



KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

From Kathy's Desk

Dear Kansas Clubwomen,

Here we are at the close of another club year.....that seems almost impossible....it has gone by so fast! I hope that you all will be able to rest and recuperate some this summer



Kathy Baker
GFWC of Kansas President
2018-2020

from a very busy and productive year...you definitely deserve it!

Recently we had our annual State Convention. Kathleen Flock, our MVR President, was able to

be with us and that was certainly a treat! It's been a very long time since we have had an MVR President with us. The Convention started with a very lovely Tea at the GFWC Junction City Reading Club clubhouse where we were welcomed with delightful refreshments and heard the history of the building. At the Convention, we had 4 speakers, including Kathleen, and I heard many favorable comments on each of them. In keeping with this administration's special project of supporting the military/veterans, Retired Colonel Gary LaGrange spoke about the SAVE Farm which is just outside of Manhattan. They do amazing work with soldiers and veterans suffering from PTSD by

teaching them farming techniques. If you are looking for a new club project to support military/veterans this might be a good one. Their needs are very large (farm equipment, etc.), so basically they would just utilize monetary donations. You can google them to check it out. Our Hawes Award winner was Florence Whitebread.....she works tirelessly in her club (the GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club), her community and has helped with and organized the State Music Auditions for 20 years. Congratulations, Florence! Our auctions and raffle brought in quite a bit of money.....\$967.50 for Music Audition Scholarships and then \$594.00 for Art Scholarships and Citizenship Essay Scholarships. Thank you to all who brought items and purses/bags for the auctions! We actually ended up with a few bags left at the end of the auction and they will be donated to Restoration House in Kansas City. They work with victims of Human Trafficking. A HUGE thanks to all who worked hard to make our State Convention a success!

This fall, GFWC of Kansas will be hosting the MVR (Mississippi Valley Region) Convention which will be held in Overland Park, Kansas on September 19-22, 2019. I hope that you will make plans to join us for the entire Convention or even just a part of it.....MVR Convention won't be this close for several years. We have several fun events planned in conjunction with the convention, including a project for homeless veterans. The Call and other convention information will be available after the GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas later this summer. That

information will be passed on to your Club Presidents.

During our “summer break” is a good time to make plans for your next club year.... perhaps getting together to brainstorm and think outside the box. There are many sources for new project ideas: the GFWC of Kansas State Reports Book, the GFWC Club Manual which is available on the GFWC website, the GFWC Seven Grand Initiatives, GFWC State and Club Facebook pages, and there are even Pinterest topics, pages and boards dedicated to GFWC! Good luck in your search!

I love Living the Volunteer Spirit with You!

Kathy

President-Elect

The May 3 – 4, 2019 convention in Junction City was a huge success! Junction City welcomed all of us with open arms and the GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Circle treated us to a tea on Friday afternoon in their lovely clubhouse (complete with finger sandwiches, sweet treats and tea all served on beautiful china!) There’s something wonderful to be said about enjoying a nice cup of tea in a beautiful china tea cup! Thank you, Junction City ladies. On a more “business note” – the Mae Wenger Traveling Award was awarded and presented to the GFWC Maple Hill Research Club for their 38% growth in membership in 2018. As a note to all, three other GFWC Clubs in Kansas made “new member” headlines. They are GFWC Wamego Ad Astra (20% increase), GFWC Goddard Women’s Club (24% increase), and the GFWC Wichita Women’s Club (33% increase). We are all proud of every Club who recruited new members in 2018. Keep up the great work – we can’t wait to find out what Club will win the 2019 award!

Jan Moore

*GFWC of Kansas President-Elect
and Membership Chairman*

Vice President

A huge congratulations and thank you to all clubwomen who managed to attend the state convention in May. Hopefully those who attended will share their state report books with their clubs so everyone can see all the incredible projects that clubs have done throughout our wonderful state. For those clubs who did not have a representative attend the state convention a state report book and annual membership reports are being sent directly to your club president.

Thank you to all the chairman and appointees who presented award certificates at the state convention. Each of you are amazing. I am very sorry that we had to rush through the presentations, unfortunately our time allotment was cut significantly due to the guest speakers.

As you finish your club year please reflect on your many projects that you have accomplished. Over the coming months critically evaluate which will be continued, which will be retired, and which will be changed a little for the upcoming club year. Perhaps consider adding a new project.

All our clubs are “Stars of GFWC of Kansas”.

Janine Eilert

GFWC of Kansas Vice-President



Secretary

May has been an extremely busy month for me with birthdays, graduations and helping my daughter move to a smaller home. It was a pleasure for Junction City Ladies' Reading Club to host the State GFWC of Kansas Convention earlier this month for only the second time in our club's history. Our members enjoyed showing off the club house at our afternoon tea and meeting guests from other clubs. We were delighted to have Florence Whitebread honored with the Hawes Award for her work with the Music Scholarship Auditions. We were pleased to have the opportunity to showcase some of the innovative programs taking place in our community through the guest speakers that Kathy selected. It was also exciting to hear about worthy and award winning programs from other Kansas clubs.

Please send me your updated membership lists and dues payments for 2019-2020 club year and I will process them as quickly as possible. You should have a pre-addressed envelope ready to mail to me.

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Treasurer

The 2019 GFWC of Kansas Convention has come and gone, and what a wonderful convention it was! Thank you, Junction City Ladies Reading Club, for being such great hostesses and treating us to tea at your home. Thank you, President Kathy, for organizing a fun, educational, and worthwhile two days

for us. I especially appreciated having Mamie Eisenhower join us this year!

The month of April starts a new fiscal year for GFWC of KS. Fiscal year 2018-2019 began on April 1, 2018, with a total cash balance of \$51,477.66, and ended on March 31, 2019, with a balance of \$46,511.56. Unfortunately, that means expenses this year were almost \$5,000 more than our income. However, \$2,500 of that amount can be attributed to prepaid expenses for the 2019 MVR Conference that Kansas is hosting, and will be recovered when we start receiving conference registrations.

Carol Hanson
GFWC of Kansas Treasurer

GFWC of Kansas Chairman Reports

Library Board

So much library information – so little time/space to report on the remarkable work that your Kansas Library Services does for you.

At the March 8th meeting in the State House, we heard the following (this is an abbreviated list):

The 2020 Kansas Library budget has been approved by the Kansas State Legislature. Head Librarian, Eric Norris how has hired a new Library Administrative Assistant (Ms. Sarah Kettle – Sarah.L.Kettle@KS.gov) Sarah is a very capable assistant and we are all happy for the help she will give to Eric and the rest of us!

The library courier service (I've discussed the importance of this in previous articles) is

now at an all-time low cost of \$0.64/per item shipped. Over 1,000,000 library items were shipped in 2018.

Librarian Tom Taylor (he represents smaller libraries in Kansas) reported on a “transgender book challenge” by concerned Kansas citizens. Appropriate community meetings and legal hearings consumed several months of Tom’s time in 2018/2019; the end result is that those books remain on the library shelves.

Finally, there’s a bill that has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature that would move the Kansas Library Services under the control of the State Legislature instead of the State Governor. Realistically, this would complicate an already complicated process for the functioning of the Library Services. It is important for oversight in some form, but what that form would be is an unknown if the bill passes. We are all watching this carefully and I will report on any information that comes my way.

*Jan Moore,
GFWC KS Library Board Appointee*

Libraries and Literacy

It is delightful to learn about all the wonderful literacy and libraries projects done by clubs around the state. That’s why being Literacy and Libraries chairman is such a fun position. It is always difficult to choose just a few club projects to recognize as outstanding for state recognition. This year was no exception. These three projects seemed to come to the top of the list, and certificates of merit were awarded at the Kansas State Convention, held in Junction City May 3-4, 2019.

The GFWC Beta Club, Brewster, held a spring kick off to promote the local school’s summer reading program. They continued the project by volunteering one day a week for six weeks at the school by reading with students for an hour, then walking students to the library for new book checkouts. On the final day of the summer program, they provided a lunch and games for the students. Then they concluded the project in September with an award ceremony recognizing students for attending and reading the most books during the summer.

GFWC Goddard Woman’s Club continued their mission of “Bringing Books to Life”; this being the fifth year for their summer tour and the beginning of the seventh season of serving Parents as Teachers, the Goddard Public School, Friends School, and the Goddard community. The Puppet Ladies continue to entertain and promote literacy to many. Nineteen free performances were offered during 2018 along with their summer tour, reaching the milestone of over 10,000 participants enjoying these shows.

GRWC Modern Pioneers of Washington continued their longtime holiday project at their local library, the “Libeary Tree.” Trees decorated with bears containing the names of books on the local librarian’s wish list were displayed at the local craft show, sponsored by the club, and at the library. This year, fifty bears were purchased for a total of \$480 worth of books for the local library.

Congratulations to these clubs for doing outstanding literacy work in their communities!

*Mary Shoemaker
Literacy and Libraries Chairman*

Arts and Creative Crafts

We had another beautiful art display at our Kansas State Convention this year. Six clubs sponsoring eight schools entered 131 art pieces along with eight clubwoman projects. The \$500 Senior Scholarship was awarded to MacKenna Gee sponsored by the Goddard Woman's Club. Best of Show, and a \$50 prize, went to Long Vo sponsored by the Gardner Athena Club. Congratulations MacKenna and Long. And THANK YOU to the clubs who sponsor student art.

*Linda Loyd,
Arts and Creative Crafts Chair*

Conservation

Recycle More**Recycle Better***

I truly Do try to recycle, reduce and re-use as much as possible. I heard on one of the Kansas City News Stations that in about 10 more years the landfills in this area will be maxed out!! Americans are NOT doing enough to reduce and many do not recycle properly! Do YOU? I went to the RecycleSpot.org website and this is some of the things I learned:

Do not put these items in your curbside recycling bin:

1. Plastic bags and film plastic - in simple terms the plastic that covers meats, vegetables etc. Plastic bags from Wal-Mart or other stores have to be recycled by taking BACK to the large bin that almost every Wal-Mart store has you go to. The food "film" is trash and need to be tossed in the garbage.

2. Styrofoam - This includes egg cartons that are made from this material. The trays under any food product. IT IS JUST NOT RECYCLABLE!

3. Medication & vials/bottles - these can be returned to some places where you get your med's so ASK!

4. Pizza boxes, Food takeout containers - they should be washed out before throwing in trash!

5. Paper Tableware - plates, saucers, and cups have a "waxy" coating that does not break down easily so again just throw away or better yet use your dishes and wash.

I loved that at the GFWC Tea in Junction City the ladies served using their beautiful china!

6. Glass - needs to be done at the glass recycle bin that most communities have.

7. Electronics includes computer items, large TVs and smaller items like Game Boys etc. I know many communities offer special days for such items.

8. Tanglers - or the long "stringy" things such as electric cords, old cassettes etc.

9. Clothing - take to your local community Closet. Do not just throw into the trash.

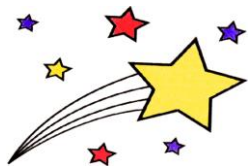
I hope that this will give you all a better idea of what is NOT recyclable. Our best way to help save this planet is to try to reduce what we use. Please take those cloth bags to the store when you go and do not use the plastic bags.

Keep on recycling that paper, aluminum, cardboard, and paperboard. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE and we MUST!

*Juanita Rothaus
GFWC Kansas Conservation Chair*

A message from Helen Carter – Past State President-Kansas

I have been a federated member for 71 years, was a charter member of GFWC Shamrock Study Club; only charter member that is still a member now. Have seen lots of changes over the years in GFWC and KFWC. My steps are slow, but I love federated work. Came up through many offices. We have helped with many community projects.



Helping the Monarchs*

Each August through October, masses of monarchs embark from the southern reaches of Canada on a journey that will take them 2500 miles to remote mountain treetops in central Mexico. Millions of overwintering monarchs were discovered roosting there for the first time in 1975.

While you are familiar with the monarchs' fall migration, here are 10 interesting factoids you might not know:

1. There Is Reason to be Concerned about the Future of the Monarch Migration.

The following is the number of monarch butterflies overwintering in Mexico:

<i>Area of forest occupied by Monarchs each December</i>	<i>Millions of Monarchs based on estimate of 50 million per hectare</i>
1996-1997	910 million
2003-2004	556 million
2006-2007	334 million
2009-2010	96 million
2013-2014	34 million
2016-2017	146 million
2017-2018	124 million

2. The Monarch Population Estimate Is Only an Estimate.

After an extended fall migration (warm weather) in 2017 and reports of large numbers of migrators, many felt there would be a big increase in monarch population in 2018. However, the estimated overwintering population was down 20 million in February 2018. Maybe part of the monarch population was in an area that wasn't covered during the count or perhaps political motivation (endangered species listing) caused underreporting. Either way, the monarchs showed an increase in 2018. Your gardening and raising efforts are making a difference!

3. Fall Blooming Plants Can Attract

Hundreds of Migrators! Planting flowers like Mexican Sunflowers, Lantana, Zinnia, Marigold, Cosmos, and Red Butterfly Milkweed can entice monarchs through your garden gates.

4. Monarchs Roost on Trees in Clusters that Can Number in the Thousands.

They have a very large roost at their Mexican wintering grounds where they number in the millions. In the Western United States, Coastal California has large roost sites in the thousands. However, the many fires in California in 2018 has caused some counters to say the western Monarch may be extinct within 20 years unless conditions are dramatically changed.

5. Some of the Western Monarchs DO Migrate to Mexico.

It was reported at the Monarch Biology and Conservation Meeting (2012) that butterflies tagged out west have been found on the forest floors of the Mexican wintering grounds. Before that, it was thought all western Monarchs wintered in southern California.

6. Monarch Butterflies Glide in Upper Air Masses Called Thermals to Conserve Energy.

They ride these thermal waves all the way to Mexico. They fly at speeds ranging between 15-25 mph...one tagged butterfly was recently reported on Journey North to have traveled 265 miles in one day. Recent flight study results posted on Journey North revealed that a monarch with 140mg of fat to burn could fly for 44 hours when flapping, but 1,060 hours when soaring or gliding!

7. Monarchs Mysteriously Arrive at the Same Remote Wintering Grounds Season after Season.

Strangely, none of the returning monarchs have ever been to the wintering grounds before. If there are maps from ancestors in their genetic coding, imagine what this could mean for your monarch butterfly garden at home. Once they find you...their children and grandchildren return to your garden in coming years!

8. The Mexican Forest Is NOT a Safe Haven!

It's estimated that more than 15% of the overwintering population will fall victim to predators that pluck them from trees. These predators include black-backed orioles, black-headed grosbeaks, and black-eared mice. These predators are a danger to monarchs in two ways:

9. The Monarchs that Migrate to Mexico in Autumn Are the Same Ones Returning to Lay the Foundation in Spring.

The eastern migration starts in March as butterflies from Mexico travel north into Texas and other southern states, breeding as they move northward. The butterflies produced in these areas move northward in May and June to colonize the northern states and Canada. Two to four additional generations are produced before the southward migration begins. Beginning in mid-August and continuing into fall, hundreds of millions of monarchs migrate

south to spend the winter in high-elevation fir forests in central Mexico.

Scientists think that five generations of monarchs are produced to make the migration back to Canada each year. These are the monarchs that lay eggs that hatch into caterpillars that spin chrysalis that become the new monarchs that continue the flight north.

10. Migration Monarchs Are Massive. The wingspan of monarch generations flying north in the Spring is generally 3.5-4." The last of the five generations of monarchs that successfully reach Canada are larger and can navigate more than 1,500 miles to a site unknown to them in the fall, live through an overwintering period of 5 months and then return north to reproduce in the spring for a total life span of 8-9 months. They seek nectar and milkweed for energy to make this long flight. Most of the migrators flying south in the fall have wingspans over 4" ...no doubt they'll need the super-sized wings for the long journey ahead.

The University of Kansas now has over 10,000 registered Waystations to help monarchs. They estimate they need 1,000,000 Waystations. We can help! It's not too late to plant your milkweed and flowers in your Kansas Monarch Waystation to help this year's monarchs. The four guidelines for Waystations have been published in earlier issues of GFWC of [Kansas Clubwoman News](#).

I thank you. The monarchs will thank you!
Anita Pfister, GFWC KS Monarch Waystation Chair apfister62@gmail.com; 620-662-1889

*Resource is an internet article by Tony Gomez (2018)

Learn more about monarch butterflies:
www.fws.gov/savethemonarch

Resources for private landowners:
www.fws.gov/partners

“The Joys of Helping Monarchs”

What a joy to see GFWC clubs from many parts of Kansas, elementary and high schools, nature centers and retirement communities, Baker Wetlands and the Garden Connection in Baldwin City working together to help our Monarch population grow!

During the past three years, 20 Monarch Waystation grants of \$75 and 12 milkweed plants have been presented to these different non-profit groups. Each group eagerly planned and planted their Waystation, then stood back to watch butterflies, bugs, bees, friends, and a few rabbits come visit their garden. What fun---and work!

Even the Butterfly Tent at the Kansas State Fair last fall needed some milkweeds to feed their visiting monarchs and caterpillars from Pennsylvania. GFWC of Kansas' Monarch Waystations furnished pots holding 30 milkweed plants for the visiting monarch butterflies for 10 days. They left with more monarch eggs, caterpillars, and monarchs than they ever imagined!

One of the clubs, GFWC Shakespeare Club of Waterville, received an award for their Monarch Waystation at the GWC of Kansas State Convention in Junction City on May 4, 2019. Their club members worked with their local grade school in Waterville, designing and building a shared Monarch Waystation/garden which included five large wooden boxes set up in the school yard and filled with plantings of flowers and milkweed to attract butterflies. Helping design and work with the planting were Dixie Tominee, Deanna Lordquist, Marsha Taylor, Barb Terry, and Jennette Bergquist, all officers and members of GFWC Waterville Shakespeare Club. Robert Green, Principal of Valley Heights Grade School, and Jerry Yungeberg, husband of the club president Selene Yungeberg, assisted in digging holes for the plants.

A newspaper clipping from [The Telegraph](#) (September 20, 2018) shows the GFWC Shakespeare Club meeting at their public library

on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Guest Tony Yungenberg is speaking about the Butterfly Garden that the Summer Exploration kids helped create with grant funds GFWC Shakespeare received from GFWC of Kansas for creating Monarch Habitats. The garden will be an on-going project, and the third grade after-school kids will maintain it as an educational tool in environment. If your club wants to experience the joys of helping Monarch butterflies, try planting a Monarch Waystation for these beautiful creatures.

Anita Pfister, GFWC of Kansas Monarch Waystation Chair



International Outreach

I have been chair for International Outreach for a couple years now. I have seen what Kansas can do when they are excited about something. I am proud of the efforts made toward programs that I have encouraged. Shot at Life was before I became chair, but wow what Kansas did in that effort. And Operation Smile also.

I encouraged education on Human Trafficking and the state did put efforts into things like the Not My Life video, and human trafficking awareness.

So Summer is here. Clubs will be meeting this summer to prepare yearbooks for next year. This is the time to make sure there is

something in your yearbook, some program, at least one, that you can prepare for and accomplish for the coming year. Then, that effort can be reported on, and BOOM, THERE IT IS. I hope to receive more reports, with the number of members, hours of activity, description of efforts, so I can prepare a wonderful report for the officers of Kansas. Get something into those first few months, so you can report on it in January.

Clear Your Closet to Help Others

Summer is upon us and so is the season of capris and bright, floral, and fun dresses. As you buy new shoes to spruce up your spring/summer wardrobe, consider which pairs you no longer need! There are two ways that your club can participate in the 2018-2020 Used Shoes Grand Initiative:

1. Register your club on the [Soles4Souls website](#) today. You'll be connected with a Soles4Souls representative within 3 business days to plan logistics. Immediately after the registration is processed, you'll be taken to a "Thank You" webpage where you can download the GFWC marketing toolkit.
2. Contact a [NIKE store](#) near you that is participating in its Reuse-a-Shoe Program. Call the specific drop off location to confirm details, but you should plan on giving at least 48 hours of notice and compiling donations into clear trash bags.

DSW Shoes has a collection box, where you can drop off shoes and get \$5 off of a pair of shoes. Just use this box as a collection station if you don't want to mail shoes somewhere. Get a photo.

Then, don't forget to snap a photo of your members assembling the donations before drop off. Share your success stories with pr@gfwc.org to be considered for the Volunteers in Action [blog](#).

Come on, clean out those closets.

And last year a lot of effort was put into Heifer International. After collecting at State Board for Quarters for Quakers, the clubs were asked to do something they could report on. And some of them did just that. Mid-Century of Norton was very creative in their efforts with a calendar project. Way to go girls. This club shows how just putting some fun and some creativity into an effort can make amazing things happen. This was just a few hours of their time, but what a fun way to do it.

Loretta Gallagher

International Outreach Chair

Creative Writing Results

There were 18 entries in the Creative Writing Contest. Youth had 7 poem entries and 5 short story entries. The club women had 2 who entered a poem and a short story, and 1 each of a poem and a short story.

POETRY

Category 1

- 1st "My Feelings" Luca McGahey, Wamego
Alma Ladies Reading Circle
- 2nd "Rabbit" Gabriel Daly, Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle
- 3rd "Playing" Austin Cassell, Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle

Category 2

- 1st "Lies" Isabel Reed, Lecompton
GFWC Questers Hutchinson
- 2nd "I Don't Know Why" Emmy V Reed,
Lecompton
GFWC Questers Hutchinson
- 3rd "Calculator" Tucker Murray, Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle

Category 3

- 1st "Cats" Elijah Steele, Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle

Club Women

- 1st "Do You See Me?" Juanita Rothaus,
Gardner
Gardner Athena Club
- 2nd "East of Powhattan" Anita Pfister,
Hutchinson
GFWC Questers Hutchinson
- 3rd "John" Loretta Gallagher, Paola
GFWC Shamrock Study Club

SHORT STORY

Category 1

- 1st "The One-Eyed Dinosaur" Eli
Wertzberger, Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle
- 2nd "Mittens and the Kittens" Summer
McCart, Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle
- 3rd "The Black Bear Who Cared" Molly
Larsen, Gardner
GFWC Questers Hutchinson

Category 2

- 1st "A Day in a Dollhouse" Aldan Doak,
Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle

Category 3

- 1st "Grandpa's Land" Haley McClusky,
Alma
Alma Ladies Reading Circle

Club Women

- 1st "Just Like That" Loretta Gallagher,
Paola
GFWC Shamrock Study Club
- 2nd "The Dilemma" Margaret Ohmes,
Gardner
Gardner Athena Club
- 3rd "President Roosevelt Needs You" Anita
Pfister, Hutchinson
GFWC Questers Hutchinson

Thanks to all of you who sent entries. It is nice to have such talent presented.

Goddard had a student win a state award in

the Creative Writing Contest in 2018. For the Alma Ladies Reading Circle this is an important contest. They visited the school to promote it, awarded \$67 to the students, and published the winning entries in the local newspaper along with the students' pictures.

Elizabeth Hemberger
State Creative Writing Contest
Chairman

Music Contest Results

This is a list of the 2019 music scholarship winners. We gave \$2,000 in scholarship money...\$350 to the top student in each category and \$300 each to the next two top students overall. We had an increase of eight students this year.

Woodwind:

Hanna Mancini, \$350, Senior, Ft. Riley, KS

Piano:

Will Jackson, \$350, Sophomore, Hutchinson, KS

Girl's Voice:

Skylar Powell, \$350, Junior, Manhattan, KS
Jazmin Tinsley, \$300, Junior, Junction City, KS
Lauryn Strahl, \$300, Senior, Junction City, KS

Boy's Voice:

Nichola Parada, \$350, Senior, Junction City, KS

The talent was great!!! We used the rating sheets to determine the two at large winners, and just happened they were both girl's voice.

Florence Whitebread
Music Chairman

Citizenship Essay Contest:

The topic for the GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Contest for 2018-2019 was "Personal Responsibilities of a Good Citizen." When this chairman asked recent state Citizenship Essay winners to choose a topic from a list of titles used throughout the past 50 years, this was the topic they chose. The topic is as relevant today as citizens of our country, and those who wish to become citizens of our country, think about the responsibilities needed to be a good citizen in today's world.

The winners were announced at the GFWC of Kansas State Convention at Junction City at the Marriott Convention Center, Junction City, on May 4, 2019. First-place scholarship winner Griffin Opat of Junction City High School was introduced by Secretary Andrea Mace at the convention. He then read his excellent essay giving his ideas of the personal responsibilities of a good citizen.

Winners in the 2018-2019 Citizenship Essay Contest, their scholarship awards, and the sponsoring clubs are as follows:

1st - \$500, Griffin Opat, Senior, Junction City Senior High School; GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club

2nd - \$400, Spencer Maley, Junior, Eisenhower High School, Goddard; GFWC Goddard Women's Club

3rd - \$300, Molly Ellis, Junior, Home Schooled; GFWC Kansas Rainbows (statewide club)

4th - \$200, Lauren Simmons, Senior, Washington County, Washington; GFWC Washington Modern Pioneers

This chairman asks clubs to encourage youth in your communities to write a Citizenship Essay for the 2019-2020 contest. Please send

your ideas for next year's topic to Anita. This year's students will help select next year's topic. It will be announced at the GFWC of Kansas State Board of Directors Meeting, August 16-17, at Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Kansas, and in the [Kansas Clubwoman News](#).

The essay guidelines are published in the [GFWC of Kansas State Handbook](#), p.11. There will be no entry fee this next year, but all information in guideline #10 **must** be listed on the cover page. Local club deadline is January 15, 2020. The first-place essay from a club must be sent to the State Citizenship Essay Chair (listed below) by February 1, 2020.

All GFWC of Kansas clubs are encouraged to donate to the GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Fund to help fund the Citizenship Essay Scholarships. Sincerely yours in GFWC,

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BY-LAWS CHANGES AS OF AUGUST 18, 2019

IF you did not attend State Convention, you need to update your Club Directory. All Proposed changes passed. Refer to your last KS clubwoman, page 7.

These by-laws took effect the day voted and are now in force.

This now deletes the Scholarship Commission.

The work of Scholarship Committee will basically do the work as before, but under the State Vice President, as members of the state Board.

I wish to thank the committee that worked hard to make these changes come to vote.

Appointed by President Baker:

Lisa Stoller, Helen Umber, and Prudence Fager.

*Delva Powers,
By-Laws and Resolutions Chair 2018-20*

Women's History Resource Center

Due to time restraints I had to condense my report, so here is a little more information.

Who was Lucy Browne Johnston?

Lucy Browne was born and grew up on a farm outside of Camden, Ohio in 1846. She attended Western Female Seminary in Oxford, OH where she received the degree doctor of laws. She returned to Camden where she taught school for four years. Her brother who lived on a farm 15 miles outside of Minneapolis, Kansas invited Lucy to spend the 4th of July with him. While there she was persuaded to start a grade school, but it fell into financial trouble and was saved through the efforts of a group of young men. Among the group was a young Canadian-born lawyer, William A. Johnston whom she married in 1875 in Camden. They returned to Kansas where Lucy became very involved in many causes and organizations. Among them was GFWC. She served as State President 1901-1903 and on the National level, Board of Directors of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs (elected in 1906). Two of her stronger convictions: her work with traveling libraries and the suffrage movement. In 1899 due to her relentless lobbying efforts a bill was passed in the Kansas Legislature for a Traveling Library Commission. The other cause was a more difficult struggle. She served as president of the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association and sat on the Legislative Committee of that organization. She successfully led the 1912 campaign for enfranchisement throughout Kansas. She did live long enough to see that women won the right to vote as she passed away in 1937. Why am telling you this story? First of all she was a past state president and her family kept excellent records of all of her club activities and of the other organizations' activities. That is why it is so important to keep and preserve minutes, rosters,

yearbooks, and scrapbooks to tell the story of what your clubs have done and continue to do.

I appreciate each and every club who sent me their stories. I gave the State award to the Goddard Woman's Club because of all the time and effort they have put into seeing that the past will not be forgotten. Years from now, future members will read what we accomplished. Club members please continue to keep a record of you are doing and don't forget to tell us about it!

Jeanne Urban, Chair

Club Highlights

Bee Keeper Presents to GFWC Wamego Study Club

On March 18, 2019, GFWC WAMEGO STUDY CLUB (WSC) met at the Wamego Historical Museum and welcomed **Rick and Judy Anderson** of **GREEN VALLEY HONEY** to their March club meeting.

Rick Anderson told club members all about the amazing honey bee! He brought a small hive to display and great poster pictures of individual bees to illustrate the inner workings of the hive. He explained the jobs and lives of each kind of bee found in a hive – the queen bee, workers (drones – all female) that care for the queen, and the male bees.



Rick Anderson, beside his bee hive

Without honey bees to pollinate, Rick reported, there would be 40% fewer vegetables and fruits available in our markets! Study Club members were amazed to discover all the activity that is happening all around us in the honey bee hives and the bees' day-to-day existence.



Rick Anderson (center), Judy Anderson, (left), and Loretta Tuma (right)



Loretta Tuma (left), Lois Spencer (center), Mary Jean Peterson (right)

Mr. Anderson awarded three door prizes to Club members – lavender craft soap and two hand and body lotions. All have a gentle fragrance and contain beeswax! Contact the Andersons at 785-410-1728 or greenvalleyhoney@gmail.com for their raw honey, hand-made soaps, and body lotions.

Another Study Club topic was the upcoming **GFWC KANSAS STATE CONVENTION** on **May 3-4** at the Courtyard Marriott, **Junction City**. Study Club will donate a basket of locally produced Kansas products to be auctioned at the State Convention to benefit the Music Scholarships given by GFWC. Kansas State Convention's service project for this year will be for clubs to bring gender neutral baby items for the "Delivering Change" Program for expectant mothers. Also, travel bars of soap will be collected for the March of Dimes self-care bags for parents of NICU babies. WSC will be helping with both of these programs by collecting their donations at their April Club meeting in preparation for the Kansas Convention in May.

Mary Jean Peterson, Chairwoman of the Cookie Trays of Gratefulness, reminded March and April cookie bakers when to bring their goodies for delivery to the community helpers. [Added Note: Cookies were delivered in March to Central Elementary and the High School, and in April to the Fire Department and Community Health Ministries.]

President Linda Krebs handed out Club year-end forms, asking members for their ideas and preferences to help the Yearbook Committee in planning next year's programs, meetings, and committees. The Yearbook Committee will begin its duties in May to prepare for the 2019-2020 Club year and to have an informative Yearbook ready for members by our September meeting.

Study Club thanks the **Andersons** for their informative presentation, the hostesses (**Shirley Powell, Madge McDonald, Louise Daylor, and Pat Frey**) for the delicious refreshments, and **Madge McDonald** for allowing us to meet at the Museum.

Linda Krebs, Wamego Study Club President

GFWC Shamrock Study Club - Paola

Well, my term as President has come to an end. The new officers were installed at the May meeting. I placed the names of the new officers on the Shamrock Study Club Facebook page. Check them out. Wish them well in their new efforts.

We had the Youth Program Director from Synergy House come to our meeting. What an enlightening presentation. I was proud of the Shamrocks for sending several Walmart bags full of new underwear for her to take back. She was very excited. They take in 12-18 year-old children in need of a safe haven for means beyond their control. It is an amazing program, and they take children from all over the area. The SAFE PLACE yellow stickers at gas stations and around the area all call THIS PLACE when they have someone come into their facility in need of help. They have a website and Facebook page also, so you can look them up.

I hope your summer is full of yearbook prep for next year. And I hope we all see a great year ahead, with lots of things to do and report.

*Loretta Gallagher
Shamrock Study Club*

GFWC Modern Pioneers- Washington

GFWC Modern Pioneer held an Art Show featuring Washington County High School and Republic County High School students at KSDS Saturday March 16. Washington County students received 18 blues, 22 red and 6 white ribbons. Republic County took home 31 blues, 29 red and 11 white ribbons. Mickaela Allsman, a Republic County student received Best of Show for her mixed media, "Work in Progress". Viewer choice was received by Jony Dahl, Republic County, for a batik, "Pedals and Petals". Each received \$25. Former art teacher Brad Owens was the judge.



GFWC Gardner Athena Club

Our theme this year was “Women who changed our World”. During the year we had fun learning about Madeline Albright, Harriet Tubman, Edith Wharton, Lucille Ball, Rosie the Riveter, Georgia O’Keefe, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Helen Keller. We began our club year in September with a fascinating program on our Founding Fathers and the Constitution. We had two programs on human trafficking with presentations from an Overland Park police detective and from Steven Robinson with Restoration House of Kansas City. In support of Restoration House we collected several bags of necessities from their donation list to assist the ladies in the program. We learned the history of GFWC of Kansas from a presentation by Juanita Rothaus. In April we toured the Edgerton Community Museum, and closed our club year this month with a salad luncheon at Juanita Rothaus’ home. Throughout the year we supported the veterans at the VA in Leavenworth, Heifer International with our “Penny the Pig” collections, and the Gardner/Edgerton schools with our art competition, scholarship, and Project Grad contributions. It was a fun, productive year.



Back row: Linda Loyd, Margaret Ohmes, Kathy Baker, Leslie Puckett, Juanita Rothaus. Front row: Linda Rothwell, Ruth Hermon, and Mary Pritchard.

*Linda Loyd
GFWC Gardner Athena Club*

Waterville GFWC Shakespeare Club

Our Waterville GFWC Shakespeare Club began the new year by observing Kansas Day on January 31st. A luncheon with members and guests met @ the historic Weaver Hotel. 150 years of the literary life of Kansan William Allen White, Emporia Gazette editor, publisher and author was the topic for the program. The meal was centered around some of his favorite foods along with recipes provided to those attending. Barbara Terry gave the program on White’s childhood, education @ College of Emporia & KU, and his early employments @ newspapers in Topeka & Kansas City. In 1895 he purchased the Emporia Gazette and wrote countless editorials expressing colorful opinions on current topics dealing with Kansas & the nation. His home was later turned into a museum now known as The Red Rock Museum in Emporia with visitors continually enjoying the home as well as his famous published works.

The Endow Waterville Partnership was presented as a program in February. A local representative explained how individuals and groups could help improve & support rural communities like Waterville. They offer an opportunity for those interested to donate financially which are managed by Kansas Rural Communities Foundation. The endowment fund principal is not used, but interest monies is given thru the non-profit charitable corp. for projects completed in towns across Kansas. Our town has benefited thru three different projects. It was a worthwhile project for the Shakespeare Club to contribute to.

The annual Valley Heights High School Student Art Show was held in our public library that the club maintains with the city from March 7-14th. Patrons vote during that time on their favorite art pieces that are displayed thru out the library. Several blue

ribbons and the People's Choice Award were presented to winning students. All students were judged with 12 out of the 17 blue ribbon art work taken by four Shakespeare members to the GFWC State Convention in May @ Junction City. Also during the spring we supported a student entering the State Music contest also in Junction City. This junior student contested with a flute solo.

Our educational tour consisted of spending time in a new thriving business in Waterville. The business is called "My Sister's Closet". A large line of gently used plus new clothing, accessories, outer wear and shoes are sold mostly on-line. One can walk in off the street and be outfitted within an hour or so with the latest of styles. The on-line sales are the most in volume. We were shown how they were photographed, advertised, payment collected and shipped to the consumer. They employ seven full time and four part-time women with a new store recently opening in Wamego. They are also in the process of opening a small sandwich, coffee, and ice cream shop next door to the store in Waterville. What a great addition to Main Street.

During our May meeting those attending the State Convention reported on the two day activities. We came home with the Monarch Butterfly Certificate plus we had a purple on our program book for the year. We also had after the business meeting, a humorous skit entitled "Bright but Dumb" by Helen Jun Marth. It was an entertaining monolog with two club members performing as a music professor was teaching a ditsy lady how to play the piano in just one lesson. She wanted to play for church the next Sunday. Members really enjoyed the skit & our special members, Deanna Lindquist and Bevy Roepke, making us laugh. A good ending for the year.

*Deanna Lindquist
Waterville Shakespeare Club*

GFWC Questers Hutchinson

Did you know honey bees must gather nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey, or that they communicate with each other by dancing? GFWC Questers, Hutchinson learned these facts and so much more at their May meeting. Young bee keeper, Ky Seck, along with his mother, Amy, shared about his honey business and tested club members about their knowledge of the intriguing honey bee! The young entrepreneur presented so much information and motivated the club about the importance of saving the honey bee. During the business meeting, the club voted to purchase 3 gifts of honey bees through Heifer International to help people in developing countries become more economically secure. Members had filled a honey pot with coins and dollar bills each month during the club year to culminate this project.



GFWC Goddard Woman's Club

We have had a busy spring, starting with our Annual Silver Music Talent Tea. Vocal and Instrumental Music students performed pieces they were preparing for state and national festivals. We were also able to celebrate long-time member Betty Hixson's 90th birthday. The Madrigals helped us sing Happy Birthday and I can promise you, it is by far the best we have ever sounded! We were honored with several visitors from GFWC Kansas, including President Kathy Baker. Students and guests enjoyed lots of homemade goodies.



The club helped 52-year member, Betty Shaw, celebrate her 99th birthday on Sunday, April 14th. A party was hosted by Betty's daughter, Sally Gaddis, of Texas. Ten club women, church friends, old neighbors, and many residents of Larksfield Place attended the event. Mrs. Shaw was heavily involved in the founding and running of the Goddard Public Library in the late 1960's and early 1970's.



We held our Annual Student Art Show in April in the beautiful atrium of Dove Estates. The show had entries from three high schools with 148 pieces. A new award was added this year called The People's Choice. Residents and visitors at Dove Estates could vote daily for their favorite piece in the show. The winning piece was a stunning chalk drawing by senior, MacKenna Gee, called "Sleeping Beauty".

That piece and two others won our GFWC Kansas Senior Scholarship. She will be continuing her art career at the Kansas City Art Institute in the fall. Way to go MacKenna!

Art students from one of the schools made a field trip to the show and the Education Director of City Arts in Wichita, Alisha Gridley, came and spoke to the students. Ms. Gridley judged the art show and also spoke to club women about the different techniques used to create the pieces in the show. It was very informative!



We have a busy summer coming up. We will cook at Ronald McDonald House and have a couple of blanket making days for our Books and Blankets project for children in crisis. Our Puppet Ladies will be hitting the road with their production of Dr. Seuss's "Horton Hatches the Egg", coming to a town near you. The only one you need reservations for are the Goddard shows. Catch a show, if you can!

"Horton Hatches the Egg" Shows:

- May 23* Goddard Library - 9:30, 11:30, 1:30
 - May 29* Garden Plain - 3:00
 - May 30* Prairie Harvest (Newton) - 3:30
 - June 3* Viola - 10:00
 - June 5* Valley Center - 9:00, 11:00
 - June 7* Rockwell Branch (Wichita) - 10:30
 - June 11* Evergreen Branch (Wichita) - 10:30
 - June 13 Champs Camp (Apollo Elementary) - 1:00
 - June 19* Mulvane - 9:30, 11:00
 - June 21* Clearwater Community Center - 10:30, 1:30
 - June 25 McKinney Vento Homeless Youth (Wichita) - 10:30
 - June 27* Alford Branch (Wichita) - 2:30
- *Open to the public

Lisa Stoller

GFWC Junction City Ladies Reading Club



The members of the Junction City Ladies Reading Club are so proud of Florence Whitebread as she receives the Hawes Award from GFWC Kansas president Kathy Baker.



Shelly Hoyle Kite presented a check for \$500.00 to our scholarship winner, Lexi West.



Ellen Westerhaus...back row...and members of the Theatre Guild presented a hat fashion show at the April meeting. All present sported fashionable hats as well. The afternoon tea was very colorful and spring like.



Our display at the recent Match Day was visited by many and gave us an opportunity to explain our Club to many. We received approximately \$6,000.00 from the day's events to help assure our Club and House will thrive.

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**Look for the Call and other
information later this summer.**

The Next Issue

News items for the September issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due August 20, 2019. Please feel free to forward your articles whenever you have them ready. No need to wait. I maintain a working copy of the next issue and will insert your article when I receive it.

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