



KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

From Kathy's Desk

Dear Kansas Clubwomen,



Kathy Baker
GFWC of Kansas President
2018-2020

Since our last issue of The Kansas Clubwoman, our state was host to MVR, Mississippi Valley Region Conference. Many of you joined us there for a fabulous time. We

learned some new things from our speakers.....we renewed our energy for GFWC.....and we definitely had fun with entertainment, getting to know some fellow clubwomen and celebrating accomplishments. And GFWC of Kansas became a member of the Million Dollar Club by donating \$1,000 for the upkeep of our GFWC Headquarters. A HUGE thank you goes out to all who contributed to this fund. Congratulations, GFWC of Kansas! I want to thank Shirley Ferley who was our MVR Convention Coordinator.....she really went the extra mile! And, also a big thanks you to our Kansas Clubwomen who helped in many different ways to make the conference a success. We can be proud of a job well done!

Coming up very soon will be reporting time. I know that sometimes reporting is NOT our favorite thing, but it is important.....it can help with obtaining grants and also showing

legislators or other groups just how passionate we are about our work, among other things. Reporting is a time to let our fellow clubwomen know what projects we are involved in.....which sometimes promotes other new projects. Don't be shy about bragging on your club.....this is the time for it! I love to read the club reports.....they show creativity and a passion to make our world better.

The start of a new year is upon us. It's a time for reflection.....looking at what we have accomplished and envisioning new potential. And, in a sense, we can "begin anew". I used to make New Year's Resolutions, but it seemed that it was only a very short time until I had them all broken! So, now I set some goals, write them down, keep looking at them, and keep working on them. If I'm honest here, I haven't always been successful.....but I keep pressing on.

Our State Convention will be held April 17-18 in Junction City. Please note that this date is not the one that was originally published, so check your calendar and change it if you need to. In our next issue of The Kansas Clubwoman there will be a special announcement about the Convention.....along with the Call. This announcement will make a couple of our clubwomen very happy! I hope that you will plan to attend and bring some of your fellow club members.

I wish you all a Happy New Year! And as we celebrate the beginning of 2020, a new decade as well as a new year, I challenge us all (myself included) to carry that spirit of celebration, energy and excitement with us throughout the year.

Press On.....

Kathy

President-Elect

For those of you who have asked me....well, I've always said, "I don't fly (as in an airplane to or from anywhere)". However, in order for me to attend the GFWC International Orientation this past week for incoming State Presidents, I had to fly! It went just fine – in fact the trip home from Washington, D.C. to KCI handed me a brand new friend met on that trip!

My new job, as your incoming President, is to learn as much as I can in the shortest amount of time possible. This is a tall order, of course. I can tell you that our incoming International President's theme is "Lighting the Future". We must also "Light the Future" for GFWC membership renewal. I've heard that our Clubs are adding new members – keep up the great work ladies. Remember our own President Kathy's theme – "Be a Star with GFWC". Between these two themes, we must add new members - GFWC is one of the most amazing organizations there is – our overall theme is "Unity in Diversity" and I certainly saw that this past week! In August 2020, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to our Constitution that gives all citizens of the U.S. the right to vote (without sexual discrimination). This amendment passed 100 years ago by just one vote! A young Senator from Tennessee changed his vote from "no" to "yes" on the strong advice of his Mother (she had slipped him a note that he carried into the Senate Chamber!) Keep in mind your up-coming reporting for 2019 – try to add one new member in December!

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



Vice President

Dear GFWC Kansas Clubwomen,

I hope you all managed to spend time with family and friends during the Thanksgiving season. For some of us family live physically too far away (more than a single day's travel) for a one-day celebration. If this was the case for you, I hope you got to talk with your family over the phone.

As we get ready to close out the 2019 calendar year that also means we as clubwomen need to start to compile our volunteer recording sheets. It is most important that every clubwoman turns in their personal volunteer logs to their club and club president. Your club president cannot complete their club report without your support.

Each club president (or whomever completes their club report) needs to send the following information to the state president and vice president before February 1st, 2020. Please remember the report is a collection of your 2019 club activities.

1/ Page 1 statistical information of Community Service Projects (CSP) and GFWC Advancement Areas that your club completed in 2019.

2/ Page 2 specific statistical information of the partnership projects that GFWC has a formal relationship with and that your club completed in 2019.

3/ Page 3 7 Grand and 3 Brand Initiatives. Statistics needed for the 10 initiatives that your club may have completed in 2019.

4/ Summary of all your Club activities. This is a narrative of the projects and events that your club completed in 2019. Please write the narrative not by month but by CSP and advancement area. For example, Home Life is where projects that deal with issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families and communities should be reported. Projects that might touch on healthy lifestyles, personal development, financial difficulties, hunger,

inadequate housing, homelessness, and awareness, prevention, research and treatment of diseases. Public Issues is where projects that deal with civic and social responsibilities should be reported. Examples would be projects that deal with military/veterans, safety and crime prevention, emergency disaster preparedness, and citizenship.

5/ Club Submission for a Creativity Award. This is where your club president summarizes ONE project from each CSP or GFWC Advancement Area. It's supposed to be only ONE page and should include the who, what, where, when, why and how narrative. Please no photos or supporting documents. Also include the # of volunteer hours, dollars donated, in-kind donations, dollars spent, and dollars raised.

The week after Thanksgiving each club president should receive an email and a snail mail copy of all the club reporting forms. Please note these have been updated since the State Handbook was published in August 2018. I would truly love to see 30 club reports submitted by February 1st, 2020.

Let's all be "Stars" of GFWC of Kansas.

Janine Eilert

GFWC of Kansas Vice President

(Reporting forms can be found on pages 17, 18, and 19.)

Secretary

It was my honor to have the opportunity to work with Carol Hanson at the Registration table for the MVR Conference in Overland Park in September due to Prudence Fager's absence. It gave me a chance to visit with some of you that I don't often get to see. The convention was packed with useful ideas for local clubs and the food, decorations and entertainment were wonderful. Thanks to Shirley, Kathy and everyone who worked to make it a great event.

Soon it will be time for me to report GFWC of Kansas membership information to

International. If you have recently added new members or have had a change in officers in your club since your June report, please send that information to me so I will have accurate data to report.

I know that local clubs are busy with many activities. Ladies' Reading Club just held a successful Fall Festival which is the major fund raiser of the year. Dozens of members worked together to make it one of our best ever.

I wish each of you a peaceful and satisfying holiday season.

Andrea Mace

State Secretary

Treasurer

It's snowing as I write this, and it's beautiful! I'm grateful for the snow, because that's what it takes to put me in the holiday spirit. I was being kind of a Grinch up until today.

We are a little over halfway through fiscal year 2019-2020, so I want to update you on the status of the various funds:

Music Fund: Balance of \$8,404.79

Donations of \$677.00 from Clubs and individuals, and \$967.50 from fundraisers

Scholarship Fund: Balance of \$3,556.81

Donations of \$680.56 from Clubs

Veterans Fund: Balance of \$142.50

Donations of \$142.50 from Clubs

Art Fund: Balance of \$1,979.68

Donations of \$247.50 from Clubs, and \$297.25 from fundraisers

Citizenship Fund: Balance of \$3,569.63

Donations of \$1,160.00 from Clubs and individuals, and \$297.25 from fundraisers

The good news is all of the scholarships we award in 2020 are fully funded!

Carol Hanson

GFWC of KS Treasurer



GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports

GFWC of Kansas Library Report

It's official! Though it was a little late in coming, Governor Kelly has made her appointments to the State Library of Kansas Board (SLKB) and I will be serving as your new GFWC representative. Though Jan left big shoes to fill, I hope to do it justice and keep you informed and up-to-date on the board's activities.

Though not yet officially appointed, I did attend the SLKB's September meeting. While these are usually held at the State Capitol in Topeka, the September gathering was on the Emporia State University campus and included a tour of the Kansas Talking Books office. Director Michael Lang did a great job of explaining what the service does, how it operates and how much it is used. The answer to the latter is a lot!

Talking books had more than 4,700 users in fiscal year 2019 and averaged 650 requests per day for the audio and braille books and magazines that the service provides to Kansans with visual and physical impairments as well as reading disabilities. Some days saw more than one thousand requests flood their inboxes!

One particularly cool portion of the tour was the sound booth where some of the actual recordings are made. Most of the collection contains prerecorded materials that are supplied through the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled as well as digital items via the BARD, Braille and Audio Reading Download, web site. But, some are read and recorded right in the office including each issue of a selection of more

than twenty magazines from *Angels on Earth* to *Yankee* as well as some of the award winning titles in the Kansas Notable Books program.

For more information about talking books, checkout the state library web site at <https://kslib.info/153/Talking-Books>. Most of the 4-1-1 is on the site including who is eligible and how they can enroll in the service. It's a great program with a small but mighty staff that makes it hum everyday on the ESU campus.

*Susan Moyer,
GFWC KS Library Board Appointee*

Libraries and Literacy

One of the most impressive accomplishments of GFWC was helping establish 75% on our nation's libraries! Isn't that amazing! What a monumental contribution to literacy! I love reading the reports of all the awesome projects our clubs around the state do to support local libraries.

Libraries are evolving to keep up with changes and needs of patrons. Maker Spaces are now very popular additions to libraries. Do you have one in your local library? Your club might consider planning a tour of your maker space, plan a project where you can utilize the maker space or donate supplies. Volunteering at your local library is another idea to consider.

Read Across America Day will be Monday, March 2, 2020. This event is the nationwide reading celebration that recognizes Dr. Seuss's birthday. It's not too early for your club to discuss how you can celebrate this important day for literacy! On that day or during that week read to a class or after school program, donate a Dr. Seuss book or take some Dr. Seuss themes treats to a local group (it doesn't matter how many years young, everyone loves Dr. Seuss)!

Yearly reporting is just around the corner. I can't wait to read about all the fabulous projects to support literacy and libraries that are being completed around the state. Please remember to add enough detail so your projects get the credit they deserve!

*Mary Shoemaker
Literacy and Libraries Chairman*

GFWC's Oral Histories

Collection

Help the WHRC preserve the voices of GFWC's past. This winter, WHRC is fundraising for \$6,000 to digitize all 341 oral histories in its collection!

It is very timely that we bring the voices of our past to life as the centennials for both the 19th Amendment and GFWC's time in its historic mansion at 1734 N Street approach. Interviews cover subjects ranging from suffrage marches to past presidents recalling their time living at 1734 N Street to recollections of cherished personalities and past presidents.

There is a copy of the donation form in the latest issue of the Clubwoman. If you do not receive it, let me know and I can make a copy for you.

Jeanne Urban, WHRC Chair

Creative Writing Contest

This is a reminder to all club women and all students about the short story and poetry contest. The rules can be found in the Handbook. One very important thing to remember is that all the information required in the upper right hand corner is to be on every page. Just putting it on the front page is not enough.

All the students in school or home schooled in all grades are eligible to enter.

These entries are to be to me by March 1, 2020.

I look forward to hearing from many of you. Remember the first place in each category and each short story and poem are sent to international for judging. It would be nice to have a winner from Kansas again.

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Creative Writing Chairman
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Conservation

BAN THE BOTTLES!!

It is my hope that the GFWC of Kansas clubs will make this resolution for 2020! Will your club join me in the BAN the Bottles crusade?

1. Plastic bottles are a waste of Natural Resources. Oil is a limited resource that is required to transport and to manufacture plastic. Making plastic will require crude oil and water. It requires a lot more water to manufacture a bottle and very little to fill it.

2. Transportation Cost. The cost of transporting bottled water to areas where they will be consumed is a waste. The cost of fuel in transporting bottled water from one point to another is quite high on something that could be avoided by banning plastic bottles.

3. Pollution of Environment. Human beings have become careless to the point of ignorance and many of them can be seen throwing plastic bottles everywhere after use. The manufacture of bottles of water in various industries leads to the emission of dangerous forms of carbon into the atmosphere leading to pollution. Burning plastic will also lead to the release of dangerous toxins into the environment.

4. Reality Behind Recycling. Plastic take almost 1000 years to completely biodegrade and this means that every plastic that has ever been made still exists in one form or another. This means that plastic can never be changed into another form other than plastic and the only way of getting rid of plastic is through incineration. So far very few types of plastic are being incinerated and this calls for its banning all together!!

5. Purity on the Content. There has been a great illusion on the fact that bottled water is better and cleaner than tap water. The reality behind it is rather the opposite and tap water is maintained under very strict rules than that of bottled water. This makes it even safer to use tap water than bottled water. If people could understand this then there would be no use of plastic water bottles and should thus be banned.

6. Health Risks. Degradation of plastic water bottles leads to the release of harmful chemicals. Reusing a plastic bottle might also provide a good breeding ground for bacteria. These often leave the body at a greater risk of absorbing the chemicals thus posing a great risk to general humanity. The less the bottles of water we

have in the world, the easier it will be when it comes to cleaning the environment. A ban of plastic bottles will lead to reduced manufacture and therefore fewer dispositions thus it will be a lot easier to clean the already existing mess.

7. Increased Sustainability. A decrease in the use of plastic will lead to a better world characterized with less environmental pollution. A ban on the plastic bottle will therefore reduce the work load present in making the world a better and sustainable place to live in.

Please note that from the above it takes 1000 years to completely biodegrade plastic bottles!! Also note #5 your tap water is SAFER than ANY water sold in plastic bottles!

Here is another idea: If you must buy water than find the water that is in cans, because it will recycle so much easier!!

It is my hope that ALL the Kansas GFWC Clubs will join with me in the Ban the Bottles Crusade! Let us all help keep Kansas highways, streets, lakes, and farmlands CLEAN!!

*Juanita Rothaus
Conservation Chair*

International Outreach

Everyone knows what I have asked for. To do something in your club, and report to me, so I can have something awesome to send to STATE. So, I have asked for the New Beginning Baskets. We already bought several, just from collections at the Board Meeting. So how about it? I hope you are working on that, so you can report to me in January. We can easily do it again. Can you imagine Kansas winning 3 years in a row?

For decades, GFWC Clubwomen have reached beyond their communities to make a lasting difference in the lives of others throughout the world. We are all part of the global community and are not isolated from the issues effecting so many others worldwide. Issues such as hunger, poverty, preventable diseases, human trafficking, the lack of clean drinking water, and education know no boundaries. Half of the world's population, more than 3 billion people, lives on less than \$2.50 a day. Twenty two thousand children die each day from easily preventable

diseases and over 600 million people do not have safe drinking water.

The International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to give members the opportunity to become better world citizens and make an impact through education, advocacy, and action to affect change for others throughout the world. Although in most cases GFWC members cannot be physically present to assist, there are countless ways to make a lasting difference in the world. GFWC partner agencies provide information and opportunities for members to contribute. Members can be assured donations made through our partner agencies are reaching those in greatest need. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fund-raising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency.

*Loretta Gallagher
International Outreach Chair*

Arts and Creative Crafts

It will be time to hold our local art competitions before we know it. I have some suggestions for you as you make preparations with your schools. Hopefully they will help make our state competition more organized.

Ask your schools to print their entry forms on colored paper, or use a colored font, or highlight the name of your schools and clubs, or make some other type of identifying mark so that you can tell your art pieces at a glance. This might help us all distinguish our art from each other's.

Ensure that your schools are using the rules and forms from the current State Handbook. Remember that the photography rules were changed so that all blue ribbon winning photographs are eligible for the state competition.

If you have any questions please let me know. Likewise, I welcome any suggestions that you have for the art display. We had an amazing competition last year. I'm sure that this year will be even more so.

*Linda Loyd
Arts and Creative Crafts Chair
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GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest

As I write this, Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Soon it will be Christmas. I hope each of you will find joy in celebrating these holidays with loved ones and friends.

I also hope your club has contacted high school students--- sophomore through seniors--- to enter our GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Scholarship Contest. The topic for the 2020 essay is: **“If you were elected President of the United States of America in 2020, what would be your three to five priorities and why?”**

I have added the “of America.” In listening to the news, I realize there are other “united states” around our globe. However, we in America are the only nation whose people celebrate “a more perfect Union, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity” because of the freedoms established for us by the Constitution of the United States of America.

We are asking our youth to tell us this year what three to five priorities they would have for our country if he/she were elected President of the United States of American in 2020.

The guidelines and rules have been in the last issue of the GFWC Kansas Clubwoman Magazine. These and the judging criteria can also be found in the State Handbook. Make copies of p. 11-12 from the Handbook to give to your student. The local club deadline is January 10, 2020. The first-place essay from a local club must be sent to state chairman, Anita Pfister, at the address below by February 1st.

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, email 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.

Students should be aware that the Judges’ focus will be on the content of the essays, but that grammar and spelling will be taken into consideration in the overall score. Clubwomen, parents, essay writers, and friends are encouraged to attend the State Convention.

Thank you for encouraging our youth to enter,

Anita Pfister
GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay
Contest Chairman
apfister62@gmail.com
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P.S. Students no long take a Civics or Government class in high school. Will each club ask each club member to write one important thing we need to know about Civics or our Government? Put these in the form of a list of questions (with answers) for your club and send to Anita. She and her helpers will compile a “Citizenship Bee” to be used at State Convention. Thank you!

Club Highlights

GFWC Wamego Study Club Kicks Off New Club Year

Monday, September 16, 2019, **GFWC Wamego Study Club (WSC)** kicked off the start of another Club Year with great guests! Five of the Kansas officers were in attendance, including **Kathy Baker - President, Jan Moore - President Elect, Andrea Mace - Secretary, Carol Hanson - Treasurer, and Prudence Fager - Parliamentarian Advisor.** Unfortunately, **Janine Eilert - Vice President,** due to illness could not be with us. (We missed you, Janine!)

Another guest, **Jackie Hays,** came to the meeting, and we are happy to have Jackie as a new Club member now! Also, we would like to welcome **Carolyn Mathews** to Study Club as a

new member, and we were glad to get to know her at September's meeting! **Welcome, Jackie and Carolyn, we are so pleased that you have joined our Club!**



Our September Annual Breakfast meeting location is not divulged to our members until the actual day of the meeting! Members met at the Methodist Church parking lot and were led to the "secret" location. This is a long-standing tradition and part of the fun of starting the new season with WSC! This year, President Linda Krebs led the caravan in a round-about-way to the Kaw Valley Bank Community Room.



Our hostesses, (members of our Social Committee), this month, **Cindy Bailey, Carol Coon, Pat Frey, Mary Jean Peterson, and Loretta Tuma**, had decorated the room for autumn with beautiful table centerpieces of fall gourds/pumpkins, leaves, and stemmed glassware with lovely fall tablecloths and table settings. **Vice President Joyce Blanka** gave the table grace before a delicious breakfast of casseroles, cinnamon rolls, breads, and fresh fruit welcomed members and guests. "Great job!" and "Well done!" referring to the food and decorations, were often heard as we enjoyed the breakfast set

out before us. **Thank you, ladies of the Social Committee, you all did a wonderful job making our Annual Breakfast a very special occasion!**

Kathy Baker, President of GFWC of Kansas, spoke of the highlights of the International Convention and the Kansas State Convention. She also gave us more information on the new categories for Community Projects that will be used for reporting in 2020, and other important GFWC updates.



WSC new yearbooks for 2019-2020 were handed out to members and guests. President Linda reported that she and the Yearbook Committee had worked well together this past summer for nine weeks to plan the club year and prepare the new yearbooks. Linda thanked the Yearbook Committee - **Joyce Blanka, Terry Carlson, Madge McDonald, Mary Jean Peterson, Patricia Strohmeier, and Vesta Varga** - and gave each a GFWC member pin as a token of gratitude for their many hours of work.

The Penny Pocket program that was started last April at the close of the WSC year, had its first chance to help! Members were given a small, brightly colored tub to save pocket change during the summer months. This meeting was the first time that WSC members have brought in their tubs. **Vice President Joyce Blanka did a count**, and there was a total of \$61.98. Each member submitted an idea of where the money could be donated, and a drawing from those submissions

determined that the collection would be given to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) in Topeka. Another \$5.02 was turned in later, bringing the gift card up to a total of \$67 to be used for their day-to-day needs of fresh meal ingredients at the RMHC!

To close the meeting, President Linda honored members that were born in July, August, and September during the Birthday Club time! These members chose a small handmade gift as a birthday celebration. Also, because our special guests, Kansas Executive Officers, would not be with us on their birthday months, Linda asked each of them to pick out a handmade gift from the Birthday Club table to honor their special day!

Thank you, member **Barbara Lippman**, for taking photos of our meeting and activities. We appreciate your help!

Wamego Study Club would like to thank the Kansas Executive Committee for their time to travel to Wamego and for helping us to start our club year. It is a special time of visiting, learning, camaraderie, and bringing us closer to GFWC as we get to know our Kansas Officers!

*Linda Krebs,
Wamego Study Club President*

GFWC Study Club Honors Veterans

On November 18, 2019, **GFWC Wamego Study Club** met at the United Methodist Church, Wamego, Kansas for their annual workshop to benefit veterans at the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans' Hospital in Topeka. Study Club members worked together to cut, sew, and decorate bright red, green, and white felt Christmas stockings filled with candy to be used on Christmas Dinner trays for patients at the Topeka Veterans' Hospital.

Chairpersons for the **Veterans Committee, Mary Jean Peterson and Joyce Blanka, along with Patricia Strohmeyer**, have been constructing these stockings for the last few months to get ready for November's workshop. Members decorate and stuff them with candy, including some with sugar-free candy inside! **A total of 201 stockings were completed at the workshop.**



Study Club also donated personal hygiene items, socks, and individually wrapped snacks for Movie Night at the VA Hospital, in a total amount of \$223.00 for the veterans.



(From left to right): Pat Frey, Carolyn Mathews, and Mary Jean Peterson

A military flag folding honor ceremony done by **Gary McCloud and Randy Mumpower**, members of the Wamego American Legion Post #172, was a special highlight this year for the November workshop. **Bunny McCloud** read the symbolism of each of the 13 flag folds as **Gary and Randy** performed them. Mr. McCloud presented the flag to the Club President, Linda Krebs, in the same way it is traditionally done at a memorial, with the honorary whispered comment to the closest living next of kin of the deceased veteran.



WSC members were given a list of the meaning and symbolism of each fold. It was an especially solemn and reverent presentation for Study Club members, culminating as **Terry Carlson**, WSC member, gave each person a toy soldier to hold during the moments of silent prayer while a candle was lit to honor all veterans.

GFWC Wamego Study Club would like to offer a special thank you to the three presenters, **Mr. & Mrs. McCloud and Randy Mumpower**, for taking the time to come to our meeting and doing the demonstration for our Annual Veterans' Workshop Day. Members enjoyed the presentation and learning more about Wamego's Veterans' Memorial in the City Park. This made our Veterans tribute much more meaningful this year.

The hostesses, **Terry Carlson, Barbara Lippman, LaVon Rosell, and Vesta Varga**, served a delicious luncheon of Tortilla soup, chili, garnishes, ham and cheese sliders, jello salad and chocolate cake. Tables were decorated in a fall and patriotic theme, with flags on each table in a rustic centerpiece. The luncheon prayer was given by member, **Patty DeWeese**.

For the **Wamego Christmas Bureau** GFWC Study Club members also contributed non-perishable food items, gloves, hats, and gift items with a value of over \$100 for families at holiday time.

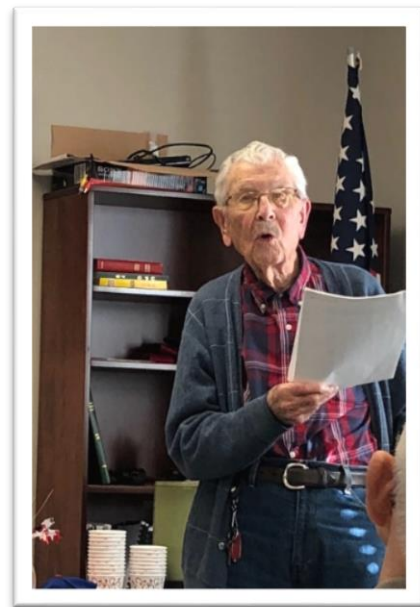
A short business meeting completed the day for the GFWC Wamego Study Club before adjournment.

*Linda Krebs,
Wamego Study Club President*

GFWC Delphos Women's Club

The GFWC Delphos Women's Club hosted a Veterans Appreciation day in Delphos on Nov. 7. Seven Delphos area veterans from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines were honored: Charles Ablard, J. P. Alderson, C. J. Ballou, LaVerne Ballou, Leland Johnson, Jack Larsen, and Tom McGavran. Each veteran spoke about his service and military experiences. Rosanne Ballou showed the quilt presented to C J Ballou by the Quilts of Valor group in Ottawa Co. and said the quilters are wanting names of all veterans in our county.

Dr. Claude Harwood, age 94, from Glasco gave a very interesting presentation of his World War II experiences in the US Army. He was injured in Europe and received the Purple Heart medal.



Dr. Claude Harwood

Members of Delphos Women's Club are Chris Allison, Rosanne Ballou, Darlene Campbell, Verna Davidson, Charlene Downey, and Sharon Levondofsky. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed visiting with the veterans.

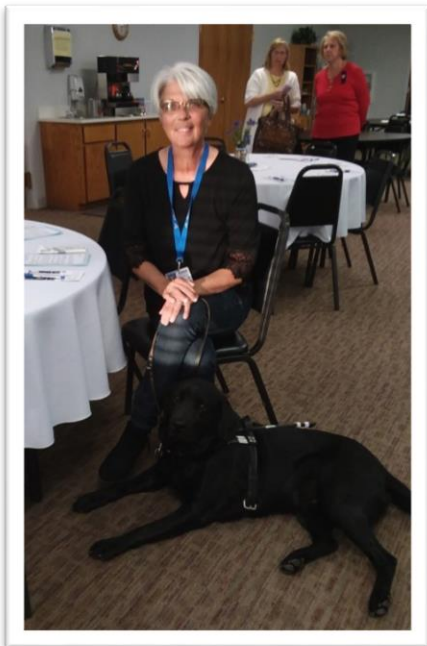
*Verna Davidson
GFWC Delphos Women's Club*

GFWC AD Astra Celebrates 28th Anniversary

Members of Wamego's Ad Astra Club met at Calvary Lutheran Church on October 14, 2019 to celebrate their 28th Club Anniversary. Guests attending from area GFWC Clubs included Manhattan, Junction City, Washington, Ks, Wamego Portia, and Wamego Study Club. The club's flower, the aster, decorated the tables along with a beautifully decorated cake.



Joanie Doperalski, President, opened the meeting by welcoming and introducing guests. She gave a brief history of the club. She recognized Rose Ditto, Joan Meyer, and herself as charter members who remain active in Ad Astra. Prudence Fager was also recognized as charter member and acting club advisor.



Debbie Tegethoff, lead guide dog instructor and

Bogy, lab in training at KSDS (Kansas Specialty Dog Service) in Washington, Ks presented the program. KSDS provides guide dogs for the visually impaired, service dogs to assist individuals with physical disabilities, and facility dogs that assist professionals in the field of education, counseling, healthcare, retirement, or the legal system. KSDS has celebrated over 25 years of service and has placed over 550 assistance teams.

Following the program, refreshments were served and a brief business meeting was held.

*Joanie Doperalski
President Ad Astra
Wamego, Kansas*

GFWC AD ASTRA Veteran's Day Program

GFWC Ad Astra met on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019. Our featured speaker was a Wamego native, Cheryl Holz, who is employed as Home Based Primary Care Manager for the Veteran's Administration. She works with 23 Veterans and meets with them regularly.

Cheryl shared many experiences in this program which she helped build in 2006. Her background in physical therapy, EMT training, and nursing was the perfect fit for her position. She meets emotional needs, physical limitations and helps the vets deal with end of life issues, providing emotional and seeking fiduciary support.

Club members brought various items which Cheryl will deliver to the VA. These included books, magazines, personal products, gloves, hats, etc.

Our business meeting consisted of planning for various projects we will be involved in supporting and implementing this winter. These include financial donations to HOBY, Friends of the Library, and the Christmas Home Tour to benefit the Ruby Slipper fund,

The patriotic theme was carried out with refreshments and a centerpiece of individual poppies given to members with a Veteran's Day fact attached to each flower.



GFWC Goddard Woman's Club

October was an extremely busy month for our club. The first weekend in October was the community Fall Festival which has traditionally been an opportunity for the club to fundraise for much needed funds. We had a booth on Main Street where we sold hair scrunchies, decorative pillow covers, and ranch and puppy chow mix. We also had 2 raffles where the lucky winners received either a Grinch Christmas basket or a Sunflower Kansas basket. Despite getting rained out early in the day the sun came out mid-morning and the event was a fundraising success for the club.

Mid October we went on an educational tour of the Child Advocacy Center for Sedgwick County. Thank you to President-Elect Jan Moore for joining us on that tour. The center is staffed by caring professionals dedicated to ending the trauma of abuse to children in our community. These staff members include investigators, social workers (family advocates), medical professionals, therapists and prosecutors all under one roof so that children and caregivers feel safe and there is no need to travel from one agency to another. The Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County serves almost 2000 children each year. Of that 2000, more than 1,100 are victims of sexual abuse, more than 300 children are victims of physical abuse, more than 200 children are victims of neglect, and

more than 400 teenagers are at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking. These were staggering numbers for us to hear as a club. Unfortunately, we were also told that 85% of all child abuse goes unreported nationally. Obviously we as a community have a lot of work to do.

Also that same week in October we cooked for the new Ronald McDonald location in Wichita. The other 2 locations (Sleepy Hollow and Midtown) were closed in July and everything moved to the new facility. The new location has 40 separate sleeping rooms on 2 floors with a main and auxiliary kitchen. It is connected by a covered walkway to Wesley Hospital and Children's Mercy of Wichita. There is a private and secure outside play area with an additional area to eat while enjoying the weather. Inside they have multiple lounging areas, a large main dining area, reading nocks, a gaming room, and another play area.



Pictured left to right; Jeanna Maley, Rachel Purdy, Janine Eilert, Sara McDonald, Myra Stutzman, Lisa Stoller and Jeanne Urban.

November has also been a busy month with checks presented to HOBY students from 2 high schools in our school district. During our regular club meeting we had past HOBY students and future participants for the summer 2020 HOBY conference talk with us about their school's candidate selection process. The past HOBY students shared with us what they learned from the conference and how they have implemented that in their daily life both within the school environment and the greater community. We truly believe that developing good leadership skills

early in life is going to make our community a lot stronger and kinder.



Goddard High School Counselor Michelle Murray Cline with her HOBY students Selena, Taylor and Abby and our club president Janine Eilert presenting the check.

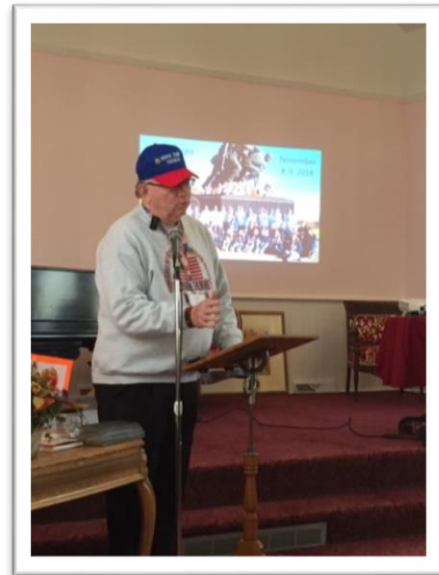


Eisenhower High School counseling secretary Sharon Griffis with her HOBY students, Tami, Payton, McKenna and Cael receiving their check.

*Janine Eilert
Goddard Woman's Club President*

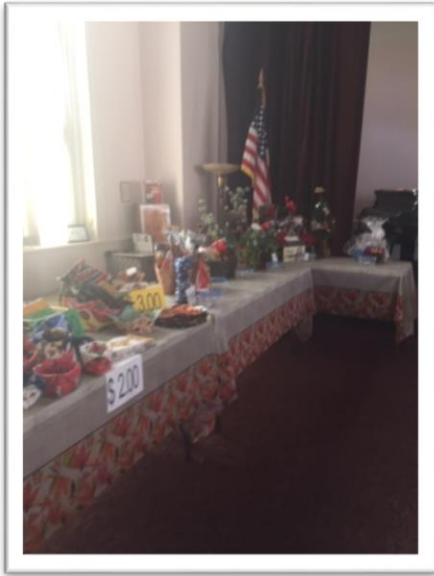
Junction City Ladies Reading Club

The Junction City Ladies Reading Club held their annual Fall Festival 16 November 2019 and had a very successful event. It was wonderful to greet members from Wamego and of course State President Kathy Baker to our Club House. The best part of the day was to see family, friends and even strangers sitting and enjoying coffee and baked goods early in the day and then soup and sandwiches for lunch. The warmth in the House was felt by many. This is the one money making event of the year to help maintain the House all year. The sale of pecans is the central focus of the event. We also had craft items and a basket raffle to complete the activities of the day.



Tom Grek was the guest speaker at our November 14, 2019 meeting and he gave a very touching report of his Honor Flight last year. Tom was a part of an Honor Flight sponsored by the high school in Leroy Kansas. The student guardians were a most impressive representation of America's youth.

We look forward to our December Christmas celebration at our December meeting.



GFWC Mid-Century Federated Club – Norton

One of the projects of the GFWC Mid-Century Federated Club, Norton, was to raise money for Heifer International. Their goal was to raise funds for Women's Empowerment.

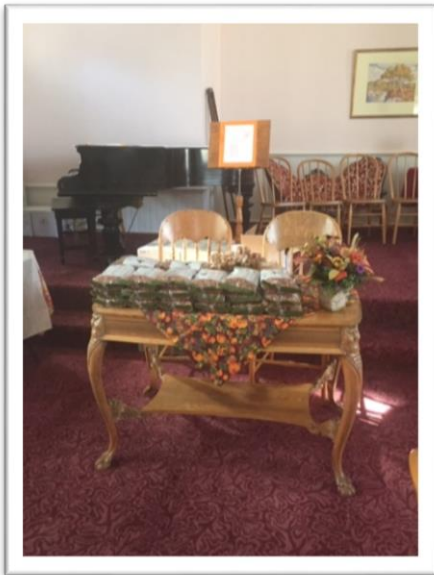
Using a Project Heifer Activity Calendar for three weeks, members put in their collection jar nickels, dimes, quarters – and sometimes more!

When the contributions were counted at the November meeting, the contributions totaled \$149.62 from the twelve members of the club.

Members enjoyed using the Activity Calendar and are proud of the contributions raised to give to support Project Heifer – Women's Empowerment.

*Beverly Kindler
Publicity Chair*

(A copy of the Project Heifer Calendar can be found on page 16.)



*Charlotte Grell
Junction City Ladies Reading Club*



In Memory

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of Pam Colson-Gottstein's passing in September. Pam had served in so many capacities for GFWC of Kansas that it is impossible to mention them all. She served on the GFWC of Kansas Board of Directors for many years and at least 8 years on the Executive Committee.....2 terms as State Secretary and 2 terms as State Vice President. Pam was always so efficient and competent in carrying out her duties.....making even difficult tasks look easy.....but her quiet, kind and giving ways always reflected the focus off herself. A memorial scholarship has been established in her name. Please send contributions to Andrea Mace, GFWC of Kansas Secretary.

SAVE THE DATE

**GFWC of Kansas State
Convention**

April 17 – 18, 2020

Junction City, KS

The Next Issue

News items for the March issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due February 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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*Merry
Christmas*

Project Heifer Calendar

<p>October 26 Give 25 cents if you lived on a farm or your livelihood was dependent on agriculture at any time in your life. Give 50 cents if you haven't lived on a farm, etc.</p>	<p>October 27 Give 25 cents for every cat and dog you currently have as a pet. Many countries depend on dogs and cats as a protein source.</p>	<p>October 28 Give 5 cents for every leather belt or pair of shoes in your household.</p>	<p>October 29 Give 10 cents for every leather skirt or pants you own. Give 5 cents for every woolen skirt or kilt in your household.</p>	<p>October 30 Give 5 cents for every egg or part of an egg you eat this coming week.</p>	<p>October 31 Give 25 cents if you ever owned a leather briefcase or attaché in your life.</p>	<p>November 1 Give 25 cents if you have received information or help from the extension service at some time in your life.</p>
<p>November 2 Give a penny for every can of store-bought food in your house.</p>	<p>November 3 Give 5 cents for each time you use honey this week. Give 10 cents if you don't use honey.</p>	<p>November 4 Give 10 cents for each leather, wool, or rabbit lined coat or gloves that you own.</p>	<p>November 5 Give 10 cents for each leather purse or wallet you own.</p>	<p>November 6 Give 5 cents for each ½ cup serving of yogurt, cheese or milk you consume this week.</p>	<p>November 7 Give 25 cents if you ever owned a fur muff.</p>	<p>November 8 Give 10 cents for ice cream or other dessert that uses milk that you ate this week.</p>
<p>November 9 Thank God for the people who provide the food you eat and that he provides for the safety of farmers during this harvest season.</p>	<p>November 10 Give 25 cents if you have ever received medical help for one of our animals by a veterinarian. Give 50 cents if you have received help from a veterinarian during the time between the Oct. and Nov. meetings</p>	<p>November 11 Give 25 cents if you were a 4-H member. If you weren't a member, be prepared to share a new idea for next year's Project Heifer sheet.</p>	<p>November 12 Give 5 cents for each time you ate meat this week. Give a penny for each soy product or other bean product you substituted for meat.</p>	<p>November 13 Know that your donations will aid a family to be economically more stable by helping provide resources through "Project Heifer".</p>	<p>November 14 Give 10 cents for each wool blanket in your household.</p>	<p>November 15 Give 5 cents for each piece of leather horse equipment or pet leashes and collars in your household.</p>

With your help, "Project Heifer" provides alpacas, llamas, sheep, goats, heifer, water buffalo, ducks, chicks, geese, chickens, rabbits, honeybees, fish, animal care training and veterinarian/health workers kits: "Project Heifer" is one of the special projects that our Kansas State GFWC President is highlighting for her term.

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Number of Members: _____ Contact phone number: _____

Community Service Projects (CSP) & GFWC Advancement Areas

Include statistics for all programs, activities and events that DO NOT fall into a partnership category on page 2.

Partnership categories will be provided by the State Vice-President each year.

	number of projects	volunteer hours	dollars donated	in-kind donations	dollars spent	dollars raised
GFWC Signature Project						
GFWC Juniors Project						
Arts CSP						
Conservation CSP						
Education CSP						
Home Life CSP						
International Outreach CSP						
Public Issues CSP						

Communications & Public Relations						
Leadership						
Legislation & Public Policy						
Membership						
Women's History & Resource Center						

Fundraising						
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GRAND TOTALS (from page 1 and 2)						
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Write name of Partner in the space designated in a specific program area. It is possible that not every line will be used each year.

	number of projects	volunteer hours	dollars donated	in-kind donations	dollars spent	dollars raised
GFWC Signature Project PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA						
GFWC Juniors Project MARCH OF DIMES ST. JUDE						
Arts CSP						
Conservation CSP						
Education CSP HOBY						
Home Life CSP CANINE COMPANIONS						
International Outreach CSP OPERATION SMILE HEIFER INTERNATIONAL SHOT@LIFE UNICEF						
Public Issues CSP						

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7 Grand Initiatives and 3 Brand Initiatives

Full Name of Club: _____ Number of Members: ____

Name of person submitting report: _____ Contact phone number: _____

Please list the statistics for these 10 initiatives separately.

Initiatives	# of	volunteer hours	dollars donated	in-kind donations	dollars spent	dollars raised
1000 projects on Martin Luther King Jr Day						
1000 projects for Women in the Military						
Donate \$1000 to GFWC international						
1000 members to join legislative action center						
Plant 1000 trees on Arbor or Federation Day						
1000 pairs of shoes donated (Soles4Souls and Nike reuse programs)						
1000 Dr. Seuss books donated						
1000 emails/phone calls on September 23 Miranda's Law						
1000 emails/phone calls on October 23 3D printed gun safety act						
1000 projects to celebrate the 100 th anniversary of the Women Vote						

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

James Russell



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