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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2021 GFWC PA Annual Business Meeting/Convention was a success due to the remarkable convention committee and the members who attended. We were honored to welcome Suellen Brazil, GFWC First Vice President, to join in our activities and share inspiring words.

The Bylaws were amended and are available on the gfwcpennsylvania.org website for your review. The Resolutions were reviewed; some rescinded, some reaffirmed, some amended and a new one introduced – Food Banks of Pennsylvania; also on the website.

We heard from John Harris Jr. about the founding of Harrisburg, the history of the Justice Bell and learned more about vision impairment. We were entertained in Mardi Gras fashion by the Dillsburg Brass.

We awarded over 200 certificates to clubs and members for outstanding work in their communities. We were honored to hear from Samantha Minnucci, a Pennsylvania State Trooper, and present her with the Woman of the Year Award. 200 Christmas cards were signed with encouraging notes to be sent to USASOA for distribution to military servicemen around the world. Jared Box notes were written to be included in the boxes with your generous donations.

Members donated 292 blankets/quilts and 729 baby hats for the March of Dimes Military Family Project; thank you ladies. Fundraising items were well received and the fundraising events were successful and fun. We had some fun times too; Pennsylvania Farm Show milkshakes, a poolside party and other gatherings. It was wonderful to get together with my Federation sisters to celebrate Living the Volunteer Spirit in Pennsylvania.

The 2020-2022 Jennie Award nominee for Pennsylvania is Marcia L. Wilson who will be honored at the Middle Atlantic Region Conference on October 1st and hopefully be chosen as the GFWC award winner.

Looking ahead to the 2021-2022 club year the President's Project, Vision Impairment Awareness, has two projects for clubs; Cash for Clients and a Braille Project created by Northeastern Chairman Ginny Zdanowicz. The Fill a Glass with Hope project is continuing with a club competition. Members will make Smile Bags and Smile Splints for Operation Smile. The Education & Libraries chairman is encouraging clubs to donate STEM books to their schools and libraries. There is a contest to create a STEM bookmark and the winning entry will be mass produced for distribution at the 2022 convention. There is a GFWC ornament contest. Information for all this and more is available on the website.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall District Meetings in October to inform you of the many projects, hear about your club's projects and share time together. Mark your calendars.

- October 8, 2021 GFWC Northwestern District Meeting, Erie WC Clubhouse, Erie
- October 9, 2021 GFWC Southwestern District Meeting, Jackson's Restaurant, Monaca
- October 14, 2021 GFWC PA South Central District Meeting, Marzonis, Mechanicsburg
- October 16, 2021 GFWC PA North Central District Meeting, Duffy's Tavern, Boalsburg
- October 22, 2021 GFWC Southeastern District Meeting, Cutillo's in Sanatoga
- October 23, 2021 GFWC Northeastern District Meeting, Genetti's Hotel in Wilkes-Barre

Thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and most of all for your friendship as we '*Shine On*'.



Together in Federation,
Sandy Hauenstein
GFWC Pennsylvania President



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS



GFWC PENNSYLVANIA 2020 AWARDS LIST

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM:

Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention: Federated Women's Club of Hershey, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC, GFWC Women's Club of Carmichaels Area; CREATIVITY AWARD - Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM:

Advocates for Children: GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler

ARTS and CULTURE:

Abington Heights Civic League, Inc., GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club

ENVIRONMENT:

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Woman's Club of Baden

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES:

Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC The Junior Women's Club of Boyertown, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club; CREATIVITY AWARD - The New Century Club of West Chester

HEALTH and WELLNESS:

GFWC PA Woman's Club of Schwenksville, GFWC Meadville Woman's Club, GFWC Mechanicsburg; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH:

GFWC Women's Club of Carmichaels Area, GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club, GFWC The Junior Women's Club of Boyertown; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Women's Club of Carmichaels Area

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club; CREATIVITY AWARD - Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

LEADERSHIP:

GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Mechanicsburg, CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY:

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler

MEMBERSHIP:

Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC, GFWC The Junior Women's Club of Boyertown, GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC The Junior Women's Club of Boyertown

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT:

GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Butler, Indian Valley Junior Women's Club; CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Butler

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GF WC PENNSYLVANIA 2020 AWARDS LIST

WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESEARCH CENTER:

GF WC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, GF WC Pocono Mountain Women's Club, GF WC Woman's Club of Milton: CREATIVITY AWARD - GF WC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club

GF WC PA STATE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT:

VISION IMPAIRMENT AWARENESS: CHILDREN'S VISION PROJECT - Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; **ON-GOING PROJECTS** - GF WC West Side Woman's Club; **EYEGASSES COLLECTION** – *First Place:* Upper Allen Woman's Club GF WC; *Second Place:* Community Club of Collegeville; **FUNDRAISING PROJECT** - GF WC Women's Club of Spring Township

ESO CERTIFICATES:

Ruth Ainis, Marilyn Reynolds, Amy Cirelli, Chelynn Curci-Lang, Courtney Shields, Angela Smith, Heidi Priest, Angie Voloch, Devin Doctor, Tiffany Harkleroad, Dr. Dana Charles Clark, Myrtle Council, Gerri DeMilio, Sandy Hauenstein, Dawn Himler, Toni Mangretta, Gaylene Hunter, Norma McClay, Antoinette Parsley, Emily Schwartz, Shelly Smolnery, Becky Trout, Dotti Zimmerman

HOBY:

Eastern HOBY: Woman's Club of Whitpain, , GF WC Bangor, GF WC Colony Club of Ambler, Community Club of Collegeville, New Century Club of West Chester, GF WC Overlook Hills Women's Club, GF WC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GF WC PA Women's Club of Schwenksville, GF WC Woman's Club of Indian Valley, Woman's Club of Perkasio---*Central HOBY:* GF WC East Petersburg, GF WC Plymouth, GF WC Western Pocono Women's Club, GF WC Harveys Lake---*Western HOBY:* GF WC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GF WC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club

Fill a Glass with Hope:

GF WC Camp Hill Junior Civic Club, GF WC Meadville , Woman's Club, Upper Allen Woman's Club GF WC, New Brighton Civic Woman's Club, GF WC Junior Women's Club of Butler, GF WC Rostraver Woman's Club, Community Club of Collegeville, GF WC Bangor, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GF WC Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs, GF WC Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown, GF WC PA Saucon Valley Woman's Club, GF WC West Side, GF WC Junior Woman's Club of Springfield, GF WC Mechanicsburg, GF WC Woman's Club of Baden, GF WC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GF WC Woman's Club of Spring Township, Elaine Lineman, Cynthia Sweeney

Eyeglass Collection:

Abington Heights Civic League, GF WC West Side, GF WC PA Nazareth Woman's Club, GF WC Bangor, GF WC Woman's Club of Spring Township, Community Club of Collegeville, GF WC Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown, Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs, GF WC Woman's Club of Milton, Upper Allen Woman's Club GF WC, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GF WC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, GF WC Meadville Woman's Club, GF WC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club, GF WC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GF WC Woman's Club of Baden, GF WC Rostraver Woman's Club, GF WC Century Club of Wilkins Township

Affiliate Participation

Heifer International: GF WC Junior Women's Club of Butler, GF WC Saxonburg District Woman's Club

March of Dimes: GF WC Meadville Woman's Club, GF WC Woman's Club of Baden

Operation Smile: Woman's Club of Perkasio, Indian Valley Junior Woman's Club, GF WC Woman's Club of Milton

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: Woman's Club of Perkasio, GF WC Woman's Club of Newtown Square, Upper Allen Woman's Club GF WC, GF WC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, GF WC Woman's Club of Baden, GF WC Rostraver Woman's Club

Shot@Life: GF WC Warrior Run Woman's Club, Federated Women's Club of Hershey

UNICEF: GF WC Intermediate League of Butler

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GFWC PENNSYLVANIA 2020 AWARDS LIST

Pennies for Arts:

GFWC PA Southwestern District, GFWC PA Southeastern District, GFWC PA Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs, GFWC PA Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs, Woman's Club of Media, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC West Side; *Super Nova Sponsors* - Barbara A Longstreth, GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne; *Comet Sponsors* - Patricia Vargo, GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne, Denise Tovlin, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club, Jane Long, GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne; *Eclipse Sponsors* - Carol Bogar, GFWC Mechanicsburg, Carolyn Smith, GFWC Bangor, Carol Foley, Federated Women's Club of Hershey

Club Star Awards:

GFWC East Petersburg, GFWC Woman's Club of Newtown Square, Woman's Club of Quakertown, Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs, GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club, GFWC PA Saucon Valley Woman's Club, GFWC Bangor, GFWC Harvey's Lake, GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club, Indian Valley Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Colony Club of Ambler, GFWC Montgomery County, Woman's Club of Perkasie, GFWC Century Club of Wilkins Township, GFWC Woman's Club of the City of Pittsburgh, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie, Presque Isle Woman's Club, GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, GFWC Camp Hill Junior Civic Club, GFWC Community Club of Littlestown, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club

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GFWC PENNSYLVANIA 2020 CONVENTION PHOTOS

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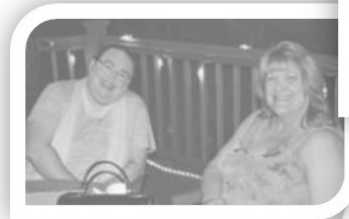
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Christmas Ornament Contest

For the GFWC Headquarters Tree

Each state may contribute one or two handmade or purchased ornaments between 4" and 6" in size.

The theme is "Good Tidings of Comfort & Joy".

Please adhere to the color scheme – deep aqua blue, creamy white and lots of glittery silver and gold.

Create your ornament(s) and bring to your Fall District Meeting or mail to President Sandy Hauenstein no later than October 31, 2021.

The Executive Committee will be the final judge and two ornaments will be sent to GFWC Headquarters to represent Pennsylvania.

Winners will be recognized in the December Clubwoman. Direct any questions you may have to sandygfwc@outlook.com.

GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Yolanda Cypher, Chairman

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October has been recognized as National Bullying Prevention Month. More than one out of every five students will be bullied this year. Every child has the right to feel safe and supported. Bullying is an issue that cannot be considered as a harmless rite of passage. Bullying impacts a child's desire to be in school and the ability to learn. Bullied children often have difficulty concentrating and suffer low self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth. Physical symptoms such as headaches, stomachaches, and mental health issues are often present in bullied children.

How can your club help? Sponsor a poster project for children through your local library or child advocacy group to demonstrate inclusion ideas. Inclusion is inviting and involving others so that everyone feels welcomed, valued, and supported. Ideas for the poster could include introducing yourself to others; inviting others to play; telling someone why they are inspiring; involving others in your conversation; showing interest in learning about experiences which are different from your own.

For additional information and ideas: www.IncludeSomeone.com, www.Pacer.org.

LEGISLATION / PUBLIC POLICY



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In 1959 a typhoon struck Japan. Two young women visiting Japan decided to take a walk after the storm and discover 11 children huddled together cold and hungry with no one to care for them. Since they choose not to ignore these children, they searched for help, but because the children were ½ American and ½ Japanese no orphanage would take them. They finally found a woman who would care for the children plus 100 more orphans. Upon returning to the U.S., they decided to start *International Orphans*.

Fast forward to 2021, many organizations began because of these two women who choose not to ignore the “throwaway children” as they were called. *Childhelp.org*, *National Child Abuse Hotline*, *Foster & Adoptive Care Services*, *Group Homes*, *Child help Speak Up Be Safe*, *Residential Treatment Facilities and Advocacy Centers*.

The Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act H.R.485 passed in the U.S. House in March 2021. It is awaiting action in the Senate. Contact your Senators today and urge their support.

FYI! The two women are Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, the actresses who played Ricky and David Nelson's girlfriends on "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet". Their organizations continue to support children today.

ARTS and CULTURE

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This year I would like to encourage everyone to put a little more focus on the CULTURE part of Arts and Culture. I provided a world map and instructions that were originally shared by a club in California suggesting your club host an International Potluck Luncheon. Members prepare food from their birth country and record their information by using two maps – one with red pins showing birthplace and one with blue pins showing countries members have visited. Geography and travel trivia contests can be played. Members will have the opportunity to learn more about each other and the world.

This year's Member Craft looks so interesting and there is something for everyone: paper earrings, the Hex Sign ornament, the painted gourd, the decorated bottle, the cross stitch pillow and the STEM bookmark. And, of course, there is always photography, short story, and poetry. Check the GFWC Pennsylvania website for full details at GFWCPennsylvania.org.

Thank you to all again for your participation, support, and help with Arts and Culture! !!!

MEMBERSHIP

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This year my challenge, again, is to recruit 69 new members. Being an active GFWC clubwomen YOU have something of value to sell, so be a PROUD and an ENTHUSIASTIC saleswoman. Be sure your community knows that your GFWC club exists and what an asset you are to them.

This club year GFWC PA President Sandy Hauenstein has suggested that we honor members on their 90, 95, 100-year birthdays. This is a great way to let our ladies know how much they are thought of and appreciated. Please compile this information (full name and address) and email it to me.

MOTIVATIONAL MONDAY is a unique way to let our ladies know how much their volunteerism is valued. You can recognize them for something special they have done; provide encouragement for someone needing a boost; for their birthday, anniversary or just to say Hi.

We all enjoy being remembered and appreciated.

“Only a life lived for others is worth living.”

Albert Einstein

COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Does your club have a newsletter? You can keep it interesting by enhancing the articles with pictures of club happenings or art.

“Clip Art” to fit any occasion can be found on the computer by just putting the words “clip art” in a search. Be sure to include the word “Free” in your search. Some of the clip art pieces are copyright protected or charge a fee for use. Be sure the site is for free use of the art, then copy it to your computer and place it in your newsletter, Facebook site, or website. Bright art/pictures capture attention and guide the reader to what may be an article of interest to them.

Of course, the use of the GFWC logo is always a good idea. The logo can be found on the GFWC.org website. Be sure to follow the directions for the correct sizing of the logo. There is also a black and white version that may work better for your newsletter.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH

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Galaxy Goal: *Making Smile Splints and Smile Bags*

Operation Smile performs facial surgeries on children, who otherwise would face a life of ridicule and isolation. We are encouraging you to make the Smile Splints which prevent the child from touching the surgical area post-surgery. The Smile Bag contains items for dental care, comfort, and a mirror to admire an improved facial image. You are encouraged to visit www.operationsmile.org. While there, view a case history of a child and find the directions to make these items. Directions can also be found on the state website.

Why is September 17th an important date? It commemorates the birthday of our United States with the signing of the Constitution. Now more than ever, we need to celebrate Constitution Day in our communities. 39 brave men gave birth to a new nation and this history must be celebrated and shared with other generations.

The first constitution was called? Average age of the framers of the constitution was about? What is the longest time one person can serve as president? Perhaps each club could spend a few minutes asking three or four questions pertaining to the constitution at each meeting and briefly discuss the answers. Do you know what is being taught in your local school district? A site to commence such a study into the history and contents of the constitution is www.constitutionfacts.com. There are questions, a crossword puzzle, and other items to get you started. How many club members have a copy of this document?

LEADERSHIP

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By the time you're reading this, this chairman would have come back from International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. As a member of the GFWC Leadership Committee, she was proud to be a part of the LEADS Seminars. Congratulations to JoAnn Propchek (Class of 2020) and Chelynne Cursi-Lang (Class of 2021) who represented Pennsylvania at the LEADS Seminar. Club members will hear more about their experiences at a later time. It's never too early to start thinking about next year's LEADS candidates. It's important to note that a nominee doesn't have to become president or any other officer, for that matter, but the leadership skills learned will be valuable for any club member.

WHERE TO FIND POTENTIAL LEADERS: CLUB MEMBER: She is not an officer but will accept responsibility and take initiative. She motivates others by her enthusiasm and may recognize that her interests lie in planning and implementing projects. She may have been a member for a while, but she is creative and energetic doing her job. *(From the Leadership section of the Club Manual.)*

Everyone can be a leader! Just think what that would mean for our clubs!

ENVIRONMENT

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Terracycle® has teamed up with Bausch + Lomb to create a free recycling program for Biotrue® ONeday contact lenses and blister packs, as well as lenses and packs from other Bausch + Lomb brands. Don't use Bausch + Lomb products? No problem, they will accept contact lenses and blister packs from any brand. The list of drop off locations can be found on the Terracycle® website at www.terracycle.com. **We are asking clubs to get involved with this free program.** Please track the number of contact lenses and blister packs recycled and include your totals in year-end reporting.

Not familiar with Terracycle®? They are a social enterprise Eliminating the Idea of Waste®. They offer multiple recycle programs, involving many familiar national brands. Please visit their website to see the entire list of companies they partner with.

Another idea is the **NexTrex®** program, a way to donate plastic film to Trex® and keep waste out of landfills. Everyday items that get tossed into landfills can be collected, including grocery and retail bags, plastic mailer bags, and bread bags to name a few. Why not partner with your local community or school? If your group can collect 500 pounds of plastic refuse in a six-month period, Trex® will donate a high-performance composite bench to your community. Check out their website at www.recycle.trex.com to register and see the full list of items they accept.

Thank you Terracycle® and Trex® for offering more ways to keep waste out of our landfills!

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES

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Finding Books to Read

For those of you who love to read, recent times have been difficult. Books are more difficult to get our hands on. During the past year, libraries were often closed or were only open for limited hours. Some libraries offered "Pick Up at the Door" service. This only works well when you know exactly what books you want.

Book stores were sometimes open but buying books can quickly become expensive.

If there are second-hand stores nearby, used books can often be found for sale at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, selections are usually rather limited.

Some of us have family and friends who read as much as we do and have similar reading interests. It is sometimes possible to borrow books from them if they have similar tastes.

When clubs were conducting in-person meetings, book exchanges became very popular. Club members had what they called *suitcase sharing* kind of a "Have Book, Will travel" idea. Their education chairman found a used suitcase and put some books inside. She brought it to the meetings and encouraged members to put a book inside and take a different book out.

Another possibility is a Little Free Library Book Sharing Box. "There are over 100,000 worldwide. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through Little Free Library book exchanges, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds." Visit www.littlefreelibrary.org for more information.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

IMPORTANT DATES

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Meeting, Wilmington, Delaware	Sept 30-Oct 3, 2021	The Sheraton Suites 422 Delaware Avenue Wilmington, DE 19801	TBD
GFWC Northwestern District Meeting	October 8, 2021	Erie WC Clubhouse, Erie	TBD
GFWC Southwestern District Meeting	October 9, 2021	Jackson's Restaurant, Monaca	TBD
GFWC PA South Central District Meeting	October 14, 2021	Marzonis, Mechanicsburg	TBD
GFWC PA North Central District Meeting,	October 16, 2021	Duffy's Tavern, Boalsburg	TBD
GFWC Southeastern District Meeting	October 22, 2021	Cutillo's in Sanatoga	TBD
GFWC Northeastern District Meeting	October 23, 2021	Genetti's Hotel in Wilkes-Barre	TBD
Finance Committee Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting	November 5, 2021	GFWC Pennsylvania Headquarters	TBD
GFWC Pennsylvania Board of Directors Meeting	November 6, 2021	Mechanicsburg	TBD
GFWC Holiday Reception	December 8, 2021	GFWC Headquarters, Washington, DC	TBD

Of all the things I've done, the most vital is coordinating those who work with me and aiming their efforts at a certain goal!
- Walt Disney

Thank you to the 2018-2020 officers and board of directors for their generous gifts and recognition at the GFWC Pennsylvania Convention. All the accomplishments of the administration were due to the hard work and dedication of the officers and board of directors.

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FYI...

September is *Healthy Aging Month*

October is *Halloween Safety Month*

November is *Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month*

December is *Safe Toys and Celebration Month*

VISION
IMPAIRMENT
AWARENESS



1895 Society Contributors

Mary Fenstermacher

Dawn Himler

Cynthia Sweeney

GFWC PA Past Presidents & Junior Directors Club



CHECK THIS OUT! ... WE'RE GETTING A MAKE-OVER!!

Our WEBSITE that is!

GFWCPennsylvania.org will have a new look that will be launching in mid-August/early September. The update to the new platform, Word Press, will not only save money for our hosting fees but will provide a more user-friendly navigation system and a format that inspires us to showcase the many exciting projects our clubwomen are doing within their communities in a more expressive, eye-popping way. Please note that our website is a work in progress as we strive to update information for all Departments and Advancement Areas.

The password for our Members Only page will remain the same: ShineOn2020.

CLUB NEWS

Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a look back... Old photos showing past members and activities have been shared on Facebook and the club's website.

On January 18, 1971, the Upper Allen Woman's Club was federated by a group of community women as a Junior Club. In 1976, it became a General Federated Women's Club with membership to women over 18 years of age. Pictured to the right are Edythe Bootay, First Vice President; Ruth Wrye, Vice President of the PA Federation of Woman's Clubs; Ruth Brillling, President; and Dottie Nielson, PFWC Junior Director.



Today the club is active in the Mechanicsburg School District, delivering baskets of food and gifts to several school district families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, to brighten their holidays. It recognizes 8th grade girls as students of the quarter from the Mechanicsburg Middle School who are selected on their academic improvement, participation in extracurricular activities, and community service. And, each year the Education Committee presents cash awards to 11 seniors in subject areas as well as a \$2500 scholarship for a college-bound senior.



To the left, the club supports *Pink Hands of Hope*, a local thrift shop which supports women who have cancer. Pictured are club members Beth O'Marr, President; Pink Hands Founder Brian Gaughan; and co-chairs Elaine Centazzo and Vickie Caruso, presenting a check from the club's daffodil's sale.

To the right, the club collected \$527 for the GFWC Woman's Club Pennsylvania Project for Food Banks in partnership with the PA Dairymen's Association and Feeding PA. Carmen Williams shows a stuffed milk bottle filled with the members' donations.



To the right, Sandy Hauenstein, GFWC PA President and member of the Upper Allen Woman's Club, introduces her State President's Project, Vision Impairment Awareness. The Upper Allen Woman's Club has already collected 1000 pairs of eyeglasses for the local Lion's Club collection project. Pictured are Jane Nighbert and PA President Sandy Hauenstein.



Several club women have been crocheting and knitting baby beanies and hats for the March of Dimes project. They also sewed 76 blankets and quilts for military families. All donations will be displayed at the state convention in July. Pictured to the left are: Marty Otto, Emily Schwartz, Cindy Evans, Susan Douville, and Deb Stafford with 76 blankets and quilts and 118 baby beanies and hats.



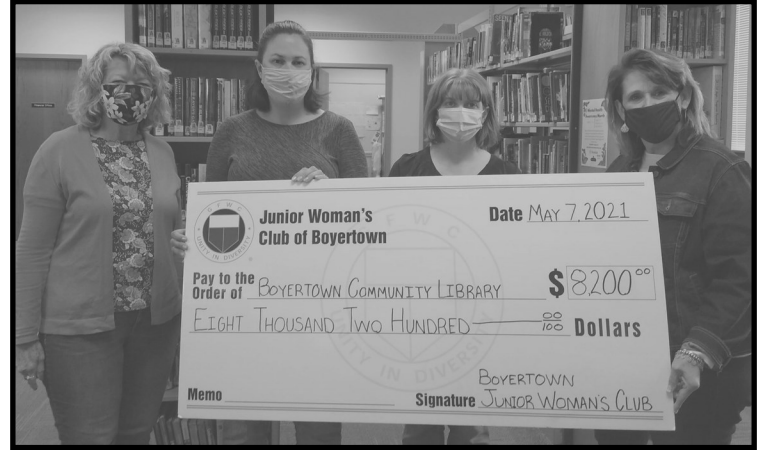
It has been a challenge without meeting in person, but club members have met on Zoom and stayed in touch with emails, cards and phone calls. We look forward to September when we can meet again in person.

CLUB NEWS

Members of **GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown** are shown presenting a check in the amount of \$8,200 to Susan Lopez, Director of the Boyertown Community Library, who shared her excitement and recognized the donation as a tangible sign of the clubs support of their mission and participation in the community. From left to right are: Debbie Brumbach, club member; Bridgit Petrauskas, Vice President; Susan Lopez, Boyertown Community Library Director; and Judy Wetzel, club President.

This donation was made possible because of the success of their "Girls' Night Out" Basket Raffle which was held in March. The donation will be used to purchase new outdoor book returns.

This event is the club's largest and most popular fundraiser with over 240 attendees over a 2-day span. This year's profit was over \$11,500. After the donation to Boyertown Community Library, the remaining funds will be donated to other local community organizations.



The members of the **Woman's Club of Perkasio** receive their Membership Awards.

Pictured in the top left photo, left to right are: Pat Benner, Ebby Schirmer, Pat Schuck, Jean Lewis, Anne Melcher, and Gerry Standard.

Pictured in the top right photo is Ebbby Schirmer, receiving her 50 Year Award. Lois Radosky also received a 50 Year Award but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Pictured in the bottom photo, left to right are: Rose Monaghan, Carol Hollender, Beth Schild, Kay Moyer, Irene Roberts, Elsie Tagg, Dorie Daikeler, Pat Siwert, Gladys Amspacher and Kathy Cassel.



The **Community Club of Collegeville** installed the newly elected officers for 2021-2022 at their May meeting at a local park. After the ceremony, pizza was served with dessert to commemorate the beginning of the summer break.

Pictured are left to right are: Mary Fenstermacher, Treasurer; Barbara Hartenbauer, Recording Secretary; Glenda Ellis, President of Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs; Kathleen Wilkins, Director; and JoAnne O'Donnell, club President.



CLUB NEWS

The **GFWC Century Club of Wilkins Township** is proud to celebrate Virginia Maggiore, a member who has been federated for 70 years. Virginia joined the Turtle Creek Woman's Club at age 22. She worked on projects like March of Dimes and Cancer research, taking her small daughters door to door with her. She held each office, and planned trips for the club and Allegheny County women.

After the club dissolved, she joined the our club. in our club she served as secretary, treasurer, Vice President and President. She became SW District Director, County President, and Religion chairman; and mentored many women throughout the county. She baked for Election day and bake sales, crocheted items for the arts, and was involved in other projects too numerous to mention! *We salute this woman as an example of the tireless work that drives our Federation.*



The women of the **GFWC West Side Woman's Club** recently completed a food drive from their membership, to benefit the Al Beech West Side Food Pantry, located in the Church of Christ Uniting, West Market Street, Kingston. This project was conducted by the club's Health and Wellness department, which is committed to awareness and advancement of the benefits of good nutrition.

The food pantry, which serves communities on the west side, relies on volunteers and donations. These hunger relief volunteers served more than 2 million meals in 2020.

Shown at the point of delivery are, from left to right, Christina Kinsman, committee member; Reverend Jane Pykus, pastor at the church; Gina Rushkowski, club President; June Gavenonis, administrative coordinator at the church, and committee members Nancy D'Amico, and Karen French.

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Indian Valley** is excited to celebrate the 100th birthdays of three of their members! Pictured to the right are Ginny Kulp who celebrated her birthday in April; Ethel Metz, who celebrated her birthday in July; and Betty Freese, who will celebrate her birthday this month.

Both Ginny and Betty served as club President - Ginny 1962-64; and Betty 1966-68 - and are still consulted by today's club. Ethel remains a very active club member.

The club is considered to be very fortunate to have these three women as a part of their membership.



Club members came together on a summer's day to pack "Jared Boxes" for Grandview Hospital of Sellersville.

Pictured on the left, left to right, are: Joanne Augusewicz, Ruth Summers, Bonnie Pross, Nancy Ehly, Peggy Phillips and Joann Munsell.

CLUB NEWS

Several members of **The GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township** were very busy during the height of the pandemic!

The club is very proud of the four members you see pictured to the right (left to right are JoAnne Reinheimer, Pat Hite, Carol Long (seated), and Joanna Fryer.

They began sewing in March 2020, and as of May 2021, had made over 2000 face masks! These mask were donated to local organizations and hospitals, as well as being provided to local families and friends.



PRESIDENT'S PROJECT - SC DISTRICT

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Dauphin/Cumberland Counties – Vision Resources of Central PA (VROCP):

Members from the Upper Allen Women's Club GFWC visited the agency and toured the facility. Here is what Karen Stauffer had to say: "One would expect to learn about the technological devices that assist visually impaired people while visiting Vision Resources. We saw this and so much more. All that is accomplished by this organization, which doesn't get the press coverage they are due, is amazing! First of all, they are housed in a formerly owned factory, which has been redesigned to meet their needs. The area is used to package and assemble items, serve as a warehouse for customers, do Braille transcription, do audio recording, and do laser printing for customers. Ink pens are assembled and sold. Volunteers help read the newspaper and books on their radio station. In addition to these services, people are employed to do custodial care, mail services, and commercial and residential flooring. Almost all of these positions are filled by people with physical challenges. Along with coordinating these services and employment opportunities, this amazing organization must raise funding. Arrangements are made for doctors to examine uninsured patients. In addition to all of these activities, the organization runs a summer camp for visually impaired children. What an enlightening experience this visit was.!" There is a need for volunteers. Contact them at VROCP.org. or 717-238-2531 to see if something is of interest to your club members or as an individual. They have staff available for speaking engagements.

Adams/York Counties – Vision Corps:

The GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove is having a speaker from Vision Corps speak at their October 21, 2021, club meeting. This is a great way to learn what the agency offers to their clients, and what their needs may be, as well as, volunteer opportunities for the club members. Please contact the agency at info@visioncorps.net or 866-876-6550 for more information.

Blind Awareness Month – October is Blind Awareness Month and October 15th is White Cane Safety Day to celebrate the achievements of blind and visually impaired people. If a person uses a white cane with a red tip, they have low vision. If the cane has red and white stripes, they are blind.

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GFWC Meadville Woman's Club has scheduled the Keystone Blind Association's Administrator Director, Bob George, to present a program at the March, 2022 club meeting.

GFWC The Woman's Club of Erie, Inc. and the Presque Isle Woman's Club members are continuing to collect eyeglasses.

Club members in this district continue to chart vision examinations and collect eyeglasses to donate to the local Lions Club.

This chairman received an emailed copy of the Envision Blind Sports newsletter. A clinic tour or a camp visit in the future would be interesting to observe the participants using the adaptive equipment.



In **Northampton County**, 18 women from **GFWC Bangor Women's Club** gathered for a luncheon on June 29th at Detzi's Restaurant in Wind Gap. Afterwards, they went outside and took fun pictures of themselves donning sunglasses. This was in honor of National Sunglasses Day which promotes the importance of wearing UV protective eyewear. The woman enjoyed a lovely day together.



GFWC West Side was finally able to resume a few activities with the Northeast Sight Services of **Luzerne County**. They readied flyers and annual reports for mailing; they participated in the association's project Fork Over Love where meals are purchased from local restaurants and served to the community on a first-come, first-served basis. Pictured from left to right are: Peggy Hanlon, Maggie Wallowak, Marge Gushka, Karen French, District Director; Bonnie MacDonald, Ginny Zdanowicz, District Chairman; and Maureen Rinehimer. Absent from photo is Marie Warren.

They volunteered at the 8th Annual Chip in for Sight Golf Tournament Fundraiser. In addition, President/CEO Sara Peperno and Director of Development Amy Feldman gave the club a virtual tour of their Vision Resource Center. One item, the Colorino, is a talking identifier that detects color in objects such as clothes.

The members of **GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.** from **Lackawanna County** invited Anne Lawler, the Lackawanna Blind Association Prevention of Blindness Coordinator to address their club. Anne gave an interesting and informative presentation on age-related eye diseases and their symptoms.

Hopefully, when indoor activities resume, we can all become more involved with our local blind associations and see firsthand the many opportunities available for the visually impaired.



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Thank you for your support of the President's Project in 2020. It was enjoyable reading your reports and selecting the winners who received their certificates at the 2021 convention in July. Hopefully, you have started planning for the 2021-2022 club year using the materials in the packet convention attendees and each club president received. Here are the emphasis areas:

Cash for Clients: The purpose of this project is for clubs to make monetary donations to their local agency of the PA Association for the Blind to purchase vision aids. Contact your local agency to identify the needs of their clients, then determine how much money your club will be able to donate. This money may be able to help a specific client or provide items the agency keeps in stock to use as needed. We hope to be able to improve the lives of visually impaired people through the purchase of vision aids.

Eye Exams: Having regular eye exams is very important for your eye health. This project involves clubs recording the number of members who have had eye exams from January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021. This is retroactive to include those people who had an exam in 2020 and would not be due for their next exam until 2022.

Braille Project: Please plan to attend the Fall District Meetings to learn more about this fun and educational activity. We will be learning about the Braille system and making club signs and member name card signs using the Braille Alphabet. This project will begin in the fall and end on December 31, 2021, so it can be reported for the 2021 club year. Then you will need to keep the signs and cards in a safe place and take them to the 2022 convention where the items will be displayed as a culminating activity for the President's Project.

Contact Lens Recycle Project: This project is part of the Environment Community Service Program. Please read that article for more information. If your club participates, the number of contact lenses recycled will be reported on the Vision Impairment Report Form.

Eyeglass Collection Project: The collection and donation of eyeglasses will continue with an emphasis on placing collection boxes in the community with your club name displayed. This will attract attention for your club as well as provide a community service. The glasses will then be donated to a local Lions club or other agency.

Volunteer Project: Hopefully, the volunteer opportunities with your local agency will open up this year. Contact them to see how you can help as the types of activities vary among the agencies.

Remember, your district chairmen for the President's Project are always available to help. Contact them with any questions you may have. As we continue on this journey, remember to keep the FOCUS on Seeing the Vision.