



KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

FROM KATHY'S DESK

Dear Federation Friends,
We had a great time as we travelled to Grand Island, Nebraska for the MVR (Mississippi Valley Region) Convention in September.



Kathy Baker

GFWC of Kansas President 2018-2020

There were tours, a service project, new faces to meet and plenty of opportunity to get inspiration. There were awards of various kinds and

Kansas won an award for the most attending! (Nebraska, as the hosting state was excluded.) As MVR will be in Kansas (Overland Park) next year, we gave a welcome skit. The skit and prop was prepared by Shirley Ferley and included a Conestoga wagon that transformed in to a convertible car! The skit was a big hit with the audience! Thank you, Shirley, for all of the hard work you put into it! Be thinking of attending (maybe with some fellow club members!) next year September 19-22. One first time attendee commented on how much fun it was and how included she felt.

Club reporting will be coming up soon. Don't miss this chance to brag on your club and all the

wonderful projects that you do! If you don't report it, we don't know about it.

One of our GFWC's President Mary Ellen Brock's "Seven Grand Initiatives" is a Day of Service on Martin Luther King Day, Monday January 21. Feel free to organize any project that better the lives of others.

Another Grand Initiative is 1,000 people (or a state, group, club etc.) contributing \$1,000 to maintain our headquarters in Washington, D.C. By doing this, you join the "Million Dollar Club". Kansas has accepted the challenge to join! We already have over \$200 toward the goal. If you would like to contribute to the fund (tax deductible), send your check to Andrea Mace, our State Secretary. Together we can achieve this goal. Are you remembering "Thank You Tuesday"? It's a basic idea to thank individuals for the contributions they make in the club, community, and your life. Simple, but often people can feel taken for granted and this can make such a difference.

This time of year seems to make a person reflect on the past and look forward to the future. I am so grateful for all of our members and leadership (both past and present) that have worked so hard to bring us to where we are. It seems inadequate, but how else do you say it? THANK YOU!!!

I have enjoyed reading the club program books that I have received. It is amazing to me how all of our clubs are so different, yet "in the big things of life we are as one". With common purpose and goals we are working to make our world better. Carry on!

*With Federation Love,
Kathy*

President-Elect

As your GFWC of Kansas President Elect and Membership Chairwoman, I'm thinking of "missed opportunities". For instance, if I hadn't taken advantage of the reasonable Midwest weather last Tuesday (11/6), I wouldn't have gotten my last 18 holes of golf in for this season. Two days later we had three inches of snow over glazed roads here north of Perry. The same can be said of inviting that friend/acquaintance/sister/cousin to your next Club meeting. Don't overlook the opportunity of giving your friend, etc. the chance to become a part of GFWC. It can change their life and yours too! It can be as simple as offering to buy them a cup of coffee and telling them all about what your Club does for your community. For the price of a cup of coffee (or lunch, or a piece of pie, bowl of soup, etc.) you might add a new member to your Club! For those Clubs who are adding new members – remember to give the new member some work to do! They don't want to join a volunteer group and just sit around! Think about who you know that would be a great addition to your Club!

*Jan Moore
GFWC of Kansas President-Elect
and Membership Chairman*

Vice President

It is just about Reporting Time

With the Holiday Season upon us it is time to focus on families and friends and all things that make this time of year the happy time it can be. Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

Soon after the holidays it will be time to start reporting your club activities for the 2018 year. Forms can be found in the GFWC of Kansas 2018-2020 State Handbook. Every

Club president who attended the Fall Board Meeting in Wichita received a copy. Our State President Kathy Baker sent copies to all other club presidents who were not in attendance. The deadline for the forms to be sent to State President Kathy Baker and to myself State Vice President is Friday February 1st, 2019. (My address is Janine Eilert, 1502 S. Auburn Hills Ct. Wichita, KS 67235)

A friendly reminder as you begin to write the narrative on each club project please include the following if appropriate; who, what, where, when, why, and how. Please also include; number of volunteer hours, number of members that worked on the specific project, and the amount of dollars donated.

Reporting is very necessary because we want the General Federation of Women's Clubs to know what Kansas clubwomen have accomplished in 2018. Also, we want to share all the amazing things our Kansas clubs do with their different projects and programs at our next state meeting in Junction City May 3rd and 4th, 2019.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with you,

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Secretary

Dear GFWC of Kansas friends,

With the generous and patient assistance of Jan Moore I am feeling more confident in my role as state secretary as the year rolls on, although I am still challenged by my ineptness with technology. Hopefully, there haven't been too many mistakes. Treasurer Carol Hanson sends wonderful sticky note reminders that I really appreciate. I have learned so much about our state organization while traveling with Carol and Prudence Fager to executive meetings. They have a wealth of information to share. I enjoy hearing from clubs about new members and club activities and seeing the wonderful donations to our various projects.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the MRV Conference because of the death of my brother-in-law. I look forward to attending next year.

If you need to talk to me, my cell phone is the best number. I get so many robo-calls on my land line that the answering machine fills up before I clear them all.

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I pray for a safe and peaceful holiday season for each of you and your families.

Andrea Mace

GFWC of Kansas Secretary

Treasurer

I'm writing this article two days before Thanksgiving, which means the holiday season has officially begun! I'm excited about all of the holiday preparations this year, because this is the first year since 2014 that I

haven't been recovering from either radiation treatments or a knee replacement surgery.

Since we are a little over halfway through fiscal year 2018-2019, I want to report the amount of donations made to the various funds:

Music Fund: \$186.00 from clubs, and
\$1,599.00 from fundraisers at State
Convention

Scholarship Fund: \$47.50 from clubs

Veterans Fund: \$212.50 from clubs

Art Fund: \$122.50 from clubs

Citizenship Fund: \$145.00 from clubs

Total \$2,312.50

The amount collected from fundraisers at State Convention for the Music Fund is enough to fund the scholarships awarded at the 2019 Music Auditions. That is fantastic! However, the amounts donated to the Art Fund and Citizenship Fund won't cover the awards to students from those funds. The annual awards from the Art Fund total \$550.00, and the Citizenship Essay scholarships total \$1,200.00. There is currently enough of a balance in the funds to cover what we pay out to the students, but we depend on donations to replenish the disbursements.

Carol Hanson

GFWC of Kansas Treasurer



GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports

Library Board

I attended the September 21, 2018 Kansas State Library Board meeting with anticipation. Our new Head Librarian, Eric Norris, had promised in June to relate his “plans” for his tenure as our new Head Librarian. He informed us that he has not yet been confirmed by the Kansas State Senate hearing (but we’re hoping this has been taken care of by the time of this article). Among other things that he has been working on since the spring of this year are that he wants to work with Kansas State authors. I’m not sure what his criteria will be when he says Kansas State authors – born and raised here (still living in Kansas or not), or current residents meaning someone who has moved to Kansas and writes here? Either way, it should produce some needed attention to our wonderful State authors. He also suggested that “self-published” books would be considered for the “Kansas Center for the Book”. I think that list is on the Kansas Library website. He is also looking towards offering more grants for libraries throughout Kansas. My own tiny (but busy) library in Perry would love to take advantage of this aspect of Eric’s vision for library services in Kansas.

We also heard a Courier Report during the meeting – the cost of sending books and other materials from library to library is down to \$0.67/each. Kansas shipped over 1,000,000 items in the rolling year of 2017/2018 – a remarkable achievement!

I can also report that Susan Moyer, the Head Librarian at the Junction City Library, has completed her paperwork to ultimately get her appointed as your new State Library appointee. She’s been notified that the closer

we get to the completion of my term (June 2019), then action will be taken to get her settled in. She has told me she will attend the December meeting so that she can be as up-to-date as possible when she takes over.

Again, it has been a pleasure to be your GFWC of Kansas Library appointee. If I can be of any help answering questions, please let me know.

Jan Moore

GFWC of Kansas Library Board Appointee

Creative Writing Contest

This is a reminder to all club women and all students about the short story and poetry contest. The rules can be found in the Handbook. One very important thing to remember is that all the information required in the upper right hand corner is to be on every page. Just putting it on the front page is not enough. All the students in school or home schooled in all grades are eligible to enter. These entries are to be to me by March 1, 2019.

I look forward to hearing from many of you. Remember the first place in each category and each short story and poem are sent to international for judging. It would be nice to have a winner from Kansas again.

Elizabeth Hemberger

Creative Writing Chairman

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Literacy and Libraries

Have you heard about our International President, Mary Ellen Brock's, seven grand Initiatives? One of those initiatives involves literacy. On our GFWC website, it is listed— **Dr. Seuss**: Goal is for 1,000 children's books to be donated in honor of Dr. Seuss on his birthday to schools in need. I want to emphasize this now, so you will have time to plan your contribution or volunteering.

National Read Across America Day is March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Start thinking about it now. Find a daycare, preschool, or special classroom to donate a book in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. If the book you donate is a Dr. Seuss book, take it a step further by delivering the book, reading it to the class, and then presenting it to the class. Since March 2 falls on a Saturday in 2019, preplan with the school or teacher as to which day they will be celebrating.

Children love Dr. Seuss books, but they vary a lot in length and difficulty. Good choices for youngest children might be: "The Foot Book", "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish", "Green Eggs and Ham", "Dr. Seuss's ABC", "Fox in Socks", "Hop on Pop", "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?"

Older children would likely enjoy: "And to Think That I Saw it On Mulberry Street", "The Grinch", "Oh, The Thinks You Can Think!", "Oh, The Places You'll Go!", "Horton Hatches the Egg", "If I Ran the Zoo". Finally, some choices for the oldest you might read to are: "McElligot's Pool", and "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins".

*Mary Shoemaker,
Literacy and Libraries Chairman*

Home Life

The end of the year is fast approaching and that means reporting. Remember to report each and every Home Life project that you have done and describe in detail the project so I don't have to guess what was done. Be sure and fill out the club creative report too, so I will have several to judge and send the most creative project on to

international. The GFWC is stressing a new project "The Vial of Life". This project is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The vial contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment. Go to Vialoflife.com for information and you can print out the sheets. Also check with your local EMS and work with them. My local EMS thought it was a very good project. I hope to hear from all clubs on their projects. This is wishing you a blessed Christmas Season.

*Susan Graham
State Home Life Chairman
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International Outreach

International Outreach has not changed. It is a continuous effort to enrich the lives of those in need. We all do things to help. Right? And when we see the need, we try to fill it. Right? I have faith in that.

I hope you are all doing something in your clubs that will reach beyond your own communities. There is so much to consider. GFWC has partners, of course. And you all know them. Shot at Life, UNICEF, Operation Smile, Fight Human Trafficking. If any of these are projects for your club, please remember to report. Include names, numbers, amounts, and maybe a small description of your project. I will be really happy to receive these reports.

In our own country, can you think of anyone with great needs? What comes to mind? Who? To me, the areas hit with recent hurricanes and wildfires are in my mind. If this interests any of you, the site to contribute to Florida is www.gfwcflorida.com, and the site to donate to California is www.cfwc.org/donate.html. Do it as a club and show support for your sisters in GFWC.

I hope you all have blessed holidays. Stay safe and warm.

*Loretta Gallagher
GFWC of Kansas,
International Outreach Chair*

GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest

Ladies, please remind your school contacts and students that the Christmas holidays are a good time to get a head start on writing an entry for our GFWC OF KS CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. This year's contest topic was chosen by past scholarship winners from a list of titles from the early 1970's. The topic is as timely today as it was then. It asks students to think about their responsibilities to our country. The topic for the 2018 Citizenship Essay is: **"Personal responsibilities of a good citizen."** Complete rules were published in the September 2018 GFWC Kansas Clubwoman News and in the GFWC of Kansas 2018-2019 State Handbook, pp 11-12.

1. Essay must be 500 words or less, typewritten and double spaced on 8.5 x 11 single sheets of paper.
2. A cover sheet must accompany the entry. If there is no cover sheet the essay will not be judged. The cover sheet must include student name, address and phone number, email address, name of sponsoring club, grade in high school, name of high school, and city. **NO IDENTIFICATION SHOULD BE ON THE ESSAY.** Students are to retain a copy of their essay.
3. Any GFWC of Kansas club may sponsor a student from a public school or home school.
4. Scholarships will be awarded to the college of choice to the top four state winners, if adequate funds are donated.
5. Local club deadline is Jan. 1, 2019. (Please note later date.) The first-place essay from a local club must be sent to the State Citizenship Essay Chair by February 1.
6. A \$5.00 fee per student will accompany each student essay. Checks should be made to: GFWC OF KANSAS – CITIZENSHIP ESSAY FUND. All GFWC of Kansas clubs are encouraged to send a donation to this fund. Send checks to State Recording Secretary or

Citizenship Essay Chair, Anita Pfister.
Thank you!

7. The announcement of winners and awarding of scholarships will be made at State Convention. Clubwomen, parents, essay writers, and friends are encouraged to attend the State Convention.
8. Send student essay with entry fee to the following:

GFWC of KS Citizenship Essay Contest
C/o Anita Pfister
4400 Pagoda Street
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Anita Pfister
GFWC of KS Citizenship Essay Contest Chair
(620) 662-1889

Arts and Creative Crafts

It will be time to hold our local art competitions before we know it. I have some suggestions for you as you make preparations with your schools. Hopefully they will help make our state competition more organized.

Ask your schools to print their entry forms on colored paper, or use a colored font, or highlight the name of your schools and clubs, or make some other type of identifying mark so that you can tell your art pieces at a glance. This might help us all distinguish our art from each other's.

Ensure that your schools are using the rules and forms from the current State Handbook. Remember that the photography rules were changed so that all blue ribbon winning photographs are eligible for the state competition.

If you have any questions please let me know. Likewise, I welcome any suggestions that you have for the art display. We had an amazing competition last year. I'm sure that this year will be even more so.

Linda Loyd
Arts and Creative Crafts Chair
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Conservation

Hello everyone! I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are getting ready Christmas. I want to share some ideas with you on recycling and reusing things that often times goes into the trash. Our landfills are filling up fast so why not try some of these?

1. Glass Jars, Containers or Cans

Glass and metal are easily recycled, but why not cut down on excess packaging and waste by reusing them? Glass jars and old coffee canisters make great containers for bulk pantry items, desk organizers or bathroom containers. And there are a million ways to reuse mason jars beyond food canning.

Do you love birds? Make bird feeders out of old soda bottles, or food bins, shoe cubbies and dustpans/scoops out of plastic jugs for pet food bags or bins.

2. Laundry Waste

If you use them, don't toss out those old dryer sheets! They make excellent dusting rags, especially for sucking up pet hair. They work great for scrubbing off soap scum and polishing chrome too!

3. Plastic Bags

When the box of cereal is empty, save the inner bag, wash, dry and cut to wrap sandwiches. Plastic bags can be used as pet waste bags, or trash bins, or you can reuse them at the grocery store. Better yet, upcycle those plastic bags into nice-looking, sturdy reusable grocery totes!

4. Broken Dishes

Collect broken china to re-tile outdoor tables, flower pots, paths, or as a unique border for your garden. Use broken china to make a key fob or jewelry. Plant small plants in old

stained coffee mugs. I did this for my 2 & 3 year olds Sunday school class at Mother's Day and the Mom's LOVED them!

Let me know if YOU have some good ideas for Conservation in Kansas! Do at least one thing as a club, the GFWC Athena started by collecting plastic bags and our Club rep. took them to Wal-Mart to drop off. Simple.

Keep reusing, recycling and repurposing to save the environment, and keep Kansas beautiful.

Juanita Rothaus
GFWC of KS Conservation Chair



MVR Convention Highlights

September 20-22, 2018



Our Kansas attendees.



Anita Pfister, Mary Shoemaker, Shirley Ferley and Jeanne Urban at the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer.



Sabra Clarke, Prudence Fager, and Carol Hanson at the Nebraska Banquet.



Kate Field, Kathy Baker, and Janine Eilert



Rose Ditto and Prudence Fager



The Mississippi Valley Region state presidents with International President Mary Ellen Brock.

More MVR Highlights

The Kansas Welcome



The Conestoga wagon



The covered wagon crosses the Kansas prairie...



The Kansas pioneers waiting for their entrance.



As we sing "Home on the Range"...



And transforms a convertible.

We were a bit!

Club Highlights

GFWC Wamego Study Club Welcomes Kansas Officers

General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Wamego Study Club (WSC) opened their Club year on September 17, 2018 with their Annual Breakfast Meeting, held at the Columbian Villas' Clubhouse, Wamego, Kansas. The tables and breakfast buffet were decorated with a pretty autumn theme for Federation Day. Study Club felt honored to welcome all six of the **GFWC Kansas Officers**, the complete Kansas Executive Board, as their special guests! "It was a special treat to have an opportunity to visit and get to know each of them," said WSC President, Linda Krebs.

GFWC Kansas President, Kathy Baker, from Gardner, KS, gave a presentation of the highlights of the GFWC International Convention held in St. Louis this summer.

The other Kansas Officers attending were:

Jan Moore, Perry, KS, President-Elect

Janine Eilert, Wichita, KS, Vice President

Andrea Mace, Junction City, Secretary

Carol Hanson, Manhattan, Treasurer

Prudence Fager, Manhattan, Parliamentarian Advisor

WSC members were happy to learn more about the Kansas officers, their years in the International Club, and their personal lives. While enjoying a hot breakfast prepared and served by the Social Club, consisting of Patty DeWeese, Cindy Bailey, and Linda Krebs, all members enjoyed time to visit and laugh together! The Social Club would like to thank Study Club member Pat Frey for reserving the beautiful clubhouse.

The Club's new yearbook for the 2018-2019 year was handed out. Sporting a new format and a few new items, the Yearbook Committee hoped members find it helpful this year.

WSC Parliamentarian Joyce Blanka gave a review of some of the Robert's Rules of Order that our Club will be using in this year's meetings. She also brought attention to our Bylaws that are in need of editing and re-evaluating to bring them up-to-date. A Committee to work on this and bring any needed changes to the membership was appointed.

It was a fantastic start to the year for Wamego Study Club, and now its members feel like the Kansas officers are "old friends!" Study Club thanks the six Kansas officers, who traveled many miles to come to Wamego.

To learn more about Wamego Study Club and see some of the photos of prior events, you are invited to check out the Club's website at gfwcwamegostudyclub.webs.com.

Linda Krebs, Wamego Study Club President

GFWC Wamego Study Club's Workshop Honors Veterans

GFWC Wamego Study Club (WSC) had their Annual Workshop to benefit veterans on Monday, November 12, at the United Methodist Church, Wamego, Kansas.

WSC members worked together to cut and sew bright red, green, or white felt stockings, decorated them, and filled the stockings with candy for veterans' dinner tray favors to be used at the Topeka Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Hospital.



Members donated many pounds of candy, a value of \$114, to stuff the stockings and Christmas decorations to make them bright and festive!



Study Club Veteran's Committee Chairperson, Joyce Blanka, was happy to report that a total of 249 stockings were completed on Monday. Included in that total were 42 crocheted multi-color stockings made by member Vesta Varga.



Wamego Study Club's Annual Workshop to benefit veterans also netted \$395.89 in donated items this year. In consideration of the list from the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Hospital in Topeka of needed items, WSC members brought individually wrapped crackers, cookies, popcorn, granola bars, and personal hygiene items for the veterans.



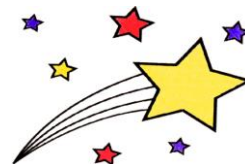
Study Club would like to thank members Mary Jean Peterson, Patricia Strohmeier, and Joyce Blanka for their hours of work prepping the stockings before the meeting, which made the work go smoothly during the workshop. Members of WSC worked, visited, and enjoyed the time together while completing their project with a record number of stockings completed this year. Many hands really do make light work!

The Club enjoyed a photo display of the War Memorials in Washington, D.C., lit a candle in honor of all veterans, and had a reading of the WWI poem "In Flanders Fields," by John McCrae, which began the use of the Remembrance Poppy in 1915 for Veteran's Day.

November's hostesses -- Pat Frey, Madge McDonald, Luranell Stewart, and Patsy Eckart -- served a hot and delicious luncheon of soup, Hawaiian slider sandwiches, fruit cups, and dessert. A beautiful autumn theme was used to decorate the tables.

Christmas Bureau items, valued at \$74, were also collected at this November meeting. These food stuffs, gloves, and warm hats will be combined with other groups' donations and given to a family to supplement their Christmas holidays!

WSC invites women to visit one of their meetings and take a look! For more information on the Club, speak with a member or visit the website at gfwcwamegostudyclub.webs.com.



GFWC AD ASTRA

Our year kicked off on September 17, 2018 hosting Lisa Ward, Attorney with Addair Thurston Attorneys at Law in Manhattan, Kansas. Study Club and Portia Clubs from Wamego were invited to attend in addition to the Maple Hill Research Club and Alma Ladies Research Club. Lisa gave a very informational presentation on Estate Planning, answering questions from club members and then meeting with them individually after her presentation, if so desired. A drawing was held for a \$250 gift certificate which offered services from Lisa. Michelle Long, Portia Club member, won the drawing. Refreshments were served to our guest, followed by our business meeting.

Ad Astra Club members helped the newly remodeled Wamego Health Center kick-off their first Annual Health Fair on Sept. 22, 2018. Members assisted with setting up the more than two dozen booths and volunteered as greeters answering any questions the patrons had.

Julie Hernandez, employee of Community Health Ministries, spoke on the **No Place Like Home** program offered through CHM to Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee residents. The **No Place Like Home** Program is intended to help elderly members of our community, who require some form of assistance, to maintain a safe and independent life style while remaining in their own more affordable homes.

Genetic testing was the topic of our November meeting. Marilyn Mahan spoke on the empowerment of taking charge of one's health. She and her daughter were both diagnosed with Lynch syndrome, often called hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC). It is an inherited disorder that increases the risk of many types of cancer, particularly cancers of the colon (large intestine) and rectum, which are collectively referred to as colorectal cancer.

Ad Astra Club members will adopt a family through the Wamego Christmas Bureau to ensure a local family a joyous Christmas. Members will act as docents for the Wamego Christmas Home

Tours. Five homes have been selected to tour the weekend of Dec. 8-9.

*Joanie Doperalski, President
GFWC Ad Astra Club.*

GFWC Shamrock Study Club

The Shamrock Study Club had a great beginning of our Club year. Our first meeting included an introduction (although none of us needed it) and then history of our own local cable stations, and is in the process of going online nationally with the use of the internet. It is quite an honor to have a city that hosts its own TV channel. We are working with Paul to maybe do some "commercials" and some advertising so people may be able to get to know what we are about, and get to know US.

We had a meeting in which we all participated in an art project. Each of us had something to add to this piece of art, and it was fun using pastels on canvas for a combined effort at art.

Helen Carter gave us a book report on "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict that came alive in front of us. I believe she was almost theatrical in sharing this book with us about the Einstein's lives. Mr. and Mrs. Einstein came alive as two intellects in the early days and how "times" did not allow a woman with a superior aptitude to make it as a male in the same circumstances could. Very enlightening. Proves that some problems just never go away.

We elected officers at the November meeting. Our new president is Charlene Weiss.

We are planning to have a great Holiday Season. I hope you are too.

*Loretta Gallagher, President
GFWC Shamrock Study Club*

Waterville GFWC Shakespeare Club

The Waterville GFWC Shakespeare Club started their 2018-2019 meetings in Sept. with a Welcome Tea for guests & possible future members. No new members at this time, but one possibly for next year. Our program consisted of our Monarch Butterfly Project that we are in partnership with Valley Heights Grade School in Waterville. A short progress report along with pictures were shared. The school coordinator for the project gave a short talk & explained upcoming changes/additions.

In October our State Home Life Chairwoman Susan Graham was our guest speaker. She explained new Home Life ideas and answered some questions members had about the home life department.

In November our annual Thanksgiving Brunch was held at the historic Weaver Hotel in Waterville. Our speaker was the minister, Sister Mary Arie, from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waterville. She gave a nice program on our Thanksgiving history and customs. Members also brought items for the Christmas stockings that will be given to the Veterans at the local nursing home in December. A variety of items/gifts were brought, i.e. individual Kleenex packets, Chap stick, pocket combs, hand sanitizers and/or lotion, Christmas items for their rooms, playing cards, etc. This is one of our community service projects for the year.

*Barbara Terry
Exec. Committee & Treasurer
Waterville Shakespeare Club*

GFWC Ladies Reading Club

Diversity thru art has been the ongoing theme of this business year. At a meeting this year white pumpkins were placed on each table along with a marker. As the meeting was conducted members used their artistic talents to create this display for our Club House.



GFWC Goddard Woman's Club

October and November have been incredibly busy and successful months for the Goddard Woman's Club.

We started October by entering a float in the Goddard Fall Festival which earned us first place. Our float was a very large pink and purple birthday cake to commemorate our 85 years of "Achieving Dreams for our Community".

Towards the end of October our club held a community event "Preserving our History and Yours". The club had been awarded a \$3,000 Heritage Grant from Humanities Kansas to digitize and preserve the club's historical documents, scrap books, project books, press books, and photo albums from 1933 through the early 1970's. A partnership formed with the Kansas Historical Society during the first phase of this project and images of the books were taken by the Historical Society and placed on Kansas Memory for public access. This collection documents not only the history of the club but of the Goddard Community, including the creation of the Goddard Public Library. Lisa Stoller, Club Historian, introduced the collection to attendees and explained the process of digitization and preservation. She also shared some anecdotal stories of past members and projects. Melissa Thompson, Heritage Consultant, was on hand to give expert advice on preserving personal items to participants. Michelle Stewart, Goddard Public Library Staff Member, presented genealogy resources available at the library. The Archive Committee (Lisa Stoller, Vickie Luthi, Mary Walker, Myra Stutzman, Joan Montgomery and Mary Pat Patrick) of the club volunteered over 600 hours to complete the first phase of this preservation project.

In early November the club went on an Educational Tour of the newest library in Kansas. The Advanced Learning Library in Wichita was two floors of new technology,

specific children's and teens areas, learning and meeting spaces, and books, books, and more books.

Cookie baking will be our next adventure at the very end of November, so we can provide cookies and hot chocolate for the Goddard Tree Lighting in early December.

Happy Holidays to all.

Janine Eilert,

GFWC Goddard Woman's Club



Club Float for the Goddard Fall Festival Parade

Left to right: Joan Montgomery, Eleanor Fox, Mary Walker, Myra Stutzman, Mary Pat Patrick, Lisa Stoller, Vickie Luthi, Janine Eilert.



Lisa Stoller, Club Historian, discussing the process of preserving our club history.

News from Hestia

We welcomed Becki Dick to our organization in September. Becki is known in our community for her volunteer service to Baldwin City and Douglas County. She serves on several non-profit boards passionately.

Hestia members cleaned out their closets for the Salvation Army this fall with a coat drive. We partnered with Scotch Dry Cleaning in Lawrence, Kansas, and members donated 30 coats that were dry-cleaned and delivered to the Lawrence Salvation Army for distribution to local citizens in need of a warm coat or jacket.

In November, each of our members donated three dozen cookies that were used to assemble a variety of cookie trays that were delivered to the four assisted living centers in Baldwin City. Each member also brought unwrapped new toys that were delivered to the ***Douglas County Toys for Tots***. The mission of this organization believes that all children should have a little Christmas. The toys will be delivered to children in our local community.

*Hestia Study Club, Baldwin City, Kansas
Janet Crane and Laura Lauridsen
Co- Presidents*



Cookie Trays for Assisted Living Centers in Baldwin City, Kansas. Left to Right: Bootsie Lauridsen, Marlene Courtney, Laura Lauridsen, Susan Johnson, & Anita Neuenswander.

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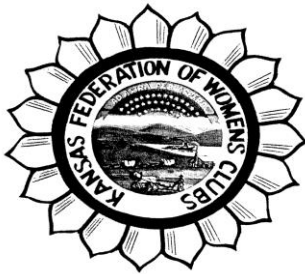
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