



**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

GFWC Kitsap Peninsula Buzzings September 2023



President's Message

– September is here, and we have several large projects ahead of us. At our meeting

on the 21st, we will be filling the school packs. On October 7th we will be doing a food drive for Bremerton Backpack Brigade, and the October 21st we host the district conference. At our November meeting we will be filling the Christmas stockings. We will be needing your help at all these events. So be ready to put your running shoes on. If you have paid your dues (\$35), please get it to Laura. I

attended the Western States Region Conference in Oregon where I learned a lot and saw many friends from other states. See you soon,

Nancy Burdick

GFWC Kitsap Peninsula President



Next Meeting September 21st, 12:30 pm at Subway Restaurant on Kitsap Way.

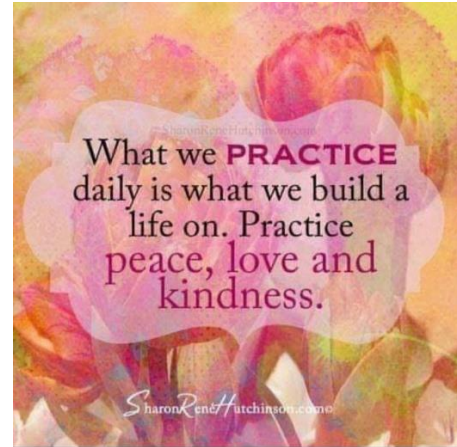
Dues are now due! \$35, Send to Laura.

Calendar

- Sep 4 Labor Day
- Sep 6 District Fall Board - Tacoma
- Sep 21st Club Meeting 12:30 - Subway**
- Sep 23 GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting- Olympia
- Sep 23 Happy Birthday Kathy
- Sep 28 Peninsula District Day of Service
- Oct 7th Food Drive -Grocery Outlet- Bremerton
- Oct 19 Club Meeting 12:30 Subway

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"It takes grace to remain kind in cruel situations."



Things to Bring to the Meeting

A friend and a Smile

School Supplies for Sept. Meeting

Cleaning Supplies for YWCA January Meeting

Used Towels for Humane Society

Plastic Bread Tags

Food for Food Banks

Items for Scarlet Road

Pop Tabs

Bingo Prizes for assisted living home.

Please note – You do not need to bring everything to every meeting. Don't go out and spend a lot of money. Many items can be purchased on sale, at garage sales or things you already have.



School Smile Packs for Children of the Nations. At

our September meeting we will fill bags with school supplies. Please bring the items that you signed up for to our September meeting. Here is the list of those that signed up:



Donna, Julie, Kathy, Sue, Nancy, and Julie each - 5 composition books

Sue – 5 rulers

Laura – 5 protractors, compasses and 5 safety scissors

Juanita – 5 pencil boxes and 15 glue sticks

Donna – 25 blue or black pens

Julie – 25 pencils

Tara – 5 pencil sharpeners and 5 pink erasers

Sally – one complete kit

Scarlet Road (safe place for girls to get off the streets). In need of stress balls, essential oils, stress relieving teas, inspirational stones, heat packs, colored pencils, gift cards (Fred Meyer, Walmart) snacks (organic applesauce, cheese sticks, nuts).

GFWC Kitsap Peninsula August Buzzings



Our club signed up for the National Day of Service to help end hunger on September 30th. I have planned for us to work with **the Bremerton Backpack Brigade on a food drive o October7th at Grocery Outlet in Bremerton**. The hours will be 9 - 3 and we will work shifts. I will have a signup sheet at the meeting.

Peninsula District is also doing a Day of Service Thursday, September 28, 9:00 am – 11:30 am and 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the Emergency Food Network. This project is in Tacoma.

District Conference- We are hosting GFWC Peninsula District Fall Conference, October 21st. We are responsible for set up, morning coffee, lunch, registration, raffle basket, decorations, program cover, and clean up. Several signed up at our last meeting, but we will still need lots of help. We will have a “Seahawks” basket and a “Fall” basket for the raffle basket. If you have some items that you would like to donate, please bring them to our September meeting. We have a knitted throw, candle, mug with teas, and a book for the Fall one.

Bingo Prizes- We are collecting bingo prizes for Canterbury Manor and Pinewood Manor. Small items for men or women are needed (jewelry, books, small games) at Canterbury. For Pinewood Manor, personal items that would be good are small household items, paper towels and breakfast or snack items.

Humane Society – We continue to collect old towels for the Humane Society. You can also make cage blankets, 18 X 27 inches. Does not need to be "new" fabric or towels. Just nothing stuffed for dogs.



Choose a Project- Each month a different member will select a project for us. Donna has chosen to help the Tracyton Library in September, Laura is planning to decorate a tabletop tree in October, and Tara wants to work with Backpack Brigade in November. More information will be coming on these projects and each one will need your support. Do you have a project for us?



GFWC Kitsap Peninsula is a member of **GFWC Peninsula District**. There are 9 clubs including GFWC Avalon, GFWC Capital, GFWC Chambers Bay, GFWC Commencement Bay, GFWC Women’s Club of Olympia, GFWC Peninsula Keystone, GFWC Women’s Club of Tacoma, GFWC Valley Volunteers, and GFWC Kitsap Peninsula. Peninsula District meets 4 times a year. Cindy Bassage is the current District President.

We are a member of **GFWC-Washington State**. There are 25 clubs in the state with over 300 members. We meet twice a year. Susan Tyler is the current state president.

We are a part of the **Western State Region** and there are 11 states in our region. The region meets once a year plus holds a meeting at the GFWC convention. Sandi Conrady is the current president.

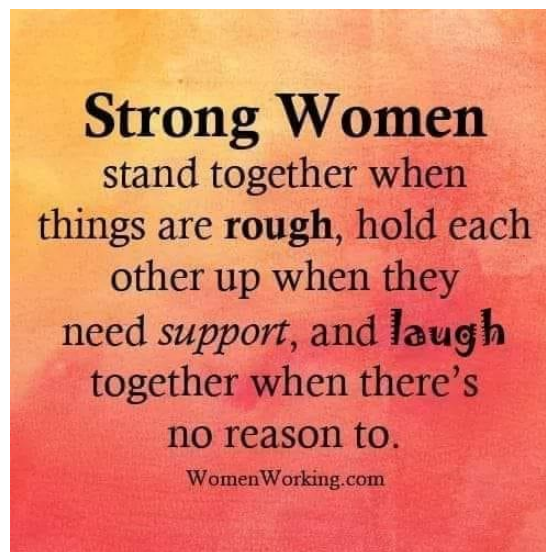
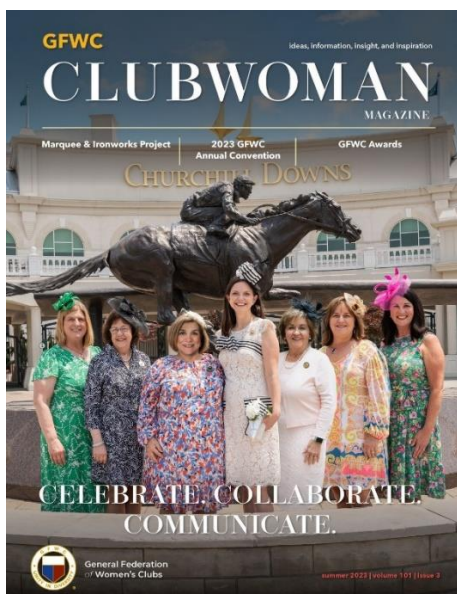
The **General Federation of Women’s Club**, which we belong to is an international organization with clubs in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico, Ukraine, Bahamas, Peru, Uganda, Taiwan, the Philippines, Aruba, Belize, Brazil, Cyrus, Curacao, Netherland Antilles, and Korea. GFWC meets once a year in June plus a board in August. Deb Strahanoski is the current International President.

Christmas Stockings – Members have cut and sewn 75 Christmas Stockings for the children at YWCA facilities. We will need items to fill the stockings at our November meeting.

Cleaning Supplies for YWCA – Here are some of the supplies the YWCA needs: Clorox disinfectant wipes, Lysol disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, laundry softener, fabric sheets, Clorox bleach, paper towels, toilet paper. Let's plan to **bring supplies to our January meeting.**



Plastic Bread Tags – GFWC Apple Blossom Club is collecting the tags for “Danielle Cares for Chairs.” You can help by saving these plastic bread tags to recycle. The money from recycling goes to wheelchairs for kids.



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Fund Raiser needed – We need to hold a fundraiser to make our budget. A garage sale has been suggested for a fundraiser. Do you have any other ideas? A fundraiser allows us to be able to donate money to various organizations. We need a chairman.



The GFWC Washington State Clubwoman is also available now on the state website, www.gfwcws.org