PENNSYLVANIA CLUBWOMAN



Official Publication of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania

Volume 101 Issue 1 September 2018



FOOT NOTES

Welcome to the 2018-2020 Administration! Work has begun all over Pennsylvania to support the State President's Project "Step It Up -Volunteer". We hope that you are well on your way to stepping towards your "chosen destination" and have contacted your local Domestic Abuse shelter to see how your club can help.

Inside the newsletter you will find information from the Community Service Program Chairman, District Directors, Membership and Leadership, as well as many other chairmen. We want you to *share what is happening in your local club*. Please send pictures (with a brief description) to the editor, Tina Warholic. We will use as many as we have space to include.

Clubs can now also advertise events in the newsletter. Look in the 2018-2019 Directory for the Communications Policy which lists the very reasonable costs to advertise. Although the newsletter is only published four times a year, it reaches every dues paying member of GFWC Pennsylvania..

GFWC Pennsylvania's Facebook page is also a great place to share information about club projects and upcoming club events. Brag about your successes – don't keep them a secret!

Work is progressing on the new GFWC Pennsylvania website. Check it out at www.gfwcpennsylvania.org. Suggestions for improvements and comments are always welcome. I will pass them along to the new web site coordinator.

I will soon embark on the Fall District Tour, and I am looking forward to seeing each of you at your District meeting. I will be speaking about the new GFWC initiatives as well as the state of GFWC Pennsylvania. Come and learn how you can participate in the State President's Project from Chairman Dawn Himler. The State Fundraising items (beaded bracelets, garment bags, and manicure sets) will be available. Remember, the sale of these items supports the operation of our headquarters and helps us keep the dues low.

As Walt Disney said, "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing".

Living the Volunteer Spirit.

Shelly Smolnery

GFWC Pennsylvania President



GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS



Dawn L. Himler, Chairman 458 Himler Road, Greensburg. PA 15601-6322 724-836-3764 or dhimler@comcast.net

"Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho," a stepping we will go for the next two years as we 'STEP UP WITH MICKEY AND FRIENDS." Each year Mickey and his friends will STEP across the United States to visit particular sites, get more exercise, and keep track of our STEPS.

Almost everyone needs to get more exercise and STEPPING UP may be the easiest way to do it. You don't need lessons or expensive equipment, just a good pair of shoes and a log sheet. Mickey and his friends are offering several contests for club members and/or clubs.

For individual members, three different Stepping Routes are available to choose from:

- Minnie Mouse will travel to Orlando, Florida or 2,106,000 steps
- Donald Duck will go to Austin, Texas or 3,118,200 steps
- Pluto will end up in Albany, New York or 652,400 steps

Awards will be given to individuals who complete one character route, the top 10 with the total steps, and a special award for anyone completing more than one route.

The club contest consists of participating in a *Sponsored* 5K or more walk/run. Awards will be given to any club participating in a sponsored walk/run, for participating in more than one sponsored walk/run, or for sponsoring a walk/run. Specific details and deadlines can be found in the Contest Handouts club presidents received in the August Bulk Mailing.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. Good Luck and Have Fun Counting Your Steps.

Did you know that the average person takes 9000 steps each day? In a lifetime, that is 3.5 trips around the earth!

JUNIORS SPECIAL PROGRAM ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Judy Grace, Chairman 1120 Manatamany Drive, Pocono Lake, PA 18347 570-643-8742 jagrace@ptd.net

Advocates for Children Week, October 21-27, 2018, is rapidly approaching, so why not start planning your club projects! This annual tradition brings together all GFWC clubwomen to make a significant difference in the life of a child. You can support March of Dimes and St. Jude, the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children Partners who work towards improving the health of babies and children.

Consider reaching out to neighboring clubs to collaborate for a project with an even bigger impact. District Directors, why not promote a district wide project – such as a walk-a-thon for St. Jude's.?

Clubwomen should use the week as an opportunity to ensure that children are protected from harmful situations, have the resources to lead healthy physical and emotional lives, and that there is public policy in place to support them.

Want to get a head start on your Advocates for Children Week project? August 12 -18 is National Health Center Week. August 18 is Children's Health Day, and it recognizes the critical role that health centers play for all the children in the U.S. who receive their primary health care from community health centers.

By educating the public on these issues, supporting our healthcare community, and empowering families, GFWC clubwomen can truly make a difference.



Cathy M. Wink, Chairman 1733 First Street, New Brighton PA 15066 724-846-1391 <u>catwink2@yahoo.com</u>

Your membership team is excited about the new administration. We will be contacting your club's membership chairman to find out the great plays you made last year, the fumbles, the touchdowns, and the final score for membership. We are here to help you retain, recruit, mentor and thank your members.

For **June**, **July**, **and August** the focus is **Retention** of members. At Summer Conference we shared ways to make your meetings more inviting. One way is through a club survey. Find out what your members liked or disliked about the programs and projects your club participated in last year. Find out their interests and plan great programs around them.

September, October, November is **Recruitment**. GFWC wants to help you with the cost of recruiting new members. Funding is now available to help underwrite membership recruiting and rebuilding in your community. GFWC is offering \$50 grants for club member recruitment programs four times annually. The application process is straightforward and easy to complete. Apply today for the funding necessary to conduct a successful recruiting event. The form is on <u>www.gfwc.org/membership</u>. If you do not get the grant the first time, reapply in the next three (3) months. Your membership team would like to see at least one membership grant won by every district in Pennsylvania.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Andrea Hauck 570-646-9532 7542 Lake Shore Dr. Pocono Lake PA 18347-7888 <u>AHauck03@ptd.net</u>

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT Cathleen M Wink 724-846-1391

1733 First Street New Brighton PA 15066 catwink2@yahoo.com

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Paulette Widman 814-724-1032 865 Grove St. Meadville PA 16335-2411 pwidmann@zoominternet.net

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

JoAnn Arnold 610-942-4285 288 Jefferis Rd. Downingtown PA 19335-1003 JoAnnArnold@comcast.net

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Mary Braun 717-566-1249 314 Baumgardner Dr. Harrisburg PA 17112-8961 mebraun22@yahoo.com

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Denise Tovlin 412-751-1853 204 Williamsburg Dr. Elizabeth PA 15037-2442 djtovlin@gmail.com

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sara Ruppel, Chairman 41 Rosewood Ln; Marietta, PA 17547 717-917-0722 winnie442@gmail.com

Get ready ladies! This year for Education we are headed *back to college* to focus on Hunger on Campus.

Do you have a 2 or 4-year, college, university, technical school or some other form of post-secondary education institution in or near your community? If so, then you probably have college students facing food insecurity, as about half of all college students do. Today's college students vary widely in age and backgrounds and are very different from the stereotype – think single moms getting a degree; foster care children; children from difficult backgrounds with no parental support; and children from families who relied on assistance, food banks ,and weekend food programs throughout high school - just to name a few.

Many colleges and other institutions have formed student-run food banks right on campus to address this issue, and they need our help! To help we can volunteer at the food banks, donate canned goods and other non-perishable items and supplies, make monetary donations and participate in any community fundraisers the school may have. Building a working relationship with the staff and students of your local institutions can be very beneficial for all parties involved! For more information and additional resources visit the College and University Food Bank Alliance website at : https://sites.temple.edu/cufba.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sue Hardenbrook, Chairman 90 Buckthorn Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-4303 717-243-9872 vsranch1@comcast.net

The focus for Conservation this year is **Reduce**, **Reuse**, **Recycle**. In the Summer Leadership packet and workshop, information was shared about reusing and recycling. If you did not get the list of websites, contact this chairman and a list will be emailed to you.

We need to reduce the use of plastic straws and plastic in general so that it does not end up floating in the ocean and endangering wildlife.

Roadside trash also needs to be reduced. Have you tried "plogging" yet? This involves carrying a trash bag with you while you run or walk, picking up trash that you see and depositing it in trash barrels or taking it home to recycle or dispose of. This activity ties in with the President's Project to Walk for Health. Additional information about

plogging can be found on the Keep America Beautiful website at <u>www.KAB.org</u> or enter "plogging" into your computer search.

Clubs are also challenged to create a **Reuse and Recycle Directory** for their area. Have you thought about what is available in your area? Have you checked out the internet for recycling opportunities? You can contact an organization for a speaker for your club meeting as a part of your Conservation Service Program. Remember to report the hours for this activity.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Toni Mangretta, Chairman 372 Washington Ave., Apt. D., Oakmont, PA 15139 412-999-6935 campconny13@aol.com

GFWC Public Issues Community Service program is designed to actively connect members with effective projects and activities relating to civic and social responsibilities.

Go on line to <u>https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/</u> to bring up the 2018-2020 Club Manual and go under Public Issues for more information.

The focus of this Chairman is to bring information and attention to our Women Veterans and our Flag. The Flag of the United States of America is a symbol of freedom and liberty. Let's fly the flag <u>all year!</u> Hang it on a pole, put it out as a Garden Flag, or put in your gardens and in your potted plants.

Be sure to buy flags only made in America.

Here are some dates to be sure you fly your flag:

- February 20 President's Day
- May 8 V-E Day (Victory in Europe)
- May 20 Armed Forces Day
- May 29 Memorial Day Observed
- June 14 Flag Day
- July 4- Independence Day
- August 15 -V-J Day (Victory over Japan)
- September 4 -Labor Day
- September 11 Patriot Day
- September 15 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- November 7 Election Day
- November 11 Veterans Day
- December 7 Pearl Harbor Day

The flag consists of 13 alternating red and white stripes that represent the 13 original colonies, and 50 white stars on a blue field, with each star representing a state.

Did you know what the colors represent on our flag?

***RED** – valor and bravery

* WEILT – purity and innocence

***BLUE** – vigilance, perseverance, and justice.





LEADERSHIP - ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

BE PREPARED! As President you should be prepared, enthusiastic, creative and confident. You should encourage your chairman/ members to "think out of the box".

Over and over again we find that things that worked 2 years ago won't work now. Change is scary! Creative abilities to find new answers, new solutions and new ideas are necessary.

Your job is to seek out the skills and talents of your members. Put your members to work at a task they enjoy. The right person, at the right time, with the right talent are the keys to success.

Handouts "Conducting a Business Meeting" and "What Should the Minutes Contain" were available at the Summer Leadership Conference. Should you need a copy contact a **BUZZING BEE**.

Next, we would like you to push the LEADS program. Your District Leadership Chairman has the criteria. Our goal is to have a candidate from each district. Your District Leadership Chairman are the **BUZZING BEES:** Southwestern, Cheryl Brooks; Northwestern, Lois Richards; South Central, JoAnn Propcheck; North Central. Linda Frye; Northeastern, Judy Grace; Southeastern, Mary Fenstermacher).

These Bees will buzz through your district to assist you whenever called upon. Don't struggle, ask for help.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." Henry Ford

LEGISLATION / PUBLIC POLICY

Gaylene Hunter, Chairman 16 Farmhouse Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707 570-751-6144 gaylene37@yahoo.com

Postpartum depression frequently occurs in women shortly after giving birth. These women can be sad, lethargic and have difficulty bonding with their newborns. Because of the symptoms of depression, these new mothers struggle to properly care for their babies and provide sufficient stimulation. Bipartisan legislation, Pennsylvania House Bill 200, co-sponsored by Representatives Tarah Toohil, Republican, Butler Township and Michael Schlossberg, Democrat, Leigh County, aims to assist women experiencing postpartum depression. Data from the American Psychological Association shows that about 15% of new mothers are afflicted by this illness. That constitutes approximately 21,000 mothers and babies, who are affected annually in Pennsylvania alone.

The proposal states that mothers at high risk and their infants, who are referred by a doctor or other health care professional, would be eligible for assessment and tracking by Pennsylvania Early Intervention Programs.

These programs exist in all counties statewide. The bill recently passed in the House.

Please contact your senators to assure its passage in the Senate. The hope is that mothers and infants will receive needed services so that these babies will thrive and develop appropriately.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

610-353-1079 tweetymarian@yahoo.com

Domestic Violence consists of many forms of abuse. Elder Abuse is the focus of Domestic Violence in 2018-2019. An elder is defined as a person sixty years of age or older.

What is Elder Abuse? According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, NCEA, elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or "trusted" individual that causes (or potentially causes) harm to a vulnerable elder.

The seven forms of abusive behavior on an elder are:

- 1. Physical -inflicting physical pain or injury
- 2. Emotional -inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress
- 3. Sexual -coercing sexual contact without consent
- 4. **Economic** maintaining total control over financial resources
- 5. **Psychological**—causing fear by intimidation and forcing isolation
- 6. **Neglect** -failure to provide food, shelter, health care, and protection
- 7. Abandonment -desertion of the elder by the one responsible for care.

No one is exempt from abuse. Victims come from all races, religions, cultures, age groups, genders, sexual orientation and socioeconomic levels.

"STEP AWAY FROM ABUSE" SOCK CONTEST

Dates of club contest: October 1-31, 2018

HELP

Report Form: Postmarked by November 16, 2018

PARTICIPATE

Can your club help? Pairs of socks are needed by the many residents of the Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Shelters. By participating in the "Step Away From Abuse" Sock Contest you can help.

To Participate: Club members purchase pairs of socks for one or more of the groups or categories: babies, boys, girls, ladies or men. Choose which group or groups you will help. Bring the socks you purchased to your October or November meeting. Take the donated socks to the local Domestic Violence Shelter.

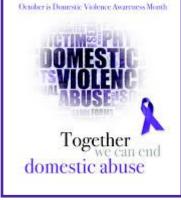
The Award: Will be given at the GFWC Pennsylvania Convention to the three (3) clubs that collect and donate the most pairs of socks. One award for a small club; one award for a medium club; and one award for a large club. To be considered for an award, the club **must fill out the Report Form** on how many total pairs of socks were collected and donated by the club. Mailing information is on the report form.

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE

SilverSneakers is a free fitness program for seniors that's helping millions of people on Medicare defy the odds, shatter stereotypes and

answer every challenge with, "I can do this!" SilverSneakers includes unlimited access to every participating gym and fitness center in the network. That's a gym membership at more than 14,000 locations with unrestricted access to EVERY location. Weights, treadmills, pools and other amenities are included. They also offer fitness classes for all abilities led by certified instructors at gyms and other locations. Visit their website: <u>www.silversneakers.com</u> for more information! You never know, maybe you will meet potential club members at a class!!

During the months of September and October, the Alzheimer's Association holds their annual Walk to End Alzheimer's! This is a great way to support the cause and get you step in! Visit their website: <u>www.alz.org</u> to find a walk near you!





WIN

Hollie M Stevenson, Chairman 114 Aubrey Drive Butler, PA 16001 724-991-6121 hollie@ccistravel.com



ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Anita Keiser, Chairman 511 Brown Avenue, Milton, PA 17847-2371 570-742-7241 <u>anitakeiser@verizon.net</u>

Congratulations to Karen Dunn of the GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler. Karen's photography entry received 2nd Place in the Living Things Category at GFWC.

Enter your photo in the 2018 GFWC Pennsylvania Photography Contests to see if you may also have a winning photo. The new "Focus on the Arts" booklet contains all contest (s) rules.

How can your club support the Arts Community Service Program? Start by thinking 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. Below are a couple of ideas:

- Create an "Our Town is Great" map of your community with pictures, drawings, and descriptions of historic sites, monuments, and points of interest. Print it and distribute to your Chamber of Commerce, library, town hall, and other prime locations. Include club contact information.
- Work with local Girl Scouts or Juniorette clubs to foster a safe Halloween by offering free face painting to children before they trick or treat.
- Hold a Christmas centerpiece or wreath-making workshop at a local florist as a club program.



2018-2020 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

Roxy LeVan, Program Chairman 323 North Ridge Road, Milton PA 17847 570 742-7008 roxy wynding brook@verizon.net



Do you live in a community that is perfect? Of course, each of us enjoy our communities, <u>however</u>, I doubt if any are perfect. Think about what you would like to improve in your community and let that be your project for the 2018-2020 Community Improvement Contest. The project is unique to each club. It is the impact that project has on your community and not the size that is judged.

Projects must be accomplished between January 1, 2018 -December 31, 2019. Club entries must be sent into this chairman, no later than March 1, 2020.

Briefly, the criteria for judging is:

- 25 points needs and selection of project
- 50 points for community collaboration, plan of action, and persistence of effort
- 25 points for degree of success, permanence of achievement, and changed attitudes and practices.

All monetary awards must be used to further the community improvement initiative.

Awards for State:

- \Rightarrow 1st place \$50
- $\Rightarrow 2^{nd}$ place \$35
- \Rightarrow 3rd place \$25

Each state's first place entry is sent to GFWC for National Awards. The monetary awards at that level are:

- \Rightarrow 1st place \$5,000
- $\Rightarrow 2^{nd}$ place \$3500
- \Rightarrow 3rd place \$2500
- $\Rightarrow 4^{\text{th}}$ place \$1500
- $\Rightarrow 5^{th}$ place \$500



HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH (HOBY) LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



Central PA: Carol Foley 21 Wagner Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036 717-566-0637 cfoleye@aol.com

CENTRAL: It is time to contact the guidance counselor at your local high school and encourage them to select a student to attend the 2019 seminar. Please verify as accurately as possible that the student selected will be able to attend according to a personal schedule and the school's schedule, especially the Keystone Tests. **HOBY does not give refunds.** Club

donations to the seminar will still be put to good use even if the student does not attend. However, it is disappointing to the sponsoring club when this happens. We want to try to avoid that as best we can. Remember to invite the HOBY student to speak at a club meeting. They love to share their seminar experience.

Eastern PA:Pat Cummings326 Paxson Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038215-887-7282(H) 570-878-8333 (C)

EASTERN: Friday, June 8, 2018 was a perfect day at Albright College in Reading, PA to welcome 191! HOBY ambassadors. 13 GFWC local clubs have donated or sponsored students. The A-TEAM (39 of our high school returning ambassadors) were welcoming everyone, checking in the new ambassadors and directing everyone to meeting rooms, dorms, etc. We are fortunate to have so many interested alums. Eastern PA HOBY are happy to say their seminar is planned and carried out by the Corporate Board made up of 98% HOBY returning alums.

Western PA: Melissa Somerville 305 Star Grille Rd, Cabot, PA 16023 724-352-2604 msmelis949@zoominternet.net

WESTERN: Hopefully, everyone who attended the 2018 GFWC Pennsylvania convention had a chance to meet and speak to Heather Robison for HOBY PA West. We were thrilled that she was able to join us for the day. This year HOBY PA West was proud to have 76 students, five (5) of which were sponsored by local GFWC clubs or individuals from GFWC. Let it be known that if your club is unable to fully sponsor a student, you can send any amount you are able. I am hoping to see more clubs in the western part of the state support the HOBY program. We owe it to our youth to equip them with the leadership skills for all our futures.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE

Christianne Hilliard, Chairman 108 Jenny Drive, Butler, PA 16001 724-355-4371 <u>christianne.hilliard@gmail.com</u>

The newest partnership with UNICEF USA focuses on the **End Trafficking** project. Today, 10 million (25%) of victims of modern slavery are children. This initiative raises awareness about child trafficking while mobilizing communities to take meaningful action to help protect Children, domestically and internationally. Contributions will bring awareness of the need to end trafficking throughout each and every state and community. Training and education programs are provided to students, at-risk youth, faith based partners, community groups, and teachers. "Shout Out" Trafficking Events are held at colleges and universities to bring awareness of human trafficking and the effort to end it.

Help us put an End to Trafficking! Here's what YOU can do:

- Learn the signs of human trafficking and report a potential case to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline to report a case: 888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP "BeFree" (233733). Go to https://www.unicefusa.org/sites/ default/files/Postcard.pdf to download a postcard.
- Host a screening of *Not My Life*, a film portraying the inhumane practices of human trafficking and modern day slavery, while facilitating a discussion.
- Play human trafficking bingo as a fundraiser during a club meeting.
- Host a Fair Trade dinner party or a Fair Trade bake sale, and raise funds for the End Trafficking project.

Please contact Mansi Mehta for an End Trafficking fundraising tool kit and a copy of the documentary, bingo game, or the Fair Trade Dinner Party tool kit.) U.S. FUND FOR UNICEF. Contact: Mansi Mehta, Manager, Global Cause Partnerships 125 Maiden Lane New York, NY 10038. <u>mmehta@unicefusa.org</u> 212-922-2540. <u>www.UNICEFUSA.org</u>

FUNDRAISING

Donna Napoleon, Chairman 42 Russell St., Baden, PA 15005 724-869-7481 dnapoleon42@comcast.net

Ladies, it is time to update your wardrobe with a splash of color! Natural Stone Bracelets will highlight your outfit for casual events to eveningwear. These stones are said to have special meanings:

- Brown-comforting and healing •
- Pink- love and friendship
- White- purity and truth
- Black- protection and independence •
- Grey-patience and perseverance. •

The price of the bracelets is \$10.00 each and will make great gifts.

On to the practical side, we are selling Garment Bags that are black with a front zippered compartment for reports, folders, or extra accessories. The Garment Bags are selling for \$15.00 each.

Manicure sets round out our items. These sets have GFWC Pennsylvania and the Mountain Laurel on them and can be used as a key chain or to connect to a zipper inside of your luggage or purse for easy use. The price of the set is \$5.00 each.

All of these items will make wonderful gifts for birthdays or the holidays.

GFWC Pennsylvania, Clubs, and Individuals Win Awards at International Convention

GFWC Pennsylvania received three (3) certificates for financial support to Canine Companions for Independence and 14 international awards at the GFWC International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. These awards were selected from all entries from every state in the United States.

Canine Companions certificates were awarded to the Grove City Woman's Club, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, and the GFWC Town and Country Woman's Club.

Arts awards in photography were as follows: World in Pictures – Living Things – Second Place was won by Karen Dunn from the GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler. A Year in Pictures (only 12 winners) for the month of April was won by Sandra Simpson from the GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club. Writing Contest winners were as follows: Youth Short Story Grades 3-5 winner was Sindura Sridhar sponsored by the GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township. Youth Short Story Grades 9-12 was won by Gabrielle Hoffman from the GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club.

Four club program awards were given: Home Life – Honorable Mention – GFWC Women's Club of Perkasie; Public Issues Honorable Mention - GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; Club Creativity - Communications and Public Relations - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club; and Club Creativity International Outreach - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler.

GFWC Pennsylvania won three awards: International Outreach - Gold Level Award from Shot@Life; Communications and Public Relations; and Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children.

Several individuals also won awards: 2018 Heifer Hope Award to Kristin Bearer, Intermediate League of Butler. The 2018 Jennie Award Winner from the Middle Atlantic Region was Heide Cebrick. The 2018 Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Exemplary Service & Excellence in State Leadership was presented to Lois A. Richards.

Congratulations to all.

Beaded Stone Bracelets 9.43 + 0.57 tax = 10.00Pink, White, Brown Black, Grey

Garment Bag

14.15 + 0.85 tax = 15.00







Manicure Sets

4.74 + 0.26 tax = 5.00



CLUB NEWS



GFWC Mechanicsburg is continuing our support of Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation. In August, we packed 1,888 toys for 755 children in nine hospitals around the US.

Pictured are Sue Hardenbrook, Joellen Zitch President, Carol Bogar and Sue's granddaughter Maggie.





GFWC - West Side members helped serve a meal at St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre and donated handmade sleeping mats to those in need. Participating GFWC members, seated, *from left*, are: Marge Gushka, Home Life Chairman; Irene Mackiewicz, Terry Ross, and Ginny Zdanowicz.

Second row, standing are: Maggie Wallowak, Deidre Miller Kaminski, Peggy Hanlon, Marie Warren, Jackie Corbett, grandson Liam Corbett and Christina Kinsman.

CLUB NEWS



The GFWC - West Side provided a tutoring/literacy program for kindergarten students at Wyoming Valley West State Street Elementary School. The program ran from September 2017 through May 2018 . Club members tutored eight kindergarten classes with 160 students participating in the program. +

The program supported the 2016-2018 GFWC PA State President's Project. Tutors helped students in recognizing two and three - dimensional shapes, identifying numbers, counting in sequence to 100, identifying capital and lower case letters, recognizing letter/ sound relationships, and identifying sight words, as well as reading.

Members who tutored: first row from left, are Irene Maxkiewicz, Eileen Gallagher, Gina Rushkowski, and Deidre Miller Kaminski, Education Chairperson. Second row: Irv DeRemer, Superintendent of Wyoming Valley West School District, Mary Ladish, Becky McCuen, Shelley Russin, Carla Finn, Jacob Sholtis, Principal, State Street Elementary School. Also participating were: Marianne Furtak, Mary Lou Williams, Tina Stella, Marge Gush-ka.



2018-2020 Clubwoman Staff

Tina Warholic, Editor 531 Mountain Road Dillsburg, PA 17019 717-432-7035 tmwccc@verizon.net

Edith Rathbun, Circulation GFWC Pennsylvania Headquarters 4076 Market Street, Suite 211, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4200 717-901-5095; gfwcpaclubs@comcast.net

GFWC Pennsylvania Clubwoman (USPS #425-960) is published four times a year: March, June, September and December by the General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania. The subscription price of \$3.40 is included in the dues. Periodical postage is paid at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Postmaster - send address changes to:

General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania 4076 Market Street, Suite 211 Camp Hill, PA 17011-4200

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:



October 5 South Central District Meeting October 6 North Central District Meeting October 12-14 Mid Atlantic Region Conference October 19 Southeastern District Meeting October 20 Northeastern District Meeting October 26 Northwestern District Meeting October 27 Southwestern District Meeting

October 28 NEXT CLUBWOMAN DEADLINE

October 29 GFWC PA 123rd Birthday!

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS PENNSYLVANIA State Headquarters, 4076 Market Street, Suite 211, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4200

General Federation of Women's Clubs Middle Atlantic Region Annual Meeting Conference October 11-14, 2018 Albany Marriott Albany, New York

Volunteers making a difference in our Communities

Contact:

JoEllen Cortapasso 33 Ontario Road Bellerose Village, NY 11001

Hurry! The DEADLINE to register is postmarked by September 21st **NO EXCEPTIONS**

