



The Washington Club Woman

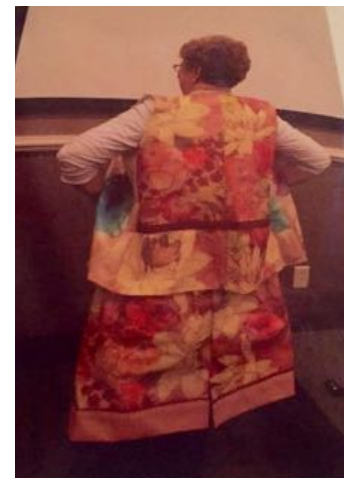
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S.H.O.E.S... Serving Has Opportunities Everyone Shares



GFWC Style Project Runway Conservation Challenge

Every State is invited to participate in
the Conservation Challenge
to be held at the 2018 GFWC Annual
Convention in St. Louis, Missouri -
June 23-26, 2018



The Challenge:

To create a complete outfit using reusable Tote Bags. NOT plastic grocery bags but the reusable 'fabric' bags that are sold at Home Goods, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Macy's, grocery stores, etc.

Time Limit:

You will have until the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention to create your state's entry. You should use bags that club members already own and have used; you should try not to purchase new ones just for this purpose.

Rules:

- (1) Your fashion entry must be a complete outfit; i.e. dress, top and skirt or top and pants, jumpsuit.
- (2) Either fabric reusable bags or plastic / tyvek reusable bags can be used; you CANNOT use plastic grocery bags.
- (3) Entry must be made of at least 80% tote bags; other fabric and some clothing may be used, but the entire outfit must be at least 80% tote bags.
- (4) Entry does NOT have to be sewn; any way you keep it together acceptable. But beware of possible wardrobe malfunction!
- (5) You must provide a volunteer model for your outfit.
- (6) Outfit can be accessorized; but use accessories wisely!
- (7) Entries should be STATE entries. ONE PER STATE. NO individual entries or club entries will be accepted. Participating states must register their intention to participate by April 1, 2018.



Design and build your club entries now and plan to bring them to our WS Spring Convention. We will vote and select one entry that will be submitted to GFWC in June. Additional information will be made available by Lynn Cline, Contest Chairman

Thoughts from the sole...



Dear Washington State Members:

As I sit here looking out my window, I see that the leaves on the trees are turning to their fall colors, and its starting to rain. To me this means fall is just around the corner. It also means Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon follow, making our Fall Board Meeting now a distance memory. I hope everyone enjoyed the theme "Christmas in Hawaii" and the activities that went along with it. I know I enjoyed planning it for you.

There are several dates of up-coming deadlines that clubs should be aware, I hope clubs will check these dates out. Our first deadline is **December 1**. Any clubs with bylaw changes they wish to submit, should send these changes to Martha Curwen, GFWC-WS Bylaw Chairman. If your club has a candidate for the LEADS Program, applications need to be mailed to Lois Swanstrom, GFWC-WS LEADS Chairman, by **December 15**. This is a great Leadership program sponsored by GFWC, so let's have several nominations. Clubs are encouraged to review GFWC-Washington State Resolutions. If you or your club has a concern about a Resolution and wish to have it reviewed by the members of the Resolution Committee, please send your inputs to Marilyn Nichols, GFWC-WS Resolution Chairman by **January 10**. Program reports are due to State Chairmen by **February 15**. I know all the state chairmen are looking forward to hearing from all clubs in the state. **March 1st** is the deadline for submitting an application for outstanding "Clubwoman of the Year" to Betty MacMaster, GFWC-WS President Elect. This is a great way to honor one of your members for her outstanding club and community service. **March 1** is also the due date for your Community Improvement Contest project, and needs to be sent to Nancy Burdick, GFWC-WS CIC Chairman. Last, Linda Butcher, GFWC-WS Scholarship Chairman will be watching her mailbox on **March 1**, for applications from clubs with scholarship candidates. Let's have several applications for our GFWC-WS Scholarship Committee to review. Remember, those applying must be attending a school in Washington.

GFWC President Sheila Shea has invited each state to participate in a Conservation challenge to be held at the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The challenge is to create an outfit out of reusable Tote Bags. (No plastic grocery bags) Members who attended Fall Board heard about this project. I would like to thank Lynn Cline who has volunteered to be our chairman for this challenge. She has been busy communicating with each club and is looking forward to seeing what your club has made. During our state convention we will have a fashion show were clubs can model their wearable outfit. From all those who participate, one will be chosen to represent Washington State at International Convention.

Mark and Save this important date on your 2018 Calendar, April 19 - 22, Olympia, Red Lion Hotel. Plan to be part of the 2018 GFWC-Washington State Convention "Walking the Bridge From The Past To The Future". Our special guest speaker will be Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Second Vice President. She will be with us the entire weekend and will be the installing officer on Saturday evening when our 2018-20 elected officers will be installed. Room rate for the week-end is \$119 plus tax per night and reservations may be made by calling 1-800-733-5466 and using the code GFWC0419. Come and be part of this special convention and show Deb the strong support we have for GFWC in Washington State.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!!

*Love, in Federation,
Tina Bair
GFWC-Washington State
President 2016-18*

President's Special Project

FISHER HOUSE

Fisher House Fall Board report **Nancy Jones, Chairman**

The Fisher House Program provides a "home away from home." You all know by now what Fisher House represents to families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical center across the country. These houses are built and furnished by the Fisher House Foundation. Once completed the keys are turned over to the local organization (whether military or civilian) to run the homes. Daily needs are met through volunteer support and donations to meet the needs of the families housed at Fisher House at no cost to the family. We can be a big part of that picture.



What can you do? Last year two clubs went together to provide a Super Bowl Party for the JBLM House. One club went back in the spring and provided a complete Easter Dinner for the residents. I know some of you don't have facilities close by but you can help too. Send a "party in a box" to one of the locations. Fall football party with snacks and football decorations. You might include a gift card to buy drinks for the party. Maybe a birthday party package for the children or family members staying at the house. Include cake mix, icing, party hats and party treats. Contact the house prior to sending any packages to see if they can use this type of package.

Stamps, books and magazine subscriptions for the house are an easy and useful gift. A variety of magazines would be wonderful for all families staying at the houses. With the Holidays just around the corner, contact one of the houses and see if they would like to receive stockings for the families staying through the Holidays. Fill them with candy, gum, socks, travel size toiletries, beef jerky, small digital games for the guys. Ladies would like candy and gum plus, winter gloves, socks, scented soaps, lotions, and just about anything that would peak your fancy.

Just a few ideas on ways you can help even if you don't live close by a Fisher House. You can check the house's wish list monthly via their websites. Their three most wanted items are always individual snack packs, i.e. Teddy Grahams, chips, trail mix, etc. Also, individual creamers (shelf stable), coffee, and tea packets.

Whether it is cash or in-kind donations, Fisher House can always use your help. Consider reaching out this fall and help to make a family's stay a memorable experience as they support their active military or veteran patient in a local medical facility.

Community Service Programs...CSP's



Conservation

Valerie Huey
Chairman

The following are the TOP 10 projects chosen to be submitted as part of the GFWC-WS Conservation report last spring. They are in no particular order as to rank or priority and were chosen based on membership participation, hours and dollars spent AND represent the wide variety of activities in which our clubwomen are involved.

Kudos to GFWC Nisqually Woman's Club whose project on the recycling of plastic lids for a school art project was chosen as one of the Top 10 projects in GFWC Conservation!

Top 10 Projects - 2016 Reporting

1. **GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia** prevented 3 garbage bags filled with yarn from being deposited in a landfill. The members crocheted and knitted 63 dog blankets which were then given to the local humane society for bedding.
2. **GFWC Amalak** took pride in their city by adopting Toteff Park. After a devastating flood in 2015, club members spent 8 months (300 hours) trimming bushes and trees, replacing bark chips, planting new flower borders, repainting the walking bridge, gazebo and picnic tables.
3. **GFWC Kitsap Peninsula** club women volunteer their time at Chico Salmon Park. Members assisted in removing invasive plant species, grooming trails, installing split rail safety fencing. Members take great pride in supplying refreshments for park volunteers including coffee, tea, hot chocolate and lemonade as well by baking and providing over 63 dozen cookies!
4. **GFWC Chambers Bay** members took part in bird counting at JBLM (Joint Base Lewis McCord) in Tacoma, WA where they counted Vaux's Swifts which are declining in numbers and migrate through the area twice a year.
5. **GFWC Battle Ground** members donated over 155 lbs. of excess garden produce to their local food bank.
6. **GFWC Capital** focused on GFWC Washington State's Federation Forest. They donated \$500 toward new signage, participated in rededication ceremonies and helped with park clean-up over the summer months.
7. **GFWC Nisqually Women's Club** began collecting bottle caps of all kinds and sizes for a school art mural program in Lake Tahoe, CA. The school's mascot is a bear.
8. **GFWC Springdale** members assisted in a cleanup of a local cemetery prior to Memorial Day. They also provided snacks and water for volunteers.
9. **GFWC Cathlamet** members have adopted a 2 mile section of Washington highway SR4 where they pick up litter twice a year.

10. **GFWC Moses Lake Woman's Club** continues to support its local schools by supplying 27 subscriptions of the conservation education magazine "*Kind News*" (9 Primary, 9 Junior, 9 Senior) at a cost of \$648.00.



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International

Outreach

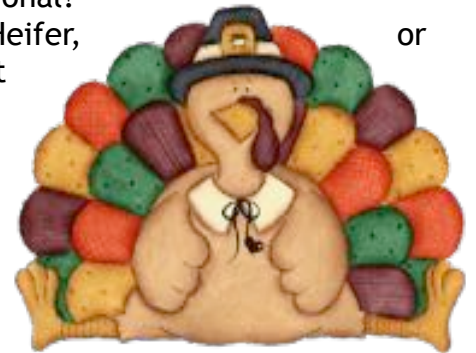
Bonnie Rail
Chairman

Let me preface by extending a warm thank you to all my GFWC sisters in Federation for the condolences, thoughts and prayers sent my way in the recent death of my husband. Your cards, phone calls and e-mails have been most comforting. Have plenty to work through and take care of, as many of you know. See you at spring conference! XO Bonnie Rail

This past year as International Outreach Chairman, I have been kept up to date on issues brought to the attention of all state chairmen by GFWC International Outreach Chairman, Janet Trombetti. I have tried to pass this on to our WA state members through e-mails and newsletters.

A Call to Action sent on behalf of UNICEF USA concerns the End Trafficking initiative. Some of the things WE can do to take action is donate to support the continuations, learn how to spot the signs, make your meeting free trade, and ADVOCATE!

Fall is a great time to get active with Heifer International! It's not too early to plan your holiday shopping with Heifer, create a bigger impact by hosting a Living Gift Market in your community. Living Gift Markets are charity events that can last a few hours or several days. Either way, shoppers buy gifts that eliminate hunger and poverty around the world. You can find planning ideas, instructions and resources on their website: www.heifer.org under the Get Involved tab. Great partners can help bring an end to hunger and poverty.



or



Home Life

Dorothy Crowder
Chairman

Clubs throughout the state tackled many, many different projects, so I'll just give you a few ideas at random. Clubs are knitting hats for new bourns to be used during "Purple Period of Crying", others are participating in various sewing projects. Other clubs are joining in with other organizations to provide assistance to young mothers needing support and guidance with parenting and with job skills. Another wonderful project is making blankets for Pediatric Intensive Care Centers which are used mainly to swaddle babies suffering drug withdrawal.

Another idea is visiting senior care centers. Take small treats, magazines and books where appropriate. Or how about tray favors for holidays?

Food banks are always in need of assistance, whether it's clubs donating food or actually growing food and harvesting it for them. Some food banks hand out birthday bags for children. This may be the only birthday festivity they have.

Pass me a Drum Stick!



These are just a few ideas, but there are plenty of others which you may already be doing. We'll hear about all your projects at report time. I can't wait to read them!

Community Service Programs...CSP's



Advocates for Children

Paulette Stinson
Chairman

"Thank you for your gift of toys, gift cards, school supplies, games and other items for our patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We appreciate your hard work and support. One of the biggest comforts and blessings our families say they have when they come to St Jude is the knowledge that countless people across America truly care for them. Whether providing funds for treatment and research, praying for the children or sending thoughtful gifts, our donors and their contributions are sincerely appreciated and valued."

These words came in a letter from Jacqueline Harris, Director- EEC Services; St Jude's; dated May 17, 2017. Our collected donations from the 2017 GFWC Washington State Convention weighed in at sixty-five pounds and (conservatively) valued over \$1,015.00!! Great job Washington State Clubwomen!

September is known as National Childhood Awareness Month. Our GFWC Partner St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has helped to increase the childhood cancer survival rate from 20 to 80% since its' founding in 1962. The majority of funding nationally is directed at researching adult cancers but a child's cancer cannot be treated the same as an adult's. Fortunately, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital has made a vow "not to stop until no child dies from cancer." For more information, I suggest that you visit St. Jude's website: www.stjude.org

A little closer to home, we have the Pediatric Interim Care Center, The Newborn Nursery (PICC), in Kent. This is a one-of-a-kind model program providing specialized, 24 hour care for drug-exposed and medically fragile newborns from all over the State of Washington. Their website is: <http://www.picc.net>

Lastly some dates to remember: Sunday October 22-Saturday, October 28, 2017
GFWC Advocates for Children Week
November 17, 2017: "Light the World Purple" World Prematurity Day
Spring 2018: March for Babies - March of Dimes. To find your local March of Dimes office address visit: www.marchofdimes.org/contacts

These are just a few ideas how GFWC Washington State Clubwomen can participate in and report on in the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children.

Advancement Areas

Resolutions

Marilyn Nichols
Chairman

Watch for new resolutions which our committee will be presenting at Spring Convention. We urge clubs and districts to send in suggested resolutions they have considered and voted on.

We learned at WSR in Helena that GFWC will be more active contacting state legislators and/or national members of Congress and voicing our opinions on matters covered by our resolutions and urging the passage of new laws or fortifying those already passed.

Please learn who your Representatives are and be ready to contact them as we advocate in the name of GFWC.

Community Service Programs...CSP's



Education

Sally Gill
Chairman

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
Nelson Mandella**

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. A village is everyone, not just family and educators. In our current economy and the economy of the past 50 years, Education costs more than local, state or national budget can supply. Schools have had to resort to fundraising campaigns to get the needed supplies. They have had to rob Peter to pay Paul. As Women of GFWC clubs, we can help. I know many of the clubs contribute and fund scholarships, give school supplies but I challenge you to "get your hands dirty" and volunteer by listening to a kindergartener or first grader read at the local school. Help the teachers with tasks they have to come in on their weekends to accomplish (zeroxing, grading papers, cutting out, using a die cut, etc). To help a child learn the alphabet with teacher supplies of flash card. Read to the children. In one of our local school district, one organization comes in once a week to read to all the kindergarten classes and give out one book to a boy and one to a girl in each class. The possibilities are endless. And as a side note, check with your local district and property tax office, there is a program that you can get your taxes reduced for volunteering in the schools.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

Many of the clubs save Box Tops for Education that come on many products. Please take the time to check to make sure that they have not expired and to trim the Box Tops to the dashed lines so someone at the school doesn't have to.

All clubs have come up with awesome ways to help. I encourage you to do more!

Community Improvement Program

As you prepare your reports in January, remember this is the time you can enter the Community Improvement Program Award.

This is a two year contest with very specific rules. You can find these rules and a fillable entry form on the GFWC website. The project is to be accomplished between **January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017**. Your report needs to be mailed to me postmarked no later than **March 1, 2018**.

CIP

Nancy Burdick
Chairman

It can be an **art** project, a **conservation** project, an **education** project, a **home life** project, or a **Public Issues** project. What is the biggest and most important project you did in the last 2 years?

On the **state level** there will be \$50, \$35, and \$25 awarded to three winning clubs. But wait, if your club is the first place winner, your entry will be sent to GFWC Community Improvement Program Award Chairman for further judging.

The top 5 GFWC winners will receive \$5,000, \$3,500, \$2,500, \$1,500 or \$500 and one member from each of the winning clubs will receive round trip transportation to attend the 2018 GFWC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri and one night's lodging and a ticket to attend the award ceremony. I look forward to reading your reports next year.

Advancement Areas

The following is taken from the workshop I presented at Fall Board:
“Leadership is ACTION, NOT position” No one can declare you a leader...you have to earn it.

Leadership

Kathie Jorgensen
Chairman

When I judged your leadership award entries last spring I found that some clubs have found it easiest to report their leadership hours by listing what district and state meetings were attended by members, how many hours were spent attending, etc., etc. After having to try to come up with 10 projects/programs to report to GFWC on how our state develops Leaders - I have a few suggestions I hope you will consider in February when you write your next Leadership report.

Please consider:

1. How do you prepare your incoming leaders so they feel good about accepting an office or chairmanship? Do you let the next chairman or officer BE who they are and let that develop? We don't all lead the same. I liked this quote, “Remember that you are passing the baton...NOT unloading all the crap.”
2. Are you careful NOT to say, “When I was President or chairman...” We need to be there, but we need to let others lead.
3. We talk a lot about LEADS, the Leadership Education and Development Seminar. Remember it is intended to identify GFWC members at the grass-roots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC, but do you continue to encourage members to apply? I hope so.
4. I hope your club has some kind of an orientation each year. Not just if and when you get new members. It doesn't hurt to be reminded about GF and what it offers.
5. Do your leaders pass along information to the incoming leaders? Like having a handbook with job descriptions, a club calendar, deadlines, GF information, the club budget, club member contact information, by-laws and resolutions? Getting less experienced members to take on leadership roles will be lots easier if you do. Personal insights are also nice.
6. Do you celebrate your club and your members? Do you invite state and district officers... how about past members? Do you know your club history? Newer members could really benefit. Do you keep an ongoing record?
7. Do you take time either at a retreat or summer planning meeting to get everyone on the same page and to do some real planning where everyone has a say in what is planned?
8. Finances seem to be an issue with all clubs, but does your club see the value in budgeting for officers and members to attend district and state meetings?
9. So, I still want you to report the hours and many leadership events you all attend, but the more narrative about how you develop Leaders the better.

As the State Leadership Chairman I look for what I can transfer into the “top 10” list I need to send to my GFWC counterpart, so when you are writing your entry think about the who, what, when, and where your club is in developing and promoting Leadership.

“A good leader makes people feel better than they are!”

Just because you are a leader does not mean it has to be all work and no play. Yes, you need to have all the qualities that are expected of you, but a bit of humor goes a long way.

John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

LEADS

Now is the time!! **Applications are due December 15th!** We would be THRILLED to have several qualified candidates to choose from! We hope you have been thinking and talking in your local clubs about clubwoman who would be interested in applying.

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC and beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually on the day prior to the official opening day of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.

Application and Selection Process

Each state federation selects one LEADS attendee annually. Complete requirements are listed on our website.

Application:

<http://www.gfwc.org/images/gfwc/LEADS%20Application%20Form%202014%20INT.pdf>

Applicant should provide information that directly illustrates how she meets the selection criteria. Two letters of recommendation and/or support from GFWC members must be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Lois Swanstrom – Phone: 360-673-2281 or email:

lswanstrom@kalama.com



GIVE
THANKS

District Conferences

Columbia District

GFWC-Columbia District held their Fall Conference on October 21, 2017 at the First Methodist Church in Kalama, WA. There were 37 ladies in attendance. Hostess club was GFWC-Amalak who provided a Baked Potato Bar with all the trimmings for lunch.

The morning speaker was Elizabeth Bricknell from Noonday Jewelry Collections. The jewelry and other items are made by ladies who have been involved in human trafficking and prostitution. The afternoon speaker was Jim Perkins from the AARP Fraud Watch who spoke about internet, phone, and mail scams.

The Farmer's Market was full of items to purchase including vegetables, plants, homemade items, and some home decor items. Columbia District netted \$191.25 from the sales. Also, donated was \$100.00 towards the purchase of a red wagon for St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN. The red wagons are used to transport the kids around the hospital. The 2017/2018 Proposed Budget was passed with corrections.

Betty MacMaster, GFWC-WS President-Elect and Linda Butcher, Scholarship Chairman were the invited guests.

It was a busy, rainy, long day but we all had a good time.



King County District

At the GFWC-King County District Fall Board the GFWC-WS LEADS team presented a Leadership Challenge Workshop. Topics included: The Challenge of Leadership, The Big Picture, Making Meetings Meaningful, Leadership in a New Era, Productive Projects and Reporting Them, Creating a Viable Organization, and Spreading the Word.



Above: Jeanette Jester, Tina Bair, Carlene Garner, and Nancy Jones presented the LEADS workshop.

Left: Cindy Jorgensen, King County District President and attends pose in front of the Kirkland Woman's Clubhouse.

See our website for additional District Fall Conferences!
http://www.orgsites.com/wa/gfwcwashington/_pgg5.php3

Clubs of our State

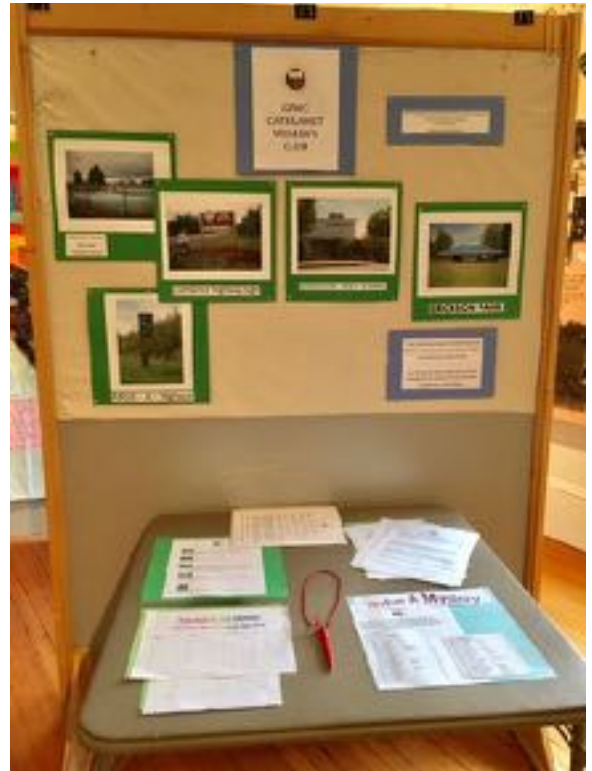
GFWC-CATHLAMET

The GFWC-Cathlamet Woman's Club displayed information in a public exhibit titled "Wonderful Women of Wahkiakum" held at the historic Redman Hall in Skamokawa, Washington, during the month of June.

Photos featured important projects promoted during the Club's lifetime. Dedicated members worked diligently for many years to secure funding for a community swimming pool. Likewise, they were a force behind the improvement of a city park and a WELCOME sign on the highway.

Currently, members pick up trash along the highway as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program, fund swimming lesson scholarships for children, care for a rose garden at an historical home, and send High School youth to a leadership conference.

The Club's exhibit joined those from a Grange women's group, a hospital auxiliary, and a quilting group to celebrate all women for the contributions to community.



GFWC-BATTLE GROUND

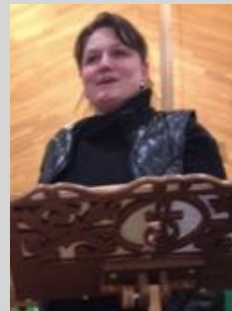
Six bus-stuffers

When asked by the Battle Ground Education Foundation president for assistance to "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies for students in need, six members answered the call. They were responsible for a 2-hour shift, manning two of Walmart's entrances. Lists of needed items were given to customers, many of whom added bags of needed school supplies according to the list. Volunteers were Valerie Huey, Bonnie Rippengale, Mary Lee Miller, Johanna Hyatt, Joyce Lewis and Louise Tucker. Look closely and you will see that each member is wearing a GFWC logo.



Club votes to donate \$500 toward a program for students

After hearing of the need for a second year of a successful program called Challenge Day at Battle Ground High School from guest speaker Julie Main, the club voted to dedicate \$500 toward the expense of hiring the nationally known team. The two-day program will involve 200 kids who have various issues, including thoughts of suicide. BGHS has an unfavorable history of suicide.



Julie Main addresses student issues at the Nov. 9 club meeting

Clubs of our State

GFWC-BATTLE GROUND

Ladybug Bazaar

The 51st Ladybug Bazaar, created and managed by GFWC-Battle Ground, was bigger than ever if judged by the long line of customers waiting for the doors to open and the number of hotdogs and baked potatoes sold! Extensive advertising, organizational skills of club's volunteers and a helpful attitude toward vendors were in the formula for success.



The bazaar's venue is the high school's gym complex. The floors of two gyms and a mezzanine are marked off into 186 spaces which are rented to vendors for the day. All areas are set up by the 9 a.m. opening and cleared out an hour after closing at 4 p.m.



RuthAnne Lance, contracts chairman renews a vendor's spot for next year's bazaar.



Newest member, Margaret Cunningham, brings out another tray of pastries for the concession, a major part of the club's fundraiser.



The bazaar offers plenty of opportunity to tout the advantages of GFWC membership.

Clubs of our State

GFWC-CAMAS-WASHOUGAL

Members of GFWC Camas-Washougal prepared items for Holly House in Stevenson, Washington, a safe shelter for abused women and their children. Holly House has been a project of the women's club for twelve years.

The group donated a total of 12 plastic tubs of household items for four women ready to leave the Holly House and live on their own. The "Move Out" kits included a set of dishes, silverware and cooking pans. Also included were double bed and single bed sheets, blankets, bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths. A quilt made by the Zion Lutheran quilters was included for each kit. Home cleaning supplies were part of the kits as well. Small electric appliances such as blenders and crock pots were also included. The kits (three full totes) will provide four women and their children the essentials to start housekeeping without an outlay of money.

To assist with this project the Washougal Odd Fellows Lodge #194 presented the women's club a check for \$300 to assist with the purchase of items for the "move out kits." The women's club members donated the rest of the items by purchasing items with club treasury funds and members personally donating items.

In addition to the items donated to those leaving the shelter, 12 welcome kits were delivered to Holly House for new clients. Toothpaste, toothbrush, combs, brushes, bath gel, shampoo, conditioner and some makeup were packed for women entering the safe shelter. The women often arrive without anything but the clothes on their backs so these kits give them some hygiene items they can call their own.

The club also prepared 30 Halloween trick or treat bags for the children who live at Holly House with their mothers. The bags were filled with pencils, colors, coloring books, reading books and a small toy.

The GFWC club is part of an international group of women volunteers whose signature project is domestic violence awareness and prevention.



Dues Due!

Pinkie says:

Only a few clubs left to go!
Thank you to all members
and clubs who have
renewed and/or joined for
the next year!

We appreciate you!



Betty says:

Still room for
volunteers!

Contact me if
you're interested

macmaster@harbornet.com
or phone (253-952-6580)



Clubs of our State

GFWC-CAPITAL WOMAN'S CLUB

CWC's Present, future and past activities:

- * GFWC awarded us the \$50 Fall Membership Grant to use at our club's Membership Tea Drive, held on September 16. We signed one new member and possibly two more;
- * We held an October Plush Pippin Pie Fundraiser and sold 51 pies, with 17 pies more to sell. Pies are popular...planning another pie run in Spring 2018;
- * CWC provided two full dinners for Fisher House in September and October. We have selected a day during the month that we can deliver a full meal,
- * Fisher House has a current "wish list" for items we can donate. They have several holiday activities clubs can participate in, such as Thanksgiving meals or Christmas decorating, or providing children's gifts and meals;
- * We are waiting for a list from Salvation Army to adopt a family for Christmas, we do this yearly;
- * We will be doing a club fundraiser December 16 and 17 at Barnes and Nobles wrapping gifts, we accept donations.



CWC members delivering a full meal to Fisher House



Photos from our CWC Tea and Membership Drive event held at Dorothy and Nardine's shop.



Nardine shared "I had the honor of welcoming my 'adopted' grandson, Sgt Keith McKune, home from his Afghanistan deployment with 160 other soldiers."



See our website for additional Club Activities!

http://www.orgsites.com/wa/gfwcwashington/_pgg9.php3

Our Federation Forest

Many of you may wonder about how the park fared with all the wildfires nearby during the late summer. The park was safe. They had two fires threatening them--the Norris Peak fire was 7 miles from the park and the Sawmill fire was 10 miles away. Park staff installed 24 sprinkler sets, dug a fire line around the interpretive center, shop compound and the residence and removed standing dead trees. Federation Forest was underneath the Level 1 Evacuation status, which means be packed and ready to go, but never had to leave.

The interpretive center was staffed 4 days a week Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday this summer it was a big hit with the public. A security system has been installed inside and out. Krystal Miller's Ranger 1 position is now full time, 12-month position.

Ranger Ernster has accepted a promotion to be the Area Manager of one of WSPRC's King County park areas (including Lake Sammamish, Saint Edward, Wallace Falls and several others) and will be Area Manager for parks. **There will be a ranger living at Federation Forest after John and his family move to the Auburn area so it will not be left unattended during the transition of rangers.**

Tina and I have discussed honoring Ranger Ernster at State Convention.

February 28, 2018, marks the 90-year mark for the partnership of GFWC-WS and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. It was on February 28, 1928, that we signed the deed gifting the land for the first park to Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. To celebrate this very significant anniversary, your Federation Forest Committee created pins, utilizing the tree design from the first "Save a Tree" pin. They are available for \$10 from Char Lysne, Lynn Cline, Susan Tyler and Pinkie Eggleston. Thank you to Cindy Bassage and Nina Morse who also assisted by selling pins.

Please note: Due to a change in her schedule, Susan Tyler, who becomes the Federation Forest Committee Chairman in April, will be rescheduling our Annual Work Day at the Park and will let us know the new date as soon as possible. In the past few years WSPRC has committed significant resources to improve Federation Forest, particularly the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center (CMIC). The following is a recap of the improvements at the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center as compiled by Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Interpretive Specialist Sam Wotipka:

In 2015, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC) began working with the Washington State Chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC-WS) and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to renovate the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center (CMIC) at Federation Forest State Park. At the time, the CMIC had never been substantially updated since it was constructed in 1966 using funds from the estate of GFWC member Catherine Montgomery.



Our Federation Forest continued

Over the past two and a half years, the WSPRC has invested approximately \$100,000 towards critical structural preservation of the building, including roof repairs, beam replacement, installation of a new floor and ceiling, and lighting upgrades. Simultaneously, we worked with the GFWC and the Muckleshoot to develop a new vision for the facility. A primary goal was to tell a more site-specific story that included the GFWC's efforts to preserve the park as well as the Muckleshoot Tribe's traditional uses of the old-growth forest. Using \$10,000 from the GFWC (which was matched by the WSPRC), basic interim exhibits telling this new story were developed and opened to the public in summer 2016.

In fall 2016, we began a planning and design process for full-scale renovation and modernization of the CMIC. The aim of this project was to develop a vision and cost for taking the interim exhibits and converting them into a wholly new experience—one that would meet federal standards for accessible design and that would make the story relevant to modern audiences through the use of 3-dimensional, interactive and multimedia exhibits. This work was funded by proceeds from sales of the Washington State Parks specialty license plate and incorporated input from the GFWC and the Muckleshoot Tribe. The plan that was developed includes about \$500,000 in new exhibits and other facility upgrades split into multiple phases.

In spring 2017, the WSPRC used \$100,000 in one-time funding for preventative maintenance to implement the first of five phases identified in the plan. The project was focused on the entryway and lobby of the CMIC. A new fully-accessible reception desk, life-sized wall mural and a 3D relief map of Mt. Rainier were added as well as the first segment of a section of the exhibit hall focused on the "Save a Tree" story of how the GFWC worked to preserve the park.

During the current state funding cycle, the WSPRC does not have any substantial funding allocated for continuation of the exhibit work at the CMIC. However, we are continuing to work both internally and externally to identify opportunities to fund the work that remains to be done.

I encourage all of us to continue to support and enjoy this beautiful natural resource.

Char Lysne, Chairman
Susan Tyler, Member
Lynn Cline, Member



Winter is here,
spread some GFWC cheer,
**"It's the Real Deal,
Game of Hearts!"**

Three new members would be a big deal for
the Winter membership recruitment drive.



Ho Ho Ho



Look What's
New
on the
GFWC-WS
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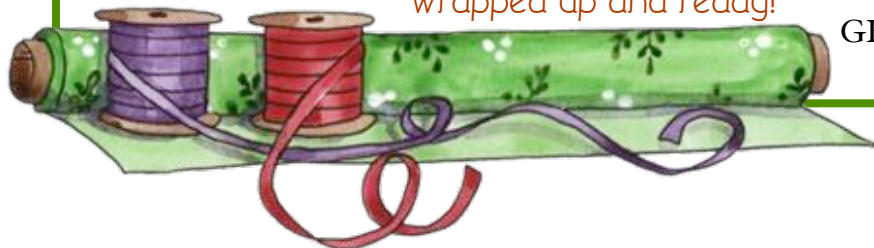
*Here is what
you'll find!*

Newly created and posted on the GFWC-WS website is an Annual Report Writing section. It is located on the Manual/Forms page. Just go to the GFWC-WS website at www.orgsites.com/wa/gfvcwashington/index.html and click on Manual/Forms, which is located in the far upper left margin of the Home page.

Our goal is to help all WS members easily find this important report writing information. You can go to that page and click on the forms/information/applications you need to view or download, knowing that it is the latest, updated version. Time is saved by not having to hunt and peck through manuals. We have posted the most commonly used selections. If additional report writing selections need to be added, just email us at news4gfvcws@earthlink.net Happy Holidays and happy report writing!

Wrapped up and ready!

Team Loseth
GFWC-WS Webmasters





Our state was very beautifully represented at Western States Region in Helena, MT in September by several ladies: Carlene Garner, Nancy Burdick, Bonnie Walden, Betty MacMaster, Jeanette Jester, Kathie Jorgensen, Tina Bair, Cheryl Holman, and Martha Curwen

Your elected officers wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. Let's all rejoice in this beautiful time of the year and find peace, love and harmony.

*Happy Holidays,
2016-2018 GFWC-WS
Elected Officers*





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Events and Special Days

February 1st

December 1st

December 15th

December 20th

ClubWoman submissions due

Revisions to ByLaws

LEADS applications due

Winter Solstice

January 10th

Resolutions

February 15th

Reports due to State Chairmen

March 1st

CIC submissions due

March 1st

Scholarship nominations due

March 1st

Clubwoman of the Year due

March-April

Spring District

Conferences

March 2

First Day of Spring

April 19-22

Spring Convention &

Installation

Red Lion, Olympia WA



General Federation of Women's Club

Commonly Used Parliamentary Motions

- M indicates majority vote necessary
 NO indicates no vote taken. Chair grants
 2/3 indicates two-thirds vote necessary

Privileged Motions

only when other motions are pending
 The first three motions are privileged

Most Common Incidental Motions

No order of precedence; can interrupt pending motion.

Subsidiary Motions

Each may be made while motions *below it* are pending.

M	FIX THE TIME TO WHICH TO ADJOURN									
M	ADJOURN									
NO	TAKE A RECESS									
NO	QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE									
M	CALL FOR ORDERS OF THE DAY									
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M	LAY ON TABLE									
2/3	PREVIOUS QUESTION									
2/3	LIMITED OR EXTEND DEBATE									
M	POSTPONE TO CERTAIN TIME									
M	REFER TO COMMITTEE									
M	AMEND THE AMENDMENT									
M	AMEND									
M	POSTPONE INDEFINITELY									
M	MAIN MOTION									

PRIVILEGED, SUBSIDIARY, AND MAIN MOTIONS

Privileged Motions relate to the rights or privileges of the organization or its individual members, rather than to particular items of business. They are of such urgency that they are entitled to immediate consideration.

Subsidiary Motions may be applied to another motion for the purpose of modifying it, delaying action on it, handling its consideration, or disposing of it.

Main Motions are the basis of all parliamentary procedure and bring business before the assembly for consideration and action. They may be introduced only when no other business is pending.

The chart below lists privileged and subsidiary motions in order of precedence (or ranking order), assuming that a main motion is pending. Several of these motions may also be made when no business is pending, in which case they are main motions.

Name of Motion	Privileged (generally)	May interrupt when another is speaking	Requires a second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required for adoption	May be reconsidered
Fix the Time in Which to Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Chair handles	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Chair handles	No
Lay on the Table	No	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	Neg. Only
Previous Question	No	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a Certain Time (Postpone Definitely)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Commit (Refer to Committee)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	No	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	All. Only
Main Motion	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes