



KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

From Kathy's Desk

Dear Kansas Clubwomen,



Kathy Baker
GFWC of Kansas President
2018-2020

As I write this we have just completed our GFWC of Kansas Board of Directors Meeting. If you weren't there with us, you missed some lively, at times insightful,

and at other times very entertaining discussions! We talked about many aspects of membership, heard about an amazing facility in Wichita which provides housing and services to homeless veterans, had two workshopsone on reporting and one on leadership, received some information from GFWC, and did a service project for veterans. One of my themes is stars and we had quite a dialogue on stars..... mostly as related to people. We talked about stars in many roles....some common characteristics were honesty, dependable, helpful, kind, loyal, and positive. I love our Kansas "stars"and yes, that would be YOU. Our "stars" shine brightly and really do "light up the sky"! Take time to encourage each other for that is one way to both give and receive strength.

There were so many things that went on at the GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas this year...it's just impossible to report on them all. There were tours, meetings, workshops and even service projects. One big thing to come out of the convention was a bylaw change approval which will give new names to the Community Service Projects (CSP's). Instead of Arts, Conservation, International, etc. the new categories will be Arts & Culture.....Civic Engagement & Outreach.....Education & Libraries.....Environment.....Health & Wellness. Every project that we have will be able to fit in to one of these categories. For example, in the past, Heifer was under International but now there will be no International. SO, if you do a project for Heifer about their biogas stoves that would go under Environment.....and if you do one with their milk project that would go under Health & Wellness. These changes won't become effective until the next administration (July 2020). That means reporting for this year will continue as it has.....and then we will stay tuned for updates on how reporting will work in the future. It may be a bit confusing in the beginning but we are intelligent women and we will figure it out! And GFWC wants to put more emphasis on the Domestic Violence and Advocates for Children programs. AND we won two awards! One for Heifer and one for HOBY! Thank you, Kansas clubwomen (and also Heifer Chairman Loretta Gallagher and HOBY Chairman Gail Jamison) for all of your

hard work! It was very exciting to see Kansas win some well-deserved awards!

Included in this edition of the Kansas Clubwoman is a survey for YOU.....we want to hear what YOU think! There are specific questions listed, but feel free to add other topics or comments that you feel are pertinent.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with You,

Kathy

President-Elect

GFWC of Kansas

President-Elect 8/19/2019

At the August 16-17, 2019 GFWC of Kansas Board Meeting, Clubwomen who were attending participated in a "Round Table" discussion on Club membership questions. Each group of 4 members was presented with a different question that they were asked to answer. The following four questions (I'll add 2 bonus questions at the end of this article) were worked on by dedicated, experienced Clubwomen and produced some extraordinary answers. Read on.....

Q. Group 1: "What is the importance of GFWC in your community?"

A1. GFWC is the seeds that make our community – we start the projects.

A2. GFWC is diversified and involved in many things.

A3. GFWC sees the needs in our communities.

A4. GFWC brings awareness of issues that need answers in our communities.

A5. GFWC is unique; our work is unique.

A6. Many members still support and volunteer "at the library"!

Q. Group 2: "What does your Club's membership offer to you and/or a new member?"

A1. Friendship and comradery.

A2. Meet new people/associate with a different group of people.

A3. You'll have a friend in every state!

A4. Access to a variety of topics and concerns through speakers at conventions, Board meetings and Club programs.

A5. Direct participation in service projects.

A6. Support of youth through HOBY, scholarships, etc.

Q. Group 3: "Does your Club have a membership chairperson and what do/should you expect that person to do to help with your membership? What supplies are made available to her to help her with her duties as chair?"

A1. We have a very small Club – each Club member is involved in our membership drive.

A2. Yes, we have a chairperson; we cannot find any new members in our small town – all GFWC information is available to our chairperson.

A3. We do not have a chairperson, but it is discussed at meetings to bring someone to Club – but no new women come.

A4. New members come and stay a few months or they decide they have not found what they expected.

A5. Sororities are competing for our members. Woman's Auxiliary does the same thing, they can't figure out that they can try us also. All organizations are suffering the same situation – no volunteers.

Q. Group 4. "Does your Club list your Club's accomplishments in your annual Club booklet or in a separate brochure? Do you keep a copy of that with you at all times (in your purse or on your smart phone)?"

A1. No, and no.

A2. Our Clubs do the following to list our accomplishments: newsletter monthly, end of year celebration, article is sent to our local newspaper, sometimes we do a radio spot, community showcase presentation, we try to write articles for the Kansas Clubwoman and we all submit our yearly Club reports.

A3. None of us carry an “elevator speech” in our purse, we keep it in our “heads”. One of us carries a Club brochure in her vehicle.

Questions for Group 5 and 6 were not presented because we didn’t have enough attendees (!) to use them; however, Group 4 answered the Group 5 questions that read: “What media coverage(s) does your Club have access to and what does your Club make use of?” Group 6 question read: “What do you think is the “optimum” membership number for your Club? What age group do you look for in recruits?”

The “takeaway” from this Round Table discussion for me is that our Club women are very conscious of the need for GFWC to be and work within their communities. Yes, all volunteer organizations are suffering with membership loss – but we all know that volunteers are what makes a community and keeps needed projects moving forward. I suggest that one of your Club members (an assigned task) use the computer to do a demographic study of your area (not just town but also county) to identify the population amount and the percentage of women vs men. You will be looking for women ages 18 to 110 (yes, 110!). Our rural Clubs are not the only ones affected by the inability to find “new (NOT necessarily younger) members”. Towns/cities as large as the one near me (Lawrence) has to compete with Church groups, retiree groups, sororities, university groups, etc. IN a comeback to the answer about new members attending but not staying long – well that might be a situation where someone should be assigned the role of “mentor” to the new member and show them the projects (maybe even a small one) that are being worked on and give them some duties! No one wants to join a volunteer organization and just sit. As to the question of carrying with you a list of your Club’s accomplishments – well, I use our list when I go “asking” for donation funds. They want to know what we have done in recent months! For larger Clubs,

having a membership chair – with supplies “at the ready” can be helpful if you have in mind someone you want to approach. It is also advisable to have an “optimum” number of members you would like to have in your Club – too few and you can’t accomplish much; too many and it can become unwieldy. Age is another point to keep in mind; too young and they may be a “flight risk”. I’m always on the lookout for 35 – 90 years old!

Ladies, I am encouraged by the answers given at the discussion – it proves to me that our Club women are working and thinking about how to improve not only their own communities but also how to find those volunteers who want to WORK! Keep me informed of your progress; let your Executive Committee help you if you want; don’t give up....your community would suffer greatly without your Club!

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

Vice President

Dear GFWC Kansas Clubwomen,

This time last year I was writing my first official article as vice-president. Thank you everyone that has reached out to me over the past year who have offered support and guidance.

I challenged all of you to become “Stars” in the 2018~2020 administration. Are some of you shining brightly? Or, is your brilliance a little tarnished due to club conflicts? I hope that all members of your club are treated with respect and kindness. Please try to find the common human heart in us all.

Thank you again to all the chairman who gave reports at the August Fall Board meeting in Wichita. For those who could not physically make the meeting and emailed me

their reports I sincerely thank you for your support.

We heard at the meeting the incredible numbers that we, GFWC Clubwomen, have achieved so far with the 7 Grand Initiatives. It is truly amazing what we have accomplished.

As we move towards reporting season, please remember to track your volunteer hours, monetary and in-kind donations. Reach out to your club president and strongly consider helping her with the reporting process. I believe this is something that everyone in your club needs to be responsible for, or at the very least contributing to in a meaningful way. Perhaps one club member tally's all the statistical information from your volunteer hour worksheets. Another club member could make a check list of all the projects that your club finished. It truly can be a group effort. If you attended the Fall Board meeting you probably heard my presentation on reporting. I will be emailing all club presidents the newly revised statistical collection forms for adding their 2019 data. I will also be sending them via snail mail probably towards the end of November/early December. Please, please I would love to see 30 club reports this year by the February 1st 2020 deadline.

You are all "Stars of GFWC of Kansas".

Janine Eilert
GFWC of Kansas Vice President

Secretary

By this time all clubs have reported their membership lists and officer changes to me. It is important for clubs to keep me updated on any membership changes during the club year. Dues and membership reports for GFWC International are due at the end of the calendar year.

It was great to see several of you at the extremely busy Board of Directors meeting

this past weekend. Kudos to Kathy Baker for such a productive meeting.

I hope each of you have a great 2019-2020 club year. Thanks to the clubs who have invited me to attend meetings. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Andrea Mace
State Secretary

TREASURER

I just got back from State Board Meeting in Wichita. I love State Convention because it is fun and we always have great speakers, but State Board Meeting is where you actually learn how GFWC is working and what we are doing. It's so informative, and I wish more club members, especially club presidents, would consider attending.

All of the donations that were made to various charitable organizations during the 2018-19 fiscal year have been distributed, as follows:

HOBY	199.00
Heifer International	340.78
Operation Smile	115.15
Shot at Life	17.00
GFWC 1724 Society	93.54
Total	\$765.47

In addition to the above-listed distributions, a total of \$432.50 was divided among three Veterans Administration Medical Centers in Kansas, with \$144.17 being distributed to each one.

GFWC of KS has been committed to collecting \$1,000 for the GFWC Capital Campaign Million Dollar Fund, which is one of GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's "7 Grand Initiatives." Since State Convention in early May, the balance in that fund has been very close to \$1,000.00. I am happy to report that an individual donation during State Board Meeting has "closed the gap," and Kansas can be counted among those that will be a part of the Million Dollar Club!

Carol Hanson
GFWC of KS Treasurer

GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports

GFWC of Kansas Library Report – August 2019

There's great news from our Kansas State Librarian, Eric Norris. New contracts have been signed and put into place for Kansas State databases found on the library website. These databases were put into place before the old ones expired! The new contracts are for five years (8-01-2019 to 7-31-2024) with an option to extend these contracts for an additional two years. The new contracts include:

1. Encyclopedia Britannica (the finest encyclopedia there is!)
2. EBSCO (Career and college training plus Read It which adapts materials to help children and adults who need the ability to listen to text)
3. ProQuest – includes Heritage Quest, Nursing and Allied Health, US Newstream, and Fold 3 – a resource for genealogists, historians, veterans and their families.
4. Info Base Learning – includes World Almanac, The Mailbox School and District, The Health Reference Center, Ferguson's Career Guidance Center, World News Digest, Bloom's Literature Issues and Controversies.

All resources not provided by Britannica, EBSCO or ProQuest will continue to be available as before including Gale, Mango (a language database) and Universal Class. Those databases were not part of the new contracting process that is now completed. The best news is that the Kansas State Library has budgeted funds (plus pledged contributions) ready and available to fully pay for these new contracts.

Susan Moyer (GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club and Head Librarian of the

Junction City library) will be taking over the library appointee position in time for the September 2019 library board meeting. I have had the opportunity to hear an article she wrote for President Kathy about Talking Books and she is a very capable writer! I look forward to reading her library articles!

*Jan Moore,
GFWC KS Library Board Appointee*

Libraries and Literacy

GFWC Questers of Hutchinson applied for and was awarded a GFWC Focus on Literacy Grant in the amount of \$150, funded by Proctor and Gamble. The grant was written to provide a book for each student in three kindergarten classrooms, to be placed on each child's desk as a welcome gift on the first day of school this year. The goals were to: 1) give the children something to focus on immediately and relieve fears on the first day of school, 2) encourage the love of books and develop the love of reading, 3) give students opportunity to develop book awareness: how to hold a book right side up, learn top to bottom and from to back, and learn progression of text, print awareness and page turning. By buying \$1 board books at dollar stores (suggested by a kindergarten teacher), Questers were able to supply books for 3 schools in Hutchinson, for a total of 7 classrooms.

Hutchinson Questers also participated in the annual kickoff carnival for the Hutchinson Public Library's summer reading program. Members volunteered at the event by working the concession stand and tattoo booth, and provided dozens of cookies. See if your library has an event your club can help with. Providing the treats can be a huge contribution for an event.

I'd like to recommend including a book study at one of your monthly meetings this year (and every year). Several clubs do this and it is popular with every member. All members can read the same book, all read on the same topic, or everyone can share a different book. Be creative! It is not only an excellent way to focus on literacy, it provides for a very informative and social meeting.

*Mary Shoemaker
Literacy and Libraries Chairman*

Veterans Report

We often see magazines such as Sports Illustrated; Better Homes and Gardens, or Readers Digest in waiting rooms at the hospital, doctor's or dentist's office. If you receive veteran magazines put out by the Disabled Veterans; Vietnam Veterans; American Legion, or VFW ask if you may donate them rather than just discarding them in the recycle. Once I took some to the local Thrift Store, where we have a box of free give away magazines. One of the women cleaned them out saying "What are all these men's magazines during in here." Many people do not realize the wealth of information included in these magazines. The July/August 2019 issue of *The Veteran* contained an article "Navigating the VA Widow's Benefits Maze: Get the facts and don't give up." No, they are not just men's magazines! The organizations who publish them also advocate for the rights of women veterans too.

According to an article from the July/August 2019 *DAV Magazine* under the section legislative spotlight, "Currently, there are eight DAV-supported bills that have been introduced in this Congress aiming to make improvements in health care and services for women veterans. "Among them is the Deborah Sampson Act that addresses gender disparities to improve and expand VA programs and services for women veterans. It includes counseling for vets separated from military service and accompanying family members in group retreat settings; extending from 7 to 14

days costs of newborns of women vets; and increasing levels of staff training for women's health providers to ensure improved privacy and safety for women vets. You can learn more online by following updates on this Act and other veterans' legislation by signing up on DAVCAN.org.

The month of September is suicide prevention month. Approximately 20 veterans take their life each day. Women veterans are 1.8 times as likely as civilian women to commit suicide. How can we help!?! The September 2019 American Legion Magazine gives the following advice:

- **Add the Veterans Crisis Line number to your phone contacts.** The crisis line connects veterans and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders. Call **1-800-273-8255** and press **1** for veterans, text **838255** or chat online at **VeteransCrisisLine.net** to receive confidential crisis intervention and support available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- **Make a pledge to Be There for Veterans today and every day.** Add the **#BeThere** campaign hashtag, logo and webpage to your email signature block.
- **Download the Suicide Prevention Month toolkit.** Visit **BeThereforVeterans.com** to download Suicide Prevention Month resources and share them throughout the month through your website, social media, email blasts, and employee newsletters.
- A simple action such as inviting to meet a veteran can help them feel less alone.

Women vets are one of the fastest growing populations, yet they are referred to as the "invisible veterans." At the Women's Memorial, stories of servicewoman are being collected. They can then be shared with visitors, students, researchers, and the public. Donations for this project can be given at <https://womensmemorial.networkforgood.com>.

*Margaret Thomas
GFWC Veterans Chairperson*

Home Life Department

Hopefully you have all included a Home Life project in your new club year. There is an unlimited number of projects that are needed in your community. Don't forget to have a service project on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January and be sure to report it.

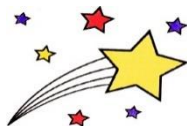
The Vial of Life project is one I hope every club can do in their community. It is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The kit contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment. Go to VialofLife.com to print off instructions on how to set up your kits. Be sure to contact your local EMS that you are doing this and they will be very helpful. Distribute kits in your community by setting up at health fairs and other public meetings.

Another easy project is to send greeting card fronts to St. Jude's Children Ranch to be recycled and then resold. Go to <https://stjudesranch.org/about-us/recycled-card-program>. Don't we all have cards we hate to throw away?

Many more ideas are online under Home Life, GFWC.org. Please be sure to report all you do. We need what, where, why, how and numbers.

Have a great club year and contact me with any questions.

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GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest

1. Clubs should announce the Citizenship Essay Scholarship contest at the beginning of the school year. The topic for the 2020 essay is: **"If you were elected President of the United States in 2020, what would be your three to five priorities and why?"**
2. Contest may not be used as a school assignment, nor have been previously graded by a teacher, but topic may be announced for an individual writing assignment.
3. Clubs are responsible for encouraging student entries, providing advice and information to the essay writer. Home schooled students must submit essays through a GFWC KS club.
4. The contest is open to all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Kansas who have not been state scholarship winners previously.
5. The essay contest theme will be announced by the GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Chairman.
6. The essay must be 500 words or less, typewritten and double spaced on 8.5 x 11 single sheets of paper.
7. Any GFWC of Kansas club may sponsor a student. Scholarships will be awarded to the college of choice to the top four state winners. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the sponsoring organization. Certificates shall be presented to all district winners. Local club deadline is January 10.
8. The first place essay from a local club must be sent to the state Citizenship Essay Chairman by February 1st. Each club may recognize its own method of determining the club winner and how the club will recognize the winner. All essays are to be judged.

9. The announcement of winners and awarding of scholarships will be made at State Convention.

10. A cover sheet must accompany the entry. If there is no cover sheet the essay will not be judged. The cover sheet must include student name, address and phone number, e-mail address, name of sponsoring club, grade in high school, name of high school, and city. **NO IDENTIFICATION SHOULD BE ON THE ESSAY.** Students are to retain a copy of their essay.

11. Clubwomen, parents, essay writers, and friends are encouraged to attend the State Convention.

12. Students should be aware that the Judges' main focus will be on the content of the essays, but that grammar and spelling will be taken into consideration in the overall score.

14. Send student essay to:
GFWC of KS Citizenship Essay Contest
C/o Anita Pfister
4400 Pagoda Street
Hutchinson, KS 67502

15. Refer to page 12 of the State Handbook for judging criteria.

Thank you for encouraging students to enter,

Anita Pfister
GFWC of KS Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman
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Creative Writing Contest

Now is the time to be thinking of entering the Creative Writing Contest. Remember this is for all school age children, home schooled ones included, as well as all club women. All entries are to be sent to me by March 1, 2020. There is a monetary award for each category of poetry and short story for youth and adults.

Be sure all the correct information is included in the upper right hand corner of each page. You should consult the handbook for further information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elizabeth Hemberger
Creative Writing Chairman
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International Outreach

Give a Woman the Chance at a New Beginning

Renew hope and start fresh for a family in need when you give a New Beginnings Basket.

Sheep provide valuable wool and are a vital source of income in impoverished communities. Wool can provide warmth in chilly temperatures and can be sold at market for additional income. Your gift of a new beginnings basket will ensure families have the proper training and resources to ensure hope and prosperity.

Heifer families pass on the gifts they receive, so your gift today starts a cycle that helps transform countless lives around the world.

This gift provides: nutrition, steady and dependable income, passing on the gift women's empowerment, education and training, self-reliance, school fees and supplies, clothing and blankets, warmth.

The ladies attending the Fall Board meeting this year on August 16 and 17 purchased two New Beginnings baskets. I encourage all clubs to consider purchasing baskets this year, but you should do it by the end of the year so that it can be counted in this year's reporting. More information can

be found at: www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/empowerment/new-beginnings-gift-basket-donation.html.



GFWC of Kansas has received an award at the GFWC International Convention two years in a row from Heifer International. Wouldn't it be wonderful to do it three times?

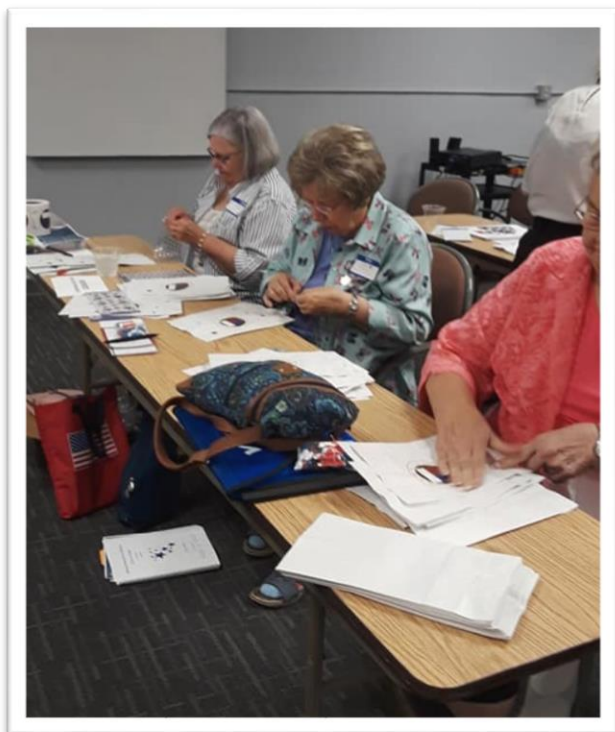
Loretta Gallagher
International Outreach Chair



GFWC of Kansas also received an award from HOBY at the International Convention in June.



From the Board of Directors meeting – August 16 and 17



The ladies attending the meeting had fun producing 500 lunch bags to be used for the MVR service project for homeless vets. And they did it in record time!

Club Highlights

GFWC Wamego Study Club Summer Reflections

Hot summer days, children riding bicycles and playing outside, birdsongs, picnics in the park, and Fourth of July fireworks! The sounds and sights of summer in Kansas! What a joy it is!

What does this have to do with GFWC and Wamego Study Club (WSC), you ask? Well, read on and let us tell you!

During the summer months we plan our upcoming Club year and design our Club Yearbook along with enjoying the summer hiatus, as most of our GFWC sister clubs do also!

President Linda Krebs would like to give a heart-felt thank you to the members of the Yearbook Committee – **Joyce Blanka, Terry Carlson, Madge McDonald, Mary Jean Peterson, Patricia Strohmeyer, and Vesta Varga.**



WSC's Yearbook Committee has worked hard this summer, meeting once a week for nine weeks to work and plan together. Yes, it does take a lot of work to put our 40-page yearbook together! But, what a good time we had this summer with seven hard-working members coming together to

work, enjoying our sisterhood and delicious desserts as a reward!



To culminate their summer work, Linda hosted a "thank-you luncheon" for the Yearbook Committee members at her house on July 31st. Hawaiian chicken salad sliders, fresh fruit, salads, and cherry cheesecake were served amidst a patriotic, beach theme. Each Committee member received a copy of the finished yearbook with their name on the front cover and a notepad as tokens of appreciation.



The Committee has planned an exciting year for WSC, starting with our annual breakfast at a surprise location on September 16th, with our Kansas Executive Committee as our guests! We are looking forward to that! Members, meet at the Methodist Church and we will lead the caravan to the secret location!

The 2019-2020 WSC year will offer trips, special speakers, a book review by an author, a patriotic flag folding demonstration for our November veteran's workshop,

Christmas party, the opportunity to help newborns, as well as our community members, and a get-together with local GFWC clubs! As they say, "Stay tuned for more details" in upcoming GFWC Newsletters this year!

From May through the end of July, Study Club has cut and submitted five shipments of manufacturer's coupons to the TROOPONS program for the use of our military families at bases in the U.S. and abroad. The five groups was a total of \$20,063.00 of value in coupons! **January through July of 2019 WSC has mailed over \$48,000.00 in coupons. Good job, Wamego Study Club members!**

Our Club also receives coupons already cut out from Linda Krebs' sister, **Connie Allnutt**, and we would like to give **Connie a BIG shout-out of gratitude** for her assistance! Connie lives in Missouri, so she cuts the coupons and then mails them to Linda! Wow, that is above and beyond the call of duty, Connie! Thank you!

On a very sad note, our club lost a beloved member in July. **Patsy Eckart** died at the age of 88 on July 18, 2019. Mrs. Eckart had been an active member of WSC since 2003, and she will be sorely missed by family, friends, and all that knew her. She was always ready to help with any task and was a great friend and club member.

We hope all GFWC clubs have had a restful and productive summer. Reflections during our summer break indicate our gratitude for our GFWC sisters and the joy from coming together as a club each month. We are looking forward to the 2019-2020 club year with anticipation and enthusiasm.

*Linda Krebs,
Wamego Study Club President*

GFWC Shamrock Study Club - Paola

I am still fairly new to the Shamrock Study Club and will now take on the role as President of the Club.

I have learned much about our Club listening to reports of our history and past community projects, fundraising and the like. Our Club has done and participated in some amazing things in the past and through our efforts our community is in a better place.

I have noticed that we have become a little stagnate in our fundraising. I believe that having a community project, charitable cause or other goal to work toward would raise our enthusiasm for fundraising.

I believe that for our group to grow and follow our purpose as a Club, we need to come to a consensus on a goal for the next year or so. Something that we can all be enthusiastic about achieving. I want to brainstorm at our first meeting and get the juices flowing thinking about what our future holds and what we can accomplish. We need to add another entry into our history book.

*Charlene Weiss
Shamrock Study Club*



GFWC Goddard Woman's Club

We are very excited to hear the incredible success of the 7 Grand Initiatives from GFWC International. As a club we are especially proud because we know we contributed to the success of at least two of the initiatives. Those were donating Dr. Seuss books and signing up new members to join the Legislative Action Center. This coming program year we have committed to also participating in the Soles4Souls grand initiative.

Two of the three new Brand Initiatives from GFWC International are also something we have committed to as a club in the remainder of 2019. Urging passage of Miranda's Law HR2793 and the ban on 3D printed gun downloadable software.

We have a lot we want to accomplish for the 2019~2020 program year and welcome any federated guests or clubs to join us at any of our upcoming meetings. October 15th we will be touring the Child Advocacy Center for Sedgwick County in Wichita. This facility is a multi-agency, multidisciplinary system to support and treat victims of abuse, neglect and trafficking. If you are interested in touring the facility with us please contact our club president directly.

Very recently two of our beloved members passed away. They were Roma Shults and Betty Simpkins. We have chosen books to add to our Goddard Public Library with a memorial book plate inside the cover. Roma was the first female bus driver in our school district so of course we had to have several variations of "Wheels on the Bus" to add to the children's section. Betty loved to travel and was originally from California before moving to Kansas. We chose several travel books for the young adult section. In addition, both Roma and Betty were strong

confident women so several adult books on visionary women were purchased.

Janine Eilert
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GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club

It seems like only yesterday that the Ladies Reading Club members were enjoying a potato bar luncheon and awarding this year's \$500.00 scholarship, but here we are preparing for the start of our new club year.

It has been a busy summer at the Club House cleaning gutters, enhancing the Monarch Way Station with new plants and a stone border, and manicuring the lawn. This year a bird feeder has been added to the landscape in hopes of luring the birds away from the caterpillars that have been seen in the garden. We received a generous donation in the spring for yard upkeep and development as well as raising \$350.00 at our "Yard Sale" in June so plans are in process for the next step in bringing our Monarch Way Station and yard up to date. My exercise this summer has been to pick up the sticks in the yard, and seems like there are always more to gather.

Members are looking forward to a trip to Waterville in September to visit with the GFWC Shakespeare Club for brunch and hopefully they will be able to join us the 26th of September for tea and some barbershop music.

*Charlotte Grell
Junction City Ladies Reading Club*



Busy ladies Betty Waters, Jolene Stackhouse and Ellen Westerhaus prepare the Club House for the upcoming Ladies Reading Club year.

SAVE THE DATE
GFWC of Kansas State
Convention
April 17 – 18, 2020
Junction City, KS



April 18, 2018

Delva Powers
GFWC Kansas Rainbow

Dear Ms. Powers,

On behalf of the membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, I extend our best wishes and congratulations to you upon the celebration of 50 years of service to your community and state as a member of a GFWC club. What a noteworthy milestone this is! It gives me great pleasure to recognize the commitment and dedication with which you have served in GFWC Kansas Rainbow for these many years. Both GFWC Kansas and the General Federation of Women's Clubs celebrate with you.

Please know that your devotion to volunteer community service with GFWC Kansas Rainbow is very much appreciated. You have spent these years contributing to GFWC's proud tradition of achievement, but more importantly, you have helped ensure the continuation of that legacy into the future.

Please accept our sincerest congratulations from all of us at the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We wish you many more happy years of continued membership!

Forever *Living the Volunteer Spirit* Through GFWC,

Sheila E. Shea
International President

It Only Takes a Few

*A group of ten cared about kids,
And had an idea that was very fine.
But one was asked to donate money,
And now there are only nine.*

*Nine caring people,
Thought helping kids would "be great!"
But one was asked to commit some spare
time,
And now there are only eight.*

*Eight thought that a new youth center,
Would be a special gift from heaven.
But one was asked to join a committee,
And now there are only seven.*

*Seven concerned about juvenile crime,
Wished it was something that they could
fix.
But one was asked to spend time with a
teen,
And now there are only six.*

*Six were thankful for the gifts,
They had acquired in their lives.
But when asked about planned giving,
The six soon became five.*

*Five were frustrated,
Wishing for just a few more.
But one became tired of people leaving,
And suddenly there are four.*

*Four people asking themselves,
Will the next one be me?
One asked the question too many times,
Now they are down to three.*

*With only three remaining,
And so much work to do,
One decides to just give up on kids,
And now there are only two.*

*But the two that remain are leaders,
And to help kids they will find some more.
They each call up their own best friend,
And suddenly there are four!*

*Four friends who share a common thought,
Helping kids is great!
They each recruit their own personal
banker,
And now their team is eight.*

*Soon these eight will recruit eight more,
And I think you will begin to see,
That the number of people helping kids,
Can start with you and me.*

*Now you can be like the eight who left,
Or be more like the final two.
But when you make your decision,
Just please remember...It only takes a few.*

*-Dave Krause
From "Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul"*



GFWC of Kansas Member Survey

Name _____

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Feel free to comment on other topics that you feel are pertinent. Please return by October 31 if possible.

What is the best way to communicate with our members? Snail mail? (Is expensive) Email? Facebook? An updated website? Kansas Clubwoman? Are these helpful?

What would make you more interested in attending State meetings?

How can we better serve our older and younger members at the same time?

How do you think GFWC of Kansas could be more effective?

Would you be interested in serving on the State level? In what capacity?

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3 Brand Initiatives –

From GFWC

Brand Initiative #1 – That 1,000 calls or emails will be made to US Representatives on September 23, 2019 urging passage of Miranda’s Law HR 2793.

Miranda Vargas was a beautiful 10 year old girl who wanted to be an engineer and build skyscrapers. But Miranda and her teacher were tragically killed during a field trip when the school bus driver attempted a U-turn across multiple lanes of traffic. The driver of the bus was found to have had more than 14 license suspensions at the time of the crash. With the passage of Miranda’s Law, when a school bus driver has any driving infraction beyond a parking ticket, an alert would be sent to school districts or school bus companies within 24 hours so they can take immediate action to keep unsafe drivers off the road.

Brand Initiative #2 – That 1,000 calls or emails will be made to US Senators and Representatives on October 23, 2019 urging passage of the 3D PRINTED GUN SAFETY ACT of 2019.

The bill prohibits the online publication of files or codes that are used to program a 3D printer to produce a firearm. 3D-printed guns allow dangerous individuals like felons and domestic abusers to evade the background check system completely and get their hands on a weapon. From a basement or living room, a person otherwise prohibited from owning a gun could easily make one the police couldn’t detect. Because the individuals who produce these guns are not licensed manufacturers, they are not subject to existing serialization requirements, which means the firearms do not have serial numbers and cannot be traced by law enforcement if they are used in a crime. Bullets for these guns can also be made in the same manner. The 3D Printed Gun Safety Act

would prohibit all companies and individuals from posting blueprints for 3D-printed firearms online.

Brand Initiative #3 – That 1,000 club/state projects will be in place to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women winning the right to vote, August 26, 2020.

The motion for women’s suffrage was first submitted to congress in 1878, but its ratification in 1920 was the culmination of 72 years of formal organizing and the work of thousands of dedicated activists committed to the rights of women. Through 2020, many groups will be doing much to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment to ensure that the story of the fight for suffrage is told. GFWC will be celebrating the centennial through June of 2020. So, be sure to send photos and/or stories about your celebration to GFWC. And you might get in News & Notes or on the GFWC Blog!

Please contact your Congressmen about these 2 bills. By acting on the recommended dates, we will flood Congress with the message that these bills are important! GFWC has a rich history of influencing legislation and public policy so let’s carry forward the tradition! As GFWC members, we are encouraged to sign our communication to public officials with red. (One call, email or letter represents 1,000 votes to a congressman.)

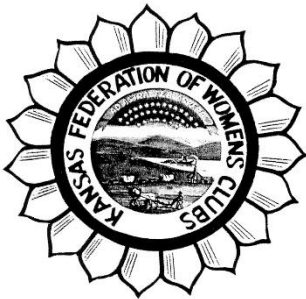
The Next Issue

News items for the December issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due November 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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"And What They Dare To Dream of, Dare to Do"

James Russell



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