 5 windows
- Adding insulation
- Countertops and cabinets for the kitchen area as well as installing range and refrigerator
- Painting both the interior and exterior
- Completion date: August 2024

At our Friday Convention afternoon business session, we voted to donate \$14,000 from the Federation Forest Fund to cover the cost of this project. No trees will be removed to complete this project, the shed is in good shape structurally—it just hasn't been used for many years. Providing additional housing on site allows increased security with another set of eyes and ears on the ground at night when the park is closed. The employee chosen to rent this housing is selected based on the person's job title and the benefit the staff person will contribute to the park. The employee is responsible for providing furniture and household goods; only the range and refrigerator are provided.

Park employees, led by Eric Holm, Tahoma Gateway Area Maintenance Supervisor will complete the project.

For Fall Edition of Washington Clubwoman

Snap a picture of your Bark Ranger wearing an official BARK RANGER bandana from Washington State Parks—please, no people or identifying information in the picture. **Submit picture electronically to WA Clubwoman email address.** The bandanas were available at GFWC-WS Convention!! If you missed out and will be at our Federation Forest Workday June 15, you will have another opportunity to dress your dog in official gear!

Deadline for picture submission: August 1



The photos will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges and one dog will be awarded the coveted distinction of

GFWC-WS Bark Ranger of the Year

To be announced at Spring Convention 2025

We also encourage you to enter your photo in the Art Contest at Spring Convention 2025.

Community Service Program Reports

Legislation and Public Policy—Beth Juvik, Chair

Thank you for all the reports I received. It was a fun time at convention!

Please keep abreast of what is happening in your community, state and nation. Resolutions adopted by GFWC are the foundation of our organization. They guide our call to action and are the basis of all programming and advocacy. **News and Notes** and **GFWC Legislative Alerts** keep you posted and ask for your support of issues for which GFWC advocates.

Please exercise your right to vote in the upcoming elections. Research candidates, their beliefs and the issues and how that affects you and your community.



GFWC STATE WINNER: COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECT



GFWC Chambers Bay Women's Club's CIP project was selected as GFWC-WS state winner. They received \$100 from GFWC and will go on to compete at the national level. Only one club from each state competes at the national level.

The GFWC Community Impact Program Awards offer GFWC clubs financial incentives to implement projects that bring change to a local community. The Community Impact Program Awards are designed to encourage and recognize the positive effects a club can have on specific needs in their community. As GFWC's longest standing project, the Community Impact Program Awards has evolved since its introduction to members in 1949, still the goals remain the same, to reward clubs for effective community projects that benefit from opportunities for growing club membership, enhancing leadership skills, building relationships with individuals and community groups, and creating public awareness of the club and GFWC.

THE PROJECT:

Our project involved teaching multicultural daycare students how to do 3 new activities. Our first project involved the students receiving a lesson on 3 different local native birds. After learning about the birds, each student chose one of the birds to draw. All the completed pictures were entered into an art contest and 2 students won awards. Our next project was giving a group of close to 50 students at the daycare a clay planting pot to decorate using paint, stickers, crayons, and felt markers. After the pot decoration was completed, each student filled their pot with potting soil and planted seeds. Instructions for watering were given and the flowerpots went home with the kids. Our last activity was done just after Thanksgiving. Kits to make non-sectarian ornaments were provided to each student. Each student completed the project using glue, markers, and other coloring equipment and had a handmade ornament to take home. We are planning to do a bird class again in May and other projects, yet to be determined, for summer and fall.

Clubs in Our State

GFWC Apple Blossom

Danielle Cares for Chairs-



This has been a project of GFWC Apple Blossom Club for the past 3 years. It involves collecting plastic bread tags and mailing them to Danielle Cares for Chairs. Danielle started this non-profit organization when she was only 17. Bread tags can be found on packages of bread, muffins, fruits, and vegetables. You can also go to area restaurants, hospitals, and even colleges to ask them to save the bread tags. The bread tags are taken to a recycling plant in Indianapolis, IN, then the proceeds are used to purchase mobility products for those in need. This includes power wheel cars that are retrofitted by a robotics team to fit younger children with disabilities, and of course wheelchairs. There are approximately 1300 bread tags to 1 lb. It takes anywhere from 260,000 to 600,000 bread tags to get one of the products. Something as small as a bread tag can be recycled and creates value. Join GFWC Apple Blossom Club in collecting bread tags. Bring the bread tags to state meetings or Peninsula District meetings.

Nancy Burdick
GFWC Apple Blossom Club

We also collect clean and dried, empty plastic pill bottles with all-plastic lids.

- The lids are not required to be child-resistant.
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue. Soaking overnight in hot, soapy water is a good way to get most of the labeling off. After removing the label, they can be run through the dishwasher if there is still residue (in the silverware basket with cover closed). If there is still some residue, use isopropyl alcohol on a tissue and rub it until the adhesive disappears.



- If you would like to bring your bottles to state meetings or Peninsula District meetings, we will be happy to take them.

The pill bottle program of Cincinnati-based [Matthew 25: Ministries](#), an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization, accepts donations of empty pill bottles. **“Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment,”** according to their website. Many times, the pills people receive in developing countries are wrapped in paper scraps. They have no protection from moisture or the elements. And they certainly are not safely out of the reach of small children — you can’t really safety-proof a piece of paper. Those orange pill bottles we take for granted are gratefully received in many parts of the world.

Clubs in Our State

GFWC Battle Ground

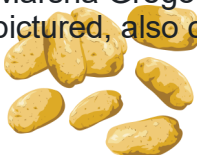


Louise Tucker, chairman of the recent publication relating the local history of Battle Ground Lake, and Johanna Hyatt, club president, presented three copies of the book to the Battle Ground City Council, specifically, to the mayor, city manager and public relations officer.



Left: Guest speaker, Kasey Frazier, explained the benefits of S.A.L.T., Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, a community outreach program of the Clark County Sheriff's office. Meetings and newsletters address livability concerns of seniors. She also told of other helpful programs in which seniors can participate.

Right: What's in those bags? Spuds, of course, 'cause soon it will be St. Patrick's Day. There's nothing more symbolic than potatoes to remember the Irish and their struggles during the Irish potato famine. Five members donated 62 pounds of spuds which were taken to the North County Community Food Bank. Donors were Linda Worden, Dorothy Lyon, Cindi Pike, Nancy Lee and Marsha Gregor. Paulette Stinson, not pictured, also contributed.



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Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground

Welcomes Three New Members:



February 22: Marlene Dellsy was initiated into club membership by Louise Tucker, club membership chairman. Marlene became familiar with the club and its focus on volunteering when she was guest speaker from NatureScape.



March 14: President Johanna initiated Barbara Lowrie and Dorothy Lyon into membership of GFWC Battle Ground. The club has grown to 27 women dedicated to *"Living the Volunteer Spirit."* Dorothy learned about GFWC from Marsha Gregor and Barbara, recently retired, became aware of us through a friend who participates in the Ladybug Bazaar.



Left: Feb 22:

Junko Furuya, a special Japanese member, showed, step-by-step, how to use fabric squares to wrap gifts, party bottles and bags. Junko is a longtime friend of Leese Pohl and often visits her in the USA and "her" GFWC Battle Ground club.

Right: Kids in the Prince of Peace church preschool, where the club meets, were surprised with the gift of book bags containing books

for them to take home. **Amanda, the director of the school, several years ago had been one of the club's scholarship winners and went on to win more education dollars from GFWC-WS.** In the back are the presenters, Mary Lee Miller, Marsha Gregor, club president Johanna Hyatt and Wendy McDaniels.



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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Chambers Bay

Chambers Bay members continue to be busy. We worked at a food pantry 3 days a month and collect plastic bags for the clients to use. After a few years of not needing assistance at Amara, a local foster care center, we are getting retraining to be able to volunteer again. Our club has decided to start collecting bread clips and prescription bottles thanks to other clubs making us aware of the need. This quarter we hosted a community event for around 75 dignitaries and local community by providing food and drinks. This event was the ground breaking for the first All Inclusive Children's Playground in Pierce County. What this means is all children both disabled and non disabled children can play together at the same park. The other project we adopted is to join with Tahoma Bird Alliance (formerly Tacoma Audubon) to distribute 10,000 free native trees in Pierce County over the next 4 years. We kicked off the project in February by purchasing 1000 native trees and within 8 days citizens had reserved all 1000 trees. It was so



Annie Bonnell (long black coat) helping with the first shovel of dirt to start the playground project, something very meaningful to her. The Mayor, councilmembers and three State Representatives attended.

L to R: Lynn Cline, Nancy Gladstone, Annie Burnell, Beth Juvik, Jodi Walker, Marie Devlin, Cindy Bassage, Sally Larson assisted with reception after groundbreaking.



popular we decided to open up a waiting list and 600 more trees were requested by local citizens so an additional 600 were purchased. A group of volunteers from Chambers Bay and the Bird Alliance distributed all the trees over a 5 day period. We will be repeating this offer next February.

We will be installing our 2024-2026 Board. President – Cindy Bassage, Vice President – Sally Larson, Treasurer - Deborah Bransford, Secretary - Denise Ploof. We plan to continue all our ongoing projects during the summer but will take a 2 month hiatus for club meetings. Chambers Bay members wishes everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Sokico



Each year National Child Abuse Awareness month is acknowledged throughout the month of April by planting pinwheel gardens, reminders of the importance of nurturing and protecting children . The National Child Abuse Awareness month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Pictured above are GFWC Sokico members admiring the blue pinwheel garden they planted in a member's front yard.

Left to right: Betty MacMaster, Kathie Jorgensen, Susan Tyler, Kellie McGuire, Suzanne Bagdon, Diane Taylor and Linda Butcher.

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Clubs in our State

Woman's Club of Spokane

As many of you may know, the Woman's Club of Spokane is one of the few member clubs that is tasked with maintaining an historic building. For many years we've raised the funds needed to do this through renting our building as an event venue. During the Covid lockdowns, we had to borrow against the building to pay for utilities and property tax. Our outgoing board was recently able to make a large payment against our loan, thankfully getting us closer to becoming debt free. Having successfully reenergized our rental business, we have redirected our energies to increasing our impact in the community.

In March we held our first annual Volunteer Expo showcasing twenty-four local non-profit organizations that need helping hands in our community. They ranged from environmental preservation groups, refugee housing and integration facilitators to a group trying to bridge the political divide. Our members prepared and served a complimentary lunch to the attendees. The event was extremely successful so we plan to make it an annual event.



We are currently actively engaged in supporting one of the organizations represented at the Volunteer Expo, [Family Promise of Spokane](#). Family Promise has the great distinction of being the most successful charity tackling homelessness in our city. They focus on families with children, seeing them as the "most vulnerable" in many ways and in danger of "repeating the cycle". Vice President elect, Sydney Wissel, outgoing President Susan Kuhner and members, Deanna Willoughby, Maria Lathrop, Jack Kuhner and Saffron Wissel, are cooking a meal to share with the residents of their shelter May 1st. We are also conducting a supply drive through the end of May to help with their most-needed items. If you would like to participate, the easiest way to send items from around the state would be to use their [Amazon Wishlist](#). If this donation option is inconvenient but you would still like to help, please donate online to our fundraising campaign here: <https://givebutter.com/4xSQxc>, or mail a check with "Family Promise" in the memo to: The Woman's Club of Spokane, 1428 W 9th, Spokane, WA 99204.

Sydney Wissel, Membership Secretary

Woman's Club of Spokane

(206)654-7663

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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Springdale

GFWC Springdale hosted its 18th annual Mad Hatter Tea on Saturday, April 13, 2024. It was a fabulous event enjoyed by a full house of guests – our best production since before COVID.



Tables were set so each area also contained information and applications for the General Federation of Woman's Club Springdale. We received three new paid applications, which we promptly voted on and accepted.

We set up two separate tables for our Silent Auction and Special Raffle.

In addition to the tea varieties, there was a beautiful layout of tea snacks donated by GFWC Springdale members. The menu included a plate of smoked cheese and crackers and four different types of sandwiches: avocado, salmon, chicken, and cucumber. There were trays of assorted sliced vegetables and, assorted sliced fruit. For those with a sweet tooth, there was a beautiful cake, two trays of chocolate-covered strawberries – one milk chocolate and one white chocolate. Several trays held all different kinds of cookies, cupcakes, tea cakes, finger food, and, of course, mini cream puffs. Again, the variety of food was totally enjoyed by every guest, including the little ones. There weren't enough goodies left over to even set a table for dessert.

We had two speakers from Spokane Master Gardeners. These ladies were from the extension office in Colville. Their presentation was on Fire Prevention Around the Home and gardening and what was the best plants in our area, two subjects that were totally enjoyed by everyone. Handouts were provided, and the Master Gardeners answered many questions.



Toward the end of the Tea, we had a Mad Hatter's hat parade. Two volunteers acted as judges and had the difficult task of picking a winner out of the numerous contestants. The winner was Casey, wearing a gorgeous pink hat.

If you're interested in attending our 19th Mad Hatter Tea just keep an eye out for our flyer sometime the first part of 2025 !!

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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Springdale



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Columbia District

Spring Conference hosted by GFWC Cathlamet



Left: District President Paulette Stinson presided. Now past president of Columbia District, Paulette has been an inspirational, active member on all GFWC levels. Caroline Walton gave her an "outgoing gift" of a red rose pin from GFWC Cathlamet and from GFWC Battle Ground (her home club) she received a handmade, quilted table topper made by club president, Johanna Hyatt.

Right: These three ladies are members of GFWC Cathlamet, the club that hosted the conference. Their club is to be commended for the lovely decor and lunch! On



the left is Margaret Glazer, then Cheryl Tutka and Jo-Ann Prestegard. Thirty-five women attended the conference, including 5 first-timers. Cheryl is a new member and one of the "district conference first-timers."

Left: Joanne Hyatt and Mary Lee Miller, two of the 12 chairmen who gave recognition to clubs reported their top community service projects.



Below: To prevent Jeanette from installing herself, outgoing District President Paulette Stinson, assisted with the installation of the district's newly-elected officers. Jeannette is now officially the treasurer, Johanna Hyatt, secretary, Linda Harms, vice president, and Carol Styles, president. Paulette has served four terms as district president during her GFWC career!



Past District Presidents Lineup with newly-installed president Carol Styles (left), Linda Harms, Paulette Stinson, Lois Swanstrom, Louise Tucker, Jeannette Jester, Joann Prestegard and Bonnie Walden.



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Columbia District

Spring Conference



Susan Tyler, GFWC-WS President (2022-2024) spoke to the conference attendees with enthusiasm and heart as she told GFWC activities on the state level.

Here she received a beautiful Oriental pattern wall hanging as a personal gift from GFWC Battle Ground's President Johanna Hyatt, who made it from fabric given to her by Bonnie Walden.

Below:

Kim Skagen will be installed as the 2024-2026 state president of GFWC at the upcoming convention at Clearwater Resort April 18 - 21. She shared some of her future expectations. GFWC offers excellent "OTJ" (on-the-job) leadership training.

Cindy Bassage, who will become GFWC-WS president-elect also attended the conference. Unfortunately, no photos of her turned out satisfactorily.



Louise Tucker, district parliamentary advisor, was the self-appointed photographer of the day.

Clubs brought baskets for a fundraiser which reaped \$291 for the district's coffers.

In addition the district's half of the 50-50 pot was \$269.



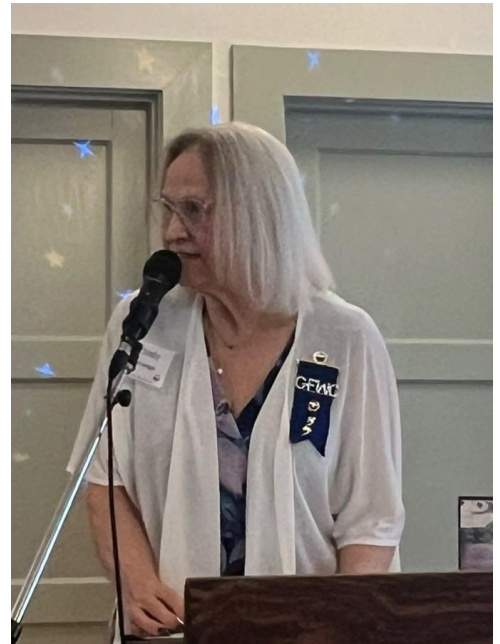
That must have been a good joke!

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Peninsula District

The 2024 GFWC WS Peninsula District Conference was held on Saturday, April 6. The Woman's Club of Olympia hosted the Conference. Reaching for the Stars was theme of the day. The Abigail Stewart House looked amazing. Thank you, ladies, for making my last conference as your President a memorable one. All your hard work was much appreciated.

Our guest speaker was Beth Perkins, who serves as the Regional Director of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Beth was unable to attend the conference due to a prior commitment. She sent a video presentation. St. Jude's was founded by Danny Thomas in 1950 in hopes of ending childhood cancer. Sixteen thousand children are diagnosed with various kinds of cancer each year. The treatments that are developed at this research hospital are shared throughout the world. There is no cost to families for treatment, housing, travel, or food. In addition to finding cures for the children, they are researching why the child got sick. St. Jude's is the largest health care facility in the United States and eighty percent of the cost is paid by donations.



Since its inception childhood cancer survival rates have gone from twenty percent to eighty percent. The research hospital and associated clinics are looking into sickle cell disease as well as researching patient's long-term follow-up care. The University of Washington Hospital is a partner of St. Jude's. GFWC-WS Peninsula District donated \$2,000.00 to St. Jude's. Many thanks to all those members who donated and made my project so successful.

We collected 163 pairs of socks, and a \$100 cash donation to purchase additional socks was made.

These socks were donated to The Little Red School House and will be distributed to local schools to give to children who do not have socks to wear to school.

The accomplishments of our nine clubs were celebrated. Every club reached for the stars. As District President, I am extremely proud of every club in our district.

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Peninsula District

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Awards were presented as follows:

Arts and Culture GFWC Tacoma Woman's Club
Civic Engagement and Outreach GFWC Avalon
Community Impact Program GFWC Chambers Bay
Communication and Public Relations The Woman's Club of Olympia
Education and Libraries The Woman's Club of Olympia
Environment GFWC Valley Volunteers
Fundraising The Woman's Club of Olympia
Health and Wellness The Woman's Club of Olympia
Leadership/LEADS GFWC Valley Volunteers
Legislation and Public Policy The Woman's Club of Olympia
Membership The Woman's Club of Olympia
Women's History The Woman's Club of Olympia

Special Program
Advocates for Children GFWC Valley Volunteers

Signature Program
Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
 GFWC Kitsap Peninsula

District Awards
Clubwoman of the Year Julie Thompson
New Clubwoman of the Year Barbara Pugliese
Betty York Award GFWC Tacoma
Tina George Award Sally Larson
Dorothy Crowder Award Nancy Burdick

Martha Curwen, Past GFWC-WS Peninsula District President (left in picture below) installed the officers using the theme "Bloom Where you are Planted"

Our 2024-2026 Officers are:

President – Rena Johnston
 President Elect–Sandra Groves
 Secretary – Lynn Cline
 Treasurer – Anna McKinney

It has been my pleasure to serve as your District President. Thank you all for your love and support during the past four years. I was successful because I had every one of you by my side. Thank you sincerely. Looking forward to collaborating with you in years to come.

Wishing you all a sunny, happy summer.

Cindy Bassage
 GFWC-WS Outgoing District President



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District New Clubwoman of the Year, Barbara Pugliese (left), stands outside Women's Club of Olympia clubhouse with District President Cindy Bassage. She chaired the event for their club and decorated the meeting room with Cindy's theme, "Reaching for the Stars".



Julie Thompson was named District Clubwoman of the Year. She wears many hats and serves on Fundraising Committee on District and State levels.

Greetings!

I want to thank Martha Curwen, who was the installing officer at our Peninsula District Conference. She did a wonderful job using my theme "Bloom Where You Are Planted".

I am looking forward to the next two years serving as your president. My Board of officers/ chairman is almost complete--I still need a chair for Arts and Culture. Please let me know if you are interested.

Upcoming dates for GFWC-WS Peninsula District are as follows:

Fall Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (location TBD)
69th Fall Conference 2024, GFWC Chambers Bay Women's Club
October 19, 2024 – Ruston Way
Spring Conference 2025, Avalon Woman's Club
Fall Conference 2025, Commencement Bay
Spring Conference 2026, Valley Volunteers

A more complete schedule will be listed in the District Handbook.

Rena Johnston
 GFWC-WS Peninsula District President



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Events & Special Days

June 15

Federation Forest Park Workday

June 29

Aug 1

GFWC Convention, Chicago
Registration DEADLINE—Summer
Planning/Fall Board/WSR Prep
GFWC-WS Seasonal Bash

Aug 1

Aug 17

WA Clubwoman Articles Due

GFWC-WS Summer Planning/Fall
Board/WSR Planning Meeting
GFWC-WS Summer Bash
Sumner VFW, 1705 Willow St.,
Sumner, WA 98390

Sept 5-8

WSR Embassy Suites by Hilton,
Seattle-Tacoma International Air
port, 15920 West Valley Highway,
Tukwila

Sept 28

National Day of Service-Food
Insecurity & Hunger

Deadlines for submitting articles and pictures for the Washington Clubwoman are:



Spring:

February 1

Summer:

May 1

Fall:

August 1

Winter:

November 1

Keep up to date with GFWC happenings ...
locally, nationally and around the state.

Our GFWC-WS website:

<https://www.gfwcws.org>

Our email for website submissions:

webmasters@gfwcws.org

Find... Forms! Manuals! District events!

Pictures! Club & State newsletters!

So many things to find!





GFWC-WS Seasonal Bash

(Summer Planning / Fall Board / WSR Prep)



Saturday August 17, 2024

9:30 am to 3:00 pm (or so...)

(Everyone is ~~welcome~~ **ENCOURAGED** to attend)



Location: Sumner VFW
1705 Willow St
Sumner, WA 98390

Friday August 16 – Budget & Finance Committee – if needed

Saturday August 17 – 9:30 a.m. – Social and Coffee Hour

*Feel free to bring something yummy to share! Kitchen available!

10:00 am	Welcome
10:15 am	Summer: CSP, Branding changes, Chairman, Babies
11:00 am	Fall: Budget Approval
11:30 am	Lunch: Pizza & Salad (GF options will be available)
Noon	WSR prep tasks – busy, busy, busy!

Cost - \$20 ... covers Registration \$5 and food and drinks \$15

Name _____

Club(s) / Position(s) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____



Send Cash or Checks payable to GFWC-WS, and completed form by August 7 to:

Jeanette Jester
4211 NE Franklin Street
Camas, WA 98607



If you want rooms for Friday and/or Saturday night – we have secured a block at the nearby **Holiday Inn Express Sumner**. These are DBL Queens and include a hot breakfast buffet. Cost is \$184 (discounted from \$236!) Book soon, the block will be released on July 19th. Yes, a little spendy but there are not many options close to Sumner. Call 253-299-0205 and ask for the General Federation of Woman's Clubs Block or use this link to book... [Book NOW](#)

Click the link, it will load the main homepage for the hotel, scroll to the bottom and enter the dates of stay: August 16th – 18th (anything outside of these dates will not work) then hit search, this should pull up rooms with the discounted rates.

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