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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the 2020-2022 GFWC Pennsylvania President with all the ups and downs. I must say that the last two years have been full of new experiences and new friendships – a time all too short to do the things I hoped we would do.

The pandemic interrupted our lives, both at home and in our club work. We faced new challenges and succeeded in finding new ways to meet, to support each other and continue much needed projects in our communities. You have been, and are, a constant inspiration to me as I read reports and see how seriously club members approach the work they have chosen. I am so proud of all the members and their commitment to their communities with the outstanding projects they have accomplished despite the pandemic. Who knew we could still meet and conduct business via the internet in our sweats and pajamas? What fun it was to learn new technology!

Congratulations to the clubs and members who were presented awards at convention. My hope is to accept awards for Pennsylvania at the GFWC Convention the end of June in New Orleans. The reports were amazing and it was a pleasure to read about so many deserving projects.

The statistics reported for 2021 are:

Programs/projects: 1,317
Volunteer Hours: 82,924
Money Donated: \$195,237
In Kind Donations: \$187,362

Awesome job!!!!

The Vision Impairment Awareness project was a success thanks to your enthusiasm and interest with education of eye diseases; volunteering at local agencies and collection of used eyeglasses. The statistics in the club reports for the two years are amazing – see Carol's article for the outstanding results. Thank you to Carol, Norma, Denise, Bev, Ginny and Judy for your enthusiasm and great ideas.

The Fill a Glass with Hope was also a success in the collection of \$4220.10 in the first year, and \$3,786.59 through April 15th this year totaling \$8,006.69 for two years to provide dairy products to food banks through Feeding PA. It was and is so needed to assist in reaching those with food insecurity in our state. Thank you Mary for the challenge. Awesome job ladies!!!!!!

Thank you my fellow officers for sharing your time and talents as we spent numerous hours on Zoom meetings to determine the best plan to get through the pandemic and be mindful of the challenges we and the clubs faced each day. Thank you Marcia for your parliamentary expertise in meetings. The Board of Directors including the officers, district directors, committee chairmen and committee members certainly made my job easier by doing their part attending meetings, planning, workshops, newsletter articles, project ideas and compiling reports. Thank you for your dedication and support over the last two years.

I encourage you to continue the efforts that will insure the future success of GFWC Pennsylvania and I faithfully commit my support to this worthwhile organization and its members for many years to come.



Together in Federation,
Sandy Hauenstein
GFWC Pennsylvania President



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

GFWC Pennsylvania Festival of Arts Winners 2021

Member Crafts:

Paper Earrings:

1st Linda Crook, Woman's Club of Nazareth; 2nd Joellen Zitch, GFWC Mechanicsburg; 3rd Patty Raydo, Woman's Club of Erie; Honorable Mention Donna Napoleon, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden

Hex Ornament:

1st Patricia Motyka, GFWC West Side; 2nd Bridgit Petruskas, Boyertown Junior Woman's Club; 3rd Donna Napoleon, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden

Painted "Spring theme" Gourd:

1st Dot Hoffman, Saxonburg District of Woman's Club; 2nd Pat Schuck, Woman's Club of Perkasio

Decorated Bottle:

1st Carolyn Smith, GFWC Bangor Women's Club; 2nd Marianne Heck, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; 3rd Amanda Johnson, Warrior Run Women's Club; Honorable Mention Barabara Longstretch, GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne; Honorable Mention Penny Petro, Woman's Club of Perkasio

Cross Stitch Pillow:

1st Judy Schwambach, GFWC New Century Club of Berks; 2nd Marian Smith, Woman's Club of Nazareth; 3rd Yolanda Cypher, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; Honorable Mention Christine Sebring, GFWC Mechanicsburg

STEM Bookmark:

1st Bridgit Petruskas, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown; 2nd Becky Plymale, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; 3rd Sharon Bonner, Woman's Club of Nazareth

Member Art:

Drawing:

1st Rosemary Luksha, GFWC West Side; 2nd Dot Hoffman, Saxonburg District Woman's Club; **Division 3: Oils, Acrylic:** 1st Marianne Heck, GFWC The Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Janice Behrik, Saxonburg District of Woman's Club

Member Photography:

World in Pictures: Our World Up Close:

1st Patty Raydo, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Anne Rutter, GFWC Women's Civic Club of Schwenksville; 3rd Sandra Simpson, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club; Honorable Mention Sue O'Day, Abington Heights Civic League Inc.; Honorable Mention Emily Schwartz, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; Honorable Mention Leslie Smith, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club; Honorable Mention Cindy Troutman-Myers, Warrior Run Woman's Club

World in Pictures: Natural Wonders:

1st Christine Simmons, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township; 2nd Emily Schwartz, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; 3rd Cheryl Gauvey, New Brighton Civic Woman's Club; Honorable Mention Norma McClay, GFWC Meadville Woman's Club; Honorable Mention Leslie Smith, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club; Honorable Mention Margaret Gushka, GFWC West Side Women's Club

World in Pictures: Reflections:

1st Allyson Fleischman, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown; 2nd Joellen Zitch, GFWC Mechanicsburg; 3rd Marianne Heck, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; Honorable Mention Sue O'Day, Abington Heights Civic League Inc.; Honorable Mention Sandra Simpson, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club

GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit:

1st Darlene Sidie, Community Club of Collegeville; 2nd Becky Plymale, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; 3rd Tracy Mueller, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club

Member Short Story:

1st Glenda Ellis, GFWC Woman's Club of Whitpain; TIE 2nd Kathy Ruth, GFWC Pa Women's Civic Club of Schwenksville; TIE 2nd Susan Morrow, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; 3rd Maureen McKeever, Century Club of Wilkins Township; Honorable Mention Sondra Barth-Delp, GFWC Women's Club of Spring Township; Honorable Mention Eileen Gallagher, GFWC West Side

Member Poetry:

1st Susan H. Dunlap, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; 2nd Susan Morrow, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; Patricia Raydo, Woman's Club of Erie; Honorable Mention Kathy Ruth, GFWC Pa Women's Civic Club of Schwenksville; Honorable Mention Joellen Zitch, GFWC Mechanicsburg

Student Art:

Division 1: Grade 1, 2:

1st Mila Berry, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; 2nd Eliza Country, GFWC The Woman's Club of Erie

GFWC Pennsylvania Festival of Arts Winners 2021

Division 2: 3, 4, 5:

1st Yandiel Cruz, GFWC The Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Kingston Kelly, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; 3rd Vivien Ruch, GFWC PA – Bangor; Honorable Mention London Evosevich, GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels Area

Division 3: 6, 7, 8:

1st Rickimarie Langdon, GFWC The Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Lily Copenhaver, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; 3rd Lily Christian, GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne; Honorable Mention Katelyn Tenny, GFWC PA – Bangor

Division 4: 9, 10, 11, 12:

1st Natalia Van Epps, GFWC The Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Brandon Laurie, GFWC PA – Bangor; 3rd Danielle Carpenter, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden

Student Short Story:

Category 1:

1st Collin Howard, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 2nd Hunter Schaarschmidt, GFWC Bangor; 3rd Morgan Fleischman, Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown Pennsylvania

Category 2

Lily Giles, Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels Area; Ishanvi Manojkumar, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 3rd Noah Spedaliere, Rostraver Women's Club; Honorable Mention Ella Stimmel, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; Honorable Mention Briella Kimes, GFWC PA Bangor

Category 3:

1st Miakatherine West, GFWC Saxonburg District Women's Club; 2nd Emma M. Confalone, GFWC Bangor; 3rd Abigail Russell, Rostraver Women's Club; Honorable Mention Lilly Jankowski, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; Honorable Mention Madison Fleischman, Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown

Category 4:

1st Connor Blackwell, Warrior Run Woman's Club; 2nd Sindur Sridhar, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 3rd Hope Light, GFWC PA Bangor

Student Poetry:

Category 1:

1st Branden DeLaTorre, GFWC Bangor

Category 2:

1st Gillian Roth, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 2nd Abigail Shipman, GFWC Bangor; 3rd Noah Spedaliere, Rostraver Woman's Club; Honorable Mention Jane Wertz/ Warrior Run Woman's Club

Category 3:

1st Natali Cupani, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 2nd Helen Wertz, Warrior Run Woman's Club; 3rd Courtney Martin, Rostraver Women's Club

Category 4:

1st Ysabella Caraballo, GFWC-PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 2nd Maria Spedaliere, Rostraver Women's Club; 3rd Aaliyah Harkins, GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels Area

Student Photography: High School:

Color - Living Things:

1st Paige Magnelli, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; 2nd Teajanae Johnson, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; 3rd Amy Kovach, GFWC PA Woman's Club of Spring Township

Black & White - Living Things:

1st Anjali Selvam, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie

Color – Scenic:

1st Paige Magnelli, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; 2nd Teajanae Johnson, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; 3rd Paris DeLuigi, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; Honorable Mention Amy Kovach, GFWC PA Woman's Club of Spring Township

Black & White – Scenic:

1st Anjali Selvam, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Bethany Perla; Community Club of Collegeville

Color - Still Life:

1st Yeslian Vargas, GFWC Woman's Club of Erie; 2nd Amy Kovach, GFWC PA Woman's Club of Spring Township; 3rd Emily Hammaker, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

GFWC PENNSYLVANIA 2021 AWARDS LIST

Congratulations to all!!!

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention: Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club; GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichael's Area; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Mechanicsburg**

GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: Advocates for Children: Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; GFWC West Side Woman's Club; GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler**

ARTS and CULTURE: Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club; Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township**

ENVIRONMENT: GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichael's Area; GFWC Pennsylvania Nazareth Woman's Club; GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club**

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES: GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; GFWC West Side Woman's Club; GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler**

HEALTH and WELLNESS: GFWC Century Club of Wilkins Township; GFWC Woman's Club of the City of Pittsburgh; Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler**

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH: GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club; GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; GFWC Women's Club of Carmichaels Area; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Women's Club of Carmichaels Area**

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club**

WEBSITE: Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

NEWSLETTER: GFWC Century Club of Wilkins Township

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

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY: GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; GFWC Woman's Club of Baden; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club**

MEMBERSHIP: GFWC The Junior Women's Club of Boyertown, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; GFWC Woman's Club of Milton; **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township**

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT: GFWC Pennsylvania Nazareth Woman's Club; GFWC Woman's Club of Milton; Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; **CREATIVITY AWARD - Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.;**

WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESEARCH CENTER: Abington Heights Civic League, Inc.; Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club **CREATIVITY AWARD - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club**

GFWC PA STATE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: VISION IMPAIRMENT AWARENESS: INNOVATION AWARD - GFWC Intermediate League of Butler; ANGEL AWARD - GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne; EDUCATION AWARD - GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club; VOLUNTEER AWARD - GFWC West Side Woman's Club; COMMUNITY AWARD - GFWC Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs; TECHNOLOGY AWARD - GFWC The New Century Club of West Chester; PARTNERSHIP AWARD - GFWC Nazareth Woman's Club

EYEGASSES COLLECTION - NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT - GFWC PA Saucon Valley Woman's Club, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club, GFWC West Side Woman's Club, The GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club; SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT - Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC PA Women's Civic Club of Schwenksville, GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown, GFWC Woman's Club of Indian Valley, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, The New Century Club of West Chester; NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club, GFWC State College Woman's Club, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton; SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT - Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC; NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT - GFWC Meadville Woman's Club; SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT - GFWC Century Club of Wilkins Township, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler, GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden, GFWC Women's Civic Club of Carmichaels Area, GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECT - GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club

LEADS CANDIDATE - Carrie Wood, GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club

GFWC PENNSYLVANIA 2021 AWARDS LIST

Congratulations to all!!!

WOMAN OF THE YEAR - Virginia Slichter, submitted by Glenda Ellis, Women's Club of Whitpain

ESO CERTIFICATES: Dr. Dana Charles Clark, Norma McClay, Myrtle Council, Gerri DeMilio, Tiffany Harkleroad, Sandy Hauenstein, Dawn Himler, Emily Schwartz, Toni Mangretta, Carolyn Smith, Marian Smith, Diana Toolan, Karen Stauffer

HOBY: *Eastern HOBY:* Woman's Club of Whitpain, GFWC Colony Club of Ambler, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC Overlook Hills Women's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Pen Argyl, GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GFWC Woman's Club of Indian Valley --- *Central HOBY:* GFWC East Petersburg, GFWC Plymouth, Abington Heights Civic League, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Lebanon Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Camp Hill Junior Civic Club, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC PA Women's Club of Spring Grove, GFWC Strasburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC -- *Western HOBY:* GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC Meadville Woman's Club

FILL A GLASS WITH HOPE: GFWC PA Southeastern District, GFWC PA Northeastern District, GFWC PA Southwestern District, GFWC State College Woman's Club, Upper Allen Women's Club Foundation, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC Bangor, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown, GFWC West Side, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, GFWC Northeastern Club, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club

PENNIES FOR ART: *Constellation Sponsor:* GFWC PA Southwestern District, Kathy Cassel, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden, GFWC Woman's Club of Duquesne, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC PA Northeastern District

Eclipse Sponsor: Woman's Club of Media, Maureen Strahl, Denise Tovlin, Melissa Somerville, Woman's Club of Quakertown, GFWC Woman's Club of Pen Argyl, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club, GFWC PA Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs; *Super Nova Sponsor:* GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township, GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club, Barbara A Longstreth, GFWC Holidaysburg Area Women's Club, GFWC Meadville Woman's Club, GFWC Bethlehem Women's Club, GFWC Bangor, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton, GFWC Intermediate League of Butler,

CLUB STAR AWARDS: GFWC Plymouth, GFWC East Petersburg, Woman's Club of Quakertown, GFWC Bangor, GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club, GFWC Colony Club of Ambler, Woman's Club of Perkasie, GFWC Community Club of Littlestown

AFFILIATE PARTICIPATION

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: GFWC Junior Women's Club of Boyertown, The Woman's Club of Quakertown, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler

MARCH OF DIMES: GFWC PA Bangor Women's Club, GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club, GFWC West Side, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, GFWC Meadville Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Baden, GFWC Mechanicsburg, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Butler, Community Club of Collegeville, GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Indian Valley, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton

OPERATION SMILE: GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club, GFWC Woman's Club of Indian Valley, GFWC Woman's Club of Milton, GFWC Warrior Run Woman's Club, Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL: GFWC PA Bangor Women's Club, GFWC PA Nazareth Woman's Club, GFWC Junior Women's Club of Boyertown, GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne, GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club, GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club

SHOT@LIFE: GFWC Junior Women's Club of Boyertown, Federated Women's Club of Hershey, The Woman's Club of Quakertown, GFWC East Petersburg, GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne,

Canine Companions: Federated Women's Club of Hershey, Elaine Linamen

1895 Society Contributors

Karen Cochran

Janice Demes

Dorothy Denza

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler

GFWC Past District Directors Club

GFWC Past President's Club

GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne

GFWC Woman's Club of Pen Argyl

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS PENNSYLVANIA

Heide Marie Cebrick, President

2022 GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference

Barbara Fulton, Conference Chairman

“Light the Way to a Better Tomorrow!”

Friday, July 22, 2022

11:00 – 1:00 PM

Registration

GFWC PA Fundraising

1:00 PM

Opening Session

Welcome, Introductions, Pledge, Thoughts of Day

Recognition of First Time Attendees

Speaker: Marian Skomsky, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Retired, Wilkes-Barre VAMC

President's Project

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Reporting

Fundraising

3:00 – 3:20 PM

Break

3:20 PM

General Session

Membership

Leadership

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Social Reception/Cash Bar

6:00 PM

Dinner Choices: Chicken Saltimbocca ___ Boston Baked Cod ___
Grilled Flank Steak ___ Vegetarian ___

7:00 PM

Speaker: Patty Seaman, Executive Director, Peace Promise (will have soap from *Soap by Survivors* for sale to benefit their cause)

7:45 PM

After Dinner Service Project, GFWC PA Market Place
Ice Cream and Fun Activities

9:00 PM

Poolside Gathering

Saturday, July 23, 2022

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Buffet Breakfast

Arts and Culture Community Service Program

Contest Rules and Guidelines

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Workshop Sessions

Communications, Public Relations, and Social Media

Education and Libraries

Environment

Health and Wellness

11:30 – 12:00

Vineyard at Hershey Winery (will speak and have wine for sale)

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Buffet Lunch

Speaker: Lynn Carson, Manager, Children's Resource Center of UPMC

1:45 – 3:00 PM

General Session

Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Jr. Special Project Advocates for Children

GFWC Convention Recognition

Announcements, Closing Thoughts, Collect

Please bring a NEW small stuffed animal for the Children's Resource Center.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS PENNSYLVANIA

Heide Marie Cebrick, President

GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference: July 22-23, 2022

Location: Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111

Hotel Reservations: Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, 17111, (717) 564-5511

Use Group Code: GCP Room Cost \$136 + Applicable taxes

Registration Deadline is June 30, 2022: Cost \$125

Confirmations will be sent by e-mail upon receipt of paid registration. Cancellations *must* be received in writing.

Pre-Registration is required for all Summer Leadership Conference Attendees.

You may duplicate this form as needed.

Return Bottom Portion of Form to Register. Please Print Clearly.

GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference: July 22- 23, 2022 Registration Form

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____

Club _____ Club Number _____

Phone Number _____ District _____

First Time Attendee? YES _____ NO _____

Friday Dinner - Choose from :

Chicken Saltimbocca ___ Boston Baked Cod _____ Grilled Flank Steak _____ Vegetarian _____

Friday & Saturday Conference Fee:

\$125.00 per person - includes Friday dinner and ice cream social, Saturday breakfast and lunch.

Please list any food allergies, dietary needs, etc. All efforts will be made to accommodate any special requests but cannot be guaranteed.

Payment is required to complete registration.

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Return this form with your check payable to: GFWC PA Memo - SLC 2022

Mail to: Barbara Fulton
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NEWS from our DISTRICT DIRECTORS

NORTHEASTERN

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The members of the Northeastern District held the Festival of the Arts on March 19th where 44 members came together to share their accomplishments. Carolyn Smith, District Arts chairman presented certificates to the Arts winners. Ginny Zdanowicz, District Presidents Project Chairman, displayed the signs / names in Braille of members for the State Braille Project. Judy Grace, District Leadership Chairman, gave us Leadership ideas; Dottie Sawyer, State Legislation chairman gave updates on Legislation. Sharing the spirit of service.

The clubs in the district gave reports of their projects. GFWC Mountaintop members made wreaths to donate to a local nursing facility. The GFWC Northeastern club members collected socks to donate to Domestic Violence. GFWC Mount Pocono sold cheesecake for the holidays to support their scholarship fund. GFWC West Side members donated holiday gifts for four families at the McCauley house; wrapped gifts for Valley Santa; and held a raffle for Fill a Glass with Hope. The members of GFWC Plymouth club collected calendars and gloves for Ruth's Place, a shelter for homeless women. GFWC Nazareth collected monies for Fill a Glass with Hope, they are also raising funds to purchase a child safety seat and collected stuffed animals to donate for operation smile.

GFWC First Vice president, Heide Cebrick presented certificates to Dottie Sawyer for 50 years of membership, and to Heidi Bates, President of GFWC Pennsylvania Bangor for 105 years of their club's Federation membership. Congratulations to GFWC Penn Argyl for 100 years, GFWC Harvey's Lake for 75 years, and Mount Pocono on 50 years of Federated membership.

NORTH CENTRAL

Cindy Troutman-Myers

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161 clubwomen comprise the North Central District, They are hard- working, organized, and devoted to their communities. The five district clubs reported their successes for the 2021-2022 club year, returning to in-person activities. Fundraising was at the top of all the Club's events and what great fundraisers!! They included various types of raffles (including a donated quilt); lottery calendar sales; poinsettia, Avon ,and fudge sales; and lunch and dinner events. Monies earned went back to their communities as scholarships; conservation education program; and support for local swimming pools, fire companies, libraries, community improvement projects, and beyond. The Milton club donated to UNICEF for Ukraine Aid. All have events planned through the rest of the club year.

Great job Curwensville Woman's Club, Milton Woman's Club, Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club, Warrior Run Woman's Club and State College Woman's Club!

NORTHWESTERN

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Our district consists of four active clubs, Meadville, Presque Isle, Grove City and Erie. They all met during this year . Each handled the pandemic in ways that are comfortable for their members and, with the limited ability to have contact, they still were able to serve their area well. Below are the highlights of what our clubs are doing in the NW District.

The Erie Club has a beautiful mansion to maintain and are fixing their Red Slate Roof and wiring for wireless smoke alarms. Members used Zoom stay in touch; held Christmas in the Mansion; a Halloween Party; a Tea Party; a Calendar Party; take-out dinners; household sales; and bus tours. They continue community involvement by serving dinner for the homeless; participating in National Night Out; eyeglass collection, and scholarships.

The Meadville Club started two new initiatives: PA Stitches of Valor which makes quilts for veterans; and the adoption of local food banks with both money and volunteers. They collected eyeglasses and cases for the President's Project, and bottle caps for veterans' prosthetics for the local VFW. They held a tea party with a fashion show and other activities. They are very proud to be included in the Vision for 2022 by the Meadville Tribune as a Charity of Note.

The Grove City Club, in their 103rd year, continue to hold luncheon meetings at local restaurants and sponsor programs of interest such as a visit to a local nursery and a speaker on Slippery Rock University's Storm Harbor program. They sponsor service projects such as making cookies for Meals on Wheels, and building Jared Boxes and materials for the Days for Girls.

The Presque Isle Club changed their meeting place for first time in 64 years to a more handicapped accessible venue to accommodate an active member who is 87 years young. They met for fewer meetings and limited speakers all in the concern for the pandemic. They provided memorial gifts and a gift to the Community Shelter Services.

NEWS from our DISTRICT DIRECTORS

SOUTHEASTERN

Barbara Hartenbauer

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The 2022 Spring Meeting of the Southeastern PA District celebrated our Arts Festival. How heart-warming to view all of the creativity within our immediate areas!

Entries for judging were presented by school students as well as by our own club members. Included in this annual event is a Fashion Show with models and fashions engaged by one of our chic women's shops. Collections of appropriate greeting cards, note pads, postage stamps, videos, large print books, eye glasses and other needs and requests are filled. This venue is always met with great enthusiasm and proves to be a successful fundraiser for the clubs with the sale of tickets for the event. In turn, this activity and others, such as Bingo events provide the needed funds to be distributed to the charities in our midst. For example we support "Operation Smile" which is one of the programs which supplies hospital gowns for children in need. We also provide scholarships for students.

To keep information at the forefront in the minds of our members, meeting agendas include speakers who are chosen to keep us informed on the current concerns and needs of our communities. Lively conversation, comradeship, and a luncheon are added features welcomed by all.

SOUTH CENTRAL

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Members of the South Central District have been busy serving their communities, supporting each other, and of course having lots of fun! Several clubs took on the task of updating their bylaws and standing rules to cover digital meetings, voting and more. Changes were also made with membership in mind including revising the number of meetings, guest policies rotating meeting venues, to make things a little more exciting and available to potential new members and easier for existing members stepping into leadership roles. Clubs continued to support area food banks, libraries, Veterans Domestic Violence shelters and more by collecting personal care items, blankets, food items, monetary donations, and of course volunteering in person when possible. Fundraisers were held and scholarships awarded, HOBY students sponsored, and informative programs held for both members and the public.

Unfortunately, due to the weather our Spring district meeting was cancelled – but I was thrilled with the response and number of members planning to attend. A chocolate egg demonstration was scheduled, and culinary arts were to be celebrated.

I was delighted to serve as your district director during this unconventional time, and thank you for your support, flexibility, and the incredible work you do for your communities.

SOUTHWESTERN

Cathy M. Wink

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The Southwestern District Meeting/Arts Day was held on March 12 with 26 of the 41 registered clubwomen present. State President Sandy and 2nd VP Donna Malone shared state information. The Braille projects were displayed with the District Arts.

Club Highlights included:

The GFWC Jr. Women's Club of Butler held their Polar Express Walk Along. They held a self-defense instruction and money raised went to Victim Outreach/Intervention Center. A State Trooper presented a scam program to the GFWC Saxonburg District Women's Club. The 70th anniversary of the GFWC Intermediate League of Butler's Antiques Show and Sale was celebrated. This club collected items and money for Kid's Weekend Backpack Program, PA Wounded Warriors, and Robin's Home for Female Veterans. The GFWC Woman's Club of Baden held a hot chocolate walk for Light of Night. They also collected bags for a Trex bench. New Brighton Civic Woman's Club made 50 children's cards for Children's Hospital, and a club member is making slings for Operation Smile. GFWC Century Club of Wilkins Township sponsored a cleanup day and a drive thru spaghetti dinner. Veterans Place, Jared Boxes and the President's Project were the focus areas for the GFWC Women's Club of the City of Pittsburgh. The GFWC Rostraver Woman's Club went from 13 members in 2019 to 26 members now. They held a wellness workshop led by a club member. The GFWC Women's Club of Carmichaels Area donated to the Veterans Hospital, Salvation Army, and the Domestic Violence Center. The GFWC Women's Club of Duquesne raised \$1050. for Pittsburgh Vision and Rehabilitation Services. A former guard from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier spoke about his career and the cemetery. The GFWC Town & Country Woman's Club collected items for the Blackburn Center Shelter and celebrated women in history.

Thank you to the 11 clubs of the Southwestern District for your volunteer Service. **Remember to Save the Turtles & Use Less Plastic**



GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

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CONGRATULATIONS for a successful two years advocating for children. During the 2021 club year, our federated clubs accomplished 62 projects with 4667.5 volunteer hours, donating \$20,596, and in-kind donations of \$18,662. Thank you to all who delighted me with the opportunity to read reports about your heartwarming efforts to encourage and support children and families! Kudos to you!

With the arrival of warmer weather, I would encourage you to visit Ginny Yurich's website, www.1000hoursoutside.com, to learn about the importance of inviting children to spend more time outdoors in nature. Ginny Yurich, a mother of five from Michigan, purports that spending three hours outside daily as a family is a life changing experience. Studies indicate that the average child spends 4-7 minutes outside daily, 6 hours per day in front a screen, and 1200 hours yearly in front of a TV. These numbers point to what has been termed "nature deficit disorder." Free play outside in nature supports physical and emotional health for children and adults.

Take time to slow your pace, take youngsters outside, and share all that nature has to offer!

ARTS and CULTURE

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I just want to say how thankful I was for the opportunity to be the ARTS AND CULTURE Chairman for 2020-2022. I have learned so much about our members and how hard they work with their clubs, community, and local students. I would also like to thank the many clubs who embraced the Culture aspect of this Community Service Program.

Congratulations to all our winners: students and members. The participation at all the levels and categories was unbelievable. A special congratulations to STEM bookmark winner Bridget Petrauskas, Boyertown Junior Woman's Club, Southwestern District, Berks County.

I'm grateful for all the District, County and Local Club ARTS AND CULTURE chairmen who assisted in making my term so enjoyable.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

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As we finished collecting funds for *Fill a Glass with Hope*, I wish to thank everyone who helped this project be successful! We exceeded our goal (\$2022) with a grand total of \$3365.45 this year. This money will be presented to Feeding PA and PA Dairymen's Association by our GFWC PA Past President, Sandy Hauenstein, and this chairman. By donating to this cause, we helped Food Banks across Pennsylvania be able to purchase milk and dairy products for needy families. And, by consuming healthy dairy products, we were able to provide our bodies with needed nutritious food.

These past two or so years have been a huge challenge for us to stay healthy. Many clubwomen followed through with yearly doctors' visits, getting flu shots, COVID-19 shots, and the booster shot. We wore masks, washed our hands frequently, and social distanced. We are here today because we protected ourselves from disease. Many clubwomen reached out to the lonely with phone calls, emails, cards, busy bags, and visits. This certainly helped our emotions during a time of stress and aloneness. Other women used exercise like walking or yoga, to calm down, to get stress relief, and to get some needed sunshine (Vitamin D).

So, **Thank You** to the women of GFWC PA for a job well done!

ENVIRONMENT

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Pennsylvania has 19 National Parks and eight Natural Heritage Areas. Now that the warmer weather has arrived, take time to visit one. Visit www.NPS.gov to find a list of all parks and areas in the United States. No time to travel? You can take a virtual tour! Check out www.nationalparks.org for more information.

Thank you to all Clubwomen for your support of this Community Service Program during the past two years! We served our communities in many ways, for a total of 98 projects and 3,872 volunteer hours! We donated \$4,509, with In-Kind donations of \$7,821. Pennsylvania.

COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & SOCIAL MEDIA

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The results are in!

GFWC Pennsylvania clubs did an outstanding job of communicating in 2021. There were 115 projects, 3499 volunteer hours, \$5,828 spent, \$27 donated and \$206 in kind donations. Clubs used Zoom to hold general and committee meetings during the COVID 19 challenged year. Other creative ideas were used to keep communications open between club members and with the public.

Clubs are encouraged to continue to use social media as well as all other methods in the upcoming years to keep GFWC Pennsylvania clubs and community contributions in the forefront.

Keep up the good work!

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES

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Members of GFWC-PA should be very proud of receiving an award at the national level of your organization. Recognition in the area of Community Service Programs, Education and Libraries was certainly well earned by GFWC PA clubs throughout our state. Together, clubs across the Commonwealth completed 117 projects, contributed 6597 volunteer hours, and donated \$38,637 plus an additional \$5635 of in-kind donations in 2021.

Students have been recognized as "Outstanding," Little Libraries have been built and numerous scholarships have been given. Clubwomen have worked with affiliate organizations in a wide variety of ways. Seven students were sent to HOBY and \$2315 was donated to that organization. ESO reports that 2,430 books have been read. Clubs were encouraged to consider giving financial support to students who are interested in a wider variety of career choices. Advocating for STEM continues to be a major focus for change within club projects.

Virtual education is another area of serious concern. When we finally return to normal, Pennsylvania Clubwomen will continue to assist libraries in becoming community and local business centers. As we go forward into an unknown future, let us continue to promote the many programs and projects that are the focus of Education and Libraries.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER

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The main areas of emphasis for this administration were:

- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment
- Encourage members to receive the GFWC WHRC newsletter
- Complete a club history for the previous 10 years
- Clubs to inform members of the clubs' accomplishments

The first two goals were met in the first year of the administration. Clubs used a variety of resources to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment. Due to the pandemic some clubs carried over the celebration to this year so that they could celebrate in person.

Clubs were encouraged to update their club history. As to not feel that this was an overwhelming task, clubs were asked just to update the past 10 years. They were directed to use their club logbooks, meeting minutes and interviews with members to accomplish this task. Once accomplished they were reminded to have the history in a safe place and accessible to all members. Most chose to compile them on a computer or jump drive.

Once the histories were complete, they were asked to share a bit of that history at a club meeting in a report called "A Moment in Time." They were to highlight their club as well as GFWCs accomplishments at each meeting.

THANK YOU to those clubs who celebrated the 19th Amendment, compiled their club history and shared it at club meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

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A big “thank you” for sending the most interesting and informative reports. **The unique ways you attracted new members helped GFWC PA add 85 during this administration.** Please remember to assign a mentor to the new member. This individual can explain the goals of the club and also welcome her to the meetings. We, as clubwoman are loving, caring, and generous. Strong leadership, good programs, and good refreshments are added incentives to encourage attendance at the club meetings.

Does your community know that your club exists? It is so important to publicize events and I am so proud that, you a GFWC-PA club member, accepted my challenge and worked so hard to acquire new members. Pat yourself on the back, you deserve it!

SCATTER KINDNESS WHEREVER YOU GO!

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As Advocates for GFWC’s Legislative Agendas, look at what actions were supported during this Administration!

- Reauthorize Violence Against Women’s Act
- STOP Online Child Sexual Exploitation
- Fix VOCA (Victims of Crime Act)
- Increase Funds to Prevent Child Abuse
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- End Campus Assault
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Reauthorization
- Protect Funding for Victims of Crime
- Great American Outdoors Act
- Consolidated Appropriations Act bill to establish, in the Smithsonian Institution, a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes

Thank you for your support!

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Thank you to all the District Leadership, Club Chairmen, and members who worked to promote Leadership within our state. Your dedication was so much appreciated. Statistics for 2021 are as follows: Projects: 190; Volunteer Hours: 16,937; Dollars Donated: \$245; In-Kind Donations: \$2,032; Dollars Spent: \$15,577. Great job, everyone!

District Chairmen were Northeastern Judy Grace, Southeastern Jean Whitko, North Central Roxy LeVan, South Central Pat Callahan, Northwestern Patty Raydo, and Southwestern Chelynn Curci-Lang.

The 2022 LEADS (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) candidate for Pennsylvania has been chosen. Carrie A. Wood from GFWC Curwensville Woman’s Club will attend LEADS at the GFWC International convention in New Orleans, LA in June. Judges were three former LEADS graduates: Sara Ruppel from Federated Women’s Club of Hershey (2016), JoAnn Propcheck from GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman’s Club (2020), and Chelynn Curci-Lang from GFWC Junior Women’s Club of Butler (2021). Thank you to our judges, to those who applied, and to those who were references for the very qualified candidates.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT / DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
GFWC PA Extended Board Meeting	June 11, 2022	Upper Allen Township Building, Mechanicsburg, PA	9am - 3 pm
GFWC Convention	June 25 - 28, 2022	New Orleans, LA	
GFWC PA Summer Leadership Conference	July 22 & 23, 2022	Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel Harrisburg, PA	
GFWC PA Northwestern Fall District Meeting	September 10, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC PA Southwestern Fall District Meeting	October 1, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference	October 7 - 9, 2022	Albany, NY	
GFWC PA North Central Fall District Meeting	October 15, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC PA Southeastern Fall District Meeting	October 21, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC PA Northeastern Fall District Meeting	October 22, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC PA South Central Fall District Meeting	October 29, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC PA Executive Board Meeting	November 5, 2022	TBD	TBD
GFWC Holiday Reception	December 7, 2022	GFWC Headquarters Washington, DC	

A message from outgoing Treasurer - Sue O'Day...

As the 2020-2022 Administration comes to a close, I would like to thank President Sandy Hauenstein for her leadership, guidance and friendship through two of the most unusual years of our organization. With Sandy's strong and sure direction, we had two very successful years.

I have enjoyed serving as your State Treasurer. I will take the knowledge and experience I have learned as a State Officer with me as I move onto my new position as Leadership Chairman for the next administration.

CLUB NEWS



Above, the **Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs** installs new officers on April 20, 2022. President, Lenore Souder; Vice President, Muriel Stanley; Secretary, Barbara Forney; Treasurer, Beth Schid. Installing Officer: Mary Fenstermacher, Guest State Membership Chairman

Pictured below are the newly installed officers of the with outgoing President, Kathy Cassel. The club wishes to thank Kathy for her leadership.



CLUB NEWS

The members of the **GFWC-PA Women's Civic Club of Schwenksville** held a sock drive. All socks collected were donated to the local food pantry. Pictured on the right, left to right: are: Elaine Gentner, Nancy George, and club President Carol Hunsberger

Below, club members are pictured with decorations and wreaths they created and then delivered to a local senior retirement facility.



GFWC West Side Woman's Club recently presented a check to Northeast Sight Services (NESS) in Exeter, at which club members volunteer to help with lunches, bingo for visually impaired individuals, mailings, and the annual golf tournament fundraiser. Their mission is to help blind and visually impaired individuals achieve the best possible quality of life by providing compassionate services and preventing vision loss thru education and early detection for people of all ages

Pictured to the right from left to right: Peggy Hanlon, Ginny Zdanowicz, Gina Rushkowski, Sara Peperno, President and CEO of Northeast Site Services; Amy Marie Feldman, Director of Development at NESS; Karen French, and Christina Kinsman..



This club also recently made a donation to Dinners for Kids. The donation was the result of the proceeds from a Christmas tree the Club sponsored and decorated as part of the annual "Parade of Trees" at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake. The GFWC West Side tree placed 4th out of 29 trees. Dinners for Kids was founded in 2011 by the owners of Ollie's restaurant to fight childhood hunger and food insecurity. The program provides healthy meals to 160 at-risk children across Wyoming Valley.

Pictured from left to right during the presentation of the check are: Matthew Borwick, Dinners for Kids Board Member and Owner of Ollie's Restaurant, Gina Rushkowski, GFWC West Side, club President, Deidre Kaminski, club Education Chairman, and Gary Williams, Dinners for Kids, Treasurer.

Members of the **Community Club of Collegeville** gathered together recently to learn how to make hospital gowns for Operation Smile, which provides hospital gowns made from donated sheets and pillow cases, for children who are having medical procedures over seas.



CLUB NEWS



Once Upon a Prom featured hundreds of dresses - in all colors, sizes, and styles - in both long and short styles.

Once Upon a Prom is about helping girls have a memorable prom experience. Racks and racks of new and gently used dresses were set up and displayed with other items such as shoes and jewelry. The event, which is in its eighth year, saw 35 young ladies browse the collection of 700 plus dresses. Most of the girls left with two dresses and even a few accessories to complete the outfit. Bright-colored dresses and dresses adorned with “bling” were the trend this year.



This young lady looks simply stunning!

In March, the club held their annual Girls Night Out Basket Raffle Fundraising event, which proved to be a success and helped raise over \$12,000. Club members selected the Boyertown located, General Carl Spatz National USAAF Museum, to receive 70% of the event's profit. On Friday, April 15th, club members presented the Spatz Museum with a surprise contribution in the amount of \$9010.

The General Carl Spatz Museum offers an immersive experience that places visitors in the time frame of the interactive exhibits. The living museum includes almost 6000 square feet of museum space with 10 exhibits, of which 6 are interactive. There is a mission briefing room, a gear-up gallery, a simulated flying station, and an escape room.

For additional information on the museum visit: [General Carl Spatz National USAAF Museum \(spatzmuseum.org\)](http://spatzmuseum.org).

Helping Local Girls Find the Perfect Dress

GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown recently held their *Once Upon a Prom* event at Miracles in Motion in Boyertown. The event, which was held March 5th, 6th, and 13th, saw local girls attending as well as those who traveled from areas such as Governor Mifflin, Emmaus, Spring-Ford, Oley, Hamburg, Pottstown, and Reading.



The perfect pair of shoes is all it takes to complete the look!

"Each year the event gets bigger, and the community support is amazing. It is extremely rewarding to see these girls and their families as they leave so thrilled about their dresses and accessories and knowing that we made it possible for them to go." said Anita Zuber, *Once Upon a Prom* committee chair. An event such as this would not be possible without support from Miracles in Motion, In Ian's Boots, Zuber Realty, and the kind-hearted dress donations made by many in the community.

While the event was free, voluntary donations were accepted. The money collected will be donated back to the community through programs such as Boyertown Post Prom.





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Thank you to members of GFWC Pennsylvania who completed **203** projects volunteering **3614** hours in 2020-2022. Through the education/awareness aspect of the project – eating a nutritious diet; not smoking; having regular eye exams (**770** members); and wearing sunglasses, we learned about eye health. Information was presented about eye diseases and conditions, detection, treatment and technology aids. Members connected with their local agency for the blind to learn about their programs and to volunteer. With the Cash for Clients project, clubs donated **\$11,595** to help needy clients. The eyeglass collection provided **7692** glasses (in-kind value **\$84,291**) to be donated to those in need around the world. Members donated **633** contact lenses to Terracycle to be recycled thus helping the environment. The Braille project involved learning about Louis Braille and the braille system. Members made signs with their club name in braille and printed their name in braille on 3x5 cards which were displayed at the 2022 convention. Your participation made the project a success!

On a personal note, when Sandy Hauenstein presented this project idea I knew it was for me. Being blindfolded to play a game or having to close my eyes to participate in an activity always made me uncomfortable. I am a visual person and losing that sense was scary. Also, I had a friend who was blind and used a guide dog and watching her navigate and socialize amazed me. Being involved with the district chairmen meant information could be shared that was pertinent to each district as well as promoting the goals for the state. In the end, the project became so much more as we learned that vision impairment in varying degrees has affected many of our members and our projects helped people in our communities and the world.

Hopefully, you will continue your relationship with the local agency to support their programs and clients.

FYI...

June is Cataract Awareness Month

July is Eye Injury Prevention Month

August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

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