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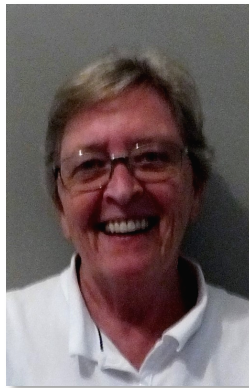
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KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

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From Jan's Chair...



Jan Moore
GFWC of Kansas President
2020–2022

The Spring of 2021 has brought COVID-19 vaccines to citizens 65 years old and are now available for our younger citizens (my Grandson-age 14- just received his first vaccine!).

This is wonderful news for all of us - hopefully a sign

of face-to-face Club meetings once again starting in the Fall!

Recently, I received a note from a Club member stating that she has not had any information about the current "areas of focus" for GFWC or our Kansas programs - probably a COVID-19 result of not meeting. Here's a list of what our "Int'l GFWC Community Service Programs" are (we used to call them departments). Each of these programs include affiliate organizations - more on this later:

Arts & Culture - think art, creative writing, music, etc.

Education & Libraries - so many of our Clubs do "library & education service work" - this should be easy!

Civic Engagement & Outreach - here's the place to list your work for our Veterans and any other outreach your Club does in your community.!

Environment - a special focus for my administration - concentrating on reducing the use of plastics, water conservation, recycling, etc.

Health & Wellness - any of the health issues your Club focuses on (you reported many!).

My administration's theme is "Save the planet, one community at a time" which seems to be prophetic for all of us during our pandemic efforts the past 14 months. Our Kansas focus groups are: Ronald McDonald Houses, Operation Smile, Heifer International and SWIF (Southwest Indian Foundation).

Every Club President and chairman received a new set of Directories and State handbooks in early summer 2020. The directories list officers, chairmen, Kansas By-laws and Constitution; the handbooks have the updated forms and rules for the many programs GFWC of Kansas offers members and students. We also have a new Kansas website: gfwcofkansas.org. Also, do not forget the GFWC International website at GFWC.org. which lists all of the Community Service Programs and the affiliate organizations connected with them.

Jan Moore





“A woman is like a tea bag.

You never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Pam Colson-Gottstein Memorial Scholarship Awarded

On March 4, 2021, the Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Macey Frost, Sophomore at Baker University in the Athletic Exercise Science Program. Ms. Frost was unaware that she had been singled out to receive this award so the Head Coach of Baker, the Assistant Coach Mr. Murray Knox and Mr. Ray Gottstein were there to present the \$1,200 scholarship award to Ms. Frost. This has been a wonderful memorial to our friend and GFWC member, Pam Colson-Gottstein. According to Ray, Pam would have been astonished to know the extent to which we all cherished her. A big thank you goes to everyone who sent funds to build this scholarship and another big thank you to the GFWC Baldwin Hestia Study Club for their sizeable donation to the fund.

Jan Moore, President



Alert! New Chairman Notice

Due to health and personal reasons, the Health & Wellness and Safety & Public Issues chairmen have resigned their duties as posted in the 2020-2022 Directory.

The new Health & Wellness Chairman is Ms. Kathy Baker (her contact information is found in the directory on page 11 as the former Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and on page 12 as my Advisor). The Safety & Public Issues should be listed under Civic Engagement & Outreach so we will follow that directive according to GFWC Int'l guidelines. I am currently looking for a Legislation/Public Policy replacement chairman so if you are interested in this position or know of someone who would be interested, please contact me. We wish our outgoing chairmen well and hope to see both of them this coming Fall at State Board/Convention. -

-Jan Moore, Pres.

President-Elect

Dear GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen,

Normally I would be writing this article to you right after we had all convened at our annual state convention in April. We would have shared stories and chatted about everything. Obviously due to COVID gathering restrictions we did not have our state convention in April. I so very much miss seeing everyone and all the connections and laughter. Please note every clubwoman is welcome to attend the state convention October 15th and 16th. I am going to share some exciting membership statistics that would have been communicated at our April state convention.

Our state had 13 new clubwomen registered for the 2020~2021 club year. Of the 27 clubs in GFWC of Kansas, 7 of those clubs registered new clubwomen. GFWC of Kansas has a total of 386 clubwomen.

Mae Wenger Club Membership Award. The club that had the greatest percentage increase in membership was.....Ad Astra Club. They had a 19% increase in membership. Hestia Study Club had a 10% increase in membership and Liberal Women's Club had a 4% increase in overall membership. Ad Astra will have their name engraved on the Mae Wenger Membership Award plaque. I hope to be able to get to an upcoming club meeting so all their clubwomen can pose with the plaque for a photo opportunity.

GFWC of Kansas Membership Challenge. At the beginning of the 2020 club year a challenge was issued (see Sept 2020 issue of Kansas Clubwoman page 2) that any club that recruited and registered 3 or more new clubwomen a monetary award would be

presented to those clubs. Congratulations go to Ad Astra Club for adding 4 new clubwomen and to Liberal Women's Club for adding 3 new clubwomen. Each of those clubs will receive \$50 from GFWC of Kansas. Way to go ladies.

GFWC International is still offering a \$50 membership grant to clubs. The form is on www.GFWC.org under M on the member portal. If you cannot find the form please let me know and I will email or mail you a copy of the form for your club to complete. This monetary grant is designed to help clubs with their recruiting efforts. On a personal note, I would love to visit all the 27 GFWC of Kansas Clubs. I am a hard worker, so if you need an extra pair of hands to complete a club project please invite me to come and help you. I love to travel and explore new parts of the state. Have an absolutely fabulous summer I hope that every clubwomen gets an opportunity to reconnect with family and friends that they may not have seen these past 16 months.

We must GROW to SURVIVE and THRIVE.

*Janine Eilert
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Elect and Membership Chair
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*“If you truly pour
your heart into what
you believe in, even
if it makes you
vulnerable, amazing
things can and will
happen.”*

Emma Watson



“Gratitude is an exercise. You worked out today.”

-Alexis Ren

Vice President

Often in our busy lives we have a day go by where we feel that we have accomplished very little and yet we had so much that we either needed or wanted to get done. However, if we had a to do list at the start of the day and crossed off tasks as they were finished or had written down things that we had done as the day passed, we would see that we had in actuality completed a great deal.

What happens to individuals also seems to creep into acknowledging what is accomplished with our clubs. This past year was a wonderful opportunity for me to see the variety of activities clubs completed. I found myself thinking at various times, “Oh we did that,” or realized that some of our club members followed their passion but did not report the activity.

This past year the GFWC Kansas conducted an opportunity for clubs to

showcase their environmental projects. Pictures to be included. As year-end reports were received it was apparent clubs had worthy projects that would have created wonderful memories and inspiration for other clubs.

I would like to encourage all our clubs and club members to start journaling what it is you have done throughout the year. It would make the end of the year reports easier to do and give a more accurate picture of all the accomplishments. Now days it is easy to snap a picture with our cell phones to help cement the memories of what we accomplished.

Looking forward to a creative year of GFWC activities.

Margaret Thomas
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Treasurer

We are now in the first quarter of the new 2021-2022 fiscal year. The year started April 1, 2020, with a total cash balance of \$41,908.72, and ended on March 31, 2021, with an unaudited balance of \$40,182.58. In addition to cash, the GFWC of Kansas treasury holds investments in the form of 12 certificates of deposit totaling \$127,665.04. That total breaks down as follows:

- GFWC of KS General Fund: Two C.D.s totaling \$30,142.59.
- Art Fund: One C.D. in the amount of \$7,280.00.
- Citizenship Fund: One C.D. in the amount of \$1,105.45.
- Music Fund: Three C.D.s totaling \$22,585.00.
- Scholarship Fund: Four C.D.s totaling \$56,552.00.
- The Schwartz Family Endowment for Art & Music Fund: One \$10,000 C.D.

Interest on these C.D.s vary from a low of 0.20% to a high of 2.73% and each one is invested for either 24 or 36 months. During the 2020-21 fiscal year the various funds received a total of \$2,900.06 in interest from the C.D.s.

Carol Hanson
GFWC of KS Treasurer

Secretary

I am writing this article in early May for our June *Kansas Clubwoman*. Everything is green, the trees are leafing out, and the flowers are starting to bloom! Our Wamego City Park is awash with beautiful color from tulips and other flowers.

Spring gives us new hope and the Covid vaccinations strengthen our feelings of the rebirth and freshness of the spring and upcoming summer! This is the time for all our GFWC clubs to plan for a new club year! How exciting these new plans are after the disappointments of the past year as we had to cancel meetings, guests, and trips.

Let us revive our GFWC spirit and our club camaraderie! We need to remember our Kansas theme: "Save the Planet, One Community at a Time!" Also, let's remember we are community service clubs. Each one unique to better serve each of our communities.

"Unity in Diversity," the motto of the GFWC, was first stated in 1889 by Ella Deitz Cylmer, President of Sorosis, the beginning of GFWC clubs. It was engraved on the first membership pin in 1893 and became the official motto of GFWC at the convention in 1957.

As we can see, our organization began from sturdy stock, and our diversity across our own state, the United States, and foreign countries make our General Federation of Women's Clubs that much stronger!

We must pick up the broken plans of the past year and rework, replan, and revive our special community projects, education, and service to those in need. GFWC club members spend a lot of time volunteering and improving our communities. We mold our local clubs to fulfil our members and our communities' needs. It is time to get back to the

service for others and the volunteer work that is the backbone of our organization.

I am hoping all 27 of our Kansas clubs have their updated Membership Rosters and their members' dues sent to me by June 1st. If you have not mailed it to me yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Enjoy planning your yearbook and send a copy of it to **Jan Moore**, President of GFWC of Kansas and **Judy Jeck**, GFWC State Program Coordinator, **by October 1**. If you choose not to have your book judged, you may include a "Not for Judging" note.

As a reminder, our 2021 State Convention has been rescheduled and will be held in Junction City on October 15-16, 2021. I hope to see many of you then!

If you are not receiving the "**News & Notes**" from GFWC.org by email, I would encourage you to go to GFWC.org and under the Member Portal, click on the small member circle to sign up for the weekly "**News & Notes**" email. If you do not already have a profile on the Portal, you can easily set up one. The website will guide you through it. There is also a Blog on the "**News & Notes**" newsletter where your GFWC club may submit news articles about your projects and "success stories!"

I wish all GFWC clubs and members a great upcoming year and much success with your many projects and volunteering! Have a fun and safe summer!

*Linda Krebs
GFWC of Kansas
Secretary*



*"Life experience is what defines our character...you need the downs to appreciate the ups."
-Nev Schulman*



“When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.”

-Kristin Armstrong

Library Board

Reading programs are “bread and butter” activities for libraries across the country. Through the support of the State Library of Kansas, the tiniest Sunflower Starters have one made just for them, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers.

This one state/one book initiative is an annual event that promotes reading to all Kansas children from birth through age five. It highlights the importance of reading to kids and sets the goal that every Kansas child in this age group is read to during the month of November. In addition to family reading’s at home, this also includes story programs in libraries as well as outreaches to preschools and childcare centers.

To do this, the state library forms a volunteer committee of Kansas librarians that takes on the task of reading and reviewing many, many, many children’s books each year and then selects one to be the featured title. Then it purchases and gives one copy of it to each public library location in the state. Promotional materials, ideas on companion programs and activities, background on the author and illustrator and more are

also provided to local libraries so they can lead the celebration.

Now in its 17th year, the program recently announced its featured title for 2021, *Grumpy Bird* by Jeremy Tankard. It is described as a “hilarious story about shaking off the grumpies with a little help from your friends.” Its “authorstrator” both wrote and illustrated the title along with others in the series including *Boo Hoo Bird*, *Hungry Bird*, and *Sleepy Bird*.

Reading them aloud to kids can help to stimulate their imagination, develop language and listening skills, and prepare them to understand the written word. It can also help to improve their cognitive skills and facilitate their cognitive development.

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is one example of the state library’s commitment to libraries, literacy and increasing reading readiness and on-grade reading. Join the celebration in your community this fall and give a word of thanks to the state library while you’re at it.

Susan Moyer

Announcing the New GFWC of Kansas Website

GFWC of Kansas has a new website: gfwcofkansas.org. Check it out.

This is still a work in progress, but it includes information about us, our history, Executive Committee, clubs, events, a Clubwoman archive, a photo gallery, and some resources.

You will notice that some of the content, particularly the photos, is not very current. This is where you come in. To make this a website that works for you, I need your help. I’d like to make the website a “go to” place for news and information. So, what do you want to see? Do you have news and photos to post? Suggestions? Ideas? Let me know. Together we can develop a great website.

*Linda Loyd
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Clubwoman Health

During the 2020 club year, GFWC Kansas clubs rose to the unprecedented circumstances and helped local causes in so many ways. Donations to food banks, cheering up long term care facility residents with cards and small gift items and sewing masks for donation are examples of ways clubs reached out in their communities.

Fewer projects were of national and international scope, but noteworthy, as well. They are spotlighted here—

GFWC Randall Progressive Study Club completed a project for Operation Smile; making 13 blankets for a total of 78 volunteer hours and \$260.60 in kind donation.

Operation Smile is an international children's medical charity focused on restoring children's smiles through performing surgery on facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate. The free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by thousands of volunteers and donors who contribute time, talent and resources.

Operation Smile has long been a partner organization with GFWC International.

GFWC Wamego Study Club collected and delivered 23 1/2 pounds of pull tabs to Ronald McDonald's Charities in Topeka, which equaled 24 volunteer hours.

TRMHC programs help alleviate some financial burdens for families with sick children. Over \$930 million each year in lodging and meal costs alone. Many McDonald's display donation canisters for pop tabs or they can be taken by individuals to collection sites to be exchanged for cash to raise money for Ronald McDonald Houses around the world. GFWC International and GFWC of Kansas has and continues to work diligently for this cause.

GFWC Goddard's Women's Club had a \$300 donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior. Symptoms eventually grow severe enough to interfere with daily tasks. Alzheimer's has no current cure, but treatments for symptoms are available and research continues. Although current Alzheimer's treatments cannot stop Alzheimer's from progressing, they can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and improve quality of life for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

GFWC Questers of Hutchinson has an ongoing project of contributing to the March of Dimes Purple Hat Project by stitching hats and donating yarn for the hats. This year 30 hats were stitched and donated, for 30 volunteer hours and in kind donation of \$18 of yarn. This is also a GFWC supported project.

If donated hats are available to hospitals, a purple hat is sent home with the baby after parents

have completed the program aimed at ending shaken baby syndrome and other abuse. Parents are instructed to put the hat on their baby when he/she becomes fussy and it will remind them that crying is normal and patience is necessary. Purple was chosen as the color for the caps (they must be at least half purple), as P.U.R.P.L.E. stands for different stages and peaks of crying throughout the first few months of babies' lives. The periods in the acronym symbolize that the crying has a beginning and an end:

- **'P'** stands for the peak of crying. For infants, the peak of crying is the second month. Crying will decrease by the third to fifth month.
- **'U'** stands for unexpected. This is crying that cannot be explained.
- **'R'** stands for resists soothing. The baby may not stop crying no matter what you try.
- **'P'** stands for pain like face. A baby's face might look in pain when crying or even when not crying.
- **'L'** stands for long-lasting. Crying can last as long as five hours a day or longer.
- **'E'** stands for evening. Babies tend to cry more in the late afternoon and evening.

Pictured below are some of the hats made.



Mary Shoemaker
Kansas Health and Wellness
Chairman



“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming after all, is a form of planning.”
-Gloria Steinem



*"The path to your
success is not as fixed
and inflexible as you
think. "
-Misty Copeland*

GFWC Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest Winners

The winners are:

1st place: Marie Brockhoff, Junior at Bishop Seabury Academy, sponsored by GFWC Lawrence Classics, \$500.

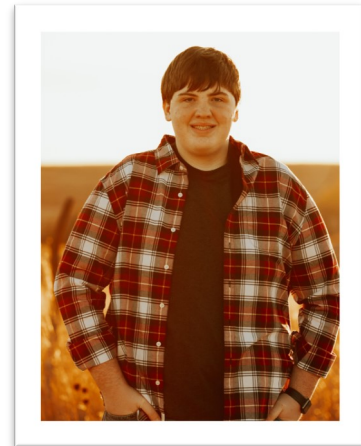


2nd place: Spencer Davidson, Senior at Minneapolis High School, sponsored by GFWC Delphi's Women's



Club, \$400. Spencer plans to attend Fort Hayes.

3rd place: Adam Pageler, Senior at Wamego High School, sponsored by GFWC Portia Club, \$300. Adam will be attending Kansas State University.



4th place: Rachel Harmon, Junior at Buhler High School, sponsored by GFWC Questers, \$200.

I would like to thank the clubs who sponsored students and the clubs that so generously provide scholarship funds. I wish they all could win. Please review the rules and begin thinking of students that your club could sponsor next year. I hope to announce next years essay topic at the State Convention this fall.

*Karen DeCou,
Citizenship Essay Chair*

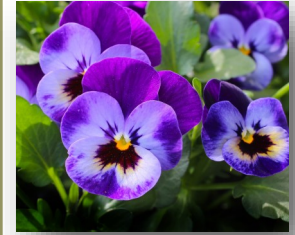
Women's History and Resource Center

WOW! I was amazed, but not surprised and very proud of what the Kansas clubwomen accomplished during the "year that wasn't" (my feeling for most of 2020). Even though we couldn't get together in person for Conventions and Conferences, we could meet in small meetings, following the health guidelines.

As the State Reporter for the Education & Libraries Department, I was so happy at all the programs and projects that took place last year. I could only pick 10 projects for both Education & Libraries and WHRC. For E & L I

had a tough time picking out which ones to send (telling that there were way more than 10!) For WHRC there weren't quite 10, but what the clubs did do was wonderful. The clubs did programs on women in history and some gave programs to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the women gaining the right to vote. We didn't let the virus stop us from doing what women of GFWC do, give of ourselves for others.

WHRC, Jeanne Urban, Chair



Why We Use Bylaws in Conducting Club Business

In this article for our clubs in Kansas, I want you to get your GFWC Clubwoman Magazine for Spring 2021 [Volume 99] Issue 2. Page 14 article from Leadership gives you all the answers why we work from an agenda. A copy of this agenda can be given to all who are in attendance. This agenda gives your plan to conduct a meeting that is fair to all and keeps the members from straying from business at hand. PLEASE read and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.... On to page 6, call to convention section. Even IF you do not plan to attend, remember all Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws, if passed will apply to you as a member. Therefore, it is always wise to follow up after Convention to see if Passed or failed. Page 7 on PROPOSED GFWC RESOLUTIONS FOR 2021. SOMETIMES these seem to be always in flux, but know if we as GFWC give our approval, this is a guide to members to make our voices heard on many subjects pertinent to our

world we live in. Many members who attend Annual Convention have found that Resolutions do take time to present and at first don't understand why we devote time for them. But, if you truly listen, you will find an amazing group of members who gave us their time and energy to make our world, better for all. Sometimes this gives our clubs pause for thought and maybe want to suggest resolution changes or additions to our GFWC Resolutions Committee. Please read this section as you might be surprised how much thought goes into our commitment to make this world a better place. TO get involved in a Resolution for GFWC. Contact me for guidance on when and how to handle this. Now, that I have gave you the thoughts to ponder. When we learn something new every day, we grow to share and care.

*Delva Power
ByLaws and Resolutions,
GFWC of Kansas-*

*"Fight for the
things that you
care about, but do
it in a way that will
lead others to join
you." -*

*-Ruth Bader
Ginsburg*



*"You have every
right to a beautiful
life."
-Selena Gomez*

Conservation

Spring Conservation GFWC
Kansas Clubwoman 2021

Flowers are blooming, the grass is green, and you may smell the sweet scent of Honeysuckle in the air. Do you know that the Asian Bush Honeysuckle is the most visible and environmentally invasive species in the Kansas City area? It may be in your part of Kansas too. It was introduced to Kansas in the early 1920's, but by the 1950's it was identified as an aggressive, invasive species that even birds won't gain anything from.

Wild flowers aren't the only plants at risk. Valuable trees like oak, maple and hickory, which stabilize the environment and are host to hundreds of species of beneficial life, are in danger of not being able to reproduce because of the heavy shade Asian Bush Honeysuckle casts over the forest floor. But not all honeysuckle deserves this bad rap.

"We do have quite a few native honeysuckles that are great. One of the differences that you can tell when it's in flower – a lot of our native honeysuckles are not large and bushy for one thing, but they also have more yellow flowers, striking yellow. Whereas the bush honeysuckle has white flowers, they may age to yellowish a little bit. If it's a white flower and its pretty big and woody, it's probably one of the Asian Bush Honeysuckles which are of concern," Ryan Armbrust says. He is a forest health and conservation officer with the Kansas Forest Service.

The bottom line if you are planting a honeysuckle, says Larry Rizzo of the Missouri Department of Conservation, is to know what it is – scientific name necessary. Now that honeysuckle has taken root all over the metro, combating it is nearly impossible.

"Philosophically, is it too late? Are the cows out of the barn, can we unring this bell?" Armbrust asks.

Traditional methods of management, from digging it up to treating it with chemicals can be just as disruptive to the environment as the honeysuckle itself, says Armbrust.

"At this point, it's a genie out of a bottle. They're here to stay, but we have to draw lines in the sand and protect our most diverse communities," Rizzo says.

Environmental efforts both in Kansas and Missouri focus on assessing the edges of the threat, reducing the seed base, and controlling future infestations and re-infestations.

We as GFWC Clubwomen need to educate ourselves on the things we choose to plant so that in the future, we don't make the same mistake that was made with the Asian Honeysuckle over 100 years ago!

*Juanita Rothaus,
GFWC Kansas Conservation
Chair*

Summer Safety: Fact vs. Fiction

Fact or fiction? With each bee sting you endure, the reaction (pain, swelling, anaphylactic or severe allergic reaction) gets worse and worse.

Fiction: Plenty of research supports just the opposite, according to the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS); reactions to bee stings actually lessen with each bee sting.

Fact or fiction? Grilled meat causes cancer.

Neither: Perhaps surprisingly, the jury is still out on whether eating grilled meat contributes to an increased cancer risk.

Fact or fiction? It's dangerous to drink out of a garden hose.

Fact: According to the School Safety Alert program, which was launched by the National PTA (Parent Teacher Association), *Consumer Reports* and National School Boards Association, most garden hoses are made with lead that can leach into the water.

Fact or fiction? Suntans, as opposed to sunburns, are healthy.

Fiction: Tans, like burns, mean you have

sustained skin cell damage, which can lead to premature aging and even skin cancer, according to the American Academy of Dermatology.

Fact or fiction? Mosquitoes are attracted to sweet-smelling skin.

Fact: Mosquitoes actually do have preferences when it comes to whom they bite, a practice performed only by female mosquitoes who need blood's protein to help their eggs develop. Researchers from the Entomological Society of America think it has to do with high concentrations of steroids, cholesterol (not necessarily in those who have high levels of cholesterol but those who might be adept at processing it) and certain acids, the smells of which can attract those mama mosquitoes.

Information courtesy of Rush University for Health.

*Kathy Baker,
Health and Wellness Chairman*



*“Sacrifices are
not in vain.”*

*— Gabby
Douglas*

Arts and Creative Crafts

Although we won't be able to have student art at our October State Convention, we are planning to have club woman arts, crafts, and photography. We have a whole summer for being creative. Let's see what we can do. The rules and entry forms are in the state handbook pages 19 - 25. Look for more information in the September issue.

*Linda Loyd and Char Grelk,
Co-Chairs Art and Creative
Crafts*

Next Issue & New Email

News items for the **September** issue of the *Kansas Clubwoman* are due **August 20, 2021**. Please feel free to forward your articles to me whenever you have them ready. No need to wait. I maintain a working copy of the next issue and will insert your article when I receive it. I will always send a reply to confirm that I have received your article. If you don't receive a confirmation, please check with me.

Very important, I have a new email address.:

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Please be sure to use this for your September articles.

*Linda Loyd, Editor
913-856-8602*



*"Mile by mile, it's a
trial; yard by yard, it's
hard; but inch by
inch, it's a cinch."
-Gabrielle Giffords*

Creative Writing Winners 2021

There were 12 entries in the Creative Writing Contest. Youth had 5 poem entries and 3 short story entries. The club women had 2 who entered a poem and a short story each.

POETRY

Category 1

1st "Out in the Pen" Samuel Ringel, Alma Alma Ladies Reading Circle
2nd "In My Basement" Landry Weisshaar, Alma Alma Ladies Reading Circle
3rd "I Got it at Walmart" Lauren Amick, Alma Alma Ladies Reading Circle

Category 2

1st "In the Nick of Time" Emmy Ree, Lecompton GFWC Hutchinson Questers

Category 3

1st "Manatee, Manatee" Brylie Thompson, Derby GFWC Hutchinson Questers

Category 4

No Entries

Club Women

1st "Why Should I Fear?" Juanita Rothaus, Gardner GFWC Athena Club
2nd "Ronald Rides" Anita Pfister Hutchinson GFWC Hutchinson Questers

SHORT STORY

Category 1

No Entries

Category 2

1st "Molly Bolly and the Magic Stones" Molly Larsen Gardner GFWC Hutchinson Questers
2nd "The Clinic" Emmy Reed Lecompton GFWC Hutchinson Questers
3rd "The Dog, Cat, and Snake" Gwynneth Reed Lecompton GFWC Hutchinson Quester

Category 3

No Entries

Category 4

No Entries

Club Women

1st "Meeting Mohs" Anita Pfister Hutchinson GFWC Hutchinson Questers
2nd "The Payola Panther" Juanita Rothaus Gardner GFWC Athena Club

Thank you to all who entered the contest. I know this was probably a difficult year to be doing this, so these are much appreciated.

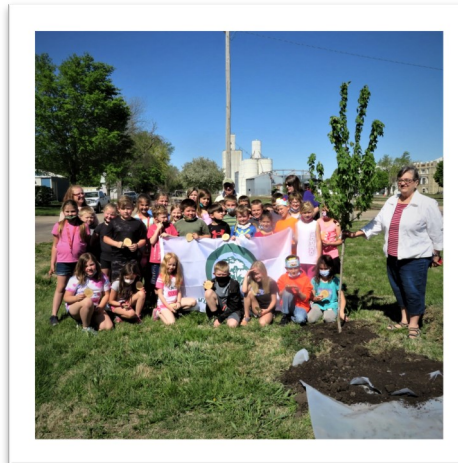
*Elizabeth Hemberger
State Creative Writing Contest
Chairman*

GFWC Waterville Shakespeare Club

The Waterville Shakespeare Club met Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the Waterville Library and heard a wonderful program presented by guest Natalie Young. Ms. Young is the founder of Cattails Cat Rescue located in Manhattan. They are a non-profit, no-kill feline rescue based out of Manhattan, KS. They function with the help of volunteers who foster the rescues in their homes. Their purpose is to promote responsible pet ownership through their adoption events and work with spay/neuter clinics. She stressed that their motto is Saving the World One cat at a time! The program was full of

environmental tips and education in the program. A donation was collected and presented to Cattails who in turn gave it to our local vet at Blue River for local cat rescue work.

On April 30th, Arbor Day a tree was planted in memorial of Bob Bergquist, husband of Shakespeare member and library board president, Jeannette Bergquist. Donations had been collected by the club members and given to the Waterville Tree Board towards the purchase of a red maple. The 2nd grade class was invited to attend and help plant the tree to be known as Bob's Tree.



GFWC Washington Modern Pioneers

The GFWC Washington Modern Pioneers sponsored an art show April 17 at KSDS for students at Washington County High School and Republic County High School. There were 157 total entries. Ribbons given were 24 blue, 66 red and 67 white. Best of show was won by a Republic high school student, Marcel Dyke with a origami mobile. It was not open to the public because of Covid. Kurt Funke, owner of DMD Design of Washington, was the judge. Diane Hornbostel, member, is viewing the many pieces.



"We need women at all levels, including the top to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women's voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored."

*-Sheryl Sandberg
Burnett*



*"The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very courageous; be strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble."
-Serena Williams*

GFWC Ad Astra Wamego

GFWC Ad Astra members were so happy to resume meeting in March, 2021.

Our meeting began with Cheryl Annan presenting a program on **Kid Connection** of Wamego, which provides clothing and material needs for children being placed in foster care in several neighboring counties. **The Closet**, in downtown Wamego, is a major accomplishment of Cheryl's. The Closet provides essentials for kids placed in foster care. Social workers and others have access to this establishment. Recently, Club member, Barb Sanderson, initiated a backpack drive for Kid Connection and purchased backpacks through Trades of Hope. People from all over the country donated money to purchase the backpacks. This fair trade purchase benefitted artisans from Guatemala to be able to provide for their children, as well as provided for foster children in Kansas. Barb delivered 35 backpacks to Kid Connection of Wamego to be distributed to foster children. What a GREAT project!

Club member, Donna Goehring, has recently moved her quilt shop to a new location. Club members were given a tour of her shop, as well as a demonstration of her long arm quilting machine. Donna serves the community by donating many quilts to various organizations.

Our club served a "Grab and Go"

lunch to the Kansas K-9 Law enforcement Unit on April 15. Officers attend an annual certification and training workshop in the Wamego area. The canines are trained in different programs which include Narcotics detection, Explosive detection, Handler protection, Firearms detection, and Tracking and man trailing. Club members donated various food items and prepared sandwiches for the sack lunch. The officers were very appreciative.

A summer day trip is being planned in June to tour the Closet in Wamego, travel to Manhattan to grab lunch, and then tour Life Choice Ministries. Barb Sanderson, new Club member and Assistant Director of Life Choice Ministries, will guide the tour.

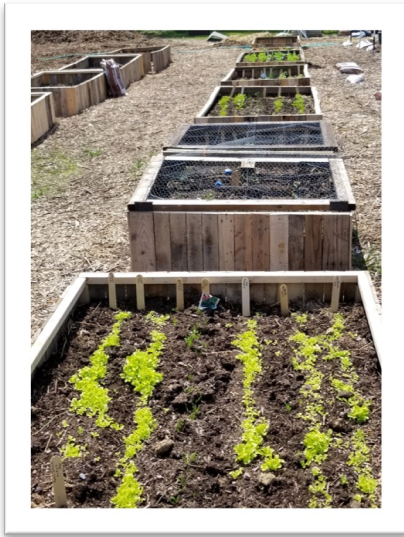
All members are looking forward to 2021-2022.

*Joanie Doperalski
President, Ad Astra
Wamego, Kansas*



GFWC Classics—Lawrence

GFWC Classics-Lawrence has supported The O'Connell Youth Ranch (OYR), www.oconnellyouthranch.com, with various projects throughout the years. Most noteworthy, The Classics have been providing new book bags to each foster boy at the start of a new school year every August. In 2021, Classics expanded their outreach to this foster home organization with garden/landscaping assistance.



With the pandemic, the ranch needed to be creative for social distancing and outdoor activities while giving the boys new learning opportunities. In January, the ranch expressed an interest to create a spring garden to give the boys opportunities to improve life skills, learn about composting, recycling and sustainability as well as growing vegetables.

Having an abundance of ground on the 120 acre ranch, garden space was no issue. Clas-



sics members: Susan Andersen, Rick Moore (Booster) and Bob Schwartz (Booster) formed a committee with the ranch and began an intensive campaign to design and build raised garden beds.



The group has collaborated with multiple local businesses for donated pallets to be used as construction materials as the current lumber prices have been cost prohibitive. Booster Bob and Rick have procured the pallets on a weekly basis and then constructed 8x4 foot sized boxes. The boys have had several opportunities since March to assist with construction and assembly when Rick and Bob have been onsite. To date, 22 boxes have been constructed or are near completion. Most are filled with fresh top soil and newly planted vegetables. Once summer break approaches, Susan will be continuing to volunteer to help coordinate garden tasks with the organization.

Classics has supported this project and the ranch with other members recycling milk jugs, egg cartons for seeding and other ranch animal projects. Our current President, Kris Bailey, donated hay bales for the 6 horses. And yes, the garden is using horse compost for soil amendment.

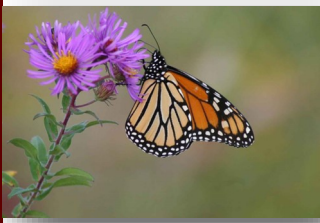
We look forward to sharing pictures of tomatoes, peppers, and other veggies from a bountiful harvest fresh from the ground. Stay tuned for the next Clubwoman with updates!

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"The most important thing is to dare."

Maya Angelou



*"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."
-Rosa Parks*

GFWC Study Club Serves Lunch to Kansas K-9 Officers

On Wednesday, April 14, 2021 GFWC Wamego Study Club was honored to serve a "grab and go" lunch for 27 K9 Police Officers from across the State of Kansas for the 23rd annual K9 Certification and Training Convention. The Convention was held in Wamego, KS and hosted by the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office.

Study Club would like to thank member **Terry Carlson** for bringing this opportunity to the attention of the Club and being the liaison between WSC and the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department who planned and coordinated the K9 Certification and Training Convention in Pottawatomie County this year.

GFWC Wamego Study Club (WSC)



members were proud to prepare sandwiches, pickle spears, chips, apples, and homemade brownies for a brown bag lunch, as well as a large Milk-Bone for the patrol dogs. The food and supplies for the lunches were purchased and donated by the WSC members and the Club treasury. The lunch was served at St. Bernard's Parish Hall in Wamego, allowing plenty of space for the officers to sit down and relax for a short time with their meals.

The lunch was an important Civic Engagement and Outreach project for the Wamego Study Club. We were pleased to



have the opportunity to meet the young police officers that attended from different counties and cities in the State of Kansas and show our support for their service and hard work. Our club members enjoyed visiting with the officers as they picked up their lunches, and we found our guests to be quite appreciative and friendly in showing their gratitude for the lunch prepared for them!

We learned that the more than 40 teams, consisting of a police officer and a patrol dog, are commonly trained and certified in suspect apprehension, building / area search, detection, tracking / trailing, or evidence / article search.

It was a special day for our GFWC Wamego Study Club!

*Linda Krebs, President
GFWC WAMEGO STUDY CLUB*



Surprise Celebration

On May 5, 2021 friends gathered to celebrate with a luncheon honoring Prudence Fager for 50 plus years of volunteering for GFWC.

Prudence Fager has been volunteering over 50 years as a member of GFWC Wamego Junior Federated Club and GFWC Flint Hills Club of Manhattan.

She helped to organize a "Save Our Earth Day", Project Concern, Walk for Mankind, Development of Pennyland Park, Operation Smile, Heifer International, Southwest Indian Foundation and many other projects chosen by the organization. She has also held leadership roles in her local clubs, district and state organization.

Those attending the luncheon were Rose Ditto, Past GFWC International President, Fran Zerby, Past District Officer, Carol Hanson, current GFWC State Treasurer, Gini Harold, daughter of Prudence and member, Beverly Randall, club member, Prudence Fager, Janice May, Ruth



Prudence Fager

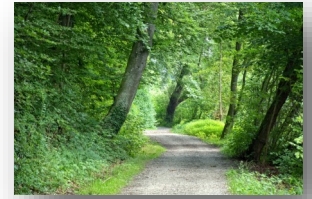
GFWC Mid-Century Club

February marked the second meeting we had since COVID started. Program wise we enjoyed socializing with each other and viewing the great year end reports other GFWC clubs had submitted. Members particularly like the thought of the brag jar and it was put into action right away with funds going to the school food backpack program. Business wise we approved where designated funds in our budget would be spent, as well as an update as to how members continued to carry on their volunteer activities.

Our March program included how to protect ourselves from scams and personal home safety. Our guest speaker was from the local police department. By this time all our members had received their COVID vaccines, so we enjoyed an evening without masks as we social distanced. Traditionally for April we have our year end banquet at some restaurant. We decided that we would enjoy a quieter setting with less has-

Seaman and husband Corwin, former member and friends and Ruth Linville member, and not pictured Vickie Riniker long time friend and member.

The luncheon was hosted by Lowell and Janice May.



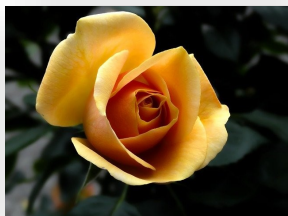
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.."

-Margaret Mead

le, so we substituted our banquet with our traditional vegetable and fruit salad meal ("stone soup" version) that we missed earlier in the year. Our program was a book review about "the blue people of Kentucky" including one of the blue ladies that served as a mobile book person. She delivered books by mule to the families in the mountains of Kentucky.

Though our monthly meetings were through, we arranged with the local high school art teacher to conduct an art contest in May. This allowed the students to have time to complete their projects and still have seniors recognized at the school's annual awards assembly.

Margaret Thomas, President



GFWC Flint Hills Club of Manhattan

The GFWC Flint Hills Club of Manhattan met at the home of President Janice May on May 3, 2021, for the annual Salad Luncheon, and final meeting of the Club Year. This is always a fun and special gathering, but it was extra-special this year because of a surprise celebration that had been planned to honor Prudence Fager's 50+ years membership in GFWC. Prudence helped to form the GFWC Wamego Junior Federated Club in 1967, and was a charter member of that club.



Prudence's daughter Gini Harold surprised her Mother.

President Janice opened the event by telling Prudence this was her special day. She then pinned a corsage on her and announced, "Prudence Fager, This is your Life!" An assortment of surprise guests representing various times during Prudence's life were then introduced: Prudence's daughter Gini Harold told about her Mom growing up on the family farm and graduating from Wamego High School in 1958. Vickie

Riniker talked about working with Prudence at both Kirby's Restaurant and Steel & Pipe Co. in Manhattan. (Prudence Corwin and Ruth Seamans reminisced about their longtime friendship with Prudence. Dr. Rose Ditto reviewed Prudence's GFWC career, including her roles as local and district officers, her State Presidency in 1996-98, and her appointment as one of the special assistants to GFWC International President Rose Ditto in 2008-10.



Past GFWC President Dr. Rose Ditto presented Prudence with a 50-year membership pin. her on her special day.

Prudence, you have been and still are a valuable asset to GFWC, and the Federation thanks you for all you have done!

Carol Hanson

"You cannot live your life to please others. The choice must be yours."

-Anne Hathaway

News from Goddard Woman's Club

In March we sponsored a special story time at our library for the kick off of Read Across America. We provided books, activity kits, and snacks for 25 children. About half of the participants met at the Community Center where a member conducted the program with Eric Carle books, songs, and games. The rest participated via Facebook and picked up the packets beforehand.

Our eldest member, Ms. Betty Shaw, had her 101st birthday in mid-April! Her daughter helped her celebrate via zoom. We got her flowers and a member got pictures from her daughter to create a poster sized collage of her very adventurous life. She has been a world traveler. She has been a member of our club for 53 years and helped open and run our library.



Our April meeting was all about the environment. Our program focused on facts about our environment and many small ways we each can have a big impact. Everyone received a goody bag (paper) with many items to try and use in our daily lives. They included reusable produce bags, bags that are very compact to carry in our purses that expand to carry a LOT, microfiber cloths for cleaning (requiring much less cleaning product), laundry detergent sheets that dissolve quickly in water and use NO plastic, reusable straws, biodegradable single use bowls, and flower seeds. The club adopted two very large planter boxes which we filled with flowers, at the end of the meeting. Club members signed up on sign up genius to water the plants for a week at a time, all through the summer.

We carried out a new service project this spring. The Wichita Children's Home has a home, Gerard House, for young mothers and



mothers to be. Many of these young women are victims of human trafficking. They had seven women in residence on Mother's Day. We provided them each with some lotion and body fragrance from Bath and Body Works as well as journals from mothers to their children. We included notes of encouragement in their journey into motherhood.

Our club suffered a huge loss with the passing of Ms. Betty Hixson. She passed just three weeks after the passing of her husband of 75 years. Betty was a member of our club for over 30 years and was president off and on for eight years, more than any other in our 87 year history. Her legacy lives on with her two daughters that are also members of our club. Betty will be greatly missed.

Last week we were able to meet inside, at our Community Center, for the first time in 15 months! We had our annual May luncheon. It was so wonderful to be able to really reconnect and start planning for a more normal future. We also collected items for the Ronald McDonald House.

We managed to accomplish a lot while meeting the challenges of the pandemic. We are thankful for the technology that kept us 'in business' but let's face it, it's just not the same as face to face. I feel a new momentum coming on, I think it's called *optimism*. I hope you all feel it too!

Lisa Stoller



*"Always be a first
rate version of
yourself, instead of
a second rate
version of
somebody else."*

Judy Garland



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