

# PENNSYLVANIA CLUBWOMAN



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## FOOT NOTES

Winter has just started, but your fellow clubwomen are hard at work planning for Spring activities!

We will soon be celebrating the Arts at the District meetings in March, along with the business of the districts.

Inside you will find:

- The official Call to the 123rd Annual Business Meeting/Convention
- The Registration Form
- Meal Information , and
- A Tentative Agenda

These documents should answer all your convention-related questions. Delegate cards are no longer needed. All dues paying clubwomen who pay the full convention registration fee are entitled to vote. Those who do not register for the full convention will not have the privilege of voting.

We are honored to have GFWC First Vice President Deb Strahanowski joining us for the convention. The all-female speakers promise to be both enlightening and informative.

There are two new happenings at this convention: a convention shirt and a breakfast by districts. The convention committee is selling a 2020 Convention Polo Shirt. All shirts must be pre-ordered with your registration, none will be sold at convention. All are encouraged to wear the convention shirts to the Saturday business meeting. Sunday breakfast will give you an opportunity to meet as a district. Seating for breakfast will be by district. This will take the place of the traditional meeting in the rooms after dinner on Friday.

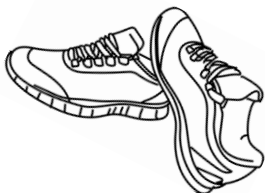
Registration ends on April 9, 2020. Don't miss out on this informative and fun event.

Keep warm until the weather breaks. See you in Harrisburg.

Living the Volunteer Spirit,

Shelly

GFWC Pennsylvania  
President



GENERAL FEDERATION  
of WOMEN'S CLUBS



**General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania  
Shelly Smolnery, President**



**Call to the 123rd Annual Business Meeting/Convention  
May 1 - 3, 2020  
Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey, 4650 Lindle Road,  
Harrisburg, PA 17011**

## ***“WE ARE...THE WORLD”***

### ***Hotel Reservations:***

Standard rooms are \$131.00 per night plus 11% tax based (max 4 persons per room)  
Reservations may be made by calling (800) 325-3535  
Use Group ID Code “GFWC 2020 Conference”  
**Room reservation deadline: Wednesday, April 9, 2020.**

### ***Convention Registration Information:***

1. Registration POSTMARKED deadline is **Wednesday, April 9, 2020.**
2. Registration for the entire Convention is \$50.00; 1- day registration is \$40.00.
3. Your club number appears in the State Directory sent to each Club President.
4. Complete the Registration Form with check payable to: **2020 GFWC PA Convention**
5. Mail to:

**Denise Kocott, Convention Registration Chairman  
1201 Highlander Way  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

### ***Registration Desk Schedule:***

<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

### ***What Should I Wear?***

(Jeans, shorts, capris, and flip flops are **ONLY permitted on SUNDAY**)

**Business Meetings/Lunches/Saturday Breakfast:** Business casual; GFWC PA Shirt w/dark pants

**Saturday:** Business casual; Convention Polo Shirt & Dark Pants

**Banquets:** Dressy

**Sunday Breakfast:** Casual



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***“WE ARE...THE WORLD”***

**Meal Information – Advanced Reservations Required!**

Coffee, tea and water served with all meals

**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.** Group Dinner at Leeds Ltd, 750 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA (5 minutes from hotel)  
Everyone will be billed separately w/20% gratuity added

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**12:30 p.m.** **“WE ARE... INSPIRED”** **Luncheon** **\$31**  
Executive Sandwich Buffet including vegetarian vegetable soup, assorted breads and rolls, tossed garden salad with assorted dressings, tuna salad, roast beef, ham, turkey and pastrami, potato salad, assorted cheeses, leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, pickles, and assorted pies and cakes

**6:30 p.m.** **“WE ARE... GRATEFUL** **State President's Project Banquet** **\$45**  
Garden salad, sautéed chicken breast with spinach cream sauce, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetable and lemon cake with fresh strawberries  
(Cash Bar will remain open during dinner.)

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

**8:15 a.m.** **“WE ARE... TRAILBLAZERS”** **Breakfast** **\$22**  
Chilled juices, freshly brewed Starbucks regular and decaffeinated coffees & assorted Tazo Hot Tea, sliced seasonal fruit and breakfast bread served family style, plated scrambled eggs, crisp bacon strips and Lyonnaise style breakfast potatoes

**12:30 p.m.** **“WE ARE...A COMMUNITY”** **Luncheon** **\$30**  
Chef salad with grilled boneless breast of chicken, fruit cup with rolls and butter and Triple Layer Chocolate cake

**6:30 p.m.** **“WE ARE...THE FUTURE”** **Installation Banquet** **\$45**  
**(Child's Meal for Ages 5-12 \$17 - age 4 and under Free)**  
Child's Meal - Chicken fingers and French fries  
Choice of crab cake or grilled flank steak, garden salad, Chef's choice of starch and vegetable, NY style cheesecake w/ strawberry topping.  
(Cash Bar will remain open during dinner)

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.** **“WE ARE...TIRED BUT MOTIVATED”** **Breakfast Buffet** **\$26**  
**– 10:00 a.m.** Chilled juices, freshly brewed Starbucks regular and decaffeinated coffees & Assorted Tazo Hot Tea, freshly baked breakfast breads & pastries, assorted bagels with cream cheese, seasonal fruit platter, freshly scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, pancakes, French toast w/strawberry and blueberry sauces & whipped cream, crisp bacon and sausage links

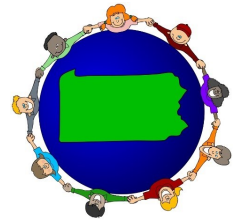


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**May 1 – 3, 2020**

**“WE ARE...THE WORLD”**

*Tentative Agenda (subject to change)*



**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Registration Open  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Dinner at Leeds Ltd.

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Registration Open  
2018-2020 Board of Directors Meeting  
Opening of 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Meeting/Convention  
Opening Ceremonies  
Recognition of First Time Attendees  
Presentation of Standing Rules  
Presentation of Convention Program  
Report of Elections Committee

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Nominations for GFWC Pennsylvania Officers

**“WE ARE . . . INSPIRED”** Luncheon

*Speaker: Corporal Samantha Minnucci, Pennsylvania State Police Academy*

Presentation of Awards

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Business Meeting

Resolutions

Presentation of Awards

Service Project

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Open

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting of GFWC PA Past Presidents & Past Directors of Junior Clubs

Meeting of GFWC PA Past District Directors Club

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Social Time (cash bar) - Meet the Candidates

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**“WE ARE . . . GRATEFUL”** State President's Project Banquet

*Speaker: Joan Patterson “Changing Perspectives”*

Recognition of GFWC PA Woman of The Year Award Recipient

Presentation of Awards

10:15 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Entertainment: The Singer Band “Music We Remember”

Installation Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
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7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Arts Set-up

Registration Open

Polls Open

State Festival of the Arts

**“WE ARE . . . TRAILBLAZERS”** Breakfast

*Speaker: Angela M. Little, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance “Keeping Kids Safe In PA”*

Presentation of Awards

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Resolutions

Reports of GFWC Pennsylvania Officers

Reports of District Directors

Presentation of Awards

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Polls Open

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**“WE ARE . . . A COMMUNITY”** Luncheon

*Speaker: Susan Parrinello, Canine Companions For Independence*

Presentation of Awards

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

Memorial for Clubwomen

Invitations

Presentation of Awards

3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Welcome to the 2020-2022 Administration

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Social Time “Honoring GFWC Pennsylvania Past Presidents” (cash bar)

6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

**“WE ARE . . . THE FUTURE”** Banquet

*Speaker: Deb Strahanoski, GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

Recognition of Jennie Award

Installation of 2020-2022 Officers and District Directors

Pin and Gavel Ceremony

Installation Reception

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

2020-2022 Executive Committee Meeting

**“WE ARE . . . TIRED BUT MOTIVATED”** Breakfast Buffet

Enjoy breakfast with your 2018 –2020 District Director and your 2020 – 2022 newly installed District Director



# REGISTRATION FORM

*Registration must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 9, 2020*

**Return this form with your check payable to:**

**“2020 GFWC PA Convention”**



**Mail to:**

**Denise Kocott, Convention Registration Chairman  
1201 Highlander Way  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

*Pre-Registration is required for all Convention attendees. You may duplicate this form as needed.*

## **PLEASE PRINT NEATLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as you wish it to appear on your name badge) . (Club, County, District, State)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Club number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check (✓) if a First Time Convention Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration:** \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Full – GFWC PA Clubwoman (Voting privileges)  
\$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Full – Guest (not a GFWC PA Clubwoman)  
\$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Day – GFWC PA Clubwoman (No voting privileges)

**Food Functions:**

Thursday Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate if attending. Everyone will pay their own bill.  
Friday Luncheon: \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ **(ALL vegetarian meals are mushroom free)**  
Friday Banquet: \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Breakfast: \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Luncheon: \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Banquet: \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Crab Cake \_\_\_\_\_ Flank Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
\$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Child’s Meal (Ages 5 -12 only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Free \_\_\_\_\_ Child’s Meal (Ages 4 and under) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday Breakfast: \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Food:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2020 Convention Polo Shirt @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Pre-orders required. No shirts may be purchased at event.***  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL  
(Ladies Sizes) Circle Size

**Total Registration, Food & Shirts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Explain if you have any special dietary needs: (The Harrisburg Hershey Sheraton does not use MSG or peanut oil in any preparation. Mushrooms will NOT be used in any meal item.)  
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**Communications and Publications Policy**

Photographs: By registering for and attending the 2020 GFWC PA Annual Business Meeting/Convention you consent to having your photograph taken and used by GFWC Pennsylvania and/or its agents for any commercial and noncommercial purpose, and expressly waive any right to compensation for such use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

# GFWC PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTIONS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE 2020 COMVENTION

(A complete list of the resolutions (including rationale) were mailed to club presidents and/or can be located on our website at: <https://www.gfwcpennsylvania.org/>. Copies will not be provided at the convention – please copy the list sent to your President or download the complete list from the website and bring it with you to convention.)

## **PROPOSE TO AMEND**

### **CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

- **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** (Adopted 1992, reaffirmed 1998, amended 2003, reaffirmed 2009, reaffirmed 2015)
- **INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES** (Adopted 2009, reaffirmed 2015)

### **EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

- **LEADERSHIP TRAINING** (Adopted 1991, reintroduced 1997, amended 2003, reaffirmed 2009, amended 2015)
- **LIBRARIES** (Adopted 2014)

### **HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

- **ORGAN DONORS** (Adopted 2004, reaffirmed 2009, 2015)

## **PROPOSE TO RESCIND**

### **PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

- **SEXUAL VIOLENCE** (Adopted 1991, reintroduced & amended 1997, 2003, reaffirmed 2009, 2015)
- **POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS** (Adopted 2004, reaffirmed 2009, 2015)
- **WOMEN IN POLICY MAKING POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT** (Adopted 1967, amended by substitution 1991, 1997, amended 2003, amended 2009, amend 2015)

## **EDITORIAL CHANGES ONLY**

- **EDUCATION THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE** (Adopted 1992, reaffirmed 1998, amended 2003, reaffirmed 2009, 2015)

## **EXPIRED**

- **RECYCLING MUNICIPAL WASTE** (Adopted 1988, reintroduced and amended 1994, 1999, 2005, reaffirmed 2011) \*Resolution expired in 2017 - covered by GFWC 011-090; 011-110
- **ALCOHOL ADVERTISEMENTS ON RADIO AND TV** (Adopted 1985, amended 1991, reintroduced & amended 1997, reaffirmed 2003, amended 2009, 2010) \*Resolution expired in 2016 - covered by GFWC 013-280
- **FLAG DAY USA - PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE** (Adopted 1987, reaffirmed 1999, 2005, 2011) \* Resolution expired in 2017 - covered by GFWC 015-480
- **OVERSIZED VEHICLES** (Adopted 2005, amended and reaffirmed 2011) \*Resolution expired in 2017 - covered by GFWC 015-610

## **RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- **THE GFWC “UNITY IN DIVERSITY” EMBLEM** (Adopted 1992, reaffirmed 2007, reviewed 2013)

### **MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS**

- **GFWC PA CONVENTION SCHEDULING** (Adopted 1981, reintroduced 1992, 1998, 2003, reaffirmed 2009, amended 2015)

# GFWC PA 2020 - 2022 Candidates for Office

## 1st Vice President - Heide Cebrick



**Heide Cebrick** joined GFWC in November 1990. In the past 29+ years, she has held various positions. On the club and county levels, she has been a project chairman; a board member; and held most other offices. She has membership in two clubs: GFWC West Side Woman's Club, and GFWC Luzerne County Past Presidents, where she is currently president. Also, she is currently the Federation Day Chairman for GFWC Luzerne County.

She has been: District Arts Chairman, Conservation Community Service Program Chairman, Public Issues CS/P Chairman for GFWC Pennsylvania, GFWC Pennsylvania Northeastern District Director and is now serving as GFWC Pennsylvania Second Vice President.

Heide was selected as the Jennie Award winner from both Pennsylvania and the Middle Atlantic Region and was honored with the Jennie June Award presented at the GFWC International Convention in St. Louis. She also represented Pennsylvania as the LEADS candidate in St. Louis.

Heide and her husband Dave, as Board Members of the Stanley Cooper, Sr. Trout Unlimited Chapter, started the *Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Wilkes-Barre Program* over 11 years ago when their son was deployed in Iraq. *She was chosen as the Middle Atlantic Region Volunteer of the Year for Project Healing Waters in 2011 and was gifted with a fly rod inscribed with her name.* She continues to serve as Program Lead and Deputy Regional Coordinator. She also served a term as a member of the Field Advisory Council for Project Healing Waters. She is a past president of the Stanley Cooper, Sr. Trout Unlimited Chapter. She has been fly fishing with her husband for over 37 years and is currently working on her fly tying skills.

At age 12, Heide began working part time for the family stained glass business, The Baut Studios, Inc., performing janitorial work and cutting glass patterns. She began full time employment after graduating from college in 1979. She and her brother Conrad are currently managing the business where she works as a stained glass artist and designer.

Heide spent her junior year of college at the Tyler School of Art in Rome, Italy, as part of the Temple Abroad Program. She graduated from Tyler School of Art with her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Heide and Dave, her husband of over 36 years, have two grown children (a daughter and a son), one granddaughter, and one grandson.

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## 2nd Vice President - Donna Malone



**Donna Malone** has been an active member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for 30 years. She joined the GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club in 1990 and has served her club as President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary, as well as chairing numerous departments and committees through the years. Donna currently serves her local club as the Communications, Public Relations & Social Media Chairman, and as Reporting Chairman.

Donna is also serving GFWC Pennsylvania as Communications, Public Relations & Social Media Chairman for the 2018-2020 Administration. Donna previously served as Pennsylvania Clubwoman Newsletter Editor and Communications and Public Relations Chairman during the 2016-2018 Administration. Donna has been endorsed by her local club and the GFWC Pennsylvania South Central District as GFWC Pennsylvania 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Donna served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library for 14 years and, during her time on the board, she served as Board Secretary for six years (2003 – 2017).

Currently, Donna is the Office Manager at Spring Cove Container, a division of the Roaring Spring Blank Book Company, where she has been employed since 2007. Her hobbies and interests include scrapbooking, traveling, shopping, social media, being with friends, and spending time with her family.

Donna, and husband, Tim, have been married for 39 ½ years. They have three sons: Jason, Matthew, and Eric; and two grandchildren: Jacob and Addison.

# GFWC PA - 2020 - 2022 - Candidates for Office

## Secretary - Susan Kling



**Susan Kling** has been a member of GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club for 24 years. She has served at the club level as Recording Secretary, Vice-President, and President. She has been North Central District Director twice and served as Co-Chairman of Home Life for GFWC Pennsylvania.

Susan has been an LPN for 22 years, and has worked at UPMC Muncy Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for 20 years.

She has been married to her husband Brad for 24 years, and has two sons, Tyler, 23 and Martin, 17. Her family also has two dogs, one cat, two tortoises, a turtle, and several fish and snails.

She enjoys spending time with her family, watching her sons play sports, reading and visiting her parents in Florida.

She is looking forward to this next endeavor with GFWC Pennsylvania with an open mind and heart.

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## Treasurer - Sue O' Day



**Sue O'Day** has been a member of GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. since 1989. She has served her Club as: President for two non-consecutive terms; First Vice President (Programs); Recording Secretary; multiple terms as Treasurer; Chairman of the Dance Department for over 10 years; and has served as chairman and committee member on numerous committees.

She served as the Northeastern District's Art Chairman for 2012-2014, and the Crafts Chairman for several years. During the 2014-2016 administration, she was the chairman of the Education Committee. She was co-chairman of the GFWC Signature Project-Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention for the 2016-2018 administration. And, in the 2018-2020 administration, she has served as the Northeastern District Director.

Sue was the recipient of the GFWC PA Jennie Award in 2016, and runner up for the Middle Atlantic Region. She represented Pennsylvania as the LEADS candidate in 2017.

Returning to college as an adult, she received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Keystone College in 2008.

Since 2012, Sue has been Chairman of the Snack and Beverage Tent for the Susan G. Komen Northeastern Pennsylvania Affiliate Race for the Cure.

For the past 27 years, Sue has worked for the Abington Heights School District, and is currently Coordinator of Student Services, in their Business Department.

Sue is an avid mountain biker, book reader, and a collector of rabbits (not real ones!). She lives in Scott Township with her significant other, and has a son and a daughter.

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## 2020-2022 - GFWC Updates from Sandy Hauenstein, GFWC PA President Elect

GFWC approved the change in the Community Service Programs at the 2019 Annual Convention in Austin. They are as follows and are effective July 1, 2020.

### **Arts and Culture; Civic Engagement and Outreach; Education and Libraries; Environment; Health and Wellness**

Please review your club's bylaws to see if the Community Service Programs are listed by name or if it states six (6) Community Service Programs. If either applies, the club must consider amending the bylaws to align with the change. Suggested language may be:

*There shall be Community Service Programs to conform, as nearly as possible, to those of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.*

**OR**

*Community Service Programs Committees and Advancement Area Committees shall be established in accordance with the bylaws of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and GFWC Pennsylvania.*

The 2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual with detailed information regarding the Community Service Programs will be available July 1, 2020 on [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org). Community Service Program Chairmen in GFWC Pennsylvania will present the information at the Summer Leadership Conference in July and in the Pennsylvania Clubwoman newsletter.





In the continuing effort to reduce the effect of plastic on nature and the environment, Giant Eagle stores have taken a “giant” step. A recent newspaper article (Pittsburgh Tribune-Review) states that Giant Eagle plans to eliminate single-use plastics by 2025. As of January 15<sup>th</sup>, targeted stores banished plastic shopping bags from the registers, replacing them with reusable bags for sale or charging 10 cents for paper bags. SNAP and WIC customers will not pay that fee. Other items on the chopping block are straws, single-serve fresh food containers and bottled beverages.

How much impact will a move like this – and moves by eight states including California and New York - put on manufacturers to make changes? Customer demands are already changing the way companies are looking at packaging. Coca-Cola and AB InBev have developed cardboard replacements for the plastic six-pack rings that cause problems for wildlife.

Change is not easy, but a stepped, over-time effort can give both vendors and customers time to adjust.

In January, the Pennsylvania Farm Show had a presentation on the Spotted Lantern Fly to make more people aware of this pest and how to get rid of it.

Thank you for all your work toward conservation during this term. My hope is that you will continue these efforts into the future. Some of those bags we have received at convention and summer leadership conference over the years can be used for shopping so that the loss of plastic bags won't be a concern.

**LEADERSHIP**



**Mary Fenstermacher, Chairman**  
4348 Wendy Way, Schwenksville, PA 19473

**A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS**

by David Harris

A simple act of kindness  
Can stop a million tears  
A little hug can give so much joy  
A letter now and then to someone  
Can save so many wasted years  
We should hold every moment precious  
And help as many as we can  
With a simple act of kindness  
Every now and then  
The world would be a better place  
If we cared a little more  
Imagine how many smiling faces  
Would greet us at the door  
If we extended that helping hand  
With a simple act of kindness  
The kindness could spread  
Across many land

Read this poem again. It certainly depicts what our thoughts and actions should portray each day. Soon this administration will be leaving us and new Officers and Committee Chairmen will take the reins. I leave you with a few suggestions:

- Begin to organize the excellent records you have been keeping to pass on to the newly elected Officers and Committee Chairmen.
- Encourage ALL members to subscribe to the CLUBWOMAN magazine and NEWS and NOTES - a free weekly electronic newsletter. To subscribe to this newsletter contact [GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org).
- Remember to donate to: “Soles for Souls” or Nike “reuse-a-shoe”
- Plan projects devoted to women in the military
- Plan a project for your club to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women winning the right to vote for August 26, 2020

REMEMBER LAUGHTER IS A POWERFUL MEDICINE!

Thank you to Henrietta Belcher-Stack, GFWC Leadership chairman, for sharing the “A Simple Act of Kindness” poem.

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!!**

**2020 Summer Leadership Conference**  
July 24-25, 2020  
Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel  
Harrisburg

**Highlights:**

- ◆ 2020-2020 State President’s Project!
- ◆ Great speakers!
- ◆ Community Service Program update!
- ◆ Fun activities!
- ◆ Service Project!
- ◆ Lots of fun and surprises.

## LEGISLATION / PUBLIC POLICY



**Gaylene Hunter, Chairman**  
16 Farmhouse Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707  
570-751-6144 [gaylene37@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylene37@yahoo.com)

It has been reported that more than 2.6 million children in the United States are being raised by their grandparents or other family members. These children are displaced, in part, by the opioid epidemic in this country. Many caregivers are feeling financial stress due to the added responsibility of these children in their home. In response to this serious situation, United States Senator Bob Casey has introduced **The Caregivers Access and Responsible Expansion for Kids Act of 2019** (Senate 2760), hereafter referred to as the **CARE for Kids Act**.

Casey stated that “during this tumultuous time these children should not have to worry where they will receive their next meal.” This bill would provide some financial relief to millions of caregivers and improve nutrition for these children. The CARE for Kids Act would allow these children to receive breakfast and lunch through school meal programs, thereby lessening grocery bills for caregivers.

Please mention this upcoming legislation at your club meetings. You may have members who are caregivers and this act could be beneficial to them once the bill has passed.

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## MEMBERSHIP “Be in the game”



**Cathy M. Wink, Chairman**  
1733 First Street , New Brighton PA 15066  
724-846-1391 [catwink2@yahoo.com](mailto:catwink2@yahoo.com)

I will make this short since this addition will be the convention invitation. Conducting a well-organized and informative club meeting will help you to retain your members. Remember the essentials:

- 1) A complete agenda in writing.
- 2) Start on time.
- 3) Do not call on anyone without a report.
- 4) Plan for at least a short social time to get to know each member.
- 5) Share information you receive from GFWC and GFWC Pennsylvania.

Having someone to greet guests and answer questions for them is a good way to welcome them to your club. Remember every guest is a potential member.

Be sure at every meeting to highlight the progress of your projects so all members know what is happening and can have input. And, thank members for a job well done.

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## PUBLIC ISSUES



**Toni Mangretta, Chairman**  
372 Washington Ave., Apt. D, Oakmont, PA 15139  
412-999-6935 [campconny13@aol.com](mailto:campconny13@aol.com)

Continue to fly your flag s and encourage others to fly a flag year round. As we begin a new year, continue to do all of your projects for our men and women in the service.

Time to step it up and put to rest some of the projects under Public Issues that your club has been doing for years.

Some are outdated or costing you more money as time goes on.

With all of the fires, floods, and landslides that are occurring, so many people have lost everything! Look into your communities and see what projects you can do to help, for example, donations to Food Banks or collection of warm clothes for the Veterans and the Homeless.

For additional ideas and information about Public Issues projects, go to [www.gfwcpennsylvania.org](http://www.gfwcpennsylvania.org), click on the 2018/2020 Club Manual, and then click on Public Issues.

Attend the Summer Leadership Conference. Our new officers and department chairs will present new information. Encourage new club members to attend the conference.

## CLUB NEWS



The **GFWC Pennsylvania - Bangor** club collected 177 pairs of new and used shoes for Soles4Souls. Shoes were sorted, counted, and delivered.

To the left, chairman Carolyn Smith and Heidi Bates are pictured with their committee.

Pictured to the right are members of the **Community Club of Collegeville**, as they model the latest fashions, at their recently held 7th annual fashion show.

The club partnered with Chico's Fashions in Collegeville to sponsor the show. Proceeds will be used to benefit Perkiomen Valley students in the form of scholarships and awards.



In the photo to the , the **GFWC Woman's Club of Indian Valley** prepares to send 59 gowns to "Operation Smile."

The club partners with UPS of Hatfield, PA. to package and deliver these handmade gowns, free of charge.

Pictured to the left (left to right): President, Nancy Engle and members, Ginny Parvin and Edie Rapp.



The **Woman's Club of Perkasio** held their annual Fall Fashion Show entitled "Santa's Workshop" at the Indian Valley Country Club on Sunday, November 10, 2019. 198 people attended. All proceeds from this event will benefit organizations within the Pennridge community.

A special raffle was held resulting in \$550. collected to purchase medical red wagons for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Pictured to the right (from left to right): 1st VP Beth Schild, Treasurer Thyra Groff, President Mary West, Fundraising Treasurer Anne Melcher, Recording Secretary Anne Fenley, and Corresponding Secretary Penny Petro.



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“Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho,” a Stepping we will go!

By now many of you are on the last leg of this stepping journey. I have received many step logs so far and found that you are doing wonderfully. Here are a few items you need to keep in mind:

1. You can send me your log sheets or updates from now until the deadline
2. When you send me your last steps you MUST include the entry form filled out completely including your total steps,
3. If you have already reached Anaheim DO NOT stop counting your steps – continue counting until the deadline of March 21<sup>st</sup> and send to me no later than March 25<sup>th</sup>
4. Clubs submitting entry forms - remember to include information such as the registered number or proof that you sponsored the event
5. If you have questions, call or email me at the above email address or phone number

From all indications, we should have some very large totals. If your club is one of the top five and, as an individual, you are among the top 10, I will send a letter, per the president's request, announcing that you will be receiving an award at the Friday night project banquet. ***All members reaching at least One Character Site will receive a certificate.*** More information will be given at the convention in May. Until then, KEEP ON STEPPING IT UP!”

## 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	Holiday Inn Express, Breezewood, PA
May 1 - 3	All	123rd Annual Business Meeting/Convention Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA
June 19 - 21	Western HOBY Conference	Theil College, Greenville, PA