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The GFWC West Virginia CLUBWOMAN

— GFWC West Virginia President's Message —

Who would have thought that I would have chosen the theme "Change Makes a Difference", with the cancellation of the GFWC WV state convention and now GFWC convention in June? Adjustments have been made. Plans are to extend summer conference by one day. The first day, Thursday, we will be finishing up Pamela's and Dana's administration. This will include bylaws, awards, "Parade of Presidents", and a memorial service for Jody Cunningham. The evening will conclude with the installation of officers.

Thank you to Lynne Schafer who volunteered to be the Editor of the newsletter. The format and delivery of the *GFWC West Virginia Clubwoman* will be changing. In an effort to reduce the cost of printing and mailing, we will now email the newsletter to those of you who have email addresses. Make sure you have submitted your email address to Sarah Jarrett, webmaster. The newsletter will be posted on the Website.

The summer meeting of the Board of Directors is planned for July 10-11, 2020, at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling. Items of concern will be Standing Rules, Bylaws and Strategic Plan.

Summer Conference will be held August 6, 7, and 8, 2020, at the Best Western, Bridgeport. Tentative plans will be an arts and crafts quilt project, workshops on Community Service Programs, Reporting, How to Protect Yourself, and several others.

Kaye Burkholder is chairman of the quilt project and members have been asked to submit a quilt square by mailing it to her or bringing it to the conference. The cost of each square is \$10.00. The money will go toward the President's Special Project, which is for Opioid Crisis/Drug Abuse and Recovery. This year we are asking for monetary support to help pay a recovered resident's first month's rent or deposit after leaving the Recovery Residence. Funds will also be used to purchase appliances, as well as start-up cleaning supplies. Thank you to Julie Perry for serving as chairman of the President's Special Project.

Cindy Jenkins, Fundraising chairman, has planned "An Evening of Chance". There will be auction baskets donated by the Districts, Past State Presidents, Past State Directors of Juniors Clubs, and GFWC WV Board. Various items donated by club members will be raffled. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

I would like to thank all the officers and club members who have agreed to become a part of this administration. It has gotten off to a rough start, but with all of us pulling together we will succeed and get things done. "Change Makes a Difference".

During this time of crisis in our country, we all need to be safe and pray for the wellbeing of everyone.

Take care,

Helen Moren

We will be "Buzzing around GFWC West Virginia"





***GFWC WV MEMBERSHIP:
TERRI DIAMOND, CHAIRMAN***

The 2020-2022 State President's logo, "Buzzing around GFWC West Virginia", is very suitable for us as members to start buzzing about membership this summer. All of the bees are starting to buzz outside carrying pollen to perform their duties. We are somewhat like the bee. We are gearing up for summer events and coming out of our stay-at-home order by Governor Jim Justice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As members of the GFWC-WV, let us proceed on using our president's theme "Change makes a Difference", and with the GFWC's "United by Our Diversity" Recruitment Campaign. There are four campaigns listed from GFWC. Retention (June, July, August), Recruitment (September, October, November), Mentoring (December, January, February), and Recognition (March, April, May).

Since we are in the "Retention" campaign for this summer, we need to go out and rebuild and strengthen our core group of members. Engage your members with a stable core of experienced members, as this is the backbone of your club. New members can lean on and learn from members who have an institutional memory and history of involvement. When working together, experienced members and new members can function like one healthy body – standing tall, moving forward, and making strides toward accomplishing your club's goals. Members who actively participate in their club are more likely to want to continue their membership. Find ways to use the talents of ALL members and engage every member in club projects to avoid conflict. Ask for and try to implement member suggestions to help keep your club happy, strong, and growing.

Let us reflect on the "Recognition" campaign that we just finished and hope that everyone did their part in recruiting during this campaign. Although we were under a stay-at-home order during this critical time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we as club members should have adapted technology to connect. To continue club participation and communication, technology used such as emailing, texting, messaging, social media, and virtual meetings (Zoom) is vital. Let us hear about your experience in the future on how your club communicated during the recognition campaign while staying at home.

You can always visit www.gfwc.org and www.gfwcwestvirginia.org for more information on membership.

Buzzing with WV Federation Love,

Terri

News from the Clubs

GFWC WV **Bethany Woman's Club** honored Ruth Tye on her 101st birthday at a morning coffee hour March 15, at Bethany Memorial Church.



From left, Helen Moren, Connie McVicar and Jeanne Sarg
Seated Ruth Tye

GFWC WV Woman's Club
of Cross Lanes
remembers with pride
and thankfulness
the life of

Leila Fisher

June 17, 1938—
November 5, 2019

a 46-year member of our club.



The **GFWC Oceana Woman's Club** held their regular November meeting. Plans were made to sponsor the "Socks for Seniors" program. Collection boxes were placed in local businesses in the town district as well as a local church. Hundreds of socks were collected, wrapped individually by club members and donated to a local nursing home.

A Christmas dinner was held with members' spouses attending. In lieu of exchanging gifts, members voted to make a monetary donation to the Shop with a Cop program.

A spaghetti dinner was held as a fundraiser for the children's after school backpack program.

Club members met and filled plastic eggs with candy for the town's annual Easter egg hunt.

During the club's February meeting, members enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream for **Phyllis Clark**, one of the club's oldest members.

In April, the **GFWC Bluewell Woman's Club** recognized and supported Child Abuse Prevention by wearing blue, which also signifies Autism Awareness in the month of April. They placed pinwheels for prevention on the lawn at Bluewell United Methodist Church.

Their Home Life Committee made masks and wrote thank-you notes to some in the medical field and the first responders.

Some ideas (projects) that everyone can work on at home are:

Their Arts Committee suggests taking a virtual tour of a museum, zoo, or National Park.

International Issues advocates for global vaccine - shot@life.

The Education Committee urges everyone to read during this stay-at-home time.

The Public Issues Committee is planning a celebration for Equality Day on August 26, 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment.

They are also planning a yard sale on June 6, 2020 and a car wash on August 15, 2020.



GFWC West Virginia Annual Convention

Cancelling our Annual Convention in March was an unhappy experience. It seemed the conditions in West Virginia changed overnight causing that decision to be made. With the assistance of Robert's Rules and our illustrious Parliamentarian, **Barbara Henry**, we were able to find a way to complete the election of officers for 2020-2022 and to approve a budget for 2020-2021. All of the officers moved up with our leaders being, **Helen Moren** as President and **Dusty Smith** as Director of Junior Clubs. The new officer is the Treasurer, **Linda Walker**. We have a good team.

There is still some unfinished business. In the Call to Convention there were proposed changes to the Bylaws. **Hold on to those.** On Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., before Summer Conference in Bridgeport, the Annual Convention will convene. We will have the Memorial Service, Recognition of our Clubs, Membership Awards, Proposed Bylaws Changes, and the Installation Service during the afternoon and evening. The former board members will have their Secret Sis party later in the evening.

The GFWC Convention, June 28-July 1, 2020, in Atlanta has also been cancelled. We will be receiving materials from GFWC to share with you. These are precarious days so take care, be safe, and on to the coming year.

Pamela McCoy
Past President 2018-2020
GFWC West Virginia



Ladies in the photo are:
(L to R)
Karen Henson-Bibbee,
Jackie Holland,
Jodi James,
Sierra Sovine, and
Sue Scipio

The **GFWC WV Woman's Club of Dunbar** visited the West Virginia State Capitol building on February 17, 2020, to celebrate the state's 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Dunbar clubwomen set up a display in the capitol showing off scrapbooks, administration pins, and other memorabilia. Rack cards were available for the taking, inviting local women to visit the club and join in GFWC efforts to support women and families. The day-long event included many activities, including the reading of a proclamation and a rally.

PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

On February 5th, West Virginia celebrated the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment by the State Legislature granting women the right to vote. A representation of many women's organizations had displays in the halls of the Capitol. The **GFWC Woman's Club of Huntington** displayed projects of the local clubs along with GFWC programs.



Club members pictured are (from left)
Shirley Dudley, Pamela McCoy and Rebecca Meade.



Susan Chambers taking member's blood pressure at the Home Life Health Fair.



Pictured are Liz McKee and Tess Vaonakis, co-chairs of the Home Life Committee.

The Home Life Committee of the **GFWC Woman's Club of Wheeling** promoted Heart Health Awareness Month in February. A Health Fair was held and our member and nurse, Susan Chambers, provided us with blood pressure readings. A heart decal and a chart to use for future readings at home was given to those members who participated. Handouts on heart health were provided along with a table poster display. To raise money for the cardiac rehabilitation patients at Wheeling Hospital, red pens were sold, money was donated, and a Dessert Sale was held. Home Life Co-Chairs Liz McKee and Tess Vaonakis worked selling the desserts.

The Vial of Life project was held in March. This is an important initiative for planning for the safety of family members and friends who are at home and may need assistance when paramedics arrive. A table poster was on display with handouts and a sample plastic bag containing a form identifying medicines and health issues. Red decals were also available.

GFWC Williamstown Woman's Club

Thank You to everyone who contributed in making our 2018/2020 term a success!

President Jill Maston,
Vice Pres Amy Houser,
Secretary Edie Lindley
Treasurer Sheila Jackson

GFWC West Virginia Officers

2020-2022

President.....Helen Moren
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\$\$\$ Million Dollar Club \$\$\$

Thanks to you for your generous donations to make **GFWC West Virginia** a member of the 2018-2020 Million Dollar Club! Executive Board Members and Club Members came forth with gifts to ensure preservation of our GFWC home, our history, and the office of our community program services.

There will be a recognition plaque at the GFWC Headquarters acknowledging the Million Dollar Club Members. I, also, received a capital "M" pin with sparkling stones to note that we are a Million Dollar Club member, along with a thank-you letter from GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock. Cheers to you!

Pamela McCoy

GFWC WV Past State President
2018-2020



Homemade Masks



*Nancy Spence, President
GFWC McDowell Woman's Club*



Pictured is Dr. Chandel's office staff

With our country and the world being exposed to the Coronavirus pandemic, the **GFWC McDowell Woman's Club** believes that we have been put in a position where all of us need to pull together to get through this difficult time by joining forces to overcome the virus. We felt that it is our responsibility to step up to the call and protect ourselves and our neighbors by implementing social distancing and quarantining. As part of this, let's check on each other and provide whatever assistance possible to get through this trying time in our country.

During this time, we have identified people who have put their lives in danger to provide services to the people of our community and country. These are the true Heroes of today.

To help protect these heroes, neighbors, and friends from contracting the coronavirus, we have cut out and sewn together 159 homemade surgical masks, which were then donated to hospitals, nursing homes, store clerks, doctors' offices, Stevens Correctional Facility, neighbors, and friends throughout our state and community.

We hope that with this project we have been able to provide a form of protection to the recipients of these surgical masks.

Our prayer is that we all stay safe and God will watch over us and our country during this trying time.

Federation Day GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport and GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Puts New Twist on Traditional Celebration

By Connect-Bridgeport Staff on April 29, 2020

The GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport and the GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Clubs, annually celebrate GFWC Federation Day. Typically, the occasion is noted with a meeting, party, and special project, but this year - due to the COVID-19 lockdown - members celebrated in their own homes, snapping photos to share with each other.

Members were asked to reflect on the many friendships made through their federation involvement. They were to call, text, or email a friend and reminisce about the wonderful opportunities they share through their membership in GFWC.

Both clubs have been serving the city of Bridgeport and the North Central District area for several decades. They are anxious to get back to serving their community and its people.

Orchestrated by member Tressa Wolfe, the virtual celebration featured 38 photos of members; some photos featuring more than one member, who are mother-daughter duos. In addition to members from both GFWC WV clubs, the 2020-2022 GFWC West Virginia Officers also participated in the event. See the gallery below.

Women interested in community service and membership may contact: Renee Starkey, Bridgeport - GFWC Woman's Club of Bridgeport; Mary Ann Spadafore, Bridgeport - GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Club or any member pictured for more information.



In Loving Memory of

**Iliff Maphis
Diane Wright
Marj Boley**

GFWC Woman's Club of Romney

appreciates their many years of service
to the community.



**GFWC Woman's Club
of Martinsburg**

Congratulates

their club member:

Barbara Bralick

**GFWC WV Eastern District President
2020 -2022**

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VALLEY

SHADY SPRING DISTRICT

SENECA WODLANDS

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*Thank you for your
Support during the
2018-2020*

*Southern District
Administration*



*Butterfly hugs and kisses,
Lisa S. Lineberry
Southern District President
2018-2020*

RUPERT

RONCEVERTE

OCEANA

PETERSTOWN

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Cross Lanes** held their final club activity of the 2019-2020 year by holding an indoor yard sale on March 7, 2020. Special thanks goes out to the co-chairs, Diana and Mary Anne, and everyone who helped in any way.

Also in March, the club donated \$50 from their Butterfly Fund to the Foster Closet and a car seat was purchased for the Foster Closet and will be delivered later. At the March 3, 2020 meeting, in honor of Women's History Month, club members viewed the film, *Pearl S. Buck: A Life, A Legacy*. The film describes Buck's writing career and her humanitarian work. Members commented that they learned a lot from the documentary film. The club regularly supports the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace through GFWC WV.

The April Butterfly Fund was designated for the Pearl S. Buck Foundation. GFWC WV members can join the Foundation at the level of \$20 as a member of a supporting organization. See the Foundation's website for a donation form:

<http://www.pearlsbuckbirthplace.com/foundation/about>

April's program was to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Tips from Members." Several members and Girl Scouts graciously shared their suggestions. They urge us to remind our government officials that recycling is important. For tips, check these websites:

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/energysaver>;

<https://www.appalachianpower.com/save/residential>

<http://mountaineergasonline.com/efficiency.html>

GFWC Woman's Club of Cross Lanes reminds us all to respond to the Census 2020 to guide federal spending—West Virginians need to be counted!! For information: <https://www.census.gov>.

Also, if you haven't already, remember to register to vote in West Virginia's Primary by May 19, 2020. Find your voting options at <https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/GoVoteWV.aspx>.

Stay safe and stay informed: COVID-19—<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

"BUZZING AROUND WEST VIRGINIA" SUMMER CONFERENCE

AUGUST 6-8, 2020

BEST WESTERN PLUS BRIDGEPORT INN, BRIDGEPORT, WV



GFWC WV State President Helen Moren invites all clubwomen and guests to attend the 47th Annual GFWC West Virginia Summer Conference hosted by Capitol District.

Make room reservations by calling (304) 842-5411 before July 8th. Room rates are \$89.

Deadline for this Conference reservation is July 18, 2020. Send separate form for each participant.

2020 Summer Conference Registration Form

Name _____ () General () Junior () Juniorette () Guest
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Club _____ District _____
Phone _____ Email _____

If you hold a position, please state:

- ◇ GFWC _____
- ◇ GFWC WV _____
- ◇ District President _____
- ◇ Club President _____
- ◇ Guest (nonmembers)

Please indicate special request here:

Vegetarian _____

Gluten Free _____

_____ Registration Fee	\$15.00
_____ Late Registration—add*	\$5.00
_____ Friday Lunch	\$14.00
_____ Grilled Chicken Salad	
_____ Friday Dinner	\$24.50
_____ Pecan Crusted Tilapia w/ dessert	
_____ Saturday Luncheon	\$12.00
_____ Classic Club Sandwich	
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$23.50
_____ Baked Steak w/ dessert	
_____ An Evening of Chance	\$10.00
Some raffle tickets included 3 separate "games" will be held	

Subtotal \$ _____

I have Credit from
State Convention Registration -\$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Send this form to: **Tressa Wolfe**
616 Rivendell Dr.
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Most Speakers/Project materials will be platform presentations.
See the President's Emails for specific details on program agenda.
See two workshops below that you need to sign up for separately.
Other topics in General Sessions Friday & Saturday.

Thursday: 1 pm - Business Session carried over from March
Dinner on your own
8 pm - Installation of Officers
Friday: 9 am - Workshops (select one)
_____ Quilt Project _____ Protect Yourself
10:40 am Summer Conference Platform Presentations
Saturday: Summer Conference ends with "An Evening of Chance"

**Watch the State President's emails for details on the agenda.

Make checks payable to: GFWC WV

Registration Desk

Thursday, 10 am - 5 pm

Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday, 8:30 am - 10:00 am

*** 2018-20 GFWC WV Service Project from March, **BOOKS for the Children's Hospitals** will be collected.
Please bring books and leave them at Registration Desk and they will be delivered to the Children's Hospitals.

Late Registration does not guarantee availability of meal functions. Please register by deadline to avoid

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GFWC West Virginia

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