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FOOT NOTES

Walt Disney was quoted as saying “Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.” The GFWC Pennsylvania Convention was to be our final tribute to the accomplishments of the clubs for the past two years. Unfortunately, the convention had to be cancelled due to the recent health crisis.

The combined effort of the clubs across the state is astounding. The hours of service and projects range from small gestures in your community to elaborate celebrations. Clubs planted trees at local schools; had programs on Human Trafficking, donated to college campus food banks; supported Operation Smile; honored our veterans; supported Shot at Life; and increased club membership. Clubs sponsored local 5K runs; held a food drive collecting over \$14,500; celebrated anniversaries and long time members; and used multimedia to promote our missions. They held recitals, bake sales, bingos, craft sales, and sold a variety of items to raise money. We have stepped to a total of over 420 million steps. Eighteen members have achieved all six goals and nine clubs have sponsored walks. See the President Project report in this issue for complete details. Statistically the clubwomen of Pennsylvania have completed 1,701 projects, volunteered 212,685 hours, and donated over \$1,128,661 to their communities. I am so proud of all that we have accomplished in this administration.

Congratulations to the Pennsylvania award winners. A list is included in this newsletter. A full description of the awards can be found on the GFWC Pennsylvania web site. All clubs should consider themselves winners for all that has been accomplished in your communities.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! for participating in The Five Life Saver Initiatives. The goals set for these initiatives were not just met they were exceeded. Mascara wands were sent to help wildlife, “Operation Warm Up” donated 4,477 hats gloves and scarfs to local women’s shelters, we prayed for veterans and first responders, and donated over \$3500 to Canine Companions. The goal for the St Jude’s Red Wagon campaign was to purchase a wagon for each Pennsylvania club. Over \$7,000 has already been sent, one for each of our 70 clubs, exceeding the original goal. I am truly thankful for all the clubs that participated in the initiatives. A list of contributors, as of May 10,2020 is included in this newsletter.

Let us each pledge to support the 2020-2022 Officers and Directors as they begin their journey.

It has been my honor to be associated with such an outstanding group of women across the state. I have enjoyed the meetings and travel but especially having the opportunity to spend time with fellow clubwomen across the state as we” Step It Up... Volunteer”

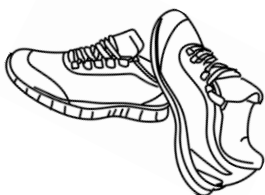
Living the Volunteer Spirit,

Shelly

GFWC Pennsylvania
President



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS



2020 AWARD WINNERS

GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

GFWC Meadville Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

ARTS

GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor, Abington Heights Civic League, Inc., GFWC Woman's Club of Milton
Creativity - GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor

CONSERVATION

GFWC West Side Women's Club, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

EDUCATION

GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club, GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne, The New Century Club of West Chester
Creativity – GFWC Plymouth

Special "Make Libraries Rock" Award – GFWC Plymouth

HOME LIFE

GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club, GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club,
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Overall – GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
OPERATION SMILE – GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club
UNICEF - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity – GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club

PUBLIC ISSUES

GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club, GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels Area, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity – GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Springfield Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton
Creativity - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler

NEWSLETTER

1st Place: GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club. **2nd Place:** GFWC Springfield Junior Woman's Club. **3rd Place:** GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club, 4th Place: Century Club of Wilkins Township

WEBSITE

GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club

LEADERSHIP

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

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler

MEMBERSHIP

GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARD

Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AWARD

GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD

Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club

FUNDRAISING

GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township

WOMEN'S HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER

GFWC Grove City Woman's Club
Creativity - GFWC Grove City Woman's Club

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON

Kathy Long - 36th Century, Dawn Himler - 8th Century, Marilyn Reynolds - 8th Century, Ruth Anis - 5th Century

JENNIE AWARD – Donna Napoleon

LEADS CANDIDATE – JoAnn Propcheck

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST - GFWC Plymouth

HOBY BY DISTRICTS:

NE - Abington Heights Civic League, GFWC PA Bangor Women's Club, GFWC PA Woman's Club of Pen Argyl, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club, GFWC Western Pocono

SE- Colony Club of Ambler, Woman's Club of Indian Valley, GFWC The Woman's Club of Newtown Square, Woman's Club of Perkasio, The Woman's Club of Quakertown, GFWC PA Woman's Civic Club of Schwenksville, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GFWC The New Century Club of West Chester

NC - GFWC Woman's Club of Milton, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club

SC - Federated Woman's Club of Hershey, GFWC Woman's Community Club of Littlestown, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

NW - GFWC Meadville Woman's Club

SW - GFWC Woman's Club of Baden, Saxonburg District Woman's Club

**Thank you to all the clubs that reported.
Your communities are the real winners from all your efforts!**

President's Project Awards

Step it up with Mickey and Friends - Top Steppers

TOP 10 STEPPERS

#10	Nancy Chandler	6,358,823
#9	Janine Guinter	6,362,204
#8	Cyndy Sweeney	6,405,364
#7	Candy Anderson	6,624,035
#6	Tami Brazon	7,558,000
#5	Joan Connolly	8,392,338
#4	Luann Lynn	8,627,338
#3	Sue O'Day	8,663,204
#2	Paula M. Binus	9,619,314
#1	Mary Hundertmark	10,197,806

TOP FIVE CLUBS

GFWC Woman's Club of Baden
GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club
The GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club
GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Kathy Long
 Debbie Slagle
 Carol Caler
 Betty Hallett
 Ann Harned
 Norma McClay
 Janet Ward
 Pat Serge

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Kerry A. Lear
 Rhonda Schiavone
 Liana Smith
 Tara Crum
 Gerri DeMilio
 Sharon Bonner
 Carla Finn
 Becky McCuen
 Dottie Sawyer

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Margaret A. Prosser
 Peggy Hilker
 Jean Mills
 Beth White
 Betsy Rushing
 Carol Bogar
 Chris Sebring
 Joellen Zitch
 Judy Meek
 Karen Sutphen
 Kelly Smith
 Melissa Hiler
 Pam Fleck
 Pam Weaver
 Shirley Barnes
 Sue Hardenbrook
 Susan Kirkland
 Suzan Donovan
 Maryann F. Muir
 Jodi Yingling
 Leslie Smith
 Barbara Weakland Fulton
 Diane Stephens
 Leslie Worona
 Donna Czuday
 Mary Braun
 Kin DuCharme
 Sandy Hauenstein
 Connie Clancy
 Pat Callahan
 Sally Kern
 Sarah McCloskey
 Susan Erlemeier

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Arlene Bratton
 Dawn Himler
 Toni Mangretta
 Marian Wellington
 Marjorie Wiater
 Jeanne Dowdle
 Cheryl Luffy
 Barbara Longstreth
 Sandy Riczu
 Maureen Strahl
 Denise Tovlin
 Pat Vargo
 Toni Walters
 Jessica Henry
 Cheryl Gauvey
 Danya Dierdorf
 LuAnn Glover
 Cathy Wink
 Mary Tackett
 Melissa Somerville
 Dot Hoffman
 Karen Robb
 Carol Golderinger
 Carole McClean
 Pat Montag
 Beverly Olenic
 Debbie Rose
 Peggy Tonini
 Becky Plymate
 Holly Stevenson
 Beth Tharp
 Gerri Fabanich
 Patty Rock
 Rachel Cafrelli
 Shelly Smolnery
 Sandy Ducan
 Pastor Jill McGregor
 Bonnie Makarewicz
 Donna Napoleon
 Lesbeth Trzcianko
 Candy Gulisi
 Cheryl Brooks
 Elaine Rakwan
 Mary Uebelhart
 Martha Spriggle

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Karen McCaslin
 Mary Fenstermacher
 Ginny Angus
 Anita Zuber
 Renee Heyot
 Joan Hannahoe
 Sharon Greth



2020 GFWC PENNSYLVANIA FESTIVAL OF ARTS WINNERS LIST

Student Literature:

Category 1 - Poetry (Grades K-2):

- **1st Place** – Alice Petersheim, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **2nd Place** – NO ENTRY
- **3rd Place** – NO ENTRY

Category 2 - Poetry (Grades 3-5):

- **1st Place** – Malanna Hertig, GFWC Women’s Civic Club of Carmichaels Area, SW
- **2nd Place** – Sarah Bloss, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **3rd Place** – Elizabeth Howell, Upper Allen Woman’s Club GFWC, SC

Category 3 – Poetry (Grades 6-8):

- **1st Place** – Meghan Cramer, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **2nd Place** – Lillian Wertz, GFWC Warrior Run Woman’s Club, NC
- **3rd Place** – Hannah Bisceglia, GFWC Rostraver Woman’s Club, SW

Category 4 – Poetry (Grades 9-12):

- **1st Place** – Josh Vellner, GFWC Warrior Run Woman’s Club, NC
- **2nd Place** – Arianna Papadakis, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **3rd Place** – NO ENTRY

Category 1 – Short Story (Grades K-2):

- **1st Place** – Abby Shipman, GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor, NE
- **2nd Place** – Bradon Smith, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **3rd Place** – NO ENTRY

Category 2 – Short Story (Grades 3-5):

- **1st Place** – Marley Rosier, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **2nd Place** – Emma Confalone, GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor, NE
- **3rd Place** – Rachel Popielarcheck, GFWC Women’s Civic Club of Carmichaels Area, SW

Category 3 – Short Story (Grades 6-8):

- **1st Place** – Sindura Sridhar, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **2nd Place** – Megan Erwin, GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor, NE
- **3rd Place** – Jane Petrin, GFWC Warrior Run Woman’s Club, NC

Category 4 – Short Story (Grades 9-12):

- **1st Place** – Zachary Erwin, GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor, NE
- **2nd Place** – Gabrielle Hoffman, GFWC Warrior Run Woman’s Club, NC
- **3rd Place** – Victoria Lessig, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE

Member Literature:

Member Poetry:

- **1st Place** – Kathy Ruth, GFWC PA Women’s Civic Club of Schwenksville, SE
- **2nd Place** – NO ENTRY
- **3rd Place** – NO ENTRY

Member Short Story:

- **1st Place** – Susan Dunlap, GFWC Women’s Club of Baden, SC
- **2nd Place** – Georgianne Jones, GFWC Woman’s Club of Spring Township, SE
- **3rd Place** – NO ENTRY

Contributors to Pennies for the Arts
(Contributions greater than \$60)



Berks County Federation Women's Clubs
General Federation of Women's Clubs Luzerne County
GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
GFWC Intermediate League of Butler
GFWC Meadville Woman's Club
GFWC Mechanicsburg
GFWC Northampton County Federation of Women's Clubs
GFWC Overlook Hills Women's Club
GFWC Pennsylvania - Bangor

GFWC PA Northeastern District
GFWC PA Southeastern District
GFWC West Side Woman's Club
GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club
GFWC Town and Country Woman's Club
GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club
GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne
The GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club

Saint Jude's Wagon Donations

Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.
Berks County Federation Women's Clubs
Community Club of Collegeville
Federated Women's Club of Hershey
GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club
GFWC Intermediate League of Butler
GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club
GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown
GFWC Meadville Woman's Club
GFWC Mechanicsburg
GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club
GFWC PA Northeastern District
GFWC PA Southwestern District Meeting
GFWC Pennsylvania – Bangor
GFWC Overlook Hills Women's Club
GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club
GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove
GFWC PA Saucon Valley Woman's Club
GFWC Plymouth
GFWC Pocono Mountain Woman's Club
GFWC Town and Country Woman's Club
GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club
GFWC West Side Woman's Club

GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club
GFWC-Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels Area
GFWC Woman's Club of Baden
GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne
GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township
PA Clubwoman
Warrington Women's Club
Woman's Club of Media
Woman's Club of Mountaintop
Southwestern District Meeting
Summer Leadership Conference 2019
Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC Foundation
The Woman's Club of Quakertown
Kathleen M Cassel
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Marjorie Inderlied
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Lois A Richards
Michele L. Smolnery
Kathleen Straight
Mary Jane Weisenstein



Contributors to Canine Companions

Berks County Federation Women's Clubs
GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove
GFWC Southeastern District
GFWC Woman's Club of Baden



SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT NEWS

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It's been another busy season for clubs in the Southeastern District. Clubs have continued to support Canine Companions, Pennies for the Arts, Wands for Wildlife, and Little Red Wagons for St. Jude. Clubs presidents did an excellent job of reporting their current programs and projects. One of the project highlights was the continued knitting of caps and blankets. It was my privilege to take these items to a local shelter. Staff was extremely appreciative of our gifts. The five other domestic shelters in the SED have also benefitted from donations.

The District Arts Chairman recommended that we have members compete at the District level in five categories: decorated bowling pins, scrapbook pages, mug rugs/coasters, wreaths, and small tote bags. (Even though winners in these categories will not go on to the State, they can go on to the Farm Show Competition in Harrisburg.)

Monthly newsletters have kept us informed about a variety of activities at the local level:

- Schwenksville celebrated member anniversaries from 10 years to 40 years. And while some clubs celebrated individual membership, several have also celebrated years of service to their communities - Indian Valley is celebrating 85 years and West Chester, 125 years. (Happy Anniversary!) Berks County's Past Presidents conducted a meeting at a local historic site - a train station that played an important part in regional history.
- Many clubs are busy finding unique ways to celebrate Women's Right to Vote - 100 Years. They are doing an excellent job of sharing information about "Remarkable PA Women."
- Scholarships are in the news because of the new perspective on post-secondary education. We've always donated college scholarships; but now we are expanding the areas in which we will donate to include career training centers and technical schools as well.

In reviewing club yearbooks, several highlights are worth sharing:

- Some books have a special page for "dues payment," and another page for "application for membership." The best one of all is the page where members may suggest "Proposed Charitable Budget Ideas" - themes and objectives as well as organizational information are also requested.
- My favorite is the Spring Township booklet that devotes an entire page to the topic "Why I Should Join a Federated Club?" The answers of course: "Personal Growth, Leadership Skills, Community Awareness, Fun, Public Speaking Skills, International Knowledge, Entertainment, Friendship, and Service Opportunity". (I couldn't have said it better myself!)

ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE



Anita Keiser, Chairman

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As some of you may already be aware, the GFWC Photography Contests have been cancelled for this year. GFWC Short Story and Poetry Contests were continued, as scheduled, since those deadlines were earlier.

Thank you to the districts that have forwarded your photography entries to the GFWC Pennsylvania Arts Chairman. Hopefully, the remaining districts will be received soon and the GFWC Pennsylvania Member Photography Contests will be able to be completed. Once all entries are received, judging will take place. District Chairmen should forward their Member Photography entries as soon as possible, while maintaining safety and following state guidelines.

GFWC Pennsylvania Literature contests are complete. Winners of the member photography (if able to complete) and literature contests will be announced at the GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Conference/Convention or TBA at a later date.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you and getting to know so many wonderful women throughout GFWC Pennsylvania. All my best in whatever the future has in store for you. - Anita

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

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The "Operation Warm - Up Hats, Scarves, Gloves/Mittens Contest" was a Success! Thanks to all the members of the 35 clubs who supported and participated. Clubs from all districts were represented in the contest. The number of participating clubs in each of the districts were: Southwestern - 8; Northwestern - 3; South Central - 6; North Central - 3; Southeastern - 8; and Northeastern - 7. The members of the participating clubs collected a total of 1,754 hats, 915 scarves, and 1,808 gloves/mittens. A total of 4,477 items were donated to help the residents of the local Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Shelters stay warm. That is AWESOME ladies! Congratulations!

Even though there are only three clubs (a small, a medium, and a large) receiving an award, every club that participated in "Operation Warm - Up" is a winner in the eyes of the residents of the local Domestic Violence Shelters. Thank you for caring and for helping these women and children stay warm.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE

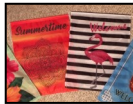


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There was an article in the newspaper a few days ago entitled “15 little-known recyclables”. We are ahead of the game as we already know about five (5) of them: Bicycles, crayons, electronics, glasses, and running shoes. I recycle ink cartridges at the store when I buy new ones. Also listed are CDs, holiday lights, packing materials (packing peanuts), razors, sports equipment, tights and stockings, toothbrushes and wine corks. Donate tights and stockings to a company that will recycle them. No Nonsense turns used stockings into “park benches, running tracks, car insulation, and playground equipment.” Take the challenge to check on the other items on the list to find out how to recycle them!

Thank you for all your work toward conservation and recycling during this term. My hope is that you will continue the recycling efforts into the future, especially regarding plastic. We need to keep plastic items out of the landfills and out of the ocean!

FUNDRAISING



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Mini Pearl of Pennsylvania and I want to thank all of the wonderful women of GFWC Pennsylvania for your support and generosity over the last two years. We hope to see everyone when we next meet. I am glad to inform you that we raised over \$4000.00 and have met the budget. I still have garden flags left as well as garment bags, so if you are in need call me.

Your reports were fabulous and made my job a challenge, but I am so proud of our state and all that we have achieved. Thanks again for everything. Stay safe and Healthy.

Donna and Mini

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE



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Home Life is more important than ever during these trying times since our life is at home every day! Here are a few ideas to keep you busy throughout the long days:

- Have a plan for the day. Decide on at least one productive activity to focus on. This may be cleaning out a drawer or cabinet in your kitchen, going through a file with documents you don't need anymore, or gardening outside.
- Take time to do some sort of exercise. Many sites are offering free or low monthly fee classes online. I have been using the Peloton app for yoga, stretching and strength training. You don't have to have a Peloton bike to use the app. My YMCA is also offering free classes online. And of course, when the weather is nice, get outside and walk. Don't forget your mask!
- If you would like to do some volunteer work, many people are looking for somewhere to obtain masks. Check out Joann Fabrics at: www.joann.com/how-to-make-a-face-mask/042188731P321.html
- Meditation is also something you should think about incorporating into your day. I use an app called Headspace. They offer a free trial membership. It has been helping me during this stressful time. I try to meditate 10 minutes every day.
- Keeping yourself in contact with friends and family is so important! If you have not tried a Zoom meeting, give it a shot! You will need a smart phone, tablet or computer. It is so much fun! We try to do it daily and have standing virtual happy hours weekly! I have even caught up with friends that I haven't talked to in years. It is great to get reconnected! Take a look at this YouTube video to help get you started: <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>
- Eating healthy has been a challenge! There is always that piece of chocolate or cookie saying, “EAT ME!”. This is a great time to search for new recipes and bring out some old favorites! If you find yourself putting on a few pounds, try logging your food every day. You can either write in down on a piece of paper or I use the app, My Fitness Pal. It is free! Sometimes you don't even realize how you snack throughout the day. This will keep you accountable!

Canine Companions donations: If your club has been collecting donations, please send your check to me, at the address above. Make checks payable to: *GFWC Pennsylvania*

If you or your club has a Facebook account, please *like* the **Canine Companions for Independence** page. They post some great pictures and stories!

Thank you for all that you do! Please stay safe!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Serving as PA State International Outreach Chairperson has been an honor for me. When Madam President asked me to fill this position, I had mixed feelings. We have so many good International Outreach partners that all need our help.

Thank you for the opportunity, the great projects that your individual clubs have done, and your support. Because of YOU, many people have been helped.

LEADERSHIP



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As I am writing this memo for the **Pennsylvania Clubwoman**, my prayer is that each of you is healthy and safe. I am reminded of the song by Ben E. King "Stand By Me". Clubwomen have always been "helpers" in their communities. This is what makes us so proud to say "I am a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs."

As we make plans to vacate our present position, here are a few tips to consider:

- Be proud of your accomplishments. BUT, it's time to "let go."
- Planning is so very important! Pass on all records, binders, files, notebooks and important correspondences. Be sure to include the criteria for LEADS. As a member of GFWC-PA, always consider making a nomination. This is also very important! Each year this venture helps to promote LEADERSHIP in GFWC-PA. The leadership chairman's goal is to assist new officers in clubs, county and state to make them feel comfortable and confident.
- We all keep pertinent information in "our heads." Be willing to share this with new officers when called upon.

The **Buzzing Bees** leave you with one last thought.

"We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light"
Evelyn Mary Dunbar

MEMBERSHIP "Be in the game"



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Thank you to every member, for without you, there is no Federation. You were "In the Game" these last two years by welcoming 206 new members into our state organization. THANK YOU.

Reports: 153 projects with 4,558 volunteer hours. **Dollars Spent:** \$8,402.96. **In-kind Donations:** \$2,869.46.

You worked hard to retain members, mentor them, and thank them for all their efforts to help your clubs attain your goals. You should be proud and when we can get together again, celebrate your wonderful achievements. It will be difficult and different because of social distancing in place. I ask that you be open to new ideas; new ways to help your community; new fundraising goals; and new ways to meet as a club. Know your Federation friends are here to help.

Lastly, I would be amiss if I did not thank the wonderful District membership team. Thank you for your guidance and enthusiasm.

As we come to the end of a most unusual administration of GFWC and GFWC Pennsylvania, please take time to reflect on all of the crises and disasters that our organizations have faced in the past. We will weather this COVID-19 pandemic, as we've weathered everything since the Influenza epidemic of 1918-19: with courage and caring, and looking toward the future.

This is one more chapter in our proud, productive, and valuable history of service. Clubs have continued to work in their communities; volunteering is an essential, life-sustaining activity, and the need has never been greater in our own backyards.

Clubs and states have learned to use Zoom and other virtual platforms for meetings, continuing the business of the organization without meeting in person.

Despite the lack of a convention in May here in Pennsylvania, your leaders have formulated an alternate plan and the administrations will transition smoothly. As in-person activity resumes, we'll both recognize the accomplishments of the 2018-2020 administration and embark fully on the 2020-2022 administration.

Despite the lack of a GFWC convention in June, we will still celebrate the accomplishments and successes of our clubs across the world, and the administrations will transition smoothly.

Thanks go to the clubs that did include Women's History in their year's activities, even though I would have wished for EVERY club to do so. Perhaps this unusual year will entice all of us to dwell a bit more on the strength of those incredible women who went before us.

Looking to the future, while it may be a bit curtailed by COVID-19, do plan to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in your club and community during the summer. It's a milestone worth remembering.

CLUB NEWS



GFWC the Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown recently held their *Once Upon a Prom* event at Miracles in Motion. This event is about helping girls have a memorable prom experience. Over 1000 new and gently used dresses and accessories were set up and displayed. Over 50 young women browsed the collection and left with a prom ensemble.

"Finding that special dress is a huge part of going to prom and unfortunately, it can be a financial burden for some. For our club members and volunteers, the highlight of the event truly is seeing the girl's faces as they walk out in their chosen dress!" said Anita Zuber, club president.

The event was held before the COVID-19 pandemic restricted large gatherings. With the current uncertainty, the committee isn't sure if these young women will get to wear their dress to prom this year, but they hope that they enjoyed the experience and can wear that dress for a future dance or special occasion.

An event such as this wouldn't be possible without community support from Miracles in Motion, Ian's Boots, Zuber Realty, and Revive.

CLUB NEWS

Butler County Commissioners recently declared October 23 to be “Anabel Brunermer Day.”

In 1969, when Anabel was president of the **GFWC Intermediate League of Butler**, she read about emergency communications systems being developed across the country and approached former mayor Arthur Megan with the idea to create one in Butler.

As a result, Butler's local 911 center was established. It has developed from a one-console, one-tape recorder system at the city's police station to the state-of-the-art communications center it is today.



GFWC Woman's Club of Milton celebrated its 110th Anniversary with GFWC Pennsylvania President Shelly Smolnery, First Vice President Sandy Hauenstein, North Central District Director Susan Kling, Club Members and local community dignitaries in attendance. They celebrated the volunteer spirit of the club members over the past 110 years, as they were dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This endured as members continued in the footsteps of the founders.

As members continue to support the Milton Public Library, which the club had founded, they realize the library has needs different from those it had a century ago. Thus, members continue to learn as they strive to help all humanity develop their minds and bodies to be productive citizens in our country, as well as around the world.

Current President Dotti Zimmerman reflected on the club being able to change with the times as she quoted author Rachel Marie Martin; “Sometimes you have to let go of the picture of what you thought life would be like and learn to find joy in the story you are actually living.” She then quoted; “This fits us so perfectly as we have moved on through the decades.”

The club continues to constantly strive to live up to the GFWC theme “Unity in Diversity” with members who are committed to the GFWC ideals, volunteering to enhance the lives of others and continuing to be a viable community service club.



The GFWC Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs meeting was hosted by the **Woman's Club of Perkasio** on February 19, 2020.

There were 48 members attending, including South Eastern District Director, Judy Schwambach.

The program honored the 100th anniversary of adopting the 19th amendment that gave women the right to vote. Marjorie Goldman, an actress from Philadelphia, entertained us with the *life and history of Susan B. Anthony*.



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"Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho," a Stepping you did go! I want to thank the 186 club women who participated in the "Step It Up with Mickey and Friends" Project and the nine (9) clubs who either sponsored and/or participated in 5k walks and runs. You are **FAN-TAS-TIC!**

In the two years we STEPPED 421,345,581 steps reaching Anaheim, California 82.23 times. Of the 186 clubwomen, 18 stepped more than 4,700,000 steps. Way to go ladies! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for making the President's Project such a success. Now relax and give your feet a rest.

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