July 17th, 2022

Dear Past State Presidents, Club Presidents, State Chairpersons & Appointees and Past Leads Delegates,

I sincerely hope that each of you has had a safe and healthy summer. As we start to gear up to the beginning of the new GFWC of Kansas administration there are many things I would like to communicate with you and your fellow clubwomen.

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Attached is the information and registration paperwork for the first Board of Directors (BOD) meeting for my administration. Please share the information with your clubwomen. The dates for the meeting are Thursday August 25th and Friday August 26th in Manhattan, KS. Reserving a hotel room has a deadline of August 8th and the registration form is due to the state registrar by August 18th. Please read the attached paperwork carefully. I would love to have as many clubwomen attend in person as possible. Please note there is a virtual option for attendance on Friday August 28th. A registration form will still need to be completed and submitted if you decide on the virtual option.

The Area of Emphasis for my administration is Food Insecurity. I am going to challenge GFWC of Kansas clubs to collect and donate 999 items to blessing boxes, food pantries and/or food banks for the 2022-2023 club year. Please remember to record the number of items your club has donated and communicate that with me frequently. We will have a “running total” article in the Kansas Clubwoman Newsletter so clubwomen can see the progress.

My President’s Project is to support the youth diabetes camps in the state of Kansas. Camp Live Well (kindergarten-2nd grade) and Camp Discovery (3rd grade-10th grade) are the two camps for students in Kansas. Each is run by different agencies, but both require a financial commitment by families for their child to attend. I am asking for monetary contributions from clubwomen to be able to offer a financial scholarship for a student to attend a camp. Costs to attend those camps range from $150~$450 per person. Come to the state convention April 21st and 22nd 2023 in Wichita and listen to guest speakers talk about those camps.

Please reach out to me with your questions and/or concerns. I want to get to know the clubwomen in this beautiful state and I will gladly travel to your club meetings. I hope to see each of you at the BOD meeting August 25th and 26th.

 *GFWC: Make the Whirl Go ‘Round*

 Janine Eilert, President of GFWC of Kansas