



KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

FROM KATHY'S DESK

Dear GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen,
Greetings from the 2018-2020
administration. Since the state convention in April,



Kathy Baker
GFWC of Kansas President 2018-2020

it seems like there has been a LOT of activity with your officers. The executive committee met in June in Gardner to discuss the budget and other issues involving the state.

We also had a good time getting to know each other better.

The GFWC Convention was held at the end of June in Saint Louis, Missouri. Our region, Mississippi Valley Region, was the host and in addition to the meetings to attend, we also were involved in things like setting up the centerpieces for meals, taking tickets, etc. Kansas was honored to win an award for Legislation and Public Policy – Congratulations and thanks to Anita Pfister for writing this report! Also, Shirley Ferley was awarded with the Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for leadership. Congratulations, Shirley! Kate Field, our Kansas Fundraising Chairman, is also the Fundraising Chairman for MVR and she was very busy at the MVR booth selling all sorts of merchandise. Thanks to all of our Kansas

attendees who helped out in both big and small ways! One of the highlights of the convention was Project Runway. There were 38 entries from across the nation. It was so amazing to see what could be constructed out of a plastic bag! The speakers, workshops and just the very excitement in the air made the convention a huge success. I hope that more of our GFWC of Kansas women might be able to attend a convention...whether an International, MVR or State...they truly are fun and inspiring!

The GFWC of Kansas Board Meeting was held in August in Wichita. Jan Moore gave us some strategies for recruiting. One of the first things we are to do is INVITE people to attend our meetings, and not to give up....today's no may be tomorrow's OK. At the Board Meeting, we had some fun, heard from many of our Chairmen, and even accomplished some business!

The logo for this administration is the star. We are all stars that shine in the GFWC sky. Keep yours shining brightly! I saw an acronym the other day for star and I would like to share it with you. **S**erving **T**ogether **A**chieves **R**esults. Yes, at times there are things to do on your own, but the greatest accomplishments seem to be team efforts. I wish all of my "stars" out there great success as you work together on your projects.

How exciting it is that we are here at the start of another club year! I am receiving your year books and it is interesting to see the variety and diversity of our clubs but yet, we have unity of purpose...making our communities better. Have a fantastic year!

In Federation Love,
Kathy



President-Elect

It's the Monday after a wonderful Board Meeting in Wichita this past weekend. It was great to see so many of you there – we all hope to see everyone at the May State convention in Junction City.

As your President-Elect, it's my job to be the "Dean of Club Presidents" and President Kathy has also appointed me as your membership chairman. At the board meeting Kathy scheduled me to speak to the attendees about recruiting new members. I hope you enjoyed the presentation and came away from the board meeting with some new ideas on how to recruit. I also have discovered that GFWC International offers monetary grants to assist your club in your recruiting efforts. The grant recruitment amount is \$50 (go to www.GFWC.org/Membership). This could go a long way towards printing costs or other expenses for your recruiting efforts. I suggest you have a GFWC brochure in your purse for those times when you meet someone that you think should know about us – talk to them as you hand them the brochure. You can purchase the brochures at the GFWC website catalog for a small amount....I also like the little tri-folds (hopefully, they still have these). Remember, recruiting new members should happen every month of the year (not just the Club year). And once you do get a new member, find some work for them to do ASAP!!

Let me know if I can be of any assistance in your recruiting efforts... your success rate depends on how often you work on this!

Jan Moore

GFWC of Kansas President-Elect and Membership Chairman

Vice President

Dear GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen,

This is my official 1st article as your new Vice President. If you are a new clubwoman to GFWC of Kansas I heartedly welcome you to this outstanding organization. If you are a new club president, congratulations and best of luck with your coming program year. If you are a new state chairman, thank you for accepting your new

position. To the many experienced members of GFWC I challenge all of you to become outstanding "Stars" in the 2018~2020 administration.

Change can be difficult as we start new club years with possibly new club officers. However, it is motivating to receive new program books and look forward to the many exciting activities that they have planned. During these coming months please remember to track your volunteer hours, monetary and in-kind donations. These numbers will help your club president complete their reports in December/January.

Thank you to the many chairman who gave reports at the August Fall Board Meeting in Wichita. For those of you who emailed me your report, a sincere thank you. I tried to read every report with provoking enthusiasm.

I spoke at the Fall Board meeting about the "7 Grand Initiatives" that our new 52nd International President Mary Ellen Brock has challenged us (the collective whole) to complete over the 2018~2020 administration. They are as follows;

- 1) That 1,000 clubs will do a service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019;
- 2) That members will plant 1,000 trees on Arbor Day;
- 3) That members will donate 1,000 pairs of used shoes to Soles 4 Souls or Nike "reuse-a-shoe";
- 4) That members donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books by March of 2020;
- 5) That 1,000 members join the Legislative Action Center
- 6) That members do 1,000 projects devoted to women in the military;
- 7) That 1,000 members (individual, club, region, or state) donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign.

For further information please go to www.gfwc.org and read the club manual. In addition, the July 5th News and Notes, page 2 introduces these "7 Grand Initiatives".

"What I like most about change is that it's a synonym for 'hope'. If you are taking a risk, what you are really saying is, 'I believe in tomorrow and I will be part of it'." – Linda Ellerbee.

Janine Eilert

GFWC of Kansas Vice President

Treasurer

We just had a wonderful State Board of Directors Meeting in Wichita! The group was small in number, but mighty in spirit, and powerful in enthusiasm! I have always loved the wisdom, information, and camaraderie that comes from State Board Meeting, and I hope more club members consider attending the next one in 2019.

All of the donations that were made to various charitable organizations during the 2018-2019 fiscal year have been distributed, as follows:

CARE	12.00
HOBYS	270.00
Easter Seals	1,559.79
(for 2016-18 administration)	
Heifer International	1,166.28
(for 2016-18 administration)	
Operation Smile	50.00
St. Jude Hospital	20.00
UNICEF	<u>71.00</u>
Total	\$3,149.07

We are still holding \$220.50 that was donated toward the GFWC Campaign for the Future. The Executive Committee agreed to hold that money until the end of the 2018-2020 administration in the hope that further donations will raise the total amount to \$1,000 so that GFWC of Kansas can fulfill one of the current administration's Grand Initiatives of having each individual, club, or state donate \$1,000 to the GFWC Capital Campaign.

Carol Hanson
GFWC of Kansas Treasurer



GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports

Library Board

On June 8th, 2018 I attended the Kansas Library Board. This was a momentous meeting because I had invited a guest to attend the meeting – Ms. Susan Moyer. Susan is a GFWC Club member of the Junction City Ladies Reading Circle.....and she is the head librarian of the Junction City library. Susan has expressed interest in becoming our GFWC Library Board appointee and State President, Kathy Baker has wholeheartedly agreed that she can take over this position when she is appointed by the State. My appointment will expire June 20, 2019 after four wonderful years of representing GFWC on the Library Board. I have met and made many friends there and I've learned so much about our State's library system. I've also met our new Head Librarian, Mr. Eric Norris who will do a wonderful job for the Kansas Library Services.

Mr. Norris has been asked to inform us of his "plan of action" for our State's library services and he has agreed to do that at the September meeting. I'm going to also check and see if Susan will attend this meeting to help keep her up-to-date on what the Kansas Library Services will be doing in the future. Susan knows that she will be reporting to all of you (in the Kansas Clubwoman) – the GFWC clubwomen, who have started many of the libraries in the State.

At the June meeting, all six library districts had their annual plans approved by the board and the Southwest Kansas Library Service area has, after a year-long search, selected a new director for that region – Ms. Holly Mercer. The Board approved the appointment.

I would also like to call your attention to an excellent article in the Martha Stewart Living magazine of September 2018. This article offers us the many reasons we should be reading books. I don't think I've ever cited an article about reading and its benefits before, but I highly recommend this one. The article's title is "A Novel Idea" and the text was written by Eleni

N. Gage. I hope you can find time to look up this article and read it – it is probably online also.

Until Susan is appointed by the State, I will continue to represent you – the clubwomen of Kansas. Thank you all for the opportunity to do this.

Jan Moore
GFWC of Kansas Library Board Appointee

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, 2019. 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.

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Community Improvement

Introduced in 1949 as the “Build a Better Community Contest”, the Community Improvement program meets the need for improvement in your communities. Anything from small to large projects can be submitted. The project must be accomplished between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019. For larger projects, partnering with other organizations in the community can help with expenses and volunteers. The winners will receive monetary awards up to \$5000 and state awards up to \$50 per club. The

overall winner will receive roundtrip transportation and one night's lodging to attend the 2020 Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. All forms and criteria can be found under Membership in the Club Manual under **Community Improvement Program Award** at GFWC.org. Please make a list of projects that need to be improved in your community and choose one that might work for your club.

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Community Improvement Program Chairman
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Women's History Resource Center

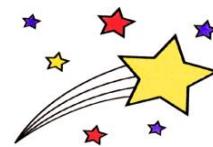
What is it?
When was it established at Headquarters?
Why was it established?
What services do they offer to members?
How can clubs/members be of service to them?

I am not going to give you the answers to these questions. Instead it will be an assignment for each club.

I want each club to appoint a member to find out the answers. Either have her present it as a program or take one question at a time and have her give a short report at meetings throughout the year.

Most of you probably have your programs for the year, but it never hurts to have a program-on-the-shelf in case the planned program falls through.

Jeanne Urban
Women's History and Resource Chair



Literacy and Libraries

Anytime I read about the history of GFWC, one of the most noteworthy accomplishments of the organization was helping establish 75% on our nation's libraries! Every time I think of this, I continue to be amazed! What a monumental contribution to literacy and education! With the ever-changing evolution of technology; libraries are changing, too, as a way to keep current and remain relevant. If you haven't done so recently, I suggest that your club plan a meeting that includes a tour or presentation of what's new at your local library. Libraries need volunteers, too, so that would be the perfect time to see how you can help. The next National Library Week will be the week of April 7-13, 2019. As you are developing your programs and projects for the upcoming club year, now is the perfect time to include literacy and libraries in your plans.

Mary Shoemaker
Literacy and Libraries Chairman

Home Life

Now is the time to start gathering information about club projects for the year-end reporting. Have your members report hours and money donated and then in January REPORT, REPORT, REPORT. Please include in your narrative as much information about your project as possible, not just that you planted flowers uptown.

Ideas for Home Life are endless. Check the GFWC Manual under Home Life for ideas for programs and projects.

GFWC is promoting National Day of Service, Martin Luther King Jr. Day- January 21. Each and every club in GFWC is asked to do a service project on that day. It may be in any area, any type of project. The goal is 1,000

clubs participating. What a great time to do a Home Life Community Service Project.

Susan Graham
GFWC Kansas Home Life Chairman

International Outreach

I was asked to head this area again for Kathy's term in office. We learned a lot during the last term about Human Trafficking. Did everyone do something? Did you see the video? Have you heard anything about trafficking on TV or other news? I have. It is around us. Girls and children being taken from malls, stores, gas stations. Girls being lured away over the internet, just to find out they were fooled.

Is there anywhere in your area that helps people like this? I found 2 or 3 in the Kansas City Area. My club is having them come talk to us, and to share how we can be involved with supporting their efforts. Can you do the same? All I can really ask is for you to try to find someplace somewhere, and see what they need from you. And learn the signs of trafficking, and report, report and report to anyone that can help...

Another area of interest is UNICEF. How about throwing a Halloween Party for UNICEF. Collect change or cash instead of candy, and send to UNICEF as the Halloween for UNICEF effort. It will be spent in other programs, not the End Trafficking initiative.

Heifer International is one of Kathy's emphasis areas. We have all heard so much about it I don't think I need to tell you much. But here is something you may not have known. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 25 million families in more than 125 countries through the gifts of livestock and agricultural training. Amazing stuff.

The organization can't do this without help from others. People like us. So if there is a program your club can do, please try to include at least one thing through the year. And report efforts specifically. So credit can be given. Put efforts into winning an Award this year. One state certificate and one \$50 club award are available. But if these efforts go unreported in January, no awards can be given. So be specific in your reporting. I need numbers, description, hours, money. I need it all. And mark reports for what specific GFWC emphasis you are reporting to help the chairwomen like me know where to collect our info.

International Outreach is my area, but there are others, and those chairmen will be looking for things in their area too. So make reports specific. Decide what efforts you are promoting, and label them, make them as specific as possible. We chair people will appreciate that so much.

I have info and ideas on all these Partnerships. Please pick up this info to share with your clubs.

Loretta Gallagher
GFWC of Kansas, International Outreach Chair

GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest

1. Clubs should announce the Citizenship Essay contest at the beginning of the school year. The topic for 2018 essay is: "Personal responsibilities of a good citizen."

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 December 1.

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.

13. A \$5.00 fee per student will accompany each student essay to help defray expenses. Checks should be made out to: GFWC of Kansas.

14. Send student essay with entry fee to the following:

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
(620) 662-1889

Club Highlights

GFWC Waterville Shakespeare Club

The Waterville Shakespeare Club will be starting the regular meetings in September. We will be establishing our regular donations to the work of GFWC of Kansas as well as local projects in our community we support. The Picture Lady program will be starting. This is taking fine art pictures to the Valley Heights Grade School here in Waterville. We do grades Kindergarten through Third Grade each month. We have been doing this program for several years and seems to be very much enjoyed by the students as well as our members who participate.

Bery Roepke, Pres.
Waterville Shakespeare Club

GFWC Progressive Study Club Adventure

Five members of the GFWC Progressive Study Club traveled to Lucas May 21 for an educational tour. They had lunch at a local café and toured the Garden of Eden, a cement creation of Biblical figures, made by Samuel Dinsmoor, a retired teacher and Civil War veteran. It is known as Grassroots art and his wit is seen in his creation. It took him 22 years to create these sculptures and mausoleum, where he and his first wife are buried. Our guide was a descendant of Dinsmoor. Members toured the home he had built and looked at the sculptures.

The next stop was the Bowl Plaza, the second best decorated restroom in the United States. The mosaic art is unusual and elaborate including plates, toys, colored glass and more.

A business meeting was conducted on the return home by Fawna Barrett, incoming president. Beautification of the Community Center was discussed. Donations were approved to scholarship, music, art and veterans. Karen Woodford was accepted as a new member.

Fawna Barrett, GFWC Progressive Study Club Pres.



The Great Sock Adventure

By Kids for Kids

In August 2018, GFWC Classics continued its partnership with By Kids for Kids, and helped provide new outfits to 165 kindergarten and elementary students, to ensure that their school year gets off to a good start!

By Kids for Kids (BK4K) is a non-profit organization that was established by several Lawrence women, who wanted to teach their children that not all children are as fortunate as they are and that it is important to see the needs of others around them and feel empowered to be part of the solution. Their children quickly saw a need among their less fortunate classmates – new outfits with which to start the school semester. The children of the founding members and their friends began raising money and purchasing outfits and the mothers established BK4K and started the twice-yearly Clothing Events.

BK4K holds these clothing events or “Stores” in August, prior to the start of the fall school term, and November, in advance of the second term. The August store offers a selection of summer/warm weather clothing and the November Store offers long pants and long sleeved shirts. All outfits are brand new and provided to the kids at no cost to their families.

At the August 2018 Store, students from 10 Lawrence elementary schools were invited to “shop” for a new outfit. Each student is allowed to select his or her outfit (a top, shorts/skirt and a pair of socks), with the assistance of a “personal shopper”, while their parents visit in the waiting area. The parents have final approval of the outfit, but are not involved in the selection of the clothes, in order to empower the children. Several Classic members and boosters volunteer as personal shoppers at each clothing event, and are rewarded with wonderful smiles when a child models his/her new outfit for their

parents. For some of the children, this is the first time they have received a brand new outfit!

In 2016, GFWC Classics partnered with BK4K to provide girls and boys socks for their twice yearly clothing events. We started with the August 2016 Store and have continued to provide socks since then. For the August 2018 store, GWFC members contributed 249 pairs of boys’ socks! Many of these socks were happily added to the boys’ outfits for the fall school year. The rest of the socks will be available at the winter 2018 store. The Classics plan to add to the inventory of girls and boys socks prior to the Winter Store and help the kids shop for their new outfits during the event.

Contributions to By Kids for Kids can be sent to the By Kids for Kids Endowment Fund at the Douglas County Community Foundation, 900 Massachusetts Street, Suite 406, Lawrence, KS 66044.



GFWC Goddard Woman's Club

The Goddard Woman's Club spent a portion of the summer working on 2 of their Signature Projects; Ronald McDonald House Charities and Books and Blankets – Student Crisis Support.

On July 16th a group of members cooked sausage manicotti and strawberry cheesecake at the Sleepy Hollow House, located next to Wesley Medical Centre. On August 3rd, another group cooked chicken enchiladas and peach cobbler at the Mid-Town House located close to St. Francis hospital. Families are stronger when they are together. The houses allow the burden to be lessened by ensuring families are close to their child while they receive medical support.



On July 11th and 26th an additional group of clubwomen came together and completed 17 double-sided fleece blankets. Additional

blankets have been completed since those early summer workshop dates. All the recent blankets (22) have been distributed to two specific storage closets in USD265, where all the school counselors have access to blankets, books, bags, journals, pens and inspirational painted rocks provided by the clubwomen. When a need arises as determined by the counselor; loss of parent/sibling for example, the counselor can choose a blanket, several books, a painted rock, journal and pen for that student. We want that student to feel that they are supported by their community in their time of crisis.



Janine Eilert, GFWC Goddard Woman's Club

DELPHOS WOMEN'S CLUB GFWC ---50 YEARS & COUNTING

The Delphos Women's Club GFWC is celebrating 50 years of Federation! This club was organized and Federated in 1968 with 15 Charter Members. Today's Club only boasts 6 members, but is still quite active.

At the city's yearly DelFest celebration, the Delphos Women's Club sponsored an evening of entertainment featuring the talents of "40 Fingers" (four ladies playing 2 pianos). This local group was celebrating 20 years of entertaining as DWC commemorated their 50 years of service. Special invitations were sent out to the 33 Delphos Women's Club's past members who are still living throughout the US. A float was also entered in the DelFest parade honoring the Club's 50 years of service (winning 1st place!).

Delphos Women's Club GFWC is proud to have served our community throughout these 50 years with worthwhile projects. One of which is the local library which DWC started in 1968 and continues today as a vital part of the area! We have sponsored numerous musical and art students to the GFWC contests with many of our young people receiving top honors. Some other sponsorships & projects include: Hugh O'Brien Leadership, Veteran projects, many local projects, Holiday Fair for 24 years, many CIP Projects (placing at State level several times) as well as contributions to needs of our school, museum, 4-H, Lion's Club, etc.

Delphos Women's Club feels honored to represent the GFWC of Kansas in our local community for 50 years and counting!

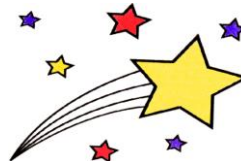
*Darlene Campbell, Secretary
Delphos, Women's Club GFWC*

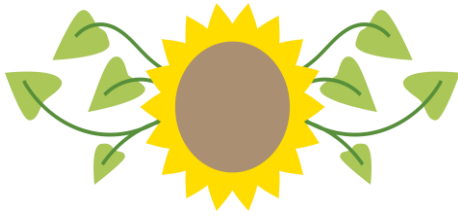


Pictured are Darlene Campbell, Sharon Levendofsky, Rosanne Ballou, Verna Davidson, and Chris Allison



Our 1st place winning float in the Del-Fest Parade, Aug. 11, celebrating 50 years of community service.





Thank You

Dear Federation Friends,

The past few months have been spent going to many, many doctor appointments, having a battery of tests, having a heart cath procedure, staying a day and night in the hospital and having more test to prepare for a heart valve procedure. When

I went to the cardiologist for my check up after the heart cath procedure, I got a huge surprise. Yes, I will be having the valve procedure, someday, just not right now.

So, I would like to say a big thank you for the cards, loving thoughts and prayers sent my way. They have been so much appreciated during this very difficult time in my life. It has been a roller coaster ride!

*Thanking you,
Jeanne Urban*

The Next Issue

To make planning for future issues of the Kansas Clubwoman easier, the due dates will be the 20th of the month before the publication date. So, the next due date is November 20 for the December issue, February 20 for the March issue, May 20 for the June issue, and August 20 for the September, 2019 issue. Don't worry, we will send email reminders. I'm looking forward to receiving your news articles.

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

James Russell Lowell



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