



## KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

### *From Kathy's Desk*

Dear Kansas Clubwomen,



**Kathy Baker**  
GFWC of Kansas President  
2018-2020

Well, it seems like not long ago that I wrote my first article to you and here it is the last one. This has been an amazing 2

years.....I've made the acquaintance of many of you for the first time, with others of you I have deepened our friendships and with still others I have been able to know and work with you on an entirely new level! I can definitely say that you ALL are amazing! You are "stars" that shine brightly!

I want to thank all of you for embracing our Special State Projects: Military/Veteran support and Heifer International. There has been tremendous support of these 2 projects! Last year out of the 27 clubs who reported, 22 of them noted at least one activity of military/veteran support.....and many clubs had more than one!

Many of you participated in GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's Grand Initiatives and Brand Initiatives. Some of these would make excellent ongoing projects.

COVID-19 has certainly given us the experience of a lifetime, hasn't it? It was sad to have club meetings cancelled as well as our State Convention and GFWC Convention. I hope that in some of your down time you will give some thought to ways that you and your club can "Press On" .....either with a new approach, a new project or some new members!

As this administration ends and another one begins, I want to promise the incoming leadership my strong support and commitment. They are an outstanding group of women and will do a great job of leading us into the future.

It has been an honor to serve as your President for these past 2 years. Thank you for your friendship and support. GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen truly are the absolute BEST!

.....*SHINE ON*.....

*Kathy*

*"We are all of us stars,  
and we deserve to twinkle."*

*-Marilyn Monroe*

## ***President-Elect***

### ***Membership Report 2020***

As of December 31, 2019, GFWC of Kansas had 30 active Clubs throughout the State and 442 members.

During 2019, we added 21 new members. We did not add any new Clubs in 2019. The Mae Wenger Membership Award for 2019 is awarded to the GFWC Brewster Beta Club. They added 3 new members for a 27% increase in membership putting their total Club membership at eleven. The GFWC Goddard Women's Club also added 3 new members for a 15% increase in 2019 (23 members); and GFWC Sedgwick Amicitie added 2 new members for a 14% increase (14 members).

We are very proud of all GFWC Clubs in Kansas who maintained their existing membership numbers and a big hooray to those who added new members!

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

## ***Vice President***

As my tenure as Vice President comes to an end I have to reflect on key aspects over the past 2 years.

Reporting: I feel like a broken record on repeat here. It is the personal responsibility of each GFWC of Kansas Clubwoman to keep track of their volunteer hours, dollars donated and in-kind donations with regards to their club projects. If we all do this as we work on those many awesome projects it will make life much easier for your club officers when it comes time for them to collect your numbers to report to the state. *"Amazing things happen when women help other women"* ~ Kasia Gospos. My wish for the incoming Vice President, Margaret Thomas, is

that all clubs (100%) turn in their club activity reports on-time before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Meetings: Attendance seems to have been decreasing over the past few years. It is so especially important that at least 1 representative (bring another club member for more fun) from each club attend the Fall Board meeting and State Convention each administration. Please note you should attend both Friday afternoon/evening as well as all day Saturday. So many times, people do not attend both Friday and Saturday sessions or leave early and wonder why they missed out on information. My wish for 2020/2021 is that you make attending the Fall Board meeting and State Convention a personal priority.

Due to the fact that we had to cancel the State Convention (April 2020) the 2019 state report books which you would have received at the registration table have been mailed directly to club presidents, state chairman and appointees. (2018~2020). Ask them to share their copies with you so you can read all the absolutely fabulous projects that clubs in GFWC of Kansas accomplished in 2019. I asked state chairman to write a brief review of key club projects for this issue of Kansas Clubwoman News since we did not get to hear about the projects at State convention. Please Enjoy.

As we move to another leadership administration, with that always comes change. One international change that I wanted to highlight was that there has been a cosmetic name change. What we use to call "Partners" that GFWC had a formal relationship with will now be called "Affiliates". For example the following will now be known as GFWC Affiliate Organizations; "Prevent Child Abuse America", "March of Dimes", "St. Jude", "HOBY", "Canine Companions" "Operation Smile", "Heifer International", "Shot@Life", "UNICEF", "Flower Power" and "Terri Lynn".

Please reach out to any of the Executive Committee when you have questions and or comments. *"We cannot change what we are*

*not aware of, and once we are aware, we cannot help but change” ~ Sheryl Sandberg.*

*Janine Eilert*

*GFWC of Kansas Vice-President*

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## ***Secretary***

A big thank you to each of you for allowing me to serve as your state secretary for the past two years. I am going to miss working with the Executive Committee as I have come to love and respect each of them.

Under such difficult and unique circumstances, transition to the new team required hours of hard work and creative planning by Kathy, Jan and Janine. I salute them. They did an exceptional job. I am delighted to pass my responsibilities to a lady as capable as Linda Krebs. Hopefully she and I can meet in person soon so she will have all of the paper records in her possession.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving with such a great group of women.

*Be well, stay safe.*

*Over and out,*

*Andrea*

## ***Treasurer***

In the June issue of *Kansas Clubwoman News*, a lot of people usually write articles about the GFWC of Kansas Convention that we just attended. Unfortunately, that is not the case this year. I really missed that annual gathering, and I hope we ALL can attend the State Board Meeting in Hutchinson in August.

The month of April starts a new fiscal year for GFWC of KS. Fiscal year 2019-2020 began on April 1, 2019, with a total cash balance of \$46,511.56, and ended on March 31, 2020, with an unaudited balance of \$41,908.72. Our annual expenses continue to exceed the income received. The Executive Committee is diligently studying ways to cut

expenses, and looking for ideas to increase income, but the current economic crisis is making that difficult. That issue was made apparent today when I renewed a certificate of deposit that had matured. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, interest rates have fallen drastically. The \$25,000 C. D. that had been paying interest at a rate of 2.40% for the past two years will now be paying 0.80% for the next two years. That calculates as a net loss of \$400.00 in annual interest received!

Stay well, everyone, and have a great summer, even if we have to add face masks to our summer wardrobe!

*Carol Hanson*

*GFWC of KS Treasurer*

## **GFWC of Kansas Officers 2020 – 2022**

President: Jan Moore

President Elect: Janine Eilert

Vice President: Margaret Thomas

Secretary: Linda Krebs

Treasurer: Carol Hanson

## **GFWC of Kansas President’s Focus for 2020- 2022 Administration**

Our Kansas Clubs will be starting their work on their Club’s year books. Since we were unable to have our State Convention in April where you would all have heard what my upcoming administration’s focus would be, I am offering you that information here (some dates and places in 2022 are listed TBA – we are watching the COVID19 carefully to identify what locations will be available for those dates).

**Theme:** “Save Our Planet, One Community at a Time”

**Colors:** Green, blue, yellow

**Flower(s):** All of them!

**Symbol:** Our Earth

**GFWC State Focus Projects:** 1. Ronald McDonald Houses, 2. Operation Smile, 3. Heifer International, 4. Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF)

**Save these dates:**

August 14 & 15, 2020 GFWC of KS Board Meeting – Hutchinson

September 17-20, 2020 Mississippi Valley Reg. Conf. - Mitchell, South Dakota

May 7 & 8, 2021 GFWC of KS State

Convention – Junction City

June 26-28 2021 GFWC International Convention – Toronto, Canada

August 13 & 14, 2021 GFWC of KS Board Meeting – TBA

September 23-26 2021 Mississippi Valley Reg. Conf. – Minnesota

April 22 & 23 2022 GFWC of KS State Convention – TBA

June 25-28 2022 GFWC International Convention – New Orleans, LA

All Club members are encouraged to attend Kansas Board Meetings, State Conventions, Mississippi Valley conferences and International conventions!

*Jan Moore,*

*GFWC of Kansas President 2020 – 2022*

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## ***GFWC of Kansas***

### ***Community Service Programs 2020 – 2022***

The following are the newly designated International CSP's (Community Service Programs) for 2020 – 2022. We will begin using these new CSP designations for reporting purposes beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to report on in 2021. Kansas will have new State report

forms available soon. International is in the process of revising their forms as well.

Our Kansas State "Departments" are listed within the appropriate International CSP categories. Keep this in mind: your Club's projects may be possible to be entered in a number of places using the new CSP's. As we get new information, we will send it out to you and your Clubs.

Here are the new Community Service Programs and our Kansas Departments:

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

Arts & Creative Crafts

Music and Music Coordinator

Writing, Short Story, Poetry

Citizenship Essay

#### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

HOBY

Program Coordinator

Military/Veterans

Fund Raising/Country Store

Community Improvement Project/Publicity Books

Kansas Clubwoman Editor

GFWC of Kansas Website/Facebook

Leadership

Legislation/Public Policy

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Conservation and All Environmental Programs

#### **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

Education

Literacy & Libraries

GFWC of Kansas State Library Board Appointee

Women's History & Resource Center (WHRC)

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron – Zeta Chapter)

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Home Life

Safety & Public Issues

Domestic Violence – GFWC Signature Project

#### **OTHER APPOINTMENTS:**

Membership

Reporting

By Laws & Resolutions

Scholarship Committee appointees

Advisor to the GFWC of Kansas President

State Meeting Coordinator

LEADS candidate

Jennie Awards

As you can see, the “International” category has been eliminated. Any project your Club does that would normally have gone under that category must now be evaluated to see where your project “fits” in the new CSP categories. As we get further information, we will share that with you.

## ***GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports***

### ***Libraries and Literacy***

Our Kansas Clubwomen are working so hard in their communities supporting their local libraries and literacy! There are so many worthy projects, it is hard to pick just a few. Highlighted here are just the projects that were reported in 2019 that supported International President Mary Ellen Brock’s Grand Initiative—to celebrate Dr. Seuss Birthday by participating in Read Across America Week. This One, of her Seven Grand Initiatives challenged clubs to donate Dr. Seuss books and encourage reading. Here are amazing things done by our clubs!

A special guest, The Cat in the Hat, visited a GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club meeting to guard the 25 Dr. Seuss book brought to the meeting by members. The club then donated the books to their local library. GFWC Wamego Ad Astra Club received a \$200 GFWC literacy grant and purchased 38 Dr. Seuss books. Members labeled and distributed the books and assisted with activities at Read Across America Day where over 200 books were distributed.

GFWC Towanda Nokomis Club donated \$25 and one Dr. Seuss book to Towanda library. Members supplied books that GFWC Wichita Women’s Club donated.

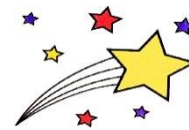
GFWC Goddard Women’s Club had a Dr. Seuss theme for story time at the local library which included crafts, activities, snacks and each student attending received a Dr. Seuss book to take home.

GFWC Hutchinson Questers members dressed in a Cat in the Hat costume and read Dr. Seuss books at 5 preschool sessions (total audience of 129) across town and donated 2 books and Dr. Seuss themed flash cards.

Thank you Kansas Clubwomen for supporting this Grand Initiative! You truly realize Dr. Seuss’ wisdom, “The more that you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”

*Mary Shoemaker*

*Literacy and Libraries Chairman*



### ***Conservation***

Ladies, I am sure we all are doing everything we can to be safe in this COVID-19 world. I am sure many of you have made masks to wear and many of you may be wearing gloves. I want to share some things from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control regarding gloves. Did you know that there is a right way to remove them to protect yourself and your home from contamination?

Here are the steps for the correct glove removal:

1. Grasp the outside of one of the gloves at the wrist. Do not touch with your bare skin.
2. Peel glove away from your body, peeling it inside out.
3. Hold the glove you’ve just removed in your gloved hand.
4. Peel off the second glove by sliding your “glove free” fingers inside the glove at the wrist.

5. Turn the second glove inside out while pulling it away from your body, leaving the first glove inside the second.
6. Dispose of the gloves safely. If you have worn them out to a store it is best to keep a small plastic bag in your vehicle to place the gloves into. Use hand sanitizer or wipes after removal to clean hands. If you are at home they can be put into the trash. Be sure to Wash hands if at home.

Please do NOT throw them down on the ground or leave in carts!

Gloves are NOT to be used time and time again. In fact, the CDC suggest that our best defense to fighting the Coronavirus or ANY virus is good old hand washing!

Hopefully you know that our hands need to be washed with Running water and soap for a minimum of 20 seconds. Lather hands with soap by rubbing the palms together to start. Then lather the back of hands, in between your fingers and under your nails. I have found that by singing either the ABC's or the song Happy Birthday I will have washed them for more than that. Be sure to rinse and dry those hands well. We need to keep recycling but Gloves are NOT one of those things!! Thank you ladies and hang in there.

*Juanita Rothaus  
GFWC Kansas Conservation Chair*

## **ESO**

Thank you to all Clubs for your reports. Many books were donated to local libraries. I suggest that scholarships be given to students who will be attending Vo-Tech. Awards will be given at the board meeting. Start planning for a special education project. Keep up the good reporting.

*Diane Hornbostel  
ESO Chairman*

## ***International Outreach - Heifer***

At State Board Meeting clubs were asked to put Heifer International on their calendars and in their program books, and report back to me. Almost all clubs did report something they did. But these four clubs were outstanding.

GFWC Goddard Women's Club in Goddard, KS. Donated \$25 to Heifer International and ONE member donated \$250 to Heifer International and purchased honey bees and a sheep. And two members donated \$40 to Heifer International during the State Board Meeting. \$315 - 22 MEMBERS

GFWC Questers in Hutchinson, KS. passed around a "honey pot" for collection each month. All members generously participated. Three gifts of honey bees were purchased by the club through Heifer International. \$90.30 - 13 MEMBERS

The Junction City Reading Club has a milk bottle in a prominent place during meetings so they could make a \$25 donation to Heifer International. \$25 - 51 MEMBERS

GFWC Gardner Athena collected spare change during meetings and purchased one pig and one sheep for Heifer International, at \$120 each. \$240 - 14 MEMBERS

And statewide, we collected almost \$1000. So I am very happy with the results of the last 2 years from you wonderful women as I leave this Chairmanship. I hope you continue to help your chairmen as you have helped me. To win awards at state for both years made me very proud of you all. And who knows, maybe we won again. Without convention who knows...

*Loretta Gallagher  
International Outreach Chair*

*"Don't let the insecurities of others dull your sparkle. Shine like the star you were born to be." Karen Civil*

## ***Summary of Club Activities in Leadership for 2019***

I received 10 club reports with great Leadership projects! It was difficult to narrow it down to only five to tell you about. **GARDNER ATHENA CLUB**- One member is State President; she planned and hosted the Kansas State Convention, assisted with planning and hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional (MVR) Convention, attended the GFWC Convention, traveled and visited club meetings/events in the state with state officers/chairmen.

**GODDARD WOMEN'S CLUB**- Members are involved in the local school district: PTO, volunteering within the schools, elected school board positions, serving on the Goddard Education Foundation, and two members served as committee co-chairs for the Foundation fundraising.

**HUTCHINSON QUESTERS**- Members served in leadership positions at club and state levels of GFWC: Jennie Awards Chair for Kansas; Literacy & Libraries Kansas Chairperson; Kansas Citizenship Essay Contest Chair; and members attended State Convention and MVR Conference.

**MAPLE HILL RESEARCH CLUB**- President and members planned and compiled the program for the year. Five members (out of a total membership of 8) attended State meetings and the State Convention.

### **AD ASTRA - WINNER - CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD for LEADERSHIP**

President Joanie Doperalski and Club officers hosted their 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 14, 2019, inviting clubs from Junction City, Manhattan, Wamego, and Washington, Kansas. Debbie Tegethoff, Lead Guide Dog Instructor from the Kansas Service Dog Service (KSDS), was the guest speaker with her dog in training, Bogy! KSDS provides guide dogs for the visually impaired, dogs to assist individuals with physical disabilities, and facility dogs. Ad Astra gave

donations to KSDS that will be used at their facility. AD ASTRA recognized charter members **Rose Ditto, Joan Meyer, and Joanie Doperalski**, and Club Advisor and charter member, **Prudence Fager**. A delicious cake decorated with asters, blue and silver, the club flower and colors, was served. Tables were decorated with blue aster centerpieces that were given away as door prizes. A colorful scrapbook showing their club history was displayed.

*Linda Krebs,  
State Leadership Appointee*

## ***Home Life***

I received 20 wonderful reports. It was hard to judge so I had an independent person judge.

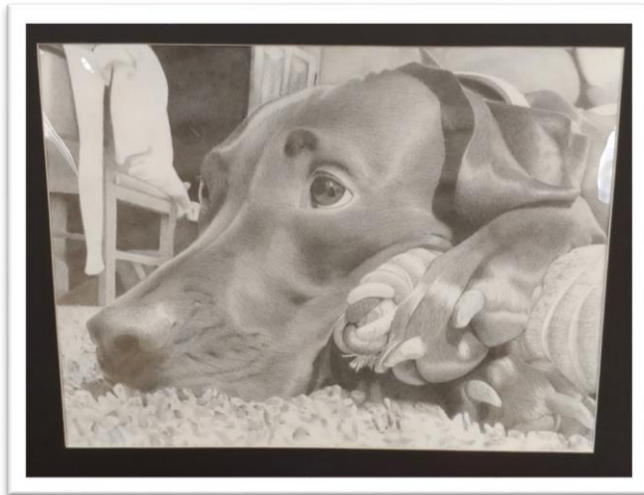
Creativity award was sent in by Wamego Club. Their new project "Penny Pockets" is very worthwhile. Each month money (change) is collected from each member and given to a different charity or organization. It may not be a large donation, but it is from the heart and it will lend a helping hand.

State Awards were given to Maple Hill for making boxes of Christmas cookies, Modern Pioneers of Washington for making ditty bags for children in the local hospital, Lawrence Classics support the O'Connell Youth Ranch, Wichita Women's Club purchased pajamas for a residential campus for girls, Hestia Study Club had a program on memory care, Flint Hills Club chose Families in Transition as a program, Gradatim Club donated clothing, school supplies and blankets to SW Kansas Child Advocacy, Goddard Woman's Club gathered needed items for 2 elderly ladies at an assisted living center and Questers MLK Day of Service was helping the NOEL Homeless Shelter. Thanks for all the wonderful reports.

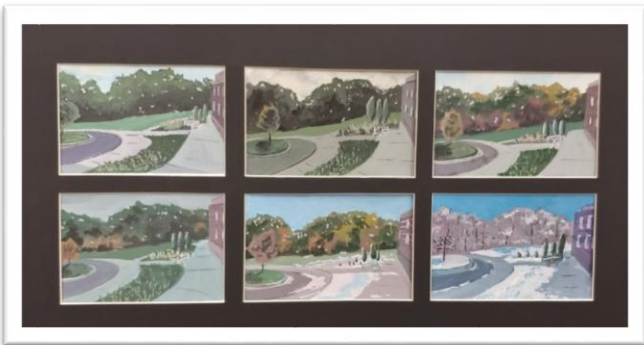
*Susan Graham  
Home Life Chairman*

## Arts and Creative Crafts

A highlight of our State Convention every year is our Arts display. The students always do such amazing work. I'm sure that this year would have been no different. The Gardner Athena Club was able to hold their local competition before everything closed. I thought I would share a few pieces from that show. This certainly doesn't take the place of our usual display, but I hope you enjoy them.



"Man's Best Friend", pencil drawing by Isabel Godsil. Best of Show winner.



"Seasons", gouache painting by Bethany Stewart. Blue ribbon winner.



"The Shepherd", weaving, by Rachel Stuart. Blue ribbon winner.

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## Creative Writing

There were 23 entries in the Creative Writing Contest. Youth had 6 poem entries and 11 short story entries. The club women had 2 who entered a poem and a short story each, 1 who entered a poem, and 1 who entered a short story.

### POETRY

#### Category 1

- 1st "Logos" Anton Schrader, Alma  
Alma Ladies Reading Circle  
2nd "I Used to Go There" Taryne Thowe,  
Alma Alma Ladies Reading Circle  
3rd "The Cat" Sophia Good, Alma  
Alma Ladies Reading Circle

#### Category 2

- 1st "The Little Tree" Brylie Thompson,  
Derby GFWC Hutchinson Questers  
2nd "Sand Boa" Emmy Reed, Lecompton  
GFWC Hutchinson Questers



*Category 3*

No Entries

*Category 4*

No Entries

*Club Women*

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Sunset" Loretta Gallagher, Paola  
GFWC Shamrock Study Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "Longing for a Country Road" Juanita  
Rothaus, Gardner GFWC Athena Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "Promised Hope" Anita Pfister,  
Hutchinson GFWC Hutchinson  
Questers

SHORT STORY

*Category 1*

- 1<sup>st</sup> "The Three Bears" Molly Larsen,  
Gardner GFWC Hutchinson Questers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "Prank" Gwynneth Reed , Lecompton  
GFWC Hutchinson Questers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "The Last Map" Kerrigan Thompson,  
Derby GFWC Hutchinson Questers

*Category 2*

- 1<sup>st</sup> "A Strange Day in July" Emmy Reed,  
Lecompton, GFWC Hutchinson  
Questers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "The Three Magic Kittens" Jovie Coon,  
Alma Alma Ladies Reading Circle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "The Case of the Changed Names" Hannah  
Ringel,Alma Alma Ladies Reading  
Circle

*Category 3*

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Busted" Harmony Parkhurst,  
Hutchinson GFWC Hutchinson Questers

*Category 4*

No Entries

CLUB WOMEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Love, Surrounded by Snow" Helen  
Carter, Paola GFWC Shamrock Study  
Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "Bing-ding-a-ling" Loretta Gallagher,  
Paola GFWC Shamrock Study Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "Summer Day Egg-citement" Juanita  
Rothaus, Gardner GFWC Athena Club

Also entries were from Dexter Geiken, Sterling Bonnema, Alex Glotzbach, Nicki McClusky, and Eli Wertzberger. Alma Ladies Reading Circle promote this by giving \$67 in prize money and publishing the entries and pictures of the award winners in the local newspaper.

*Elizabeth Hemberger*  
*State Creative Writing Contest*  
*Chairman*

***Music Contest Results***

Here are the 2020 Music Scholarship winners. The talent these young musicians have is amazing. I wish every GFWC club member could hear them. A big thank you to parents and music instructors who help and guide them.

*Boy's Voice*

Nathan Buckland, \$500, Senior, sponsored by the Ladies Reading Club – Junction City

*Girl's Voice*

Payton Tabb, \$350, Senior, sponsored by the Ladies Reading Club - Junction City

*Woodwind*

Amanda Merrill, \$300, Senior, sponsored by the Shakespeare Club – Waterville

*Strings*

Grace Hart, \$500, Senior, sponsored by the Flint Hills Club of Manhattan

*Piano*

Oscar Greene, \$350, Senior, sponsored by the Ladies Reading Club – Junction City

*Florence Whitebread*  
*Chair, GFWC State Music Auditions*

## ***Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest – 2019-2020***

The topic for the GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Contest for 2019-2020 was “If I were elected President of the United States of America in 2020, what would be my three to five priorities and why?” The winners were to be announced at the GFWC of Kansas State Convention at Junction City at the Marriott Hotel on April 18, 2020. However, because of Governor Laura Kelley’s “Stay at Home” order to combat the spread of Covid-19, our convention was canceled.

High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors were eligible to enter. Winners in the 2019-2020 Citizenship Essay Contest, the scholarship awards monetary amounts, and the sponsoring clubs are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup>** - \$500 Paige Albert, Senior, Goddard High School, Goddard, KS, sponsored by GFWC Goddard Woman’s Club;

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - \$400 Darren Flax, Sophomore, Western Plains High School, Ransom, KS, sponsored by GFWC Ness County Gradatim Club;

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – \$300 Payton Tabb, Senior, Junction City Senior High School, Junction City, KS, sponsored by GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club;

**4<sup>th</sup> (tie)** - \$200 Emily M. Chester, Junior, Free State High School, Lawrence, KS., sponsored by GFWC Classics of Lawrence, and **4<sup>th</sup> (tie)** - \$200 Zachery Bryan, Junior, Hutchinson High School, Hutchinson, KS, sponsored by GFWC Questers of Hutchinson.

Congratulations to these winning students! We wish you the best for your future endeavors! Winning students have three years after high school graduation to claim the scholarship.

This chairman asks clubs to encourage youth in your communities to write a Citizenship Essay for the coming club year’s contest. The topic will be announced at the

GFWC of Kansas Board of Directors Meeting, August 14-15, in Hutchinson, KS, and in the Kansas Clubwoman News. The essay guidelines are published in the GFWC of Kansas State Handbook. All information in #10 **must** be listed on the cover page. Local club deadline is January 15, 2021. The first-place essay from a club must be sent to the State Citizenship Essay Chair by February 1, 2021. All GFWC of Kansas clubs are encouraged to send a donation to help finance the Citizenship Essay fund.

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## ***Women’s History Resource Center***

As State Chair, at State Convention and newsletter articles I have emphasized the importance of clubs recording and preserving their clubs’ activities. I have highlighted below two of the five GFWC of Kansas clubs who submitted WHRC reports for 2019.

GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club: With a history that dates back to 1875, our club is the oldest Federated Club in Kansas. It is the only club with a Private Club House that was donated to the organization and used exclusively for their purpose. We continue to maintain and improve the building and preserve the memories that we are creating. We have an impressive collection of scrapbooks highlighting our history. We have a monthly newsletter that continues to keep present members current with the month to month activities and share joys and sometimes problems.

To celebrate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, at each meeting we are reviewing a book about various women who fought so hard for our right to vote. We have a poster in the House to remind us not to take

this right for granted and exercise our vote at every election. Members of our organization work at the voting locations as well as counting ballots.

GFWC Questers, Hutchinson: 1) Subscribe to the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. Our club ordered five subscriptions. The officers and charter members receiving the subscriptions will share their magazines with other members, being sure all have an opportunity to read these. 2) Support 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC: a. our club sends dues money for 13 members to GFWC International. B. members purchased GFWC items from fundraising booths at GFWC Convention and GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Conferences. c. Members donated items to sell at the fundraising booths at GFWC of Kansas State Convention and MVR Conference.

*Jeanne Urban*

### ***Pam Colson-Gottstein Memorial Scholarship Update***

A \$1,200 or two \$600 scholarships will be awarded to a female student/s from Baldwin City High School who will attend Baker University (in Baldwin City). There were no female applicants this year and the deadline has passed.

Pam had worked for both Baldwin City Schools and Baker University.....she was such a dedicated and exceptional club woman. Her husband, Raymond, has been involved in this process. Many thanks to all who have donated in Pam's memory. There will be an announcement next year after the scholarship is awarded.

*"The stars that have the most glory  
have no rest."*      *-Samuel Daniel*

### ***Deadline for Dues Payment***

The deadline for payment of Dues remains at June 1. However, as many clubs have not been able to meet, the deadline has been extended to October 1. To allow adequate time for processing, please send your dues as soon as possible to State Secretary:

Linda Krebs  
124 Riverview St  
Wamego, KS 66547

### ***Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations during COVID-19***

**(From U.S. Department of Health's  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration)**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Americans are required to stay home to protect themselves and their communities. However, the home may not be safe for many families who experience domestic violence, which may include both intimate partners and children. COVID-19 has caused major economic devastation, disconnected many from community resources and support systems, and created widespread uncertainty and panic. Such conditions may stimulate violence in families where it didn't exist before and worsen situations in homes where mistreatment and violence has been a problem.

**Help is available!**

**If you or others are in immediate danger  
or a threatening situation, call 911.**

**Additional Kansas Resources:**

**Kansas Crisis Hotline: Statewide hotline  
for victims of domestic violence, sexual  
assault and stalking. 1-888-END-ABUSE  
(1-888-363-2287)**

**Attorney General's Office - Victims'  
Services Division 1-800-828-9745**

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) reports about 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have

experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of IPV-related impact.

*Gail Jamison  
Domestic Violence Awareness Chair*

### ***Rosemary Hour***

Due to cancellation of State Convention this year, the Rosemary Hour at 2021 State Convention will honor club women that have passed during the past 2 years. Please retain copies of what you submitted this year to provide for next year's convention which will be May 7-8, 2021.



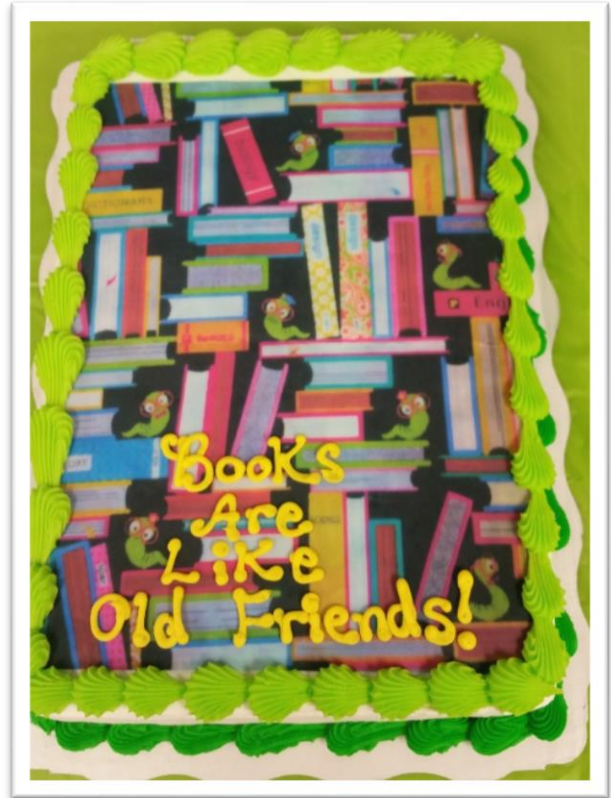
### ***Club Highlights***

#### ***GFWC Wamego Study Club Update***

What an unusual end to our Club year! Bet your club can say the same thing, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our last meeting, February 17<sup>th</sup> was our Education and Library month. Wamego Study Club (WSC) met at the Wamego Public Library (WPL) and enjoyed a book review by Michaeline Chance-Reay, author and

historian from KSU, of the book entitled, "Harvey Houses of Kansas", written by Rosa Watson Latimer. As an annual project, WSC members gave a total of \$177 to the Library for their Summer Reading Program.



It was a special meeting because we had "party favors" (i.e. special bookmarks, pens, and doorknob hangers) from two popular authors, Debbie Macomber and Shelley Shepherd Gray! Ms. Gray even donated three autographed books to use as door prizes, and a club member sewed fabric book covers to go with each one.

The hostesses **Cindy Bailey, Linda Krebs, Carolyn Mathews, and Loretta Tuma** served cheese and crackers, fruit kabobs, and cake decorated with a photo of books and a whimsical book worm to match cloth napkins at each place setting. **Carolyn Mathews** brought a group of her antique books for our members to enjoy at the meeting.

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 issues, the February meeting closed our WSC year. March and April meetings and other activities were cancelled for safety.

WSC members are proud to have spent all of April and into May sewing face masks and donating them to the local hospital, long-term care homes, WPL staff, Post Office staff, other community facilities, friends and family. Due to the quarantine requirements, members worked separately in their own homes, but together for the good of the Club and our community. At this writing, WSC has made and donated a total of 220 masks and worked 153 total hours.



*By Linda Krebs, President  
Wamego Study Club, Wamego, KS.*

## ***Sewing for Operation Smile***

GFWC Progressive Study Club, Randall, members gathered Jan. 20 for an all-day quilt tying day for Operation Smile and Quilts for Blind Babies. The quilts for Operation Smile were flannel and the blind baby quilts were tactile materials. Due to illness, only 3 members could attend and one guest came to help. Eight quilts were assembled and tied for Operation Smile and two were tied for Blind Babies of America.

A soup dinner was shared at noon and a short business meeting was held during the afternoon coffee break.

The quilts were displayed at the February meeting for all the members to see before they were shipped to their respective destinations.

*Fawna Barrett*



*“Being a star just means that you just find  
your own special place,  
and that you shine where you are.”*

*-Dolly Parton*

*“Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet  
on the ground.”*

*-Theodore Roosevelt*

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

Our last physical in-person meeting was March 2<sup>nd</sup> when we kicked off "Read Across America" in conjunction with our local library. Of course, we did that with a theme of Dr. Seuss. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of helping our local library during this event. This year we focused on 2 books, "Ten Apples up on Top" and "Green Eggs and Ham". We had many activities for the over 30 attendees focusing on counting, matching the letters A and E, and rhyming words. Clubwomen were dressed as "Things", "Cat in the Hat", "Sam I am", and "Horton". Each child received a Dr. Seuss book and an apple for attending the event.



*Janine Eilert  
Goddard Woman's Club*

## ***GFWC AD ASTRA***

GFWC AD ASTRA hosted a program at the Wamego Public Library on March 6, 2020 on the Library Expansion Project. The two other GFWC CLUBS in town were invited as well as the public.

Darci Hildebrand, library director, and Eric Benson, chairman of the Library Expansion Committee, presented the program. They shared that the dream of a library in Wamego began in 1937 and that dream continues today with this proposed

expansion. The highlights of the proposal expands the square footage of the present library from 7000sq. ft. - 13,000 sq. ft., nearly an 80% increase. Also included would be a 50% increase in the children's library and doubling computer access station, and tripling the amount of reading space environment. The community is very excited about the project and working hard to meet the financial goal to complete this project.

Claudia Leeds, Ad Astra member, is a member of the WPL board of directors. Our club contributes to the Friends of the Library and made a donation to the Story Walk project this year. Our club certainly values the importance of the library in our community.

Refreshments were served followed by the monthly business meeting. Not knowing this would be our last meeting of the year, we were sad to hear of the lockdown and cancellation GFWC of State Convention. We look forward to the upcoming year and hopefully getting back to the norm.

*Joanie Doperalski  
President Ad Astra*

## ***The Next Issue***

News items for the September issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due August 20, 2020. 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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*"Stars are like people. When they're young, they're small and dim. When they grow older, they fill out, slow down, and they get brighter." -Jon Jenkins*

## **Attention GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen!**

### **“Save the Date: GFWC of KS Board Meeting Planned”**

Our GFWC of Kansas Board Meeting is planned for August 14 & 15, 2020. We are watching all issues surrounding the pandemic very carefully and will keep everyone posted on our GFWC progress as the State progresses through opening our doors again.

The Board meeting is planned on being held at Emanuel Lutheran Church (140 E 30<sup>th</sup> St.) in Hutchinson. I have also reserved a block of rooms at the nearby “Fairfield by Marriott” (1111 N. Lorraine) in Hutchinson. Supper and Lunch will be catered, breakfast on Saturday may (or may not) be complimentary at the hotel- more info on that later.

I will send out a “Call to Board Meeting” to your Club’s President in late June or early July using the most current information I have regarding your President’s name and e-mail information. Please, let our State Secretary know of your Club’s new administration – and don’t forget to send your dues!

Mark your calendars – we need your attendance to work on important GFWC business. We will also ask that you bring to the meeting those items that you would have brought to State Convention in April – let’s “finish up” Kathy Baker’s wonderful administration by bringing – for the USO at Ft. Riley – twin sheet sets, toiletries and wrapped snacks. I am requesting – for Ronald McDonald Houses – wrapped snacks and pop tabs (so start saving those now!)

We will keep you informed of our GFWC of KS progress as time, and hopefully the quieting of COVID19 occurs. Please stay safe, wear your masks and practice social distancing.

Jan Moore,  
GFWC of KS President

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

*James Russell*



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