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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all as we embark on a new adventure with new club presidents, chairmen, ideas, projects and challenges. Let's hope we are able to meet together to renew friendships and plan the club year. The state officers and board of directors have met via Zoom meetings to plan and prepare information to be included on the [gfwcpennsylvania.org](http://gfwcpennsylvania.org) website and in the August bulk mailing sent to club presidents.

As we move forward through the next two years you will receive emails and mailings to keep you up to date on Federation happenings. Please check the website at [gfwcpennsylvania.org](http://gfwcpennsylvania.org) and [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) frequently for information. Our Facebook page will feature **Photo Friday** each week and you are encouraged to send in photos about your members, projects and more. Send to Sue Hardenbrook at [vsranch1@comcast.net](mailto:vsranch1@comcast.net).

The Pennsylvania Clubwoman has been expanded to 16 pages and we need to hear from your clubs to showcase your projects, members, and communities. Send to Tina Warholic at [tmwccc@verizon.net](mailto:tmwccc@verizon.net).

Fundrai\$ing will be a little different than in the past. There will be several items featured throughout the year with the current ones being the 'Shine On – Volunteer' pin and the GFWC PA car decal. The Fall District Tour will feature new items. Order forms will be on the website and in the PA Clubwoman newsletter.

The GFWC Pennsylvania President's Project, Vision Impairment Awareness, encourages members to participate in the support of their local agency affiliate of the Pennsylvania Blind Association through volunteering and donations. Clubs will educate themselves and their community on the four major eye diseases and prevention of blindness in all ages. In the United States, according to information found on the National Eye Institute/National Institutes of Health website, the most common eye diseases will or will nearly double by 2050. Your support of the mission of these agencies servicing the needs of the blind and vision impaired is vital to improve the quality of life for many. There will be an eyeglass collection and other collections for your members to participate in and a few fun contests so watch for details soon.

It is not too early to start working on reports, since they will include activities from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Consider keeping a log or folder for projects throughout the year. Let's have 100% club participation as Donna will love to give out awards at conventions.

The officers and chairman are available for club meetings and we encourage you to contact us. We are also available any time for your questions and suggestions.

Helen Keller once said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." Each of you has a place in my heart and I am honored to serve as your President and encourage you to '**Shine On – Volunteer**' each and every day.

Together in Federation,  
Sandy Hauenstein  
GFWC Pennsylvania President



GENERAL FEDERATION  
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2021 CONVENTION

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**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!**  
2021 Convention New Site Chosen  
2021 Convention – Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey

The 2021 Annual Business Meeting and Convention will now be held at the *Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey* from April 29 through May 2, 2021.

The hotel room rate is \$130.00 per night plus 11% tax. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-800- 325-3535.

So, circle the dates on your calendar, and plan to join the members of the Southwestern District as we “REACH FOR THE STARS” in Harrisburg. (FYI- the hotel site booked in Greensburg was sold and will be demolished in the spring, so we had to move the convention to a site that had space and those particular dates open.)



**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION**  
Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania



Call to  
**2020 Middle Atlantic Region Annual Meeting and Conference**  
**October 1 - 4, 2020**  
Sandra Roberts, President



**WOMEN LIGHTING THE WORLD**  
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*This conference will be a virtual meeting. Details will be sent out once details are available.*

## **GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**

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GFWC has a long and successful history of promoting the wellbeing of children. All GFWC PA clubwomen are invited to participate in the Juniors' Special program: **Advocates for Children**.

During the 2020-2022 administration, the two areas of concentration are:

1. Art curriculum for all students including those with disabilities stressing the value of art and outdoor programs; and
2. Education and training for parents and other caregivers who advocate for the emergency and health needs of children.

A challenge has been issued for "GFWC ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK," Sunday, October 25 thru Saturday, October 31, 2020, for clubs to "**stick their neck out**" with a service project that focuses on children during this week! Use your Federation imagination to devise a project of your choice to meet a local need or one the GFWC affiliate organizations (March of Dimes, St. Jude's Hospital, Operation Smile, etc.).

Members can learn more about the Juniors' Special Program, GFWC resources, and the related GFWC awards, including the "Giraffe Award" at [www.gfwcpennsylvania.org](http://www.gfwcpennsylvania.org) or [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org).

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## **GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION**

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The GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention (formerly GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention) focuses on many aspects of abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Our goal as clubwomen is to learn what we can about these issues to become knowledgeable so we may, in turn, bring awareness to our communities and encourage survivors to seek the help they need through established and professional counselors and resources.

GFWC encourages our clubwomen to share this much needed information through suggested projects and programs that bring awareness to these most serious crimes and offenses. The information that is vital to all involved is available on GFWC's website, at [gfwc@gfwc.org](mailto:gfwc@gfwc.org), and includes how to recognize the issue and how to identify survivors and perpetrators. It also provides rescue, safety and recovery information.

The categories addressed within the GFWC 2020-2022 Signature Program include: Intimate Partner Violence; Child Abuse; Teen Dating Violence; Campus Sexual Assault; Elder Abuse; Violence Against Native American Women; Military Sexual Assault; and Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes.

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## **COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM**

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Community Impact Program (formerly Community Improvement Program) can include up to three (3) projects completed from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021. You will need to have a selection process, project goals, a plan of action including total hours, financials, and fund raising details. Include all partners who assisted your club, media coverage, and the measurable impact. One page of photos with up to four (4) photos per page and one page of publicity with up to four (4) per pages should be included. Total pages cannot exceed 10. The completed report needs to be sent to this chairman by Feb. 1, 2021.

## REPORTING

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Did you know that Pennsylvania has FIVE amazing seasons? Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, and the GFWC Reporting Season of course!

Soon, very soon, the reporting season will be upon us and it is an exciting season, indeed! Remember – GFWC Pennsylvania’s reporting season is based on the calendar year (January – December), so there may be some overlap with chairmen as far as club years are concerned. This is your opportunity to share your club’s accomplishments and let your efforts as clubwomen shine. We cannot wait to hear about the incredible impact you’ve had on your communities as representatives of GFWC and GFWC Pennsylvania at the Club Level as well as the State Level. Let’s make this REPORTING SEASON one that is memorable and groundbreaking by having a record number of club’s report!

### *Here are some important dates to keep in mind:*

**Club Reports** must be compiled, printed, **postmarked by February 1, 2021**, and mailed via (snail mail) to this officer.

**State Chairmen Reports** must be compiled, **postmarked by March 1, 2021**, and sent via email to this officer. *State Chairman will forward approved reports to their GFWC counterparts via email by March 15, 2021.*

All of the information you need to write and compile your reports and so much more will be available on our website [www.GFWCPennsylvania.com](http://www.GFWCPennsylvania.com).

Awards and recognition will be presented at our 2021 State Convention in May.

***There will be STARS and they will SHINE! Happy 2020 Reporting!***



“Give yourself some credit for the work you put in with your own two hands. But remember to never forget the people and things that have helped you along the way.”

- Irish Musician, John O’Callaghan

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## WOMEN’S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)

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The WHRC encourages members to preserve the past, promote the present and inspire the future. This chairman would like all clubs to start a club history. The goal is for each club to have something to hand to the next chairman at the end of the administration.

The plan is to start small. Presidents please ask a member to chair this committee. The first step is to get a notebook to devote to this task. At the first club meeting ask members the year they joined and why they joined. Put this in your notebook. We are going to concentrate on 2010-2020 for this administration. Put in your notebook club yearbooks, copies of any special awards won and any noteworthy activities in the past ten years. If you have a local historical society, ask for their assistance. Some clubs already have this task completed. At GFWC Pennsylvania headquarters is a book produced by the Erie County Historical Society on the history of the Woman’s Club of Erie.

August 26, 2020 marked the 100-year anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote. There were many celebrations planned that had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. All Pennsylvania club women were given a sign to display at their residence. Even if the big celebrations were cancelled, we could still show our support. As the sign said, “Don’t waste this right... vote”.

# ***NEWS from our DISTRICT DIRECTORS***

## **NORTHEASTERN**

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The theme for the 2020-2022 Northeastern District will be, YOU CAN BANK ON US. With an emphasis on M&M (Members Matter). During the trying times of the pandemic we want to assure our members we are here for them. Bringing them together in person, on Facebook, Zoom, and email. Our Northeastern District Presidents Project Chairman, Ginny Zdanowicz is working with Northeast Sight Services. She will be happy to help anyone get in touch with their local agency. The district clubs will save eyeglasses for the 2020 State collection. A certificate will be awarded at each district meeting to the club who collects the most. We will encourage our members to "Fill a Glass with Hope" raising money for Pennsylvania Food Banks. Our piggy banks will be at each meeting to feed for Pennies for the Arts.

## **NORTH CENTRAL**

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The North Central District sends their greetings to everyone. Although we have not physically met, we have conversed and the members are ready to get back together.

Taking our lead from the Dragonflies, we will be "swarming" to events during the next 2 years. These beautiful creatures are diverse in color, "dressing in blues, greens, yellows and reds". They have incredible vision (!!), symbolize adaptability, self-realization and bring good luck.

Dragonflies are a sign that the angels are surrounding you with love. So, when you're out and about and see a lucky dragonfly – make a wish. Oh, and fisherman use them as an indicator of good fishing waters (might be useful Heide).

Stay safe.

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Welcome all, to our Southeastern PA Women's Clubs!

It seems we must adjust to a slow start of our new season due to the pandemic. However, you all can go forth and fill the needs of your immediate areas with the fine programs and services that you have in place.

We plan on a District meeting in October. It will be an opportunity to see GFWC in action with introductions of knowledgeable leaders. Also, our guest speaker will deliver a personal testimonial on the State Project that President Sandy Hauenstein, has chosen, "Vision Impairment Awareness".

Do plan on attending this event as, hopefully, we return to normal times.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL**

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Hello! I am excited to serve as the South Central District Director this term. I live in Marietta, PA with my husband Mike and am a member of the Federated Women's Club of Hershey. Currently I am president of my club. Previously I have served as Vice president of my club as well as the state International Outreach and Education chair. I was lucky enough to represent PA as the 2016 LEADS Candidate and am excited to be working with my fellow LEADS graduates in this administration!

Though we are one of the smaller districts we are committed and will continue to creatively serve our communities, wholeheartedly support Sandy and her chairman in their projects, and **Shine On!**

# NEWS from our DISTRICT DIRECTORS

## SOUTHWESTERN

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Greetings from the Southwestern District! I am so excited to take the journey of District Director. I would like to thank all the women of the Southwestern District, especially the GFWC Intermediate League of Butler for having faith in my leadership skills. Even though we are in uncertain times, our organization is more important than ever. Sharing ideas and keeping in touch with our neighboring clubs is a necessity. Keep your eyes open for our Southwestern District Facebook page. I have adopted "Save the Turtles and Use Less Plastic" as my theme.

I would like to congratulate our 2020-2022 GFWC Pennsylvania officers. The current administration is doing a fantastic job adapting to the evolving situation. They are an outstanding group of strong women!

If any club in the Southwestern District is in need of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you either in person or on Zoom for our District Meeting on Oct. 17, 2020.

Please stay safe, wash your hands, and wear your masks!



## Save the Turtles & Use Less Plastic



## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CONTEST

FOR THE GFWC HEADQUARTERS TREE



Plans are underway for the December 9, 2020, Holiday Open House! This year's theme is "What a Wonderful World!"

At GFWC Headquarters, the theme will celebrate nature, taking its cue from the French murals that decorate the parlor. The background color of each mural is pale peach, so the holiday colors will be peach, russet, reddish brown, plus a touch of cream and lots of glittery silver and gold, with many beautiful ornaments in the shape of birds (from humming birds to owls), adorable animals, snowflakes, pinecones, and other shapes found in nature. Of course, there will be lots of greenery throughout the house and sparkly white lights too.

Each State Federation can contribute one or two handmade or purchased ornaments, between 4 and 6 inches in size.

***Please adhere to the color scheme—peach, russet, cream, silver, and gold.***

Create a handmade ornament and bring to your district meeting to be judged by your Federation sisters. The executive committee will be the final judge and two ornaments will be sent to GFWC Headquarters. Winners will be recognized in the December Clubwoman newsletter.

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Sandy Hauenstein, President**

# Fundrai\$ing

**JoAnne Propcheck and Barbara Weakland Fulton, Co-chairmen**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and not being able to meet we are offering the following items through mail order.

A full line of fundrai\$ing items will be available at the Fall District meetings.



The GFWC PA Pin reflects the administration theme *Shine On - Volunteer*.  
 \$5.00 (\$4.72 + .28 sales tax) each  
 7/8" x 1 1/2"



The GFWC PA car decal is as shown - white background with blue border; no purple outline.  
 \$3.00 (\$2.83 + .17 sales tax) each  
 4.7" x 3.25"

Item	Cost per Item	Shipping	Quantity	Total
Shine On Pin	\$5.00	1.00 per pin		
Car Decal	\$3.00	Include self addressed envelope (10 or less)		
			TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SENT TO:**  
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## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH

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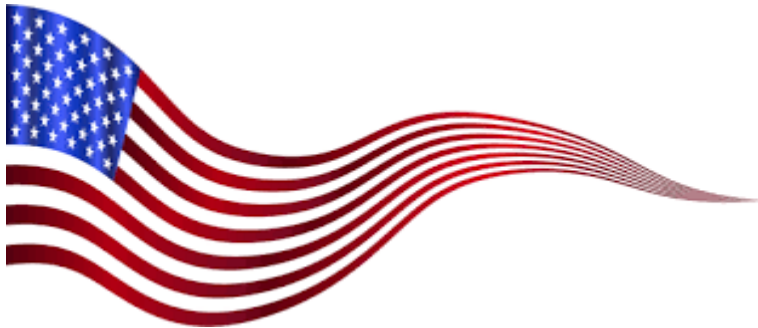
As a service to our veterans, there are two organizations you might consider checking out: **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** and **PENNSYLVANIA WOUNDED WARRIORS**. Both are a 501(c)3.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)** can serve as a fund raising opportunity. Participating organizations receive \$5 back from each \$15 wreath sold. On Saturday, December 19, 2020, patriotic programs will be held at National Military Cemeteries, followed by attendees placing a wreath on each grave. The key values of **WAA** are: **Remember** our fallen veterans, **Honor** those who serve, and **Teach** your children the values of freedom.

Explore [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraising](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraising). Learn how to participate. And, notice the small items that can be purchased for sale, cards to be handed to veterans, and educational material for grades K-12.

Perhaps some of the funds derived from wreath sales could be given to help Pennsylvania veterans through **PENNSYLVANIA WOUNDED WARRIORS (PAWW)**. Helen Sajer, our **2019 Woman of the Year**, co-founded **PAWW** with her late husband. This all-volunteer organization returns 96 cents from each dollar raised and distributes over one million dollars per year to our wounded warriors. To learn more, visit [www.pawoundedwarriors.org](http://www.pawoundedwarriors.org).

Host a **"MEET THE CANDIDATE"** public meeting. To help defray pandemic costs, Pennsylvania is considering the legalization of marijuana. Consider partnering with your County Drug and Alcohol Commission to sponsor a public debate on this issue. If a meeting is not feasible, select a few pro and con articles to distribute to members via email and the general public via your website.



"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. ... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less."

- Susan B. Anthony

### **LET'S GET OUT AND VOTE!**

The women suffragettes fought for us to have the right to vote.

*It is our duty to exercise that right and vote.*

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

- Last day to register before the election is **Monday, October 19, 2020**
- Last day to apply for an absentee or mail in ballot is **Tuesday, October 27, 2020**
- Last day for absentee or mail-in voted ballot to be received is **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Post marks are not accepted -- request or ballot must be **received on or before** above stated dates.

*Consider working at the polls and/or join forces with the League of Women Voters at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)*



## ARTS and CULTURE

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I'm so excited!!! Sandy, our GFWC Pennsylvania State President has brought back all the ARTS, Hooray! Whether you love to take photos, paint, sew, work with beads, color, or craft, we got it! Don't forget to check out the **March of Dimes Project** on page 31 of the Arts Booklet available on our website ([GFWCPennsylvania.com](http://GFWCPennsylvania.com)).

We all know how hard 2020 has been on all of us, especially the children/students, so wouldn't it be great to encourage the students to take part this year. It may just be the ticket to lift their spirits and it will probably lift yours at the same time. So, I'm asking everyone to review the entire Arts Booklet and reach out to me with any questions.

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During this time of not being able to get together in person let's do something fun! I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

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## ENVIRONMENT

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Let me welcome you all to the new Environment Community Service Program. If you are looking for topics on conservation, this is your stop! GFWC has challenged this administration to reduce plastic use. You know the common buzzwords, "Reduce Reuse Recycle". Well, just like the updated name of this program, here are the updated "R's": "**Refuse, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle**". What a mouthful, but what is one more R?

America Recycles Day is coming up on November 15. Will you make a commitment to the four R's? Consider that only 34% of all waste created is recycled. Consider that the more single-use plastics you refuse, the less items you will have to repurpose and recycle. Take time to learn what items are recycled in your community. If your community does not have curbside pickup for certain items, research the locations in your local area that accept them.

Make the pledge to recycle at [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org). You will find other resources here to help inspire you. Make it a family event and lead the way for those around you. Most of all, consider the planet we are leaving behind for our children and grandchildren.

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## HEALTH and WELLNESS

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Good health and staying well has become a challenge during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Food Banks across the state have been providing thousands of families with needed food supplies to provide good nutrition. Many dairy products were not available.

GFWC PA, in partnership with the PA Dairymen's Association and Feeding PA, has joined a project called "**Fill a Glass with Hope**." Our objective is to raise funds for Food Banks across PA so they can purchase milk and dairy products like yogurt, cheese, and butter, etc. for needy families. Each \$1 donated equals eight (8) glasses of milk (servings).

Each GFWC PA District is being challenged to raise \$252.50 (which is equal to 2020 servings) during the 2020-2021 year at the Fall District Meetings and the Spring District Meetings. Each club, within your district, is encouraged to be creative in collecting monies. It can be as simple as collecting money in a gallon milk container at your regular meetings and turning it in at the district meetings. Your District Director will record your donation for recognition at the convention. More information will be available in the August mailing.

## EDUCATION and LIBRARIES

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Libraries play a significant role in the history of the Commonwealth. Benjamin Franklin, who founded the first subscription library in Philadelphia; Andrew Carnegie, who provided the money for the construction of many public libraries; and, the thousands of women dedicated to library service; are the legacy of our state. They believed a free people are an informed people and a free society needs strong libraries to renew knowledge.

Pennsylvania has 6,550 libraries which can be divided into four categories: public, school, academic and special. Libraries of all types are members of networks with a wide range of activities and joint programs in collection and development. (PLA, State Library, and PA Citizens for Better Libraries)

GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. Now, more than ever before, women's clubs can promote literacy and libraries throughout the State by:

- Supporting schools, education, and students with donations of school supplies.
- Funding field trips.
- Organizing book-themed events, such as a book walk, book fair, book drive, book reading challenge, or book club of "reading buddies."
- Supporting your local public library by sponsoring materials and programs.
- Offering volunteer assistance at the library by helping patrons, supporting children's story time, or providing craft projects.
- Collaborating with other organizations to develop small business services at the library, such as information centers that include a video conference room and other resources.

*These suggestions from the GFWC Club Manual are only a few on the long list of possibilities. For more great ideas, visit the site or any of the other library support organizations who help our libraries statewide.*

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Women are great leaders in their families, communities, and clubs. The focus should be to develop future leaders and make clubs stronger.

This Chairman would like to promote "**LEADS**" (**Leadership Education and Development Seminar**) these next two years. She herself was a 2010 LEADS graduate and realizes the importance of this seminar and the skills learned. There are many potential leaders in our clubs that should be nominated to attend the GFWC LEADS Seminar at the GFWC Convention in Toronto in 2021. The LEADS application is available on the website and should be submitted by **February 1**.

The other focus of the GFWC Leadership Team is the **GFWC Leadership Toolkit**, which is available online ([www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)). This brand new resource is the result of innovative leadership initiatives generated by the GFWC Strategic Planning Committee in 2019. This resource is a digital library of topics available in the Member Portal on the GFWC website which will be updated frequently. Topics were recommended by GFWC leaders and will include many resources that clubs can use to develop leaders.

Introducing your Leadership Team:

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS. The energetic, creative, enthusiastic, and dedicated members of the GFWC PA clubs provide many valuable services to their communities. BUT... help is needed! One of the main goals of this committee will be to increase membership. Might I suggest that you look to church friends, relatives, neighbors, coworkers and to members that have resigned from the club and might be interested in rejoining? The membership chairman should introduce guests and make them feel welcome. Ask the guest if she might be interested in joining the club. A written invitation should be sent to the guest prior to the next meeting of the club.

A suggestion that I received was that each club should have a social media site where members can view events or learn about fundraisers. It is important that we keep our members in the loop! This chairman is challenging each club to increase their membership by one by January 2021. This would increase GFWC PA membership by 69!

Star Recruitment Pins and Circles will be awarded by GFWC as a recruitment incentive for clubwomen. The Club name, the recruiters name and address, and the new members name and address should be sent to me. I will then forward the information to GFWC.

So, let's get busy and increase our membership!

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## COMMUNICATION

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Welcome to the 2020-2022 administration. This is a time of change and change is certainly all around us. An exciting change for our social media page on Facebook will be "Photo Friday". We will promote the positive aspects of GFWC and GFWC PA by posting a picture and/or article each week highlighting a community service project, a fundraiser, an accomplishment of your club or club member, an award presented to a student or an upcoming club event. In order to do this, we need your help. Please send *your pictures* by email, if possible, to Sue Hardenbrook at [vsranch1@comcast.net](mailto:vsranch1@comcast.net). Remember to note who is in the picture, what the occasion is and when it happened or will take place. If you have a *video post* to share, please send it to my Gmail account at [hardenbrooksue@gmail.com](mailto:hardenbrooksue@gmail.com)

We hope this will bring attention to GFWC PA and all the good things our members do, and encourage other women to join us.

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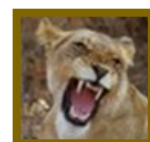
**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, is National Bullying Prevention Month.** By using or following #BlueUp on social media, you can join in to STOMP out bullying. Stomp out Bullying's goal is to encourage schools, communities, and organizations to put an end to hatred and racism by increasing awareness of prevalence and impact of all forms of bullying children of all ages. Visit their website to learn more [www.stompoutbullying.org](http://www.stompoutbullying.org).

### What can your club do to help?

- Make signs and post them around town, in your local library
- Write an article and send it to the local newspaper
- Ask your mayor or State Senator to proclaim October as Nation Bullying Prevention Month
- Encourage schools to have a speaker on the subject. It is a good time to do it with all that is happening today.

**Are you aware of GFWC's Resolution 015-750: Harassment, Intimidation, Hazing, Bullying and Cyber-bullying?** You can find information under the Resources tab on GFWC.org Public Policy.

***Alone, your voice is a whisper. United, we are a Roar that cannot be ignored.***



## HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH (HOBY) LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

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**TO ALL CLUBS:** Thank you for your donations to the 2020 HOBY seminars. The money is greatly appreciated and helps to defray the general operating costs of the seminar. Please continue to keep HOBY in your club budgets.

All three seminars were held **virtually** this year due to the Coronavirus situation. These seminars were held in June and run by HOBY National. The students spent two days at their computers listening to speakers and completing activities with their groups. They heard Celebrity Chef, Carla Hall; Student Leadership Expert, Lamarr Womble; Founder of Soul Pancake, Rainn Wilson; and others. Surely, the students are now inspired to be positive change-makers in their communities.

Remember to invite the 2020 HOBY student to speak at a club meeting to share this unique experience.

It is time to contact your high school and encourage them to select a student to attend the 2021 seminar.

#### Saint Jude's Wagon Donations

GFWC PA Past District Directors Club  
Northwestern District  
Marci Cashman  
Marianne Heck  
Trudy Sallach



#### Contributors to Pennies for the Arts

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Based on the CLUB NEWS submitted for this issue, I am inspired by the safe, efficient, and creative ways that our clubs have found to continue to fundraise and/or support their communities, in spite of the affects of Covid 19. And, I am constantly reminded of just how fabulous our GFWC PA clubwomen are! Keep up the good work, and stay safe!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER...** When you submit your articles to me, please be sure that the **SUBJECT LINE** of your email includes the words "GFWC PA" If I don't see those words, your submission may be ignored because I can't be sure that the email is legitimate!

**Editor's Corner**

# CLUB NEWS

Despite the shortened club year, which we all experienced due to Covid-19, the members of **GFWC the Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown** were able to find ways to remain determined, positive, and successful. This allowed them to wrap up their 2020 club year with \$9,500 in community contributions!

Notable contributions included:

- \$6,400 to Boyertown Community Ambulance
- \$600 to The Boyertown Salvation Army
- \$500 to The Boyertown Community Library
- \$500 to The State Theater Preservation Society

Top Photo: Club members (left to right) Jane Prutzman, Judy Wetzel, and Bridgit Petrauskas present a check to Boyertown Community Ambulance member Jeff Knopf.

Second Photo: Club members Judy Wetzel (left) and Bridgit Petrauskas (right) present a donation to The Boyertown Salvation Army.

Third Photo: Club members Judy Wetzel (left) and Anita Zuber (right) present a donation to Susan Lopez of The Boyertown Community Library.

Bottom Photo: Club members Anita Zuber (left) and Judy Wetzel (right) present a check to Shannon Anthony of The State Theater.



# CLUB NEWS

The **Federated Women's Club of Hershey** collected summer items for 30 colorful backpacks that were to be used as centerpieces for the GFWC PA State Convention Luncheon. When the convention got cancelled, they quickly turned the effort into a community donation! The repurposed backpacks were filled with sun visors, sun glasses, suntan lotion, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, brushes and combs, hair accessories, facial wipes, and bath and lip balms. All items were donated by club members, and their families and friends.

The “summer backpacks” were donated to She's Somebody's Daughter, whose mission is to erase the lines of separation that isolate women affected by exploitation and sexual abuse.

Below: Gail Pauza, Mary Braun, and Nancy Chandler put together backpacks.



# CLUB NEWS



Due to the increased number of families in need because of the current pandemic, the **Community Club of Collegeville** recently participated in a food drive to benefit the local food pantry. Club members donated enough non-perishable items to fill a truck!

Pictured to the left (left to right) are Deb Scholl, Karen McCaslin, and JoAnne O'Donnell.

They also donated \$1500 to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry of Perkiomen Valley.

The food pantry is staffed 99% with volunteers.

Pictured to the right (left to right) are club members, Mary Fenstermacher and Kathleen Rogalski, food pantry manager Loretta Stever, and JoAnne O'Donnell, Club President.



The women of the **GFWC West Side Woman's Club** recently donated funds to the NE PA Regional Food Bank, the Al Beech West Side Food Pantry, and the "Dinner for Kids" program.

To the left, the club is pictured at a recent Board meeting.

First Row (left to right): Deidre Kaminski, Mary Ann Augaitis, Vice President Betty Bauman, President Gina Rushkowski, Secretary Eileen Gallagher and Carol Grogan.

Second Row (left to right): Treasurer Karen French, Maureen Finnerty, Shelley Russin, Maureen Rinehimer, and State First Vice President Heidi Cebrick.

Absent were: Marge Gushka; Donna Sedor; Rita Ceconi; Jean Pieczynski; Debbie Ganz; Gail Frank; Marie Warren; Carla Finn; and Becky McCuen.





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## PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

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In the United States, the four most common eye diseases will or will nearly double by 2050. The diseases are: Age Related Macular Degeneration, Cataracts, Diabetic Retinopathy, and Glaucoma.

The emphasis areas for the project are:

**Education/Awareness:** Information will be presented to the members about the causes, prevention and treatment of eye diseases and problems. Clubs will educate themselves and their community about eye health.

**PA Association for the Blind:** Members are asked to support their local agency affiliate through volunteering and making donations. Each local agency is unique in their needs and services offered leading to a variety of club activities for this project. Your support of these agencies to provide services to the blind and visually impaired is vital to improve the quality of life for many.

**Eyeglass Collection:** It is the goal of the project to collect 2020 pairs of eyeglasses to be donated to Lions Clubs or other collection sites. This will be a 2-year collection with reporting being done for the 2020 club year, 2021 club year, and January-March, 2022.

There will be no project pin sold. Clubs should make monetary donations to their local agency and report it in your annual report.

The District Chairmen are available as a resource to the members:

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At the Fall District Meetings, a survey will be available to assess your current knowledge about eye health and resources available. It is expected that you will not, at that time, be able to fill in most of the answers. However, as the project moves forward, information will be presented that will enable you to fill in the blanks.