



# KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

## FROM KATHY'S DESK

Dear Kansas Clubwomen,

During the past several months, I have had the privilege of attending some of your club meetings/functions and I must say that is really a treat for me. I love meeting the women who make up GFWC of Kansas. Truly this is a great group of clubwomen!



Kathy Baker  
GFWC of Kansas President  
2018-2020

I have really enjoyed receiving your club reports. It is so wonderful to read about all that goes on across the state of Kansas in our clubs....it is interesting to see the projects that are similar as well as the ones that are so unique! Thanks to all members who took the time to contribute their hours and projects to their club presidents. Also, I want to thank everyone who compiled those hours, wrote up the club reports and sent them in. And a SPECIAL thanks to the many clubs who sent a report in for the first time. I think we had a record number of clubs reporting this year.....75-80%! GFWC uses this data in a variety of ways.....sometimes to take to legislators to show exactly HOW passionate our organization is about certain causes, for example domestic violence or literacy. Once again, a huge thank you to all who contributed!

Our annual State Convention is coming up on May 3-4. I hope that you will be able to join us in

Junction City. There are a lot of fun things planned! The Junction City Ladies Reading Club has invited us to their clubhouse for a Tea from 2-4 on Friday. This is the only clubhouse in Kansas.....come and learn the history of the clubhouse and get to know our fellow clubwomen better in a relaxed setting. Friday night we will hear about Growing Change, an organization that works for improved health of moms and babies. Our service project for this convention is to bring baby items for their annual baby shower.....each expectant mother who attends the shower will receive a "goodie bag".....the sex of the baby is not known at that time, so gender neutral items are appreciated. On Saturday we will hear from Gary La Grange about his work with helping veterans cope with PTSD through farming.....this is quite an organization and you won't want to miss this. Virleen Carlson has a great program where she portrays Mamie Eisenhower, and I know this will be very interesting. On Saturday we will have a live auction. We are asking each club to bring a basket or item for the live auction. Also, we are going to be auctioning off new and/or gently used purses, bags and totes. I will be going through my own collection to contribute and I hope that you will too! This should be lots of fun! All funds collected from the live auction will benefit Music Scholarships. And don't forget to bring items to be sold in "Kate's Country Store".....baked goods are allowed as long as we are just selling to ourselves and not the general public.

As we are in the last half of this club year, I encourage YOU to make an effort to recruit a new member to your club. There are so many reasons to join a GFWC club....from satisfaction of a job well done to sisterhood to better mental health and more. Spread the word about your club. We are our own best advertisement.....don't keep us a secret!

Kathy

# **President-Elect**

February 6, 2019

It's 2019 and other than one frightening blizzard late in 2018, the weather is bearable. Okay, I wrote that line just as we tripped into January – no sooner did my pen stop than the next rain/snow/freezing fog/ice/cold snap happened. Welcome to the great Midwest! The point is, the weather is fine for attending your Club's meetings throughout the winter months (keeping an eye on the weather, of course) and inviting a friend to a meeting! Tell her what things your Club will be working on and how she can help! Make a resolution for the New Year, aim for one new member in 2019 (maybe you'll find two). Our State officers tell me that we have six new GFWC members registered in December! That is great news indeed; now, just a nice bit of sunshine and warmth would be a fun treat!

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

## **Vice President**

Happy New Year to all!

An enormous thank you to all the 26 clubs who turned in club reports for their 2018 club year.

I have enjoyed reading and copying those reports and sending them onto the Community Service Project (CSP) chairman and sub chairman [Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues], Advancement Area appointees [Communications, Fundraising, Leadership, Membership, Legislation, and Women's History/Resource Center] and the Signature Project Chairman ~ Domestic Violence and Advocates for Children.

For those who are not fully aware these chairman and appointees now summarize all the club activities that I copied and sent to them. Their next step is to make difficult decisions as to whose club creativity report should represent the state of Kansas for their specific area. These

chairman and appointees can also send a state report which includes multiple club activities for their area. These 2 reports are then sent to their counterparts at the international level. Please keep your fingers crossed for the state of Kansas.

So, that being all said I have received some feedback from a few club presidents and chairman as to the dos and don'ts of reporting. I prefer to call it "What went well" and "Even better if"

### **"What went Well":**

- 1/ When you write your club narrative about a project please do so under a specific category [Education, Art, Conservation etc.]
- 2/ Please include your club name and your contact information as a header on each page that you submit.
- 3/ Your club summary of projects should be for the previous club year (2018 January ~ December)
- 4/ Most clubs submitted their 2018 reports before the February 1<sup>st</sup> postmark deadline.

### **"Even better If":**

- 1/ Please do not summarize your club activities by month. In the narrative that you write about a project you can include that it was completed in a specific month as part of the detail.
- 2/ All pages submitted must be single sided.
- 3/ Remember to send your club reports to both the state president and vice president.
- 4/ Any club can participate in a GFWC Juniors Project. A junior project focuses on "Advocating for Children". The GFWC official partner organizations are March for Dimes and St. Jude Children Research Hospital, but you don't have to just work with them on your own "advocating for children" project.

In the state report book that will be distributed in May at our annual convention, I will include sample statistical forms as this seems confusing to a few club presidents. Reporting is very necessary and truly is not that hard to achieve if clubs put in a little preparation before reporting time comes around in January of 2020.

Now is the time, because in January we just started a new reporting year [2019], to hand out to all members of your club new volunteer reporting hour logs. Remember to include somewhere on that sheet a space for "Dollars Donated" and "In-kind Donations" so that

everyone can record correct dollar amounts for a specific project that you complete. As a suggestion perhaps during your regular club meeting time include on the agenda 5 minutes where everyone takes out their volunteer reporting logs and records their amazing efforts.

I am working on revamping the reporting forms which appear on pages 33~36 in the State Handbook. I hope to have those available electronically on our state Facebook page before next reporting season. If you have suggestions for changes to those forms please contact me directly.

Again, thank you to the 26 clubs who completed reports and sent them onto me. I am truly amazed at the creative and talented clubwomen in our state. So many of you have given so much to your communities in the form of time and talent. I truly hope that they appreciate your club. I know you are all “Stars of GFWC of Kansas”.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with you,  
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## **Secretary**

Dear GFWC of Kansas friends,

I am enjoying hearing from each club and seeing which projects the clubs are supporting. It is exciting to see what message is in each envelop I open.

I learned a lot while filling out the membership report for federal dues payment to GFWC. It is interesting to see which clubs are growing. Please remember to continue to send me membership and leadership changes as they occur in your clubs. I have also had the pleasure of helping Anita Pfister with the Citizenship Scholarship essay contest, and it is a joy to see what our high school students are thinking.

My local club, the Junction City Ladies' Reading Club, is looking forward to hosting the Music Auditions on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and to seeing many of you at the Kansas State GFWC Convention, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

*Andrea Mace, GFWC of KS Secretary*

## **Treasurer**

This winter has definitely been one where I have felt like hibernating! I have spent a lot of afternoons with an afghan and a good mystery, but every once in a while, like today when the temperature is over 50 degrees, I come out of hibernation to try to do something productive, like write my article for the March *Kansas Clubwoman*. The only problem is . . . there really is not much to report! Everything is going smoothly, and all of our funds have sufficient balances. Thanks to some generous donations, there is plenty of money to cover the 2019 Music Audition, Citizenship Essay Contest, and Senior Art scholarships.

I do, however, want to notify everyone that the phone number that is listed for me in the 2018-2020 Directory is no longer in service. I have given up my land line, and use only my cell phone: 785-532-8206. My e-mail address remains the same, and is also a good way to contact me.

*Carol Hanson*  
*GFWC of Kansas Treasurer*

## **GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports**

### **Library Board**

There was a lot of news and business during the December 14, 2018 Library Board meeting. First, the unhappy news for us – the Kansas State Library Executive Assistant for the Head Librarian retired in mid-December. Barb Turner, an admirable Administrative Assistant will be sorely missed!

The better news is that our Head Librarian, Eric Norris, has had his appointment confirmed by the Kansas State Legislators. For the past three (now four) months, he has been busy attending meetings throughout the U.S. and Kansas on behalf of our State's library services. He stated that the “learning curve” is intense; he also had scheduled interviews for a replacement

Administrative Assistant – an essential position for the Library services offices.

Meanwhile, the Kansas Library staff has spent the past six months working on new databases to be purchased and implemented in July 2019. The entire process will have taken over a year to review the databases and put contracts into place – a huge endeavor! The databases are an important component of the Library services information systems.

Per Eric, the 2021 Library budget has been approved by our State’s legislators. Preparing the budget is another enormous project that the staff of our Library services works on nearly year around.

On a “closer to home” level, the tiny Perry/LeCompton library was forced to move suddenly out of the now-closed Thriftway Grocery store in Perry. They have found nicer, bigger accommodations within the Highland Community College branch in Perry. As a result, they’ll be increasing the hours that they will be open! As your Library Board appointee, I watch local libraries closely and am always interested in their efforts in their communities. I’ve recently heard interesting things about libraries in Silver Lake, Valley Falls and Junction City!

Finally, GFWC member, Susan Moyer was in attendance at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. She is slated to become our GFWC board member the beginning in July and should plan to attend the September 2019 board meeting.

*Jan Moore, GFWC KS Library Board Appointee*

## **Jenny Award**

The Jennie Award honors a club woman from each region every two years at the International Convention. It is time to begin this process. Each club can nominate a member for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. The clubs submit the nomination materials to the state president, post-marked by June 1, 2019 for state -level judging. The state sends the state winner to the region. The region will then choose one candidate for award and send to International. The awards are given at the 2020 International Convention. For more information go to GFWC website or email your questions to **Karen DeCou at [KL63decou@cox.net](mailto:KL63decou@cox.net)**.

## **Legislation and Public Policy**

### **Opportunities for Involvement**

Kansas clubwomen have two opportunities to be involved in politics which agree with our guidelines.

One is a state organization and the other is national, neither one looks at party affiliation but at what people support. Women for Kansas is a statewide group that supports candidates based on if the candidate supports the ideals Women for Kansas have determined as priorities. W4K will direct their energy and attention on Kansas, where their efforts most influence how we live. As is their mission, they will work to support moderates. Moderate is not a political position, it’s an **approach** to politics. It’s the counter to extremism but doesn’t mean one thing or another about political views. There can be conservative moderates and progressive moderates and centrist moderates. More information about Women for Kansas can be found at <http://womenforkansas.org/us/>

The organization, No Labels, is national and consists of moderate Republicans and Democrats. Representatives in Congress who are involved with No Labels belong to the Problem Solvers Caucus which is made up of equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats. A Republican and a Democrat are co-leaders. Their goal is to bring people together to find common ground and do what’s right for our people and America rather than one party trying to stop the other party from passing bills they support. I’m the Kansas contact person and will be happy to answer any questions, give more information and/or put you in contact with other members in your area. You may also get more information about No Labels at: [nolabels.org](http://nolabels.org)

We should contact our representatives to introduce ourselves, keep up on what bills are being considered and ask to be placed on their mailing lists. Being involved with Women for Kansas and No Labels will keep you informed as to what is happening in Kansas and America. Remember as clubwomen we can support bills as individuals but not as a GFWC representative. My contact information is 316-207-0051 or [glendareynolds05@gmail.com](mailto:glendareynolds05@gmail.com)

*Glenda Reynolds,*

*Legislation and Public Policy Chair*

## Arts and Creative Crafts

By now you are probably in the middle of planning your local competitions. The State competition will be here before we know it.

Here are some reminders for the state entries:

1. When your schools are selecting the art for their Senior Scholarship entries, be sure that they are following the rules found on page 6 of the State Handbook, particularly the requirement for a combination of both 2D and 3D media. Scholarship entries that don't fit the criteria cannot be considered.

2. Don't forget to enter your own clubwoman arts and crafts.

3. **Very important: Please let me know how many pieces of art you will be entering so that I will know how many tables to request.**

**Art will be accepted for judging on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1pm to 4:30.** Judging will begin shortly after.

If you have any questions please let me know. I'm sure that we will have amazing art again this year.

*Linda Loyd, Arts and Creative Crafts Chair  
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## Conservation

Why Conserve Energy in the first place?

Energy conservation is important and beneficial for many reasons. You can save money, protect the environment, and increase property values all through simple energy-saving measures.

You can join thousands of organizations, companies, and individuals in a nationwide effort to become more energy independent, improve the environment, and save households hundreds of dollars in unnecessary energy costs by following these top tips:

1. **AIR DRY:** Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.

2. **TURN IT OFF:** Use timers and motion detectors to turn off lights and be sure to unplug TV entertainment systems when travelling (use

power strips for easy on/off switching) and don't leave your computer and monitor on needlessly.

3. **DON'T GET BURNED WITH HOT WATER:** Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120F. Water heaters are the second highest source of energy use in the home.

4. **FILL IT UP, PLEASE:** Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

5. **KEEP 'EM CLEAN:** Check furnace, heat pump, and AC filters once a month and replace them regularly. A dirty air filter can increase your energy costs and cause problems with your equipment.

6. **STOP THE BREEZE:** Caulk and weather-strip around drafty doors and windows.

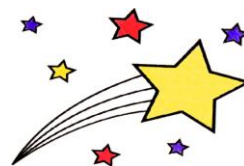
7. **GET WITH THE PROGRAM:** Install a programmable thermostat which automatically adjusts the temperature during the day or at night, keeping you from forgetting as you dash off to work. A programmable thermostat can save you up to \$100 a year.

8. **STAY BRIGHT:** As "old-school" incandescent light bulbs burn out, replace them with new, light emitting diode bulbs (LEDs) and save about \$90 a year in electricity costs. You pay more up-front, but shop around, prices are dropping. They use up to 25% less energy, can last up to twelve times longer and light like the old-fashioned ones do.

9. **BE A STAR: Our State Theme is "Be a Star" and this can be easy to do when it comes to new appliances:** Look for products and appliances that have earned the ENERGY STAR label. They meet strict new energy efficiency criteria that will reduce your utility bills and help the environment. ENERGY STAR clothes washers, for example, use approximately 40% less water and 25% less energy for washing than standard models.

I hope that your Clubs are all finding ways to do the 3 R's of recycling, reusing, and reducing waste and energy. It is SO IMPORTANT!

*Juanita Rothaus  
GFWC Kansas Conservation Chair*



## ***Milkweed Available for Purchase at State Convention:***

If you are wanting to help Monarch Butterflies find Milkweed plants in your area, you will need to find wild Milkweed plants, purchase Milkweed in your local garden stores, or grow them from seeds. Milkweed is the only plant on which Monarchs will lay their eggs. Milkweed is the only plant baby caterpillars can eat to grow and turn into butterflies. Before you come to state convention, check at your local stores to see if they sell Milkweed. If you can't find them, GFWC Questers club will be bringing several 6-packs of Milkweed to sell at the Country Store. Dillon Nature Center in Hutchinson is growing about 20 6-packs for us to bring for you. These usually run about \$3.50 to \$4.00 for a 6-pack. We will also have a few seeds for sale.

In our Hutchinson area, Milkweed plants are difficult to find. At the Kansas State Fair last September, the owner of the Monarch Butterfly Tent who was from the Pennsylvania area could not find Milkweed in garden centers, stores, or in the wild to feed the Monarchs he displayed in his large tent. Our club members loaned the potted Milkweed plants in our back yards to help this exhibit tent stay open during the Kansas State Fair. Dr. Allen Hirst, who lives at Wesley Towers Senior Living Center and who had won one of the Monarch Way Station grants, dug 20 of his Milkweed plants in the dark of night so they could be taken to the State Fair to feed the Monarchs! Thank you, Dr. Hirst! Thank you to all the members and clubs who helped the Monarchs this past year!

*Anita Pfister  
Monarch Way Station Chair*

## ***International Outreach***

The purpose of International Outreach is – ENGAGING WITH THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY. How do we go about this, here in our own neighborhoods? Well, maybe we could – CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. International Women's Day is a global day of celebrating the achievements of

women and a call for gender parity. Its origins can be traced back to the early 1900s when women were demanding the right to vote, shorter working hours, and better pay. It is celebrated throughout the world on March 8. Maybe you could gather a group at a library, a luncheon, or meeting place. Even if it is just your club members, celebrating the day. Supply some snacks, and just celebrate each other. Let me know how this goes, of course.

For decades, GFWC Clubwomen have reached beyond their communities to make a lasting difference in the lives of others throughout the world. We are all part of the global community and are not isolated from the issues effecting so many others worldwide. Issues such as hunger, poverty, preventable diseases, human trafficking, the lack of clean drinking water, and education know no boundaries. Half of the work's population, more than 3 billion people, lives on less than \$2.50 a day. Twenty two thousand children die each day from easily preventable diseases and over 600 million people do not have safe drinking water. The International Outreach Community Service program is designed to give members the opportunity to become better world citizens and make an impact through education, advocacy, and action to affect change for others throughout the world. Although in most cases GFWC members cannot be physically present to assist, there are countless ways to make a lasting difference in the world. GFWC partner agencies provide information and opportunities for members to contribute. Members can be assured donations made through our partner agencies are reaching those in greatest need. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency. And, again, let me know how this goes.

I am waiting for some interesting reports. And since this is a new year, let's start working on those reports anticipated for NEXT YEAR by planning one of these ideas now, and reporting next time.

*Loretta Gallagher  
International Outreach Chair*



## **Citizenship Essay Contest:**

Thank you to the clubs who are sponsoring students and have sent your student's essay to the Citizenship Essay Contest for judging. We had three students who wanted to enter, but they did not have a sponsoring club. Sponsors have been found for each of these three students. The winner's will be invited to read their winning essays at GFWC of Kansas State Convention. The students and the clubs will be both be notified ahead of time if they are a winner. Thank you to Andrea Mace for stepping in and taking charge of the judging of essays this year. I really appreciate her doing this in my place. See you at State Convention!

*Anita Pfister*  
*GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Chair*

## **CHANGES TO BY-LAWS**

### **FOR VOTE BY CONVENTION BODY**

#### **PLEASE BRING YOUR STATE DIRECTORY FOR THIS MEETING.**

FYIO- At the August 17-18, 2018 Board Meeting a vote took place to decommission the Scholarship Commission and have a Scholarship Committee. Its two co-chairmen would be appointed by the State President, the same as any Board position. This PASSED, per minutes of State Board.

2nd issue brought up, distribution of Scholarship Funds other than interest earned. Use of Named funds to give bigger Scholarships. NO ACTION TAKEN.

You will see change proposed in Standing Rules, to be voted on by the board. Page 47, #13-ADD from the Scholarship account, by the Scholarship Committee.

We have addressed concerns about what has taken place with dissolution of the Scholarship Commission with By-law changes. Each change

will be brought forward for vote by the Convention Body, after presented.

PAGE 52-Article 3-Dues and Finance-Section 5 Strike, or commission. Rational: will include the Committee as formed by co-chairmen.  
PAGE 55-E-Treasurer-7. DELETE. Rational: CONFLICTS with By-Law Article X, D-Page 57 4th Commission word down states: the commission will send the check with a letter to the school or schools chosen.

PAGE 56-Article VII Board of Directors-Section 1-Delete, the members of the Scholarship Commission. Rational: now covered by standing committees.

BACK TO PAGE 57 ARTICLE X, Established funds- B. DELETE, Commission, REPLACE with COMMITTEE, DELETE: elected- RATIONAL: appointed  
DELETE: by the board of directors for a two year term. RATIONAL: NO longer applies.  
B.-1-DELETE entirely. RATIONAL: this is now appointment by sitting State President.  
C. DELETE; Commission, Insert COMMITTEE, RATIONAL: conform to prior vote  
D.DELETE the 4 Commission words, insert COMMITTEE in their place. RATIONAL: conform to prior vote.

*Delva Powers, By-Laws & Resolutions Chair*  
*Lisa Stoller, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair*  
*Helen Umber, Scholarship Committee Co-chair*  
*Prudence Fager, Parliamentary Advisor*  
*Appointed to this committee by State President,*  
*Kathy Baker*



## Club Highlights

### GFWC Wamego Study Club 2018 Highlights

On January 21, 2019 GFWC Wamego Study Club (WSC) celebrated some of their accomplishments of 2018 with a meeting filled with friends, learning, raffles, and door prizes!

WSC invited members from the local GFWC Clubs -- Ad Astra and Portia (both of Wamego), Maple Hill Research Club, Alma Ladies Reading Circle, and Manhattan Flint Hills Women's Club -- to join us at our January meeting to kick off the 2019 Club year. It was a Kansas Day themed party with sunflowers on the tables with candles and greenery. The hostesses, **Mary Jean Peterson, LaVon Rosell, and Vesta Varga**, served delicious refreshments of brownies, cake, petite tartlets, and cookies with a beverage, mixed nuts and mints.



**Donna Goehring**, a member of the GFWC Ad Astra Club, presented a great tutorial on making T-Shirt quilts. All eyes were on Donna as she taught us how to turn our old T-shirts into a beautiful quilt. Mrs. Goehring gave many tips and helpful ideas, and displayed several kinds of finished quilts, as well as a lovely T-Shirt quilt, to pique our DIY dreams! *Study Club sends a heartfelt thank you to Donna Goehring!*



Study Club raffled off a beautiful quilt as a fundraiser to assist WSC in their work and community projects this year. The winner of the quilt was **Patty DeWeese** of Study Club! Mrs. Goehring also had two beautiful table runners as door prizes, and Study Club gave three "Mug Rug" sets in a drawing! A "Mug Rug" set is a handmade fabric coaster and matching cup.



Chairwoman and Vice President **Mary Jean Peterson** updated us on the Cookie Trays of Gratefulness. In 2018 WSC baked and delivered 217 dozen cookies to Community Helpers in Wamego. Each month different members bake and donate cookies to be delivered to the police and fire departments, EMT's, hospital, all four schools, nursing and assisted living facilities. A special thank you card is given along with the cookies to the group that is designated each month.

WSC members saved pull tabs all year long and submitted the tabs for Ronald McDonald House at this meeting. A total of 12



and one-half pounds of pull tabs will be taken to McDonald House Charities in Topeka! (If you are curious, that is approximately 15,837 pull tabs, and NO, we did not count them!)



Julia Pershall, Administrative and Outreach Director, Ronald McDonald House

President **Linda Krebs** was proud to report that Study Club REACHED THEIR GOAL IN TROOPONS in 2018! **A total value of coupons of \$50,259.00 was submitted to SupportOurTroops.Org during the year.** These coupons are distributed to base commissaries in the U.S. and overseas. Military families use them when they shop to help stretch their dollars!



Linda reminded WSC members to save the coupons, clip them out, turn in coupons to their club meetings each month, and to watch for an upcoming “Clip, Sip, & Dip” party to cut more coupons for 2019. She was glad to note that the TROOPONS basket had already collected a lot of new coupons this meeting!

A thank you is given to WSC member **Barbara Lippman** as our greeter and to member **Cindy Bailey** who worked at the raffle table. Study Club appreciates your help.

Thank you to the members of the other GFWC clubs that came to our meeting. We enjoyed your company and appreciate your support of our projects. It is always fun to join together with other GFWC groups!

*Linda Krebs, Wamego Study Club President*

## GFWC AD ASTRA

The Ad Astra GFWC Club of Wamego, KS enjoys supporting literacy through various projects. Most of our members are retired teachers or former librarians so this is a passion for them. Each year we co-sponsor a "Read across America" night for students at Central Elementary in Wamego, KS. Members will volunteer at various stations at this event to promote literacy. At this event, each child attending is given their own book to take home. The purchase of these books has been funded by Thrivent Financial Group through a grant written by our GFWC club. In addition, each club member donated one or more Dr. Seuss books for a total of over 50 books to be given to randomly selected students grades K-2. Students are very excited to receive their own copy of a Dr. Seuss title. Ad Astra members are pictured with the Scholastic book order of 200 paperback books.





*Joan Meyer  
GFWC Ad Astra Club.*

## **Waterville GFWC Shakespeare Club**

Our Shakespeare Club has reintroduced the Picture Lady program in the Valley Heights school system. The program started around 1986 here. We are happy to bring it back so the students can learn about art and the artists. The elementary grades are in Waterville, and there are two of each Kindergarten, First grade and Second grade. Our members are the Picture Ladies who come to class, usually once a month, and bring a picture or two of a well-known artist. They show the picture and tell about it and the artist. The pupils enjoy seeing the picture, learning about it and asking questions. We enjoy the interaction, and it has been satisfying to see the response of the children. It is a fun time for them and for us.

## **GFWC Shamrock Study Club**

The Shamrock Study Club is having trouble with this weather. LOL Anyone else with this issue? Our ladies are questionable attendees when the weather is like this. It is just not worth the risk for an evening outing sometimes. And we have had some members under the weather figuratively speaking. We are all praying for their speedy recovery.

But those that attend the meetings do enjoy the company and the shared wealth of ideas and input.

Our plans for the remainder of meetings till our last one in the spring are going to be very interesting. After our next meeting, which is our Anniversary Meeting, we will celebrate Women Veterans with a guest speaker who is retired from the Army. Then we will meet at our Detention Center Community Room to learn from Synergy Services, from their Youth Services Director. This meeting is open to the public, so if you are interested mark down May 6th at 7 pm on your calendar. She will tell of the home Synergy owns to help youth who need living facilities, for reasons beyond their control. We will collect items for her to take back with her to the house.

*Loretta Gallagher, President  
GFWC Shamrock Study Club*

Our 18 x 28 pictures are reproductions and the prints are mounted on cardboard and are housed in an alphabetically horizontal file which is in the Waterville library. The school district over the years has purchased these prints and added to the collection. There are about 175 pictures. The prints range anywhere from Thomas Hart Benton, Paul Gauguin, Winslow Homer, and Claude Monet to Pablo Picasso.

The Friends of the Waterville Library have been hosting the visitation of Mrs. Claus reading to the local children the past 12 years. The local children have enjoyed her visits to her cousin every year in Waterville and taking time to read Christmas stories to all the kids. She even has brought some of Santa's kittens for the children to play with and possibly adopt. "I think it's part of the tradition of Christmas, you know Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and you know for the children to enjoy the Christmas literature," said Mrs. Claus. She says it's a great way to get in the Christmas mood and encourage children to read. Members of Shakespeare Club always provide great snacks and a holiday craft for the children to make and take home. Mrs. Claus makes a visit to her cousin's, Mrs. Sharon Teagarden-King (who actually plays Mrs. Claus and the chairman for Friends of the Waterville Library all these years) for the day



because she says she needs to hurry back to the North Pole and get ready for Christmas.



The Shakespeare Club filled Christmas stockings for the local Veterans at our Senior Living residence. Items included were socks, Chap Stick, lotions, facial tissues, etc. We also made three additional smaller stockings for three of our Shakespeare members that also reside at the Senior Living Center. Members delivered during the second week of December.

A very interesting program was given at our December meeting about St. Lucia. We actually met on that day and one of our members did the history of St. Lucia for members.

On January 21, we held an open house at the Waterville Public Library to celebrate a Day of Service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Do you know what is in your library? The open house provided an opportunity for the community to learn what all the library has to offer. A Library Scavenger Hunt was devised for patrons to tour the library and receive points towards a free book and book marks. Items included, meeting the librarian, find the non-fiction section, locate the audio books, and apply for a library card to name a few Refreshments were provided and good old fashion fellowship enjoyed.

*Shirley Jensen  
Waterville Shakespeare Club*

## **GFWC Ladies Reading Club**

The weather outside was dreary, but the Ladies Reading Club House was full of warmth and friendship on 10 February 2019. This was the day of the third annual Card Party for Scholarship and those present enjoyed great friendships and food and all left the event with a Mug Rug and a prize. The Card Party is held to raise the \$500.00 needed for the Ladies Reading Club annual scholarship for a deserving High School Senior. Games played are Bridge, Maj Jong, Bunco and Phase 10. Since all the food and prizes are donated, the Ten Dollars each participant pays all goes to the scholarship. It has become a very popular event.



The regular scheduled meeting will be on Valentine's day and members will be bring Dr. Seuss books that will be donated to the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library for use at their March 2, 2019 celebration of the Cat in the Hat. Each book donated will have a book plate affixed on the inside cover showing the

book was donated by a GFWC member, the Ladies Reading Club.



*Charlotte Grelk  
Junction City Ladies Reading Club*

## **GFWC Maple Hill Research Club**

Maple Hill Elementary School K-4 received a donation of books from The Maple Hill Research Club. They were presented in memory of past member Shirley Oliver. She came from a long line of educators and this meant a lot to her. These donations have been a tradition of the club for a number of years. Those present were members Linda Raine, Louise Deiter, Debbie DeSelms, Pat Swiercindky, Roetzeta Keim and Mrs. Oliver's son Steve Oliver. He is principal at the Middle School & Junior High School in our school district Wabauensee USD #329.



*Linda Raine  
Maple Hill Research Club*





## **GFWC Goddard Woman's Club**

One of the “Seven Grand Initiatives” of GFWC’s International President, Mary Ellen Brock is to donate 1000 Dr. Seuss books. We as a club have taken this initiative to heart and have already completed one Dr. Seuss project. In December we donated a “Storybook/Grinch” themed decorated Christmas tree to our local assisted living center. They were having a fundraiser for Guadalupe Clinic who provide free medical care to any in need in the Wichita area. All the decorations on the tree were red, lime green and white and we incorporated stuffed Grinch toys with “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” books. The tree topper was the faithful Max from the story wearing his antlers. We also included 52 other books either on the tree or around the base of the tree. Each book had a sticker attached to the inside with our club information. The fundraising event raised close to \$5000 and our “Storybook/Grinch” themed tree received the highest bid.



The second Dr. Seuss project we are in the process of completing by the end of February. At our local library every Monday at 9am they have a Story Hour featuring either an author or book theme for children under the age of 5. On Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> we as a club will be conducting Story Hour and are so thrilled to include 3 books by Dr. Seuss. “The Foot Book”, “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish” and “Put me in the Zoo”. We will obviously be reading those books to our audience and

afterwards we will have a few creative stations for the children. They will be “Fishing” from laundry baskets [Boats] for different colored/sized fish, creating their own spotted leopard who wants to be in the Zoo, and following magical feet around the library. The take home gift for all children attending Story Hour will be a free Dr. Seuss book and a snack bag of fish [colored goldfish].



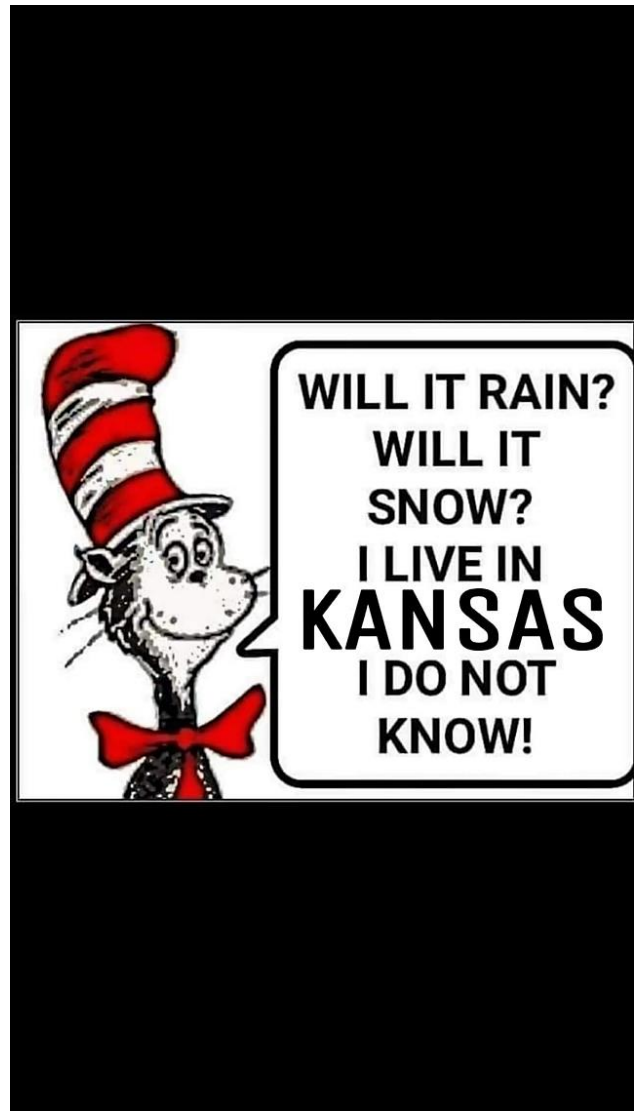


The third Dr. Seuss project is our 6<sup>th</sup> Summer tour as the Goddard Puppet Ladies with our mission of “Bringing Books to Life”. The book that we will be bringing to life is “Horton Hatches the Egg”. For those not familiar with the book we invite you to come and join us this summer and see what happens when gentle and kind Horton the Elephant agrees to sit on the nest and to care for the egg of fly away Mayzie.



*You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and read to a child. ~ Dr.  
Seuss*

*Janine Eilert  
Goddard Woman's Club President*



### State Convention – Don't Forget

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2. Purses, bags or totes for the live auction to benefit Music Scholarships.
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4. Items for "Kate's Country Store" and money to shop! Baked goods are allowed.

## News from Hestia

December was our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Our program was a skit, “Christmas Movie Trivia,” presented by members Laura Lauridsen and Cheryl McCrary. Club members formed four teams. Signature lines from Christmas movies were read, and the teams had to guess the name of the movie and the year the movie was produced. Our gift exchange followed, with members playing “Dirty Santa.”

The club made a monetary donation to “Pay Away the Layaway” – a 501(c) 3 Organization that visits cities all over the USA during “Back to School” and the “Holiday Season” to surprise families by paying off remaining balances on their layaway.

Our January program was a contest, with the theme – “Game Night – Memory Fun” presented by members Joyce Collins and Pam Gottstein. Club members divided into four groups and played “Memory” – (the matching card game), Bop-It, Farkel, and Left, Right Center. With group rotation everyone played each of the games. The object was to encourage stimulating memory games for health and personal well-being.

Our monthly donation were food items for the Baldwin City Food Pantry.

In February, our program was a book review of “Still Alice.” The novel was written by Lisa Genova, a neuroscientist who was inspired by her grandmother’s development of Alzheimer’s disease to write about the disease from a firsthand perspective. The novel was subsequently made into a movie. Laura Lauridsen presented a brief overview of the book with an interactive discussion with club members.

Members made monetary donations for the Baldwin School Lunch Fund for the benefit of students that do not qualify for federal and state subsidized meal allowances.

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



Annual Christmas party at the home of Carolyn Groves. Fifteen members were present for Hestia’s holiday celebration.

Back Row – Left to Right – Sheree Gill, Joyce Collins, Cheryl McCrary, Bootsie Lauridsen, Jeanne Scott, Susan Johnson, and Carolyn Groves.

From Row – Left to Right – Char Hannon, Laura Lauridsen, Anita Neuenswander, Loretta Robson, Marlene Courtney Linda Lees, Theresa Bateson, and Janet Crane.

## The Next Issue

News items for the June issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due May 20, 2019. Please feel free to forward your articles 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.

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Official Call to the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas  
May 3-4, 2019  
Courtyard by Marriott, Hotel and Convention Center  
310 Hammons Dr.  
Junction City, Kansas 66441

Article VI – Conventions

Section 2: Representation....The voting body shall be

- A. The President or her appointee and one delegate for each ten (10) members or major faction thereof for each club holding active membership.
- B. Members of the Board of Directors.
- C. Past State Presidents and General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas Director of Junior Clubs.

Section 3: The quorum for the annual convention shall be twenty-five (25) voting members.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, May 3

- 12:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Registration Begins (outside of Cottonwood A Ballroom)
- 1:00 p.m. Acceptance of Art – Cottonwood A Ballroom
- 1:45 p.m. Meet to travel to GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club Tea (hotel lobby)
- 2:00 p.m. Tea at Junction City Ladies Reading Club Clubhouse (224 N. Jefferson)
- 4:30 p.m. Judging of Art
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner – Cottonwood A Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting – Cottonwood A Ballroom
- 7:05 p.m. Jill Nelson with Delivering Change
- 8:00 p.m. Business Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. MVR Planning meeting (Cottonwood A Ballroom)

Saturday May 4

- 7:30 a.m. Rainbow Club Meeting (TBD)
- 7:30 a.m. Past District Presidents Meeting (Lobby area)
- 7:30 a.m. Registration (outside of Cottonwood A Ballroom)
- 9:00 a.m. Opening of Convention – Cottonwood A Ballroom
- 9:30 a.m. Business meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Message from GFWC MVR President Kathleen Flock
- 10:30 a.m. Colonel Gary LaGrange, S.A.V.E. Farm
- 11:30 a.m. Rosemary Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (location TBD)
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon.....Past State President's Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Live Auction – Baskets and Bags
- 2:00 p.m. Mamie Eisenhower as portrayed by Virleen Carlson
- 2:45 p.m. Chairmen Awards
- 3:15 p.m. Announcements, Prize winners
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Kathy Baker GFWC of Kansas President, Andrea Mace GFWC of Kansas Secretary

GFWC of Kansas 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Registration

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Accommodations: Rooms are available in double or single at the rate of \$89.00 per room. Reservations must be made by April 3<sup>rd</sup> per contract. The rooms are under the GFWC of Kansas block of rooms. Please mention the group for the reduced rate. The hotel number is 785-210-1500. The conference rooms are in the Convention Center on the north side of the complex. There is an enclosed walkway between the hotel and the convention center. Please indicate dietary needs on this form. Registration must be made by April 19.

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Mark ONE to indicate highest office currently held:

International \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

State Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member \_\_\_\_\_ Booster \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate:

Voting \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Voting \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees:**

Registration Fee: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner: \$22.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast On Own -----

Saturday lunch: \$16.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Tea (Friday 2-4) Included \_\_\_\_\_

(Please mark X if planning to attend the Tea)

Total Package: **\$54.00**

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: **GFWC of Kansas**

Send To: Linda Krebs

124 Riverview St

Wamego, KS 66547

lindafredkrebs@gmail.com

\*\*\*\*\*This Registration must be made by April 19, 2019\*\*\*\*\*

**Rosemary Hour:** Please send to Linda Raine, 1251 NW Carlson Road, Topeka, KS 66615

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Driving Directions: The hotel and Convention Center is conveniently located off I-70 at Exit 298. After exiting off I-70 turn north. At the roundabout take the street that goes west (East Chestnut). You can see a Wal-Mart on the south (left). Continue on Chestnut and turn left on Hammons Drive.

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\*\*\*Please meet in the lobby of the hotel at 1:45 on Friday to travel to GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club Clubhouse (224 N. Jefferson St.) for a Tea from 2:00-4:00.

"And What They Dare To Dream of, Dare to Do"

James Russell Lowell



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