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FOOT NOTES

With the conclusion of the Fall District Tour it is now time to think about what lies ahead not only for this administration but for GFWC Pennsylvania. The transition from this administration to the next administration has already begun. President Elect Sandy Hauenstein is busy preparing for May when she is installed as your next President. She is filling her board and planning her projects, conventions and summer conferences. I am confident that she will do a great job leading Pennsylvania.

Our headquarters is in a transition state as well. The Executive Committee is hard at work assessing the duties done at headquarters. For now, the officers are handling all the duties at headquarters with help from the local clubs. When decisions are made you will be informed via email. The phone and email are still being answered at headquarters.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Pennsylvania Jenny Award Nominee is Donna Napoleon, nominated by the GFWC Woman's Club of Baden. The Jenny award is named in honor of GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croley, who wrote for newspapers under the name "Jennie June". This award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize their spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose, through their roles as volunteers within their clubs and elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. This is the only GFWC award that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. Congratulations Donna. Donna's name will now be submitted to the Middle Atlantic Region where two names will be selected for the GFWC judging.

Thank you for all your support for the GFWC Pennsylvania Life Savers Initiatives. Our goals are sure to be reached by May. YOU ARE OUTSTANDING! I can't wait to read all the great reports in February.

Its time to start planning for your celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment on August 26. You will be hearing more about this as we get closer to the date. Several clubs are already hard at work planning.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Living the Volunteer Spirit,

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DISTRICT NEWS



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

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The members of the Northeastern District have been very busy Helping Other People in their communities and have been Stepping UP and Volunteering with their many programs and projects.

At the recent Fall District Meeting members collected: 148 gloves, hats, and scarves in support of GFWC's Domestic Violence and Prevention project; \$82 for a wagon for St. Jude's for the Junior's Special Project; and \$34 for Pennies for the Arts.

The 10 Northeastern Clubs that attended the Fall Meeting reported how busy they have been supporting: Membership recruitment (by adding to their membership), Breast Cancer Awareness, Veterans, Women's Shelters, and Food Banks; and awarding scholarships to local seniors. They held many fundraisers, such as: bake sales; selling roast beef sandwiches and strawberry short cakes; and holding bingos and wine festivals. They have collected: bras for Free the Girls project; Halloween costumes for a costume drive; money for Wagons for St. Jude; items for Operation Warm Up; and backpack items for school students.

The hard working "bunnies" in the Northeastern District continue to show their care for their communities, their clubs and for GFWC PA in supporting all the projects and programs the Federation has undertaken during this administration.



NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

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The seven clubs of Northwestern District have all been busy since starting back to meetings in September.

GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club reported a successful 5K run/walk and a 10K run in July. They will be collecting items for the birthday bag project; held a Chinese auction at the October meeting; and will participate in a Home for the Holidays craft and flea market in November. The GFWC Meadville Woman's Club reported a successful Magic Show in October. The Presque Isle Woman's Club will be holding a Birthday Table Party in November as a fund raiser. The GFWC the Woman's Club of Erie, Inc. has been busy repairing their Club House from water damage last year, and planning their annual Christmas open house in November.

Our members all reported collecting hats, scarves, and mittens for children that will be given out between now and December. **We are small but mighty!**



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All 11 clubs of Southwestern District attended the District Meeting. Hollie Stevenson was elected District Director for the next administration. Hollie was the Pennsylvania Representative to the GFWC International Leads Seminar.

The Southwestern District is Living the Volunteer Spirit in many ways. Clubs are helping at Bingo Games for Veterans, baking cookies for parties for them, and donating gift cards and personal items for Female Veterans. Golden Agers have been served lunch; books donated to libraries; food donated to food banks and student weekend meals; items are being collected for Operation Warm-up; showers are being held for a transition home for abused women and for a home for homeless women veterans and their children; hats and gloves have been collected for women shelters and hats knitted for cancer patients.

Other projects taking place include: completing the Five Life Savers Initiatives, a 19th Amendment Party, Trick or Treat for UNICEF, supporting Canine Companions, collecting shoes for Souls 4 Soles, buying wagons for the St. Jude Hospital, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

A variety of fundraising activities are planned. There will be pork chops and spaghetti dinners; card and game parties; fashion show; a casino trip; bake goods and chili sales; an antique show, and A Night with no Bad Ju Ju. Clubs have recruited new members with Wine and Paint Nights, an "At the Pumpkin Patch Night, and new members socials. And, in December, Saxonburg District Woman's Club will celebrate their 80th Federation Anniversary. **Thank you to the Southwestern District whose members have Set Sail to Explore the Possibilities.**

DISTRICT NEWS



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The Southeastern District Fall Meeting was held on October 18. Nearly 50 people were on hand to review past accomplishments and discuss plans for the future. Both the State President and 1st Vice-President attended. Each presented a speech relevant to the current status of the GFWC PA. The President was given a little red wagon containing a \$100 contribution for the St. Jude's project. In addition to this donation, \$50 was also collected for the project during the meal. The First Vice President distributed a survey sheet that would allow her to better prepare for the next administration. Two other State Board members also spoke. The Membership Chairman encouraged recruitment and retention of club women. The Fundraising Chairman promoted the few remaining items still available for this administration.

One of the highlights of the morning session was a presentation by the 2019 HOBY Candidate from Perkiomen Valley. Her speech was interesting and informative and gave clubwomen new insights into this outstanding program. The District Director talked about the past 124 - year history of President's Projects for the GFWC Pennsylvania. She included the top 10 fundraisers as well as several other interesting projects. Highlights were a Care Project to build schools in Central and South America and the reforestation of areas in North Central Pennsylvania with 100,000 new trees. She also applauded early clubwomen for their \$6,000,000 contribution to the war effort from 1941-1944. During the very early years, enthusiastic clubwomen had also campaigned for cleaner streets, TB tests, and community libraries. (Information for this speech was found in documents recently uncovered locally.)

Club and County presidents gave excellent presentations providing outlines of their recent fundraisers, club programs, and community activities. They reported on donations to libraries and scholarships for students. Conservation projects were also completed. By way of supporting the Seven Grand Initiatives, the additional GFWC Initiatives, and the five PFWC Initiatives, donations were made to Pennies for the Arts, Canine Companions, Bahamian Hurricane Relief, and the St Jude little red wagon project.

The clubs in the Southeastern District have continued walking in support of the President's Project and many are knitting hats, gloves, and scarves. New members are being recruited and interesting and exciting programs are being presented.



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WE ARE the South Central District Roadsters and WE ARE setting the pace with stepping up to the challenges for the President's project and the five new life savers initiatives for the second half of the 2018-2020 GFWC PA administration. We were 19 strong in attendance at our district meeting representing six of our nine clubs. WE ARE very proud of our commitment to encourage our members to go beyond club level and volunteer for board, state, and regional positions within GFWC. WE ARE fortunate to have the next GFWC PA President, Sandy Hauenstein, as a leadership mentor for our District, and many others in our district serving at the District and State levels. Madam President spoke to us on the changes in our state and how GFWC PA is in a transition as WE ARE learning to navigate in the social media world we now live in. Membership chair Cathy Wink gave us helpful tools and ideas on how to grow our membership in these changing times. Communications, Public Relations, and Social Media Chairman Donna Malone, announced that we now have an active Blog on our website that will serve as an outlet to share information and attract people to our website.

Our club presidents reported on the enthusiasm they have shown in their communities this club year. GFWC Woman's Community Club of Littlestown's Thrift Shop is running in the black and helping low income residents who are downsizing their lifestyle. The Woman's Club of Spring Grove has been beautifying Main Street urns and their local library, and helping at the local food pantry. GFWC Mechanicsburg is focusing on conservation: the Crayon Initiative, Bags to Benches, Free the Girls, and Soles-4-Soles. GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club started the club year off with projects to increase membership, resulting in eight new and two returning members. They are also working on their 17th annual food drive. The Camp Hill Junior Civic Club focus is working on "Mommy Bags" for Veterans that are new mothers. Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC has 100 members in their club, and will be hosting the 28th year of their craft show. The Cumberland Valley Pups started the year off strong and have hosted the bike repairs client. Federated Women Club of Hersey are active in the annual Community Soup Cook off. Madam President challenged us to support Saint Jude's to help purchase a little wagon and many of our clubs have made her proud today. Many of our clubs made donations supporting libraries, fire departments, cancer research, scholarships, domestic violence shelters, Heifer, Operation Smile, Canine Companions, HOBY, art contests, community beautification projects, and We Matter Coalition Suicide Prevention.

Our clubwomen plan to continue with their successful fundraising projects and are also planning to find new and innovative ideas for future events. Exciting programs are being planned that include guest speakers. This sharing of ideas was very beneficial and will help others enforce the volunteer spirit. WE ARE awesome! WE ARE having a lot of fun together! WE ARE Living the Volunteer Spirit in our South Central District! And, WE ARE looking forward to supporting the President's Project through various club projects!

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT



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“Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho,” a Stepping we will go, and by now many of you should be to Atlanta, some of you on your way to Austin and a few of you on your way to see Mickey in Anaheim, California. Some of you have been sending me your steps and I thank you for that. Don’t forget that the **DEADLINE for these steps is March 21, 2020** so you still have five (5) months to keep on counting your steps. When you submit your final totals don’t forget that the individual entry form must accompany those steps. That form will tell me your name, club, district, and total amount of steps from March 21, 2019 to March 21, 2020.

Clubs that have participated in or sponsored a walk in their community don’t forget to fill out the club entry form and have the specified information attached to the form. Five clubs participated last year so let’s see if we can add a couple more clubs. You still have time. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above phone number or email address. I am looking forward to seeing just how far everyone has STEPPED. Good luck, keep up the great work and thank you all for “STEPPING IT UP.”

MEMBERSHIP

“Be in the game”



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The focus for the membership team this year will be to retain and recognize members. You did a fantastic job at getting new members and this chairman knows you will continue to work on expanding your club’s membership. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

GFWC has a suggestion for you to retain members. They recommend having a fun GFWC Federation refresher. This education process is essential for instilling a sense of pride and purpose in both new and seasoned members. All members should be knowledgeable about GFWC, which has many programs designed to keep members informed and connected. Remember to include the motto Unity in Diversity.

Some of the GFWC Tips include:

- Encourage members to subscribe to the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine and News & Notes, a free, weekly electronic newsletter. You can sign up on www.GFWC.org/membership.
- The GFWC Manual lists out all the programs and projects and partners supported by GFWC. It can also be found on their website.
- The history of our organization is an important part of our success. Visit the GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center, which collects, preserves, interprets and promotes the historical, social, and political contributions of GFWC and women volunteers.
- You should be aware of the GFWC and GFWC Pennsylvania Bylaws and Resolutions.
- Encourage attendance at district, state, region and national events. These meetings are open to all members and truly show the influence of GFWC in our world.
- Incorporate state or club facts in fun Federation quizzes, puzzles or games based on board games or TV game shows. Don’t just give your club members dry facts.

In the next article we will talk about conducting the meeting with respect for your members’ time.



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Were you able to get out and get some great photos of the changing season? We would love to see them! It’s also not too late to get out and take some photos before the end of the year. The GFWC Arts Contest accepts photos or literature taken or written, from January 1 – December 31, 2019. Not a photographer? Put your writing skills to use in the poetry or short story contest.

Not sure what your club can do to promote the arts? You can visit www.gfwc.org; go to the “News and Publications” tab; click on the “Club Manual” drop down tab; Select the “Special Programs and Community Service Programs” tab; and then click on the “Arts Community Service Program”. This will take you to the Arts Community Service page where you can find the entire list of suggestions from GFWC.

Here are a couple of ideas on how clubs may support the Arts Community Service Program. Think outside of the box, put a new slant on an idea, and adapt it to your club work. With all projects/programs, think diversity - work with or for other groups or highlight diversity as the theme.

- Decorate ceramic piggy banks or have local artists, art classes, or town officials decorate them. Place them in area businesses to collect money for high school scholarships or to support the local high school band or glee club
- Establish and/or facilitate an Art Therapy program at a local nursing home or assisted living facility.
- Use member art for club cookbook covers, greeting cards, program covers, etc.

PUBLIC ISSUES



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August 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. I do hope that all clubs will be planning a great celebration for this great day. Please remember to report any celebration you will have under Public Issues Citizenship. If you need any suggestions in planning a celebration, e-mail me and I will send you information.

Let's do something new that your club has never done. Through the years all clubs have done the same projects under this division. It is a good time to move forward with new projects you've never done and to put to rest the ones you have done over and over again. This includes all programs under this division: Citizenship, Military Personnel, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Safety and Crime Prevention. *Find something new under each division.*

Since we have had so much rain, flooding, hurricane's, etc. this may be a good time to do something under Emergency and Disaster Preparedness. Or maybe do something under Safety and Crime Prevention. For more information on all programs under Public Issues go to www.GFWC.org/membership/club-manual, click under Public Issues.

Remember to REPORT, if you don't want to write a narrative, please send in your hours, how many worked on project, any money or in-kind donations.

CONTINUE TO FLY YOUR FLAGS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LEADERSHIP



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“I close my eyes and I can see, a world that is waiting up for me” - A Million Dreams – Pink This leaves me asking...How can we contribute,? Is my community better as a result of the services provided by my club? I recently received information from Henri Belcher-Stack, GFWC Leadership Chairman, that I would like to share with you. Henri suggests that we remind Presidents of the need to follow Parliamentary Rules, and the importance of keeping good records to pass on to the next President. She also suggests that we:

- Urge our senators/representatives to vote to support the passage of Miranda's Law and the 3 D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019'
- Have projects in place to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women winning the right to vote.
- Donate Dr. Seuss books by March 2020
- Do projects to honor the military
- Donate pairs of used shoes to Soles4Souls or Nike “reuse-a-shoe”

Has your club thought about who you would like to nominate as your LEADS candidate? The brief listing of criteria is as follows:

- Demonstrates leadership skills
- Exhibits commitment to Federation and an interest in and willingness to pursue leadership positions in GFWC
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level and has not attended a previous LEADS program

(For more detailed information go to the GFWC website.)

I leave you with this thought – “The best accessory you can wear is a smile” – Grace Haynes

FUNDRAISING



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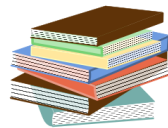
Ladies, Minnie Pearl wanted me to let all of you know how much she enjoyed being with you at your Fall Meetings. A special Thank You to Minnie's cousin Gem Stone who helped out when Minnie was unable to be on Tour due to family obligations.

Our inventory is getting low... so if there is something that you need, please contact me. I will be more than happy to help you if I can. Flags (Hibiscus-Flamingo-Welcome Pineapple-and Summertime @ \$5) are available, along with a few pink bracelets (\$10), Garment Bags (\$10), and necklace and earring sets (Fearless, Blessed, Believe and Hope. @ \$12). Please keep a good record of all your stats pertaining to your projects, to make your reporting easier and not as labor intensive.



I can't wait to read about all the exciting fundraising ideas that all of you wonderful women have done to help support our communities throughout the state.

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE



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Each year GFWC clubs award millions of dollars in scholarships. It was a pleasure to read about the creative ways your clubs raised funds for the scholarships provided in PA.

Consider expanding the types of scholarships your club offers and help even more people pursue their education goals! Our communities are full of students who may not qualify for traditional 4-year college scholarships. A few examples are: students who chose to attend a 2-year or 4-year program at a Career and Technology school; those who opt for Community College to save money; busy parents who are preparing to reenter the workforce; or adults pursuing a new career and/or skill.

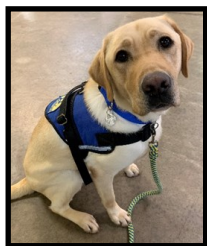
One very special way to help is by promoting and encouraging someone to apply for the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship. This award was created to help those impacted by intimate partner violence pursue higher education and work to achieve personal and financial independence. Those selected receive \$2500 to assist with post-secondary education costs from an accredited institution including community colleges, technical schools and four-year universities. Your club only needs to get the word out- no fundraising required! Applications may be found at: www.gfwc.org/success-survivors/ or by calling GFWC at 202-347-3168. Applications must be received by February 7, 2020.

Thank you for all you do to make education accessible to your community!



HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE

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MEET BROCK!

Brock, named for our GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock, is doing well in professional training at the training center in Ohio. His trainer says he is a great student and is having fun with him. He is graduating beyond “easy” objects like drawers, and learning to tug heavy doors! He is also learning to push different automatic door buttons with his nose as well as retrieve objects like canes and crutches. Brock is also going on weekly field trips to a local outlet mall, parks, department stores, and more. His trainer says he has great eye brows! He is certainly a handsome guy. And if all goes well, we hope he is matched with his forever person and graduates in November. Keep your fingers and paws crossed!

Keep Collecting for the GFWC Pennsylvania 15K for K9s Challenge!!



LEGISLATION / PUBLIC POLICY



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General Federation of Women’s Club members were leading the charge for women’s suffrage.

A group of club women marched in the 1913 Suffrage Parade on Pennsylvania Avenue in an effort to change the public’s outlook on women’s voting rights. Many leaders of the suffrage movement were GFWC members such as Carrie Chapman Catt and Jane Adams. Additionally, former GFWC presidents, Ellen Henrotin and Sarah Decker Platt encouraged women to speak out for equality to vote. Our organization formally endorsed the suffrage movement with a resolution in 1914 “supporting political equality of men and women.” Therefore, the current GFWC is for the passage of the H.R. 1923 and S 2427 legislation. This legislation supports The Women’s History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act. This is a way to honor those women from each state and the District of Columbia who had contributed to the suffrage effort. Please contact your legislators to support this legislation. There is a prewritten letter online under GFWC.ORG. Click on “What we do” and then on Legislation Action Center. Follow prompts to H.R. 1923 information. Complete the form with your name and address and send.

Let us commemorate the women, whose hard work, got us the right to vote.

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Word has just been received that the Western HOBY conference will be held at Theil College in Greenville, PA this year. The dates for the conference will be June 19-21. *Please inform your schools of this change as soon as possible so students are informed.*



STAYING CONNECTED “We Are ... BLOGGERS!”

What’s new in our GFWC PENNSYLVANIA world of social media? A BLOG!

Definition: ***BLOG** noun 1) a regularly updated website or web page, typically one run by an individual or small group, that is written in an informal or conversational style. Verb 1) add new material to or regularly update a blog. “It’s been about a week since I last blogged.”*

Our Blog is located on our website and features items about our clubwomen, GFWC Pennsylvania projects and programs, and so much more. When visiting our Blog, you will find interesting and inspiring articles complete with beautiful photographs. A story about how our South Central District clubwomen pulled together to support HOBY and the Jared Box Project; our GFWC Pennsylvania service project, *Prayer Squares*, completed at the 2019 Convention; that time in 2019 when veteran and Past GFWC Pennsylvania State President, Myrtle Council, was honored for her service at a local history museum; and an article describing our 5 Life Savor Initiatives are among the most recent blog posts. The beauty of our Blog is that we have the power to choose what stories and subjects to highlight — think of it as having our own little newspaper column or magazine and we are the writers, editors, commentators, advertisers, strategists, motivators, and critics. In other words, WE ARE... Bloggers!

Now that we have established our Blog, we will be able to feature the accomplishments of our clubwomen, focus directly on what’s happening in GFWC Pennsylvania, and share our excitement about everything GFWC! The possibilities are endless. The Blog posts (*featured articles*) will be shared across all social media platforms in the form of “links” that will guide folks back to our website (*GFWCPennsylvania.org*). While on the website, they will be able to read the entire article and hopefully linger there to read prior blog posts, explore the website, discover more about our exciting organization, and ultimately find a local club in one of our six amazing districts. Our Blog, like our website, will be administered by our GFWC Pennsylvania State President.

We are very excited about the addition of a Blog to our Social Media Platform. So, stay tuned and STAY CONNECTED, we are just getting started!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

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Do you know the difference between Smuggling and Human Trafficking?

Smuggling is a crime committed against a country and involves the illegal transport of an individual across a national border. It is always transnational.

Human Trafficking is a crime committed against an individual and does not need to involve the physical movement of a person. Trafficking victimization can be transnational or domestic. Human trafficking is a public issue that impacts individuals, families, and communities. Traffickers disproportionately target at risk populations including individuals who have experienced child abuse, sexual assault, gang violence, and/or have been runaway or homeless youth or persons displaced during natural disasters.

How Victims are Trafficked? Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to subject victims to engage in commercial sex or forced labor. To understand how victims are trafficked, a person needs to know the meaning of the words, action, means, and purpose as they pertain to human trafficking.

Action:

Recruiting includes proactive targeting of vulnerability; *harboring* includes isolation, confinement, and monitoring; and *obtaining* includes forcibly taking or exchanging something for the ability to control.

Means:

1. *Force* includes physical restraint, physical harm, sexual assault and beatings.
2. *Fraud* includes false promises regarding employment, wages, working conditions, love, marriage.
3. *Coercion* includes threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person, and shame and fear, inducing threats.

Purpose:

1. *Commercial Sex Act* is any sex act on account of anything of value given to or received by any person.
2. *Involuntary Servitude* is any scheme intended to cause a person to believe that, if the person did not enter into or continue in such condition, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint.
3. *Debt Bondage* includes a pledge of services where an individual is trapped in a cycle of debt that the person can never pay down. Through controlling the victim with force, fraud and coercion, the human trafficker owns the victim’s life for many years.



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ANIMALS MAKE THE BEST GIFTS

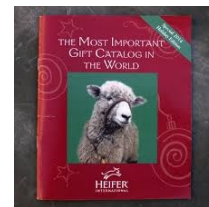
After 75 years providing charitable gifts of the four-footed variety, Heifer International has the holiday routine down pat. Where else can you find a quick and easy gift that's also deeply meaningful and requires no wrapping? Where else can you bless family and friends with donkeys and pigs without also sticking them with stalls to muck and slop to haul?

There's a reason so many other organizations are following Heifer International's example by asking donors to send animals to families in need. The reason is that Heifer has been honing its model since our first shipment of cows to Puerto Rico in 1944, and the model works. Decades of experience make Heifer the best charity through which to send animal donations.

Want to **send a llama** to the Andean highlands? We got you!!

Want to **get a goat** for Grandma this year? We got you!!

Want to go with a **classic holiday heifer** to provide milk and the promise of a daily income to a family in need? We got you!!



Nail the holidays this year and for years to come with our fish, ducks, water buffalos, alpacas, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens and honeybees and for years to come by donating an animal to those in need.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE



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To update the Conservation initiative **Wands for Wildlife**: The website was checked recently. The response to Wands for Wildlife has been so great that they are now only accepting donations in October and February each year. If your club has some wands collected already, save them to send in February or continue the program until next October.

The group collecting **eye hook clasps** (from bra plackets) to help injured turtles was contacted about donations. The response from them said "Thank you for your interest in helping us help turtles. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity and responses and no longer need clasps." This shows the power of the internet and social media.

One recent article in the newspaper regarding conservation efforts was about detection dogs used to find **invasive plants**. A Labrador Retriever was trained to track down the yellow-flowered shrub Scotch Broom that displaces native plants with thickets impenetrable to wildlife. The non-profit New York-New Jersey Trail Conference began last fall to hunt for Scotch Broom in New York state parks.

There was a front-page article in the newspaper recently about the **spotted lantern fly**. Currently quarantine regulations have been imposed on 13 counties in Pennsylvania. If you do see the spotted lantern fly or its egg mass, you are urged to destroy it and report your sighting by calling 1-888-422-3284.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR



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GFWC Pennsylvania is looking for a very special woman. Do you know her? **Let US know by March 16, 2020.**

This woman must be one who distinguishes herself by serving the community, state and/or the world by her outreach activities. She must be someone who goes above and beyond the requirements of her job description and her family obligations.

In order to qualify, the applicant must be a resident of Pennsylvania, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and someone who is **not** running for, nor hold public office. She may **not** be a member of GFWC.

Additional information and the entry form, with instructions, can be obtained by going to www.GFWCpennsylvania.org and clicking on "**Advancement Areas**" then "**Forms and Downloads**". Entries must be postmarked by March 16, 2020. The winner will be recognized at the GFWC Pennsylvania Convention in May 2020.

For additional information, see the contact information on the entry form.

CLUB NEWS



Pictured above: **The GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club** held a successful membership social at a local winery where club president Dot Hoffman showed everyone how to paint a sunflower. The club gained three (3) new members that evening.

Pictured to the right: The club sets up for the Saxonburg Arts Festival - a 2-day event. Members fill the tables with baked goodies and craft items.

The tables were bare at the end of the second day!



Members of the **GFWC West Side Woman's Club** recently participated in the Ruth's Place 12th annual walk for Hope. By participating, club members showed their solidarity with women experiencing homelessness in Luzerne County. This event featured a fair and a 2-mile walk that educated people about the reality of homelessness in Wilkes-Barre.

Ruth's Place is a program of Volunteers at America. VOA is a national, nonprofit, spiritually based organization providing human service programs and opportunities for individual and community involvement. Locally, in addition to Ruth's Place, the organization operates a thrift shop, and provides a variety of services such as pregnancy counseling, shelter for homeless women in need, child care, and elderly transportation.

Participating club members included: Becky McCuen and Carla Finn.

Additional participating GFWC members included: Kelley Moran (GFWC Luzerne County president), Deidre Miller Kaminski (GFWC of Luzerne County 2nd VP), and Mary Seyfert (GFWC Luzerne County treasurer).

CLUB NEWS

In October, the **Warrington Women's Club**, enacted their part in the St. Jude project. Pictured to the right (left to right): Janet DeVito and Jean Seaman who arranged and manned the club's donations table. The club thanks them for the success of their participation.

The table featured a sign, wrapped goodies for sale, and a little red wagon with a bandaged doll.



Pictured to the left: Muriel Stanley (club president) and Pat Paul (club treasurer) present a \$2500 check to Jim Furlough, representative of the Lion's Club for the Lion's Pride.

Fulton Bank matched the club's donation of \$2500 making the full donation become \$5000.



On September 11th, the **Woman's Club of Perkasie** held a luncheon for members and prospective new members. HOBY recipients Tara Kelly and Tyler Richardson (pictured to the left with the club's HOBY Chairman Kay Moyer) spoke to members and guests about their experiences at HOBY.



The **GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club** Membership Committee participated in the Mt. Pocono Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 28th, in celebration of women's right to vote, and 125 years of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Vendors and organizations from all over Monroe County displayed their wares to the many people who attended. The club displayed yearbooks, showing the many projects and programs they have been involved with over the years. Trifolds with pertinent club information was distributed.

Pictured to the right (left to right): Veronica Conte, Judy Grace, Dena Hughes and Tracy Mueller.



CLUB NEWS

GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown has been busy making donations!

Notable 2019 donations include a \$7,160 donation to Salvation Army of Boyertown; a \$500 donation to Happy 2 be Home, and continued support for their local library.



Pictured to the left: Rebecca Smith of the Boyertown Salvation Army (middle) accepts a donation from BJWC members.

Pictured below (left to right): president Anita Zuber presents a check to Susan Lopez of Boyertown Community Library.



Pictured to the left: Club members Anita Zuber and Jane Prutzman present Happy 2 be Home with a donation. Accepting the donation is Scott Hamrick, Happy 2 be Home board president.

On Wednesday, October 9, Vicky Ann Trimmer, GFWC Pennsylvania State Treasurer, spoke to the **Federated Women's Club of Hershey** on "Scams and How to Protect Yourself."

Included among the many tips she provided on how to avoid fraud: **Be vigilant** - avoid giving out any personal information before checking things out. **Be alert** - report scams to the Federal Trade Commission. **Get your free annual credit report from each credit reporting company.** Review carefully and make any necessary corrections.

Pictured to the left: Mary Braun, First Vice President presenting a thank you to guest speaker and State Treasurer Vicky Ann Trimmer.

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2018-20 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! The Community Improvement Program projects must be accomplished during the time frame of January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019. I will gladly send any interested club the rules, criteria, and entry form to complete the project to qualify for state and national awards.

Entries must be sent to my address above postmarked no later than March 1, 2020. State judging will occur from March 5 thru 15, 2020. The state will then submit the first-place entry to GFWC by April 1, 2020 for national consideration.

Judging is based on:

PROJECT SELECTION – 25 points (Community Needs Assessment and Selection Process)

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT – 50 points (Community Collaboration, Plan of Action and Effort Persistence)

PROJECT EVALUATION – 25 points (Degree of Success, Permanence of Achievement, changed Attitudes and Practices)

Awards are: recognition at state and national levels and monetary prizes.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL – *YOU MAY ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON A QUALIFYING PROJECT!!! GET THE COMPLETE ENTRY INFORMATION AND EARN MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB.*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2020 DISTRICT FESTIVALS OF THE ARTS and OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	DISTRICT	LOCATION
To be announced	North Central	To be announced
March 13	Northwestern	Perkins in Meadville, PA
March 14	Southwestern	Smokin' Toads, Sarver, PA
March 21	Northeastern	Genetti Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, PA
March 21	Southeastern	Copperfield Inn, Limerick, PA
March 28	South Central	Warriors Mark Alpaca Farm, Warriors Mark, PA
June 19 - 21	Western HOBY Conference	Theil College, Greenville, PA