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FOOT NOTES

Its hard to believe that this time last year I was being installed as President. Many exciting events have occurred including Summer Leadership Conference, the Fall tour and Spring meetings. The contributions clubwomen are making to their communities never ceases to amaze me. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting members at club events as well as district and state meetings.

The convention in Valley Forge was a success thanks to the hard work of the women of the Southeastern District. Thank you, thank you, thank you. The speakers were informative and interesting, and the entertainment was top notch. The Past Presidents were honored at the Saturday banquet. Eleven of the fourteen past presidents were able to attend, and each gave us highlights of their life after the presidency. The evening was capped off with the singing of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and we were accompanied by the violinist that presented the entertainment. We never sounded better.

In this issue of the clubwoman you find a listing of all clubs that received awards at the convention in Valley Forge. Even if your club did not win an award, you have made a valuable contribution to your community.

Nancy Spanuth and Nancy San Julian are busy planning the Summer Leadership Conference that will be held July 26 – 27 at the Penn Stater in State College. Many exciting activities have been planned, as well as a few surprises. The Call to the conference is also included in this newsletter. Summer Conference is a time to relax and reconnect with fellow clubwoman in a less formal environment. All members are invited to attend and learn more about the upcoming emphasis areas for the community service programs. There will also be new step goals announced for the next year, as well as a new contest for Domestic Violence Awareness.

At the Fall District meetings there will be sessions on writing reports and membership. New fund-raising items will be available. You will have an opportunity to meet with incoming GFWC Pennsylvania President, Sandy Hauenstein.

Enjoy your summer. Hope to see you at the Summer Leadership Conference.

Living the Volunteer Spirit,

Shelly

GFWC Pennsylvania
President



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

Presentation of Awards at the 122th Annual Business Meeting/Convention

General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania

Shelly Smolnery, President

2019 Award Winners

GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Large Club – GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Large Club – GFWC The Woman's Club of Newtown Square
Small Club – GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Large Club – GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown
Large Club – GFWC Cumberland Valley Pups
Small Club – New Brighton Civic Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Cumberland Valley Pups

GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ARTS

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club - GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown
Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

CONSERVATION

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

EDUCATION

Large Club – GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Large Club – The New Century Club of West Chester
Small Club – Junior Woman's Club of Milton
Creativity - The New Century Club of West Chester

HOME LIFE

Large Club – GFWC Intermediate League of Butler
Large Club - Federated Women's Club of Hershey
Small Club – The GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Large Club – GFWC Intermediate League of Butler
Large Club - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Small Club – GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club
Creativity – GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club

PUBLIC ISSUES

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club – GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club
Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity – GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club

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GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club

LEADERSHIP

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler
Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler
Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP

Large Club – GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown
Large Club - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Small Club – GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler
Creativity - GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown

MEMBERSHIP MENTORING AWARD – Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD - GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARD - Abington Heights Civic League, Inc., GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AWARD - GFWC Cumberland Valley Pups, GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP GRANT AWARD - Federated Women's Club of Hershey

FUNDRAISING

Large Club – Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Large Club – GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club
Small Club – GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler
Creativity – GFWC Meadville Woman's Club

WOMEN'S HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER

Small Club - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

Clubs Donating to HOBY

Abington Heights Civic League, Inc., GFWC Colony Club of Ambler, GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC East Petersburg, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Women's Community Club of Littlestown, GFWC Meadville Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton, Woman's Club of Perkasio, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC PA Women's Club of Schwenksville, GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club, The New Century Club of West Chester, GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club

Call to the 2019 Summer Leadership Conference

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS PENNSYLVANIA

Shelly Smolnery, President

2019 GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference

Nancy Spannuth, Conference Chairman

"We are ... women of action"

Friday, July 26, 2019

- 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration
GFWC PA Fundraising
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Session
... Welcome, Introductions, Pledge, Thoughts of Day
... Keynote Speaker: Vicky Ann Trimmer
... Recognition of First Time Attendees
... Leadership: Mary Fenstermacher
... Protocol: Carolyn Selders
... Fundraising: Donna Napoleon
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:20 p.m. General Session
... President's Project: Dawn Himler
... Signature Project: Marian Wellington
... Membership: Cathy Wink
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Fun Activities: Victory Dance, Penn State Ice Cream, and more

Saturday, July 27, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. General Session
... Cloud Storage Made Easy: Hollie Stevenson
- 9:30 a.m. ... Volunteer Fire Companies: Needs, Training and Equipment
Steve Bair, Centre Region Council of Government Fire Director
- 10:45 a.m. ... GFWC Women's History and Resource Center: Marcia Wilson
- 11:00 a.m. ... Build a Leader: Vicky Ann Trimmer
- 12:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. General Session
... HOBY: Carol Foley and HOBY Ambassadors
... GFWC Convention Recognition
... Announcements, Closing Thoughts, Collect

Call to the 2019 Summer Leadership Conference

GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference

July 26 & 27, 2019

"We are ... women of action"

Location: The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, PA 16803
Make reservation for the hotel by calling The Penn Stater Hotel @ (814) 863-5000 by **June 25, 2019**.
Standard Room rates are \$109 plus taxes. Group Code: GFWC19A

Return this Registration Form with your check payable to: 2019 GFWC PA SLC for \$160 by **June 25, 2019**.
If registering after June 25, 2019 the registration fee is \$170. Confirmations will be sent by email upon receipt of registration and check. Cancellations must be received in writing. Pre-registration is required for all GFWC PA Summer Leadership Attendees.

Mail registration and check to: Nancy San Julian
562 Melissa Lane
State College, PA 16803

Conference is casual attire. Bring a sweater or jacket in case the rooms are cool.

You may duplicate this form as needed.

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION OF FORM TO REGISTER. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference Registration Form -- July 26 & 27, 2019

Name _____ Club Position _____

Address _____

Club _____ Club Number _____

Phone Number _____ District _____

Email _____

GFWC Pennsylvania Position _____

- Check if you are a First Time Summer Leadership Conference Attendee
- Friday & Saturday Conference Fee: **\$160** per person (includes registration fee, dinner, ice cream, lunch, and break-out snacks)
\$170 per person if registering after June 25, 2019

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Full payment is required to complete registration.

Please list any food Allergies, Dietary Needs, etc. All efforts will be made to accommodate any special requests, but cannot be guaranteed. Both meals will be buffets.

**Our GFWC PA President, Shelly Smolnery, asked that you tell a fact about yourself that is not generally known and that you are willing to share.

MEMBERSHIP “Be in the game”

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The 26 membership reports I received were terrific! Thank you for all of your efforts to recruit, mentor, retain, and recognize the members of your club. We really were “In The Game!” As promised this chairman has numbers for you.:

The number of membership projects: 149

Volunteer Hours: 5,547

Dollars Spent \$9,695.22

Total number of new members this past year: 106

You have unique ways of retaining members! The **Abington Heights Civic League** invites new members to sign the club’s tablecloth after their first year of membership. The **GFWC Town and Country Woman’s Club** sends “We Really Moosed You!” moose cards to members that missed a meeting. The **GFWC Pennsylvania Junior Woman’s Club of Boyertown** has a membership raffle program. A raffle ticket is given for attending club meetings or bringing a guest. And if the guest joins the club, at the drawing in May the winner gets free dues for the next club year. The **Federated Women’s Club of Hershey** and the **GFWC Curwensville Woman’s Club** used brochures and club business cards to advertise for prospective members. The **GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township** assigned a mentor to each new member. Members and the club president sit down with new members to discuss committee responsibilities and the new members choose a committee to work with for the next club year. **GFWC Rostraver Woman’s Club** held a Halloween recruitment party. Clubs recognized members with years of service membership pins, Membership Corner articles in club newsletters, and more.

Two clubs reported 11 new members this past year: GFWC Intermediate League of Butler and the GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club.

The recipients of the GFWC Membership Grant are: Federated Women’s Club of Hershey and GFWC Rostraver Woman’s Club for their Halloween recruitment party.

Your membership team thanks you very much! Keep up the good work! Also, please plan on attending the Membership Grant workshop and Victory Dance Celebration fun night at the Summer Leadership Conference .

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Summertime often means long, lazy days playing outdoors, swimming, going on trips with friends and family, picnics, sunshine and the laughter of many children. But summertime, when schools are closed, can also bring food insecurity to students and their families who rely on school meals, sometimes as their main source of food and nutrients. This summer, let’s remember these students of all ages and backgrounds in our communities. There are many ways we can help make their summer even brighter!

Many communities have some type of weekend food program where they pack backpacks and bags with enough food to last a student the weekend. During the summer, some of these programs may be operating during the week as well. You can volunteer your time to help put packs of food together or donate funds or food to supply them. Your local school district may operate a limited breakfast and lunch schedule to feed these students over the summer – consider asking if they need support or volunteers. College food pantries continue to be busy over the summer with students that take classes all year long or who live locally still relying on their services. Regular community food banks continue to need support throughout the summer, especially in areas where they don’t have a weekend food program and the school remains closed. Consider making extra donations of food and supplies, funds, and of course you can always volunteer your time. Consider adding a surprise or treat with your donations to make the recipient(s) smile – a book, puzzles, crayons, coloring or activity books, or maybe a special food item or box cake mix for the family to make. These extra touches are sure to make someone’s summer even better and help these students remember they are cared about and not forgotten.

LEADERSHIP - ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

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The Bees are still **BUZZING** around your community. They are enticing you to be of service to your club, your district and to GFWC Pennsylvania. Your thoughts and efforts are so valuable! These accomplishments were so vivid in the reports I received.

A few individuals nominated members for the LEADS program. All nominees were highly qualified. Each has willingly served her club, community and GFWC Pennsylvania.

The true worth of a woman can be realized through her ability to lead, her loyalty, and her accomplishments. **Who made you the Woman you are today?**



PUBLIC ISSUES



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Under Public Issues one of our resources is the USO; here are some facts about the USO that you may not know:

For over 78 years, the USO has been the nation's leading nonprofit organization serving the men and women in the U.S. military and their families. Just prior to the onset of America's involvement in World War II, in an effort to lift the morale of our military and nourish support on the home front, President Franklin D. Roosevelt united several service associations into one. This marked the creation of the United Service Organizations, or the USO. Today there are more than 113,000 American USO volunteers at 94 centers overseas and in the U.S.

From the moment an individual joins our armed services, the USO is at their side - through their assignments, their deployments, and as they transition back to their communities:

- In February 1941, USO Tours performed 293,738 times, entertaining an estimated 161 million servicemen and women in the US and abroad. In addition, 126 units gave 5,422 performances to service men and women in Korea and the wounded in Japan by the end of the Korean War.
- In response to conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, the USO launched Operation Phone Home, which allows service members to make phone calls home while avoiding expensive international rates. To date, the USO has provided more than 3.4 million free prepaid international calling cards.
- USO2Go program was created to deliver the comforts of home to units serving around the globe in remote locations. Since its inception, nearly 2,000 USO2GO kits have been shipped to more than 1,300 locations, including Afghanistan, Iraq, the Philippines, Egypt, Djibouti, Jordan, Australia and Kuwait.

Every one of our ladies in their clubs can be very proud to be part of this great project.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE

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More than a half-million pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills and never biodegrades!

A recent alternative to the school-based Crayola Crayon collection program is **The Crayon Initiative**. The **Initiative** collects donated crayons from restaurants, schools, and homes across the country; melts them down and re-manufactures them, reducing waste. The recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the United States. Consider this: A box containing 25 pounds of used crayons can yield enough raw materials to supply 125 hospitalized children with new 8-packs of crayons.

The **Initiative** is one big happy family, and there's a seat at the table for your local club. Starting a collection in your neck of the woods is a fantastic way to support your community and help the less fortunate. On their website, the **Initiative** suggests a variety of activities for collecting with a 16-page "Community Guide" complete with printable flyers and posters; where to purchase shipping boxes; shipping instructions; and instructions for creation of shipping labels to ship by UPS at their non-profit discounted rate.

For more information, check out their website at www.thecrayoninitiative.org. They are located at 155 Railroad Avenue, Suite E, Danville, CA 94526.

FUNDRAISING

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Fundraising across this great state has been outstanding; from antique, fashion, and magic shows, casino trips, bike races, soup and flower sales, teas, dances, basket raffles, and so much more. Reading through your reports has shown me your dedication to support our communities and numerous projects. You are OUTSTANDING! Thank You!



Beaded Stone Bracelets

For our fundraisers, we are continuing to sell the natural stone bracelets for \$10.00 ea. And, the practical garment bags for \$15.00 each. Get them before they run out!

Garment Bag



Necklace & Earring

We will also have new and exciting items for sale - necklace and earring sets for \$12.00.

Please stop by the fundraising table at the Summer Leadership Conference to shop and say "Hi"!

ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Anita Keiser, Chairman

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Congratulations to GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club for their winning entry in the 2018 GFWC Writing Contest. Gabriella Hoffman's Short Story; Category 4 (grades 9-12) won 1st place at GFWC.

Below are a few 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 and programs, think *diversity* - work with or for other groups, or highlight diversity as the theme.

- Hold a "Chalk The Walk" contest for elementary school children on sidewalks in front of your municipal building, library, elementary school, etc. Have an international theme. Club supplies the chalk and blue ribbons to the winners
- Attend public art displays, plays, and concerts as part of a social event for your club
- Use member art for club cookbook covers, greeting cards, program covers, etc.
- Sponsor ads in local theatre or school theatre playbills

While this year's entries have already been judged and are on their way to GFWC, your club can start to plan for next year. Contact your local schools to get contest information out to them early. Don't know where to start? Contact me or Karen French, Literature Chairman, for more information.. And, keep an eye out for the next issue of the Pennsylvania Clubwoman for more GFWC winners and project ideas.

LEGISLATION / PUBLIC POLICY



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Congress has found that millions of Americans experience domestic and sexual violence each year. At least three women are murdered by their partners every day. That is a staggering statistic. The abuse results in short-term and chronic physical and mental health issues for the survivors. Victims appear to be at a higher risk for alcohol and drug abuse. It was found that over 50% of survivors experience depression or post-traumatic stress disorder. A study conducted by the National Domestic Violence Hotline indicated that domestic abusers often undermine their partners' sobriety and sabotage their treatment and recovery efforts.

The bipartisan **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019** has just been introduced by House Judiciary Crime Sub Committee Chairwoman, Karen Bass, and Representative Brian Fitzpatrick. This updated legislation would provide enhancements to this law. This new modified law would try to strengthen prevention efforts. It aims to improve enforcement of court orders so that abusers must relinquish their firearms. The law would end exemptions from punishment for non-native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse, and sex trafficking. It would improve access to housing for victims and help them gain economic independence. This law also supports the training of more healthcare workers for intervention and treatment of victims of violence. Additionally, it hopes to increase awareness of this significant problem.

Please contact your legislator to encourage him or her to vote for this law (H.R. 1585) that will support the prevention of violence as well as assistance for survivors.

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Vial of Life was brought to my attention by Carolyn Forbes, the Home Life CSP Chairman. This is a program that allows individuals to have their complete medical information ready in their home for emergency personnel to reference when a patient is not able to speak or remember the information. The decals, medical information forms, and other materials are typically free, and some may be downloaded and/or printed for free from the Internet. Please visit VialofLife.com for more information. I would like each club to highlight this during their Spring meetings. It would be amazing to have every member participate and make a Vial of LIFE kit to have at home in case of an emergency!

Thank you for your support with the GFWC of Pennsylvania 1K for K9s Challenge!

I am so proud of the club women in Pennsylvania!



CLUB NEWS

GFWC the Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown

donated several Dr. Seuss books to Boyertown Community Library in support of GFWC's goal to donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books to local libraries by 2020.

Photo: (left) Member Judy Wetzel presents books to Boyertown Community Library librarian.



In March, the **Federated Women's Club of Hershey** partnered with the **Hershey Lions Club** to hold a very successful (approximately 350 tickets sold) Pork and Sauerkraut dinner.

Attendees were treated to the homemade desserts for which the club is renowned.

Proceeds benefitted the community.

At their April 17th meeting, the **Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs** honored Mary Lou Holmes (Warrington Club and County Conservation officer) for her 19 years and continuing service, of collecting greeting cards for daycare centers, unused cards for senior centers and stamps for Oxford, PA (used to purchase wheelchairs). The meeting was held at the Meadows, Lutheran Community, Telford, PA, with the **Perkasie, Quakertown and Warrington Clubs**.



Photo: (left) Guest speaker, Janelle Kerns from **A Woman's Place** and President Kathy Cassel with our display of donated diapers, baby wipes, disinfectant wipes and gift cards from local grocery stores.

Photo: (above) Mary Lou Holmes, and Kathy Cassel, County President of GFWC Bucks County Women's Clubs, with a display of cards and stamps.

CLUB NEWS



The **GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club** collected hats, scarves, and gloves. They were taken to the Food Bank for their warming tree, and also donated to the "Fill The Cruiser" event held in Saxonburg.

Photo: (above) Jackie Bice and Melissa Somerville, deliver a monetary donation to the Cabot Food Bank. The donation was received by the Pastor of the Cabot Methodist Church which houses the Cabot Food Bank.

Photos: (right) The Club purchased aprons for a local youth rehabilitation home, Austin's Place, on which they ironed on the logo of the facility. The aprons were then taken to the home on Martin Luther King day and given to each of the students to be used during their craft times.



The **Community Club of Collegeville** sponsored a Designer Bag Bingo and raffle as a fund raiser for the club's scholarship and school citizenship awards program.

The event was well attended and fun for all. Shown greeting attendees to the event were members of the Community Club of Collegeville.



The club planted a crabapple tree in Water Works Park, Trappe, PA on Arbor Day. The tree was planted in remembrance of longtime club member, Stella Styles.

Photo: (left) Darlene Sidie, and, right, Club President Sherry Jessee.



CLUB NEWS



At the April 1, 2019 meeting of the **GFWC Intermediate League of Butler**, eleven past presidents were honored by members with a Silver Tea organized by the Hospitality Committee, led by chairmen Barbara Brandon and Kandy McCool.

GFWC PA President, Shelly Smolnery, and GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler, President, Lorie Lownds, were among the invited guests.

Intermediate League President, Yolanda Cypher shared the years of service and the theme of each of the past presidents and asked that members reflect on the impact that each woman shared with the club during her years of leadership.

Pictured above are: Elaine Linamen, Carol Goldiner, Cynthia Sweeney; second row: Judy Wadding, Judy Neigh, Cathy Bronder, Beverly Olenic; front row: RuthAnne Blöse, Anabel Brunermer, Faye Hohn, and Phyllis Laporte.

In addition, Beryl Tait was honored by Shelly Smolnery, SWD Elaine Linamen, and Yolanda Cypher for her 50 years as a member of GFWC.



Additionally, the club held their International Outreach Christmas dinner with their focus on Operation Smile. The room was decorated with poinsettias, a beautiful Christmas tree and name tags in the shape of Christmas tree ornaments. Committee members and officers donated items for the 14 gift baskets.

Operation Smile informational cards were placed at each place setting. The tickets were sold, the baskets raffled and \$1,428.00 was raised. Excitement was in the air.

We were honored to have GFWC PA President Shelley Smolnery speak, eight new members were installed as well as honoring three club members for 50 years of service.

The committee chairman contacted Operation Smile and inquired about matching funds. The following day, she received notification there was a match. The League's fourteen baskets and their donation had escalated to \$2,856.00. This helped 11 children receive Operation Smile life changing surgeries.



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GFWC PA Past Presidents Honored

Our GFWC past presidents were honored at the Saturday evening banquet during the GFWC PA 122nd Annual Business Meeting / Convention, this past May.

Current president, Shelly Smolnery, poses with past presidents in attendance. Seated (left to right): Myrtle Council (1984-86), Dorothy Denza (1990-92), Joanne Arnold (Ogborn) (1998- 2000), Dr. Dana Charles Clark (1996-98).

Standing (left to right): Marcia Wilson (2000-02), Dawn Himler (2004-06), Judi Stankowich (2006-08), Dorothy Zimmerman (2008-10), Carolyn Selders (2010-12), Vicky Ann Trimmer (2013-16), Lois Richards (2016-18), Shelly Smolnery (2018-20).



2019 Convention Special Raffles A Huge Success

Two special raffles were held as a way of donating the extra fundraising items from the prior administrations.

On Friday tickets were sold for \$10. One quarter of the funds raised went to the winning ticket that was drawn. The balance of the funds was credited toward the fundraising items that were being donated.

Saturday tickets were sold for \$1. Each person who bought a ticket listed the shelter to which they wanted items donated. In addition to the fundraising items, half of the funds raised on Saturday also is going to the shelters. The other half was divided among the 5 winning tickets.

As a result of the generosity of those attending the convention 59 blankets, six shirts, seven jackets, and 54 vests were distributed to four shelters in Pennsylvania. In addition, \$329 is being divided among four shelters. (One (1) shelter was named on two (2) tickets!)