



# GFWC Top Projects

## *From the 2020 Award Entries*

These programs and projects were selected as the Top Projects by the GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan Chairmen. The lists were comprised from the State Award Entries and Club Creativity Award Entries submitted by state chairmen.

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## **SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

### **AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**

#### **Purple Pumpkin Project**

The Princeton Junior Woman's Club (IL) helped a local orchard with a project to raise funds for Freedom House, a domestic and sexual violence agency during October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Club members and five teens painted pumpkins purple, which were sold to provide a monetary donation to the agency. The club also obtained permission from the city to provide a drive-thru pumpkin pick-up in the park. Members used Facebook and other social media to spread the word.

#### **Purple Leash Project**

The Rotunda West Woman's Club (FL) partnered with their local Humane Society and their local domestic violence shelter to support the Purple Leash Program, the special project of GFWC Southern Region President Cynthia Kay Geis. Many survivors of abuse do not want to leave their home because of their pets. Since most shelters will not house a pet, an alternative home is needed to foster these animals. Members have volunteered to be foster parents. This project is sponsored by Purina.

#### **Teen Dating Violence Prevention**

The Al Brown Juniors (NC) focused on Break the Cycle, a website for teen dating violence prevention, in February for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Members made posters and displayed them throughout their school. As a way to promote healthy teen relationships, they organized special emphasis days at school, including "Wear Orange," to spread awareness; "It's Time to Talk;" and "Thunder Clap for National Awareness."

#### **Older Adult Abuse Awareness**

Women's Club of Cross Lanes (WV) members partnered with Girl Scouts of the USA to provide items to the Shanklin Center, which supports survivors of older adult abuse in Charleston, WV. This effort was to encourage local youth to be involved in community service and to understand older adult abuse and how to prevent it.

#### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Sylvania Junior Woman's Club (GA) members placed a purple ribbon display outside the front of the public library on June 15, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Pictures of the display were featured on their club's Facebook page and on the state's Facebook page.

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness Signs**

Marlborough Junior Woman's Club (MA) members placed yard signs around town and created brochures filled with information on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Week. The material gave suggestions about what signs to look for and where to get help if needed. Brochures were given to the local police department.

#### **Laptops for Learners**

Killingworth Women's Organization (CT) members purchased five computer tablets with internet access for the domestic violence shelter to be used for school, job searching, and

other activities. This was in response to the needs of many of the women and children who had to leave their homes on short notice during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the club agreed to pay the cost of educational courses to help these women equip themselves for their new lives away from domestic violence.

### **Shoe Cards**

The Village Improvement Association of Rehoboth Beach (DE) distributed 500 “shoe cards” in July and August 2020 to six beauty salons with hotline numbers for women needing help related to domestic violence. Obtained from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence at no cost, the cards are small enough to hide in a woman’s shoe.

### **Updated Security System**

The San Diego Woman’s Club (California) has helped El Nido Shelter as one of their main service projects for years. The club sponsors a one-bedroom apartment in a safe and secure transitional housing complex. Twenty-seven members donated \$30,000 to install a new state-of-the-art video security system in each of the 11 apartments, enabling staff to see who is requesting entry into the complex. The installation also included security screen doors.

### **Rest Area Bathroom Stickers**

The Kalamazoo Area Woman’s Club (MI) adopted the Alamo Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) rest area on Southbound US131 to install bathroom stickers offering help for persons who are trafficked. The club partnered with MDOT to put stickers on the inside of the women’s bathroom stall doors at the rest area. Members posted and will maintain stickers that provide the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

## **JUNIORS’ SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**

### **Books on Bikes**

The Junior Woman’s Club of Hilton Village (VA) helped support a local elementary school with their “Books on Bikes” program. The club donated 340 books and, along with Yates Elementary staff, rode bikes and delivered a snack, book, and safely-distanced greeting to students from their beloved teachers and helpers.

### **Giraffe Hunt**

GFWC Point Pleasant Junior Woman’s Club (WV) created a Giraffe Hunt during Advocates for Children Week. The club made signs with a giraffe on them for people to post in their yards with clues to make the hunt more challenging. The club used Facebook to create a link to donate to Lily’s Place. If donations were made, extra clues were given to where the signs were placed. Prizes were awarded to the winners who solved the puzzle.

### **Holiday Light Extravaganza**

GFWC Brookline Women’s Club (NH) organized a town-wide Holiday Light Extravaganza. They encouraged local businesses and residents to display holiday lights for a specific night of the year. They then created a map and guide for local residents to follow for a socially-distanced night of beautiful holiday lights from the safety of their cars. They collected monetary donations to support the after school program and socks, hats, and mittens for the shelters.

### **Life Book**

Tempe Junior Woman's Club (AZ) supported the Life Book program of Children's Actions Alliance for Arizona children in foster care. Club members created scrapbooks for children in foster care to provide positive memories and a history to carry with them throughout their time in the foster care system into adulthood.

### **Lovey Dolls**

The Yorba Linda Woman's Club (CA) supports Threads of Love, which supplies hospitals with handmade items for their neonatal units. The women made Lovey Dolls, flannel dolls designed to help nurses prop newborns up while protecting their fragile skin. The group also made flannel, knitted, and crocheted blankets; made covers for incubation beds to protect the eyes of babies; and designed vests to protect tubes and medical devices attached to the babies while giving the appearance of infant clothing.

### **Little Red Wagon**

Mary Stewart Woman's Club (NC) hosted a "Little Red Wagon" pool party for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the summer. The cost of admission was a donation toward the purchase of the Little Red Wagon. These Little Red Wagons (also called Patient Wagons) can be purchased for \$100 each, and are used as transportation within the hospital for St. Jude's youngest patients.

### **Party in a Box**

The GFWC F.J. Scott Woman's Club (TX) supports a Christmas Party each year to honor children within the Child Protective Services organization. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they adapted to create the "Party in a Box." The box contained gifts, food and non-food gift cards, and were assembled and distributed to the children.

### **Operation Smile Bags**

The Aurora Women's Club (MN) participated in the collection of Operation Smile Bags. Members made bags from donated materials for small toys, coloring books, crayons, small mirrors, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and small stuffed animals. These bags were assembled and then sent to Operation Smile for the countries that are performing reconstructive cleft surgeries for children.

### **Pinwheel Scavenger Hunt**

Cahawba Junior Women's Club (AL) printed 20 pinwheels that were hidden around town in the windows of businesses that support survivors of child abuse in their community. A Pinwheel Scavenger Hunt was created in partnership with the Child Advocacy Center. Riddles and clues lead participants to the hidden locations and those completing the Scavenger Hunt were awarded a prize.

### **Be Kind**

Junior Women's Club of Lake Murray (SC) organized a two-part remote campaign to educate the community in a safe, socially-distanced way on the benefits of art therapy for children. Their project included a coloring contest for children, which was promoted on their club's Facebook page. In keeping with their theme for the year, "In a World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Kind," the theme of the coloring contest was "kindness." Winning artwork was displayed at the local Starbucks in Lexington, SC.

## **ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

### **Christmas Stockings**

The GFWC Blackduck Tri Sigma Club (MN) made Christmas stockings for the preschool and kindergarten students at the Red Lake Mission School (Native American Tribal). Approval was received from the tribal leaders that this would be an appropriate gift for the children. Individual members took the stockings home to sew and donated art supplies to fill the stockings. The stockings were personalized with each child's name using a Cricut machine.

### **Hawaiian Night Social**

The Woman's Club of Cayce (SC) hosted a Hawaiian Night Social featuring a catered meal and two hula dancers from Pacific Islands Dance Arts, a division of Halau Hula Alohalani. In addition to performing several hula dances, the dancers taught a hula class and gave a short lecture on Hawaiian culture, musical instruments, and the history of the hula. Participants were also treated to a Hawaiian barbeque and a cakewalk.

### **Youth Art Competition**

The GFWC Frederick Woman's Civic Club (MD) sponsored a Youth Art Competition for high school and middle school students. The event was held in January at the community college art gallery with artwork judged and certificates presented for first, second, third, and honorable mention. A reception welcomed more than 200 guests of students, teachers, friends, and family members with money raised donated to the GFWC Maryland art programs and the community college visual arts department.

### **Comfort Quilts**

The Somers Women's Club (CT) participated in the Comfort Quilts for Hospice Project. Quilters worked at home and remained quite productive. Most of the materials had been donated, so the club incurred very little expense. They completed 16 lap quilts that were donated to the Evergreen Rehab and Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs, CT. They also created one full-sized quilt and one lap quilt for a club raffle.

### **Virtual Scavenger Hunt**

The GFWC Goochland Woman's Club (VA) created a Virtual Club Scavenger Hunt of historic- and art-related spaces in Goochland, VA. Clues were sent to members via email, and members had the option to visit the clue in person and submit a photograph and findings, or visit the clue online and answer a question that could only be found in the online description. The person with the most correct answers was awarded a \$10 Amazon virtual gift card.

### **Help Art Thrive Supply Drive**

The Atlanta Woman's Club (GA) provided free art supplies to children in grades K-12 in Fulton County Schools (FCS) and Atlanta Public Schools (APS) enrolled in remote, home-based learning. Supplies donated by members were distributed the first and third week each month. Distribution locations were determined by the FCS and APS free meal kit pick-up locations. When parents picked up meal kits for their children, they could also pick up a bundle of supplies.

### **Twiddlemuffs**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Henderson (Tennessee) Arts Committee worked with the memory care unit of The Hearth at Hendersonville, an assisted living facility, to donate Twiddlemuffs to their residents. Twiddlemuffs are knitted or crocheted muffs with items attached to keep dementia patients' hands active and busy. A Twiddlemuff provides a wonderful source of visual, tactile, and sensory stimulation, and keeps hands snug and warm at the same time.

### **Thanksgiving Cards**

The GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club (WI) was not able to meet as a group due to COVID-19, so a creative member put together "to-go" card-making packets. The crafting packets consisted of pre-made cardstock cards that were cut and folded. Craft bags included the cards, craft scissors, stickers, ribbons, glue sticks, punches, and more. Club members made Thanksgiving cards at their homes, and 120 completed cards were donated to Meals on Wheels.

### **Chalk Art Contest**

The North Arlington Woman's Club (NJ) hosted a summertime chalk art contest. They encouraged children ages 6 to 18 to create a "thank you" to local healthcare workers in chalk and then submit their artwork to the club. The artwork was displayed on the town's website and the club's Facebook page. The children who participated received a certificate for a free Italian ice. There were many talented artists in their town.

### **Scarecrow Stroll**

The Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club (IL) searched for an activity to bring the community together that allowed for social distancing, and they worked with the village to create a Scarecrow Stroll. Participants purchased the base post provided by the club and the village, dressed it, and returned it for display. Sixty scarecrows were on display during October in a local park for all to see. Winners were chosen by the public and the club.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Little Food Pantry**

The Little Food Pantry project began with the acquisition of one Little Food Pantry by a Meadowlarks of Cheyenne (WY) club member. This was refurbished and set in place inside an AmVets Post. Club and AmVets members worked to fill it with non-perishable food and hygiene items. Clubwomen also manned another Little Food Pantry outside a local church, working in coordination with church members to keep the food inside the church and replenish when needed with a scheduled rotation.

#### **Summer Sack Lunch Ministry**

The Sorosis Club (OK) partnered with Methodist Women's Lunch Ministries to help with their Summer Sack Lunch Ministry. Beginning in May and ending in August 2020, sack lunches were furnished for children and older adults. Club members volunteered time to make and deliver lunches. Sixty-five children were fed each day and approximately 1,887 meals were served over the summer.

### **Saidie's Cupboard**

The Salem Woman's Service Club's (OR) program, Saidie's Cupboard, partners with local public health nurses and a teen parent program to create "family bags" of basic household items and "infant bags" for basic newborn needs such as clothing, blankets, diapers, toys, and books. The club supplies the bags whenever requested by the agencies, who then distribute them to needy families. Within the past year, 88 family bags, 15 infant bags, and 1,982 diapers were donated.

### **Teens in Transition**

The Dover Area Woman's Club (NH) supports the Teens in Transition Program by distributing donated items throughout the year. This program is for students who are homeless and spend their nights on the street, in a car, or moving from one friend's house to another. Members collected and donated clothing, food, snacks, and personal care items to the Teen Closet at the local high school.

### **Purses for Homeless Women Veterans**

The Woman's Club of Hartland (WI) collected gently used purses and purchased toiletries to donate to Women's Veterans Initiative, a part of Milwaukee Homeless Veterans. The club filled 100 purses with toiletries.

### **Ladies of Liberty**

The Mary Stewart Woman's Club (NC) members donated various items to deployed female service members through Ladies of Liberty, part of the Soldiers' Angels organization that provides care packages to women serving overseas. Members donated snacks, medicines, personal health and hygiene items, and filled USPS military boxes to ship overseas. The first shipment was so popular, club members decided to repeat the project. Twenty-nine female service members were served by the second shipment.

### **Military Tree of Honor**

A "Military Tree of Honor" was created by the GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club (GA) in partnership with the public library. A white tree was erected with an American flag topper, red and blue ornaments, an Americana tree skirt, and combat boots that were worn in Afghanistan around the base. One hundred photos of living, deceased, active, or retired service members were submitted. Photos were scanned onto cardstock and labelled with the service member's name, rank, and branch.

### **Wreaths Across America**

GFWC Lanier Club (MS), along with the city of Okolona and Carnegie Library, supported Wreaths Across America. Two hundred and eighty-five wreaths were sold in honor of or in memory of a veteran. Prior to the ceremony, flags were placed on each of the veterans' graves. A ceremony was held on National Wreaths Across America Day in December at Okolona Cemetery with patriotic music playing. The names of all veterans were printed in the local newspaper for 11 weeks.

### **Civic Safety and Racism**

The Franklin Woman's Club (NJ) sponsored a program, "Civic Safety and Racism," inviting the town's director of public safety to speak on the timely topic. The director, who is also the

first African-American and first woman to lead the local public safety department, spoke on community policing initiatives. To continue to broaden their awareness, some members attended workshops on systemic racism offered by Rutgers University.

### **The Right to Vote**

The right to vote was celebrated by the Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. (MD) in a variety of ways. A member researched and presented a paper at a club meeting that highlighted the five main arguments used in opposition to suffrage. The motivation of those opposed was explored, as were the rebuttal arguments. Members wore period costumes and yellow roses. Another member wrote a play highlighting women's suffrage events in Tennessee, read by club members.

## **EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

### **SEEDS Reads Program**

The GFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce (MS) collaborated with the University of Mississippi's SEEDS Reads Program about food insecurity and food-based STEM education. Members assisted with distributing weekly packets containing lunches and a food-based STEM activity with supplies and a book for children. STEM activities were literary-themed, based on *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Pop Corn Dragon*. Four hundred lunches and packets were delivered to various places.

### **Holiday Readings**

The GFWC Gallipolis Junior Woman's Club (OH) created 25 days of Holiday Readings when Santa had to be quarantined due to COVID-19. Various community partners, including Santa, read holiday stories to the community to promote literacy. There was a drawing each evening for viewers and five or more books were gifted each night with more than 250 children receiving books throughout the 25 days.

### **Votes for Women**

The GFWC Kansas City Athenaeum (KS) collaborated with the Kansas City Public Library to sponsor, design, and print 5,000 coloring books celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It depicted eight women from the area active in the suffrage movement. The coloring books were freely given to visiting students and to Girl Scout troops working on their "Votes for Women" badge. A program, using the coloring book, was presented by club members to Missouri Girl's Town.

### **Recess Backpack Project**

The GFWC Women's Club of Farmingdale (NY) helped a young activist promote socially-distanced recess by providing individual items for students for the Recess Backpack Project. Club members purchased chalk, yo-yo's, jump ropes, and other items to fill the mesh backpacks for 82 students to use at recess.

### **Laundry Library League**

The GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club (WV) initiated the first Laundry Library League in their state. The club partnered with the organization to provide children's books in



laundromats with a total of 120 books to start the first library. Members began book drives and collected, purchased, and stamped the Library Laundry League's logo on each book. The 19 club members rotate weekly to maintain the library.

### **Drive by Donation Day**

The GFWC Southwest Region Woman's Club (CO) adapted their annual school supply drive to a "Drive by Donation Day." The club partnered with a local organization to set up collection sites to gather school supplies. Their collection resulted in members packing and donating backpacks of supplies to 3,900 children.

### **Little Free Library**

The GFWC Tifton 20<sup>th</sup> Century Woman's Club (GA) received 20 used metal newspaper boxes from the local newspaper. The club creatively repurposed the boxes into Little Free Libraries. They hosted decorating parties with members and local Girl Scout troops, who repurposed the boxes to be placed throughout the community with free books.

### **Festival of Books**

The GFWC Brookings Club (SD) adapted their annual state Festival of Books. The festival typically rotates throughout various towns, but this year members and guests were able to register for online events and attend remote author meet and greets. These were recorded and are available to view.

### **Best Gala that Won't Happen**

The GFWC Evening Chapter of Mesquite Club of Las Vegas (NV) adapted their annual holiday craft charity auction, which funds student scholarships, to the "Best Gala that Won't Happen" event. Invitations were sent and donors were asked to cozy up at home and send donations to the scholarship fund if they were able. Three female high school seniors are chosen to receive the \$1,500 scholarships. Funds were raised for both the current and next scholarship year.

### **Literary Pumpkin Decorating**

The GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club (FL) donated 43 pumpkins to an elementary school for a literary pumpkin decorating contest. Each classroom was able to read a story and decorate the pumpkin based on a book character. Members chose the top four out of the top ten receiving votes. The first place class, having decorated their pumpkin based on *Miss Spider's Tea Party*, was given treats, pizza, and ice cream by the club.

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

### **Keeping Waterways Clean**

GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club (FL) partnered with "Keep Pinellas Beautiful," which has initiated a new program in conjunction with the University of Florida to collect, filter, and microscopically identify the presence of microplastics in their local waters. Nine of their members are being trained to test waters and identify microplastics. Microplastics are

plastic particles that are less than .2 inches long and pose a danger to our oceanic wildlife and the food chain.

### **Repurposing Plastic Bags**

GFWC Hastings Women's Club (MI) made sleeping mats from plastic bags. They collected more than 600 bags, cut them into strips known as plarn, rolled them into a ball, and crocheted them into mats. They then put a Zoom presentation together on how to make the mats from beginning to end. The presentation was nearly two hours long with step-by-step instructions from three club members. Eighteen members across the state attended this Zoom presentation.

### **Mason Bee Revolution**

Hartwell Woman's Club (GA) watched a PBS show called *Growing a Greener World*, which included a segment on the "mason bee revolution." According to the segment, mason bees are 30 to 60 times more effective at pollinating than honeybees – one female mason bee is like having 100 honeybees – and they are non-aggressive and safe for children to observe. They ordered mason bees, built a stand, and set up their hut in the "Sun Perennial Garden" in the Hart County Botanical Garden.

### **Environmental Education**

GFWC Woman's Club of Tidewater (VA) supported Lynnhaven River NOW to spread awareness about the importance of healthy waterways. They joined with teachers to create a take-home lesson kit for preschool students. Members helped plant 400 trees to combat coastal flooding and climate change. They continue to work to educate residents, businesses, and schools about ways to clean-up and protect water resources.

### **Reducing Pollution**

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne (WY) partnered with the Laramie County Conservation District, the Cheyenne Rotary Clubs, and the Casper, Wyoming-based Frog Creek Partners to help improve the water quality of Crow Creek. Water filtration units called gutter bins, with removable and recyclable filters known as mundus bags, were installed around downtown Cheyenne to reduce the pollution that washes into Crow Creek each year. The club purchased the mundus bags for the gutter bins.

### **Protecting Pets**

GFWC Hudson Women's Club (NH) held a rabies vaccination clinic at the Hudson Police Department complex. Members were responsible for directing traffic and filling out paperwork. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they wore masks outdoors with clipboards that were handed to each incoming car. A veterinary assistant took each animal into the shelter for their shots, so the animal parents never had to leave their cars. In addition, the club brought needed supplies to the shelter.

### **Reducing Plastic Waste**

GFWC Village Improvement Association of Rehoboth Beach (DE) collected 500 pounds of unwanted plastic bags, which is approximately 40,500 plastic bags. They signed up with the TREX Recycling Challenge and sorted, weighed, and dropped off the bags at a participating grocery store recycle bin. They were awarded a bench valued at \$299. The bench was placed in the Memorial Garden at their clubhouse. TREX uses plastic film in their composite decking.

### **Collecting Corks**

GFWC Greensboro Woman's Club (NC) held a program to recycle corks through the Cork Club, a sustainability initiative funded by Widget Co., Inc. This organization donates up to two cents for each natural wine cork received toward forest and ocean conservation.

Shipments to Cork Club must be a minimum of 500 corks. They collected from restaurants, bars, and family, and shipped more than 33,864 corks or 338 pounds of cork.

### **State-Wide Recycle**

GFWC Illinois held a state-wide project to partner with Terracycle to recycle laundry detergent and fabric softener bottles. They contacted Terracycle, chose a recycle program, set up a collection site, and sent the items to Terracycle. Terracycle sent a free shipping label to be used on their donation shipment.

### **Clean Sweep**

GFWC Florentine Club (MS) participated in Pearl River's "Clean Sweep" at Belhaven Beach along the Pearl River. This river cleanup event removed 4,000 pounds of trash, including 36 tires.

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

### **Flu Care for College Food Pantry**

GFWC Brookings Club (SD) donated flu-care supplies including tissues, Chapstick, disinfectant sprays, soups, snacks, and throat/cough drops to South Dakota State University's food pantry, "Jack's Cupboard," for college students in need.

### **Healthy Smiles for Kids**

GFWC Junior Women's Club of Barnesville (OH) partnered with Colgate-Palmolive and created oral health packets containing family-size toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, dental floss picks, and kids' disposable face masks. The club donated the packets to low-income children without health insurance and no preventative dental care.

### **Recycled Prescription Bottles**

GFWC Legacy Club (AL) members collected empty prescription pill bottles for The Community Free Clinic in Huntsville, AL. The mission of the clinic is to provide quality free healthcare, education, and medications to thousands of people in Madison County without healthcare benefits. The clinic uses recycled prescription pill bottles for distribution of medication to its clients. Seven hundred sixty-three plastic pill bottles were collected and donated this calendar year.

### **"Pink Out Your Punk'in" Contest**

GFWC Nature Woman's Club (FL) hosted a "Pink Out Your Punk'in" contest for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The community painted and decorated pumpkins pink and posted pictures on Facebook, where the winning pink pumpkin was chosen by the club. The winner received a \$25 gift card and a donation was made in their name to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

### **Warm Lap Robes for Seniors**

GFWC Mesquite Club of Las Vegas – Evening Chapter (NV) made and donated 40 lap robes to the senior housing at City Impact Center, for low-income seniors, adding a layer of comfort and heat in the winter months.

### **Letter Writing is Back!**

GFWC Papillion Junior Woman’s Club (NE) initiated a letter writing campaign to nursing home residents who could not have visitors or leave their rooms due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members wrote to 90 residents once a month. The nursing home staff told the club how excited the residents were when the mail arrives and how many appreciate the letters. Club members provided the stationary and postage.

### **Nurses Care Kit**

GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman’s Club (MA) delivered 100 care kits to nurses working at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital’s Marlboro Campus. Kits included hand creams and facial cleansers to help reduce the damage done by constant mask wearing and hand sanitizing. The note attached read: *“Your hands have helped to pave the way. They have given love and care each day. No matter the tasks they have to do, they’re tender, caring and strong like you. They’ve healed or lifted, encouraged and touched, and in return you are thanked so much.”*

### **Festival Fitness Activity Circuit**

GFWC Homer Glen Junior Woman’s Club (IL) collaborated with the village of Homer Glen to sponsor a Fall Fest Fitness Activity Circuit at the Scarecrow Festival in the local park. The club created 25 Halloween/fall-themed activity posters with events like 10 jumping jacks, 15 burpees, eight push-ups, and instead of bear crawls it said “spider crawls.” Each poster displayed a fun Halloween picture on it that matched the exercise.

### **White Bags of Courage**

GFWC Chapin Woman’s Club (SC) supported cancer patients receiving chemotherapy at South Carolina Oncology Associates. Club members filled 50 bags with lap blankets, bottled water, energy bars, note cards, crossword books, lip balm, journals, and other goodies. Each bag also had a rolled page tied with a blue ribbon full of quotes about courage from people of all walks of life, from Mother Teresa to John Wayne. Before delivery, each bag was stuffed with blue tissue paper to make a festive gift presentation.

### **Campaign to Change Direction – Community Action**

GFWC Woman’s Club of Lake Wales (FL) members took the official pledge to know the Five Signs of Emotional Suffering from Campaign to Change Direction. They promoted the Campaign on their club’s Facebook page and website. Members mailed out more than 75 letters to local businesses and doctors’ offices with posters from the Campaign. They also developed a video called “It’s Time to Talk” to increase awareness of the signs of depression brought on by isolation and how to combat the effects in a positive manner.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVANCEMENT**

### **PLAN**

### **Flood Memorial Dedication**

Jackson Woman's Club (KY) partnered with their Tourism Board to add a Flood Memorial to their community park, which they also sponsor. It honors 32 community members lost in a flood in 1939. Invitations to the dedication ceremony were sent to surviving family members. The club ran PSAs on the radio, in print, and streamed the ceremony live on Facebook as attendance was limited. A local radio station also provided live coverage of the event.

### **Chamber Clubhouse**

GFWC Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club (FL) found themselves struggling with clubhouse maintenance expenses. After much negotiation, the club deeded their clubhouse to their local Chamber of Commerce, retaining the right to use it for board, general, and District meetings as well as social events. The Chamber completed a total renovation and has included the club in all publicity. They are currently planning a joint celebration of the Chamber's 75th anniversary and the club's 100<sup>th</sup>.

### **#IamGFWC**

GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club (MS) created 15 testimonial Facebook posts during their October membership drive. Each post highlighted an individual club member using the hashtag #IamGFWC. Posts included the club name, logo, a photo of the member, and why she belongs to the club. The posts were viewed 6,370 times during the campaign.

### **Liz Hurley Ribbon Run**

The GFWC du Midi Woman's Club (AL) has been a longtime sponsor of an annual Ribbon Run, honoring a local television reporter, Liz Hurley. The run was remote this year, but the club invited Liz to join them for a walk to honor those affected by breast cancer while club members were holding their club banner. Liz's interview with several of the club members later aired on Huntsville's WAFF 48 news.

### **Supporting the Community**

Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach (CA) decided to support local restaurants that had donated goods in the past. Each week for 12 weeks, they featured a local restaurant and encouraged the community to order take out and share their experience on social media. They created yard signs, stickers, and window signs that said "Support Local." The signs also featured the club's 100th anniversary and had a QR code that gave information on the club.

### **There's an App for That**

GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club (MA) introduced an app to its membership that could be used on their phone. The app can email all members, keep documents like Bylaws, Standing Rules, past newsletters, and more in one place. It also can notify members of meetings and send a Zoom link, as well as post upcoming events.

### **19th Amendment March**

GFWC Cathlamet Woman's Club (WA) planned a march in honor of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Dressed in 1920's attire, proudly carrying flags and signs, the members marched up and down the city streets while staying socially distanced and wearing masks. They even had an antique car! They also had a table set up where they distributed voter registration information and GFWC and club literature. The march made the local paper.

### **Farmer's Market in the Park**

Woman's Club of Wenonah (NJ) expanded the Wenonah Farmer's Market, a community outreach program they started in 2019. They reached a massive audience through social media advertising. Their market website featured all vendors and offered pre-ordering. They also established a Facebook page and an Instagram account for the market. More than 1,200 people were served and most transactions were hands-free with curbside pickup available. This project gives them broad exposure in the community!

### **"Feel Good" Community Award**

Woman's Club of South Norfolk (VA) had to cancel their Holiday Christmas Tour, instead opting to promote a "Feel Good" Community Award. Homeowners received a gift from the club in recognition of their exceptionally decorated homes. Each gift was hand delivered with a GFWC brochure, "thank you" letter on club stationery, and the President's card. They also mailed out additional letters to other homeowners with decorated homes as a show of appreciation.

### **Local Healthcare Heroes**

Exeter Area GFWC (NH) delivered snack baskets to healthcare facilities to celebrate local healthcare workers. A Seacoast newspaper staffer met volunteers at one of the stops, and a story and photo was run about the project in the Exeter Community Newspaper.

## **FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT PLAN**

### **Gingerbread Competition and Fundraiser**

The Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club (NC) held the Gingerbread Competition and Fundraiser in partnership with the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center. A gingerbread kit donated by the local Michael's store was provided to all 49 entries. Houses were on display at the Arts Center, where visitors voted for the People's Choice Award. The event was shared on social media and followers voted for the Virtual People's Choice Award. The club raised \$345 through the People's Choice voting, as well as additional funds through participant entry fees.

### **Pumpkin Walk**

The GFWC Woman's Civic League, Inc. (UT) held a Pumpkin Walk in cooperation with Tremonton City on Holmgren Nature Trail. Other organizations were invited to create "scenes" using pumpkins and squash along the trail. The scenes ran the gamut from *The Flintstones* to Cub Scouts and from animals to a school setting. There was no entry fee for participants or visitors, but a donation box was placed by the exit. The club raised more than \$2,000 through donations and a "gypsy camp" experience where people could pay to have their fortunes read.

### **"Polar Express" Walk-Along Fundraiser**

The GFWC Women's Club of Butler (PA) wrote a "Polar Express" script, encouraged talented community members and club members to participate, and told the story to 12 groups of 25. Participants were greeted by Holly & Polly North Pole member elves. At the second stop, the Polar Express conductor gave everyone their own stamped "golden tickets" and a member vocalist sang "Believe" from the movie. Lastly, each group met with Santa and Mrs. Claus and received a sleigh bell. The children rang their bells and were true "believers."

### **Purple Pumpkins**

Princeton Junior Woman's Club (IL) painted pumpkins purple in support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. They sold the pumpkins and raised \$656, which was donated to Freedom House, a safe haven for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

### **“Oh, the Places You Will Go”**

The Village Improvement Association of Rehoboth Beach (DE) developed a fundraising and wellness project for fellow members during COVID-19. This program encouraged members to walk, run, swim, or bicycle. Each member was encouraged to keep an accurate recorded log of the miles covered. They also had to ask family, friends, and business owner partners to sponsor miles successfully traveled. Eighty-three members and four non-members participated and the member who traveled the most miles each month was awarded \$75. In total, the club raised \$10,556 and traveled 4,488 miles.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Akron Scarecrow Festival**

The GFWC Friendship and Service Club of Akron (IA) held their Scarecrow Festival with remote and in-person activities. The in-person events included the scarecrow contest, bake sale, viewing of Nature's Harvest auction items, scavenger hunt for children, sale of t-shirts/sweatshirts, and Cow Pie Lottery ticket sales. Remote events included announcement of scarecrow winners, an online Facebook auction for Nature's Harvest, basket auction, and scarecrow sales. The club raised almost \$5,000 to support community projects.

### **Fight Identity Theft**

The Coronado Woman's Club (CA) held shredding events in the parking lot of a local bank. The people who came were happy to see their documents shredded in front of them and the club was happy to help the community. The cost for people to participate in the shredding event was \$7 per box, and the club raised \$750 total.

### **Christmas Tasting Takeout**

The Cosmopolitan Club of Petal (MS) planned and prepared 18 food samples of tasty Christmas dishes and placed them in small boxes. The samples coordinated with the accompanying recipe book. The patrons drove through a decorated tent to pick up a box of treats for \$10. The decorations mimicked a Christmas lot with an old station wagon with a tree tied to the top. Through the project, the club raised \$3,050.

### **GFWC Embroidered Face Masks**

Members of the Women's Club of Mount Airy (NC) made face masks and provided them to hospice, nursing homes, and teachers throughout the community. In lieu of payment, recipients were asked to donate food to the local school system. Members working as a team in their own homes completed various tasks, including bookkeeping and addressing shipping labels, embroidering logos, cutting elastic and fabric, assembling the masks, soliciting sales on personal Facebook pages, and selling to GFWC sisters. The club members contributed 1,800 volunteer hours, raised \$3,600 and donated \$6,840 in-kind.

### **Charitable Gaming**

The Salem Area Woman's Club, the Exeter Area GFWC, and the Concord Contemporary Club (all of NH) participated in charitable gaming in New Hampshire. The Salem Area Woman's Club raised \$19,705.80, the Exeter Area GFWC raised \$22,403.83, and the

Concord Contemporary Club raised \$3,100. The clubs received 35 percent of the daily gaming profits for those days.

## **LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT PLAN**

### **Rotating Presiding Officers**

The GFWC Salem Woman's Service Club (OR) involves each of their members in club leadership. While there is one club president for official purposes, the task of serving as presiding officer rotates each month. The month's presiding officer is involved in planning the meeting, sending out notices, preparing the agenda, and then presiding at the meeting. Each member gains skills and feels she can handle leading "just one meeting," which provides great mentoring opportunities.

### **Leadership Team Training**

GFWC Tampa Woman's Club (FL) taught newly installed leaders protocol and parliamentary procedure, courtesies relating to emails, policies and procedures, and familiarity with club Bylaws and Standing Rules. The new team set goals and reviewed what has worked and what has not. In addition, new officers created a strategic plan and a succession plan with roadmap, timeline, and leadership development opportunities with prospective club president candidates to help them prepare for the role of president.

### **Past Presidents Committee**

GFWC of Holden Beach (NC) values the experience, knowledge, and passion of members who have served as club president or State President. They created a Past Presidents Committee, which provides leadership ideas to the club and works with and supports the current club leadership. They make personal phone calls to club members and also help coordinate the State President's special project efforts in their own club.

### **Leadership Academy**

GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club (GA) invests in the training of its future leaders through a 10-month Leadership Academy providing structured training in diversity, time management, board position training, GFWC history, and more. Graduates are more deeply invested in the club and encouraged to join other local nonprofit boards, spreading the word about the club and building their own career and networking opportunities. The first class will graduate in 2021!

### **Project PODS**

The Palos Park Woman's Club (IL) restructured their club activities during the pandemic and formed six Project PODS within their club of 10 to 15 members each, who live close to each other. A leader in each pod coordinated group efforts, led communication, and volunteered her home as the base for donations. The PODS picked fun names and competed with each other in donation collections. New leaders emerged and the PODS helped members feel connected.

### **Focused Leadership Development**

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club (CA) intentionally focused on leadership development in 2020. Several board members read *Good to Great* and *Difficult Conversations* and taught the principles and strategies in meetings, especially the conflict resolution techniques. They



developed and began to implement multiyear plans for intentional leadership development and other goals, and each Executive Board member created a procedures notebook for her successor and then mentored her in the new position.

### **Club-Wide Planning**

GFWC Legacy Woman's Club (AL) built greater member buy-in and participation and encouraged leadership skills by conducting a club-wide planning meeting for the year. Proposed activities, categorized as local, short-term, long-term, GFWC Alabama, and GFWC projects, as well as guest speakers, were researched and presented to the whole membership. Members voted on the options in each category to determine the club's plans and schedule for the year. Clubwomen involved in decision making become active participants.

### **Past President Leadership**

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors (MA) resolved a president vacancy by asking past presidents to run monthly meetings. Each past president showcased her own style and strengths, demonstrating to the members the value of diversity and unique expertise. They also honored their last active founding member of the club, now 95, as the club celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Embracing Technology**

The Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township (NJ) took advantage of COVID-19 pandemic conditions to gradually introduce technology that helped the club continue to function smoothly and enabled members working full time and raising children to stay engaged. Once Zoom was taught and mastered, file sharing through Dropbox was introduced. SignUpGenius and Evite were then introduced. Phone calls were also used to check in with members. Prioritizing communication and education kept the club successful.

### **Team Approach to Leadership**

Chalets GFWC (CO) has developed a team approach to leadership in their club. Members are divided into two teams, each responsible for speakers, projects, and activities at specified club meetings. One team is responsible for organizing and hosting the annual Christmas Party, and the other team handles the Spring Banquet. The team concept gives club members more opportunities to learn leadership skills and teamwork in a smaller group, and prevents individuals from becoming overwhelmed.

## **LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT PLAN**

### **2020 Suffrage Alliance**

GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (NM) partnered with the League of Women Voters and 11 other organizations to form the 2020 Suffrage Alliance, showcasing New Mexican women in the struggle for suffrage. For publicity, face masks were made with yellow roses and "VOTE" in red on them and were worn at the farmers market. The club applied for a marker from the National Collaboration for Women's History Sites for a local park, built by the Women's Improvement Association.

### **Day at the Capitol**

GFWC MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce (MS) members met at the state capitol in Jackson for American Heart Association Advocacy Day, followed by a visit to the Governor's Mansion. While there, the ladies advocated for bills that would require all schools undergoing major construction renovations to have water bottle refilling stations.

### **Reverse Parade**

GFWC Belpre Woman's Club (OH) members did extensive work to plan a "reverse" parade for their community, an event where parade units remain stationary and spectators drive through. They worked with local officials and the Lion's Club. Businesses were engaged and asked to donate food for the area food bank. Members who serve on the school board and city council brought other members from these groups in as well. The parade was postponed due to the pandemic, but this great project connected the club with many community leaders.

### **Easy Access to the GFWC Legislative Action Center**

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club's (MA) Legislative/Public Policy chairman provided step-by-step instructions to make it easier for members to join the GFWC Legislative Action Center (LAC). She placed "Join the GFWC Action Center" and "Take Action on Legislation That Matters to You" banners on their club website home page. Clicking on these banners led directly to the LAC and signup instructions.

### **Candidates' Forum**

The Amity Club (TX) held a Political Rally and nearly 40 candidates were given an opportunity to speak. The 200 attendees were encouraged to submit questions for the candidates. Soup, chili, and cookies were offered for a donation and baked goods were auctioned throughout the event. The Rally raised \$3,603 for the club's scholarship program.

### **Paint the Town "VOTE"**

The Selbyville Community Club (DE) proposed painting "VOTE" signs for strategic placement around town. The town council was petitioned to allow this. The local media, which attends council meetings, covered the club's campaign. Members appeared on the local news with their "VOTE" signs, made with stencils and washable spray chalk paint.

### **Suffrage Program via Zoom**

Alamo Woman's Club (CA) members celebrated the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with a Zoom program on August 26, 2020. Speakers included a former mayor, a women's history author, a District President, a former state representative, and the supervisor of Contra Costa County. More than 40 people attended and the county recognized the club with a resolution honoring its outstanding community service.

### **Plastic Free Efforts/Resolution**

Woman's Club of Coconut Grove (FL) members worked with Plastic Free Coalition to present state legislation to reduce pollution and damage to wildlife and waters. In addition, the club sponsored a GFWC Florida resolution for this project.

### **Day at the Capitol/Membership Drive**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar (WV) participated in the "Women's Day" at the state capitol in Charleston. They set up a booth displaying their 80-year history and had

membership pamphlets available. Clubwomen sat in on a Senate session and spoke to state officials afterwards.

### **Parade Participation**

GFWC Round Table Club of Wyoming/Camden (DE) members participated in two parades, in costume, honoring “Women’s Right to Vote.” They made and wore yellow rose pins to identify themselves as “yes” voters. The pins were sold at club meetings to cover the cost of materials. They were also sold and presented to officials at both parades. Afterwards, members visited the Delaware Legislative Hall to speak with legislators and present them with yellow rose pins.

## **MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT PLAN**

### **Promoting Club Service During A Pandemic**

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman’s Club (MA) went all out looking for ways to promote their club during the pandemic. The club supported the city’s first responders with gift cards, provided local high schools with scholarships, made donations to organizations that support children, and participated in state and club fundraisers. They brought recognition to the club through local newspapers, club newsletters, Facebook, and their website.

### **Finding Members Among the Pumpkins**

GFWC Women’s Civic League (UT) wanted to remain in GFWC, so they regrouped and reorganized. Planning meetings and projects, installing new officers, and rewriting bylaws was the focus of the 10 remaining members. Members organized a Pumpkin Walk to bring the community together safely on the Holmgren Nature Trail. This event was a huge success resulting in 15 new members.

### **Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese Social COVID Style**

The Women’s Club of Gulfport (MS) held a drive-through membership recruitment event COVID-19-style with a “P.J. Party” for domestic violence awareness and a “Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese Social” for prospective members. Officers distributed swag bags with wine and cheese to go, “Living the Volunteer Spirit” pamphlets, and information on club projects, as current members drove through to donate pajamas and socks and introduce their guests, resulting in three new members.

### **Meeting in a Bag**

GFWC Iowa Solon Women’s Club (IA) held their October membership drive in the library parking lot where attendees received an activity bag that contained GFWC and club history, instructions, a large crochet hook, and plastic grocery bags to make a mat for people without homes. Additionally, the bag held empty pill bottles for a future project and greeting card supplies for the nursing home. This successful “Meeting in a Bag” kept members engaged while they stayed safely at home.

### **Reporting for Retention**

Les Dames d’Etude (LA) used simple projects to retain members! Since much of the club’s volunteer work was completed at regular meetings and members did not realize how much

they accomplished, the club president reviewed a brief portion of the club's annual report and announced the awards they received. This reminded members how much they achieved and why they received an award. It increased individual pride and their sense of accomplishment as members of a club.

### **Getting Our Members Hammered**

Members of the GFWC Northwest Suburban Woman's Club (IL) gave each of their 28 members a drive-by parade. On Wednesday afternoons in April and May, parade participants drove to honoree homes with balloons flying, streamers waving, and horns blaring. Upon arrival, one member would pop out of the car to "hammer" a sign saying, "An Awesome Member Lives Here," another snapped a photo to post on their club's Facebook page, and another delivered a bottle of sparkling wine to the door.

### **Roll-on in with Us at GFWC**

The GFWC Morehead Woman's Club (KY) used a social media blitz to promote the club and invite potential members to "Roll-on in with Us" at GFWC. An ice cream party was held in the downtown entertainment area with "Roll Over Creamery" providing the sweet treats. GFWC Ice Cream Bingo, with numbers correlating with ice cream pictures, was played and information was given about the organization's history, programs, and current projects. Throughout the blitz and event, the club welcomed 12 new members.

### **What's in Your Bag?**

The GFWC Centennial Woman's Club of Tullahoma (TN) incorporated creative activities into their meetings to engage their club members. We all know how many things can fit into a purse or bag. "What's in Your Bag?" put a COVID-19 spin on the game with a list of 30 things you may need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Members earned points for each item found in their bags. Examples included face masks, hand sanitizer, and a takeout menu. The winner received a roll of toilet paper and a mask.

### **Dialing Divas**

The GFWC du Midi Woman's Club (AL) formed the du Midi Dialing Divas to help with member retention. Nineteen Dialing Divas reached out to assigned members prior to each month's Zoom meeting and club "drop-off" days to make sure all club women were aware of club activities. This was also a time to catch up and talk with members that were feeling isolated and lonely due to the pandemic.

### **Join Us at the Beach Membership Recruiting Coffee**

The GFWC Woman's Club of MacClenny (FL) held a "Join us at the Beach" Membership Recruiting Coffee. Upon arrival, guests were given a pair of mix-matched flip-flops with instructions to mingle to make a matching pair. Themed programs outlining GFWC programs and projects were distributed, a senior member gave an introduction on what it means to be a GFWC member, and door prizes of sand buckets filled with beach items and flip-flop wall hangings were given, resulting in four new members.

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER**

### **Celebrating Suffrage**

The Dover Century Club (DE) spearheaded the statewide suffrage centennial celebration on August 26, 2020, at the historic Green in Dover. Clubwomen dressed in suffragette costumes were joined by members of the Delaware State Legislature, the Historical Society of Dover, First State Heritage Park, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Following the reading of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and proclamation presentation, a special tribute was presented to GFWC Delaware by the Delaware Heritage Commission. The celebration culminated in the unveiling of a commemorative marker at the old State House.

### **Voter Registration Drive**

The Woman's Club of Raleigh's (NC) suffrage centennial celebration was highlighted by a voter registration drive held in collaboration with another GFWC North Carolina club. The drive was held at various locations, including area churches, the state farmer's market, and the Raleigh-Durham Airport. Club members and guests attended a club program on the historic 2020 election process. The club was recognized for its service by the Wake County Board of Elections.

### **“Years of Hope. Years of Courage”**

Victor Valley Women's Club (CA) celebrated the suffrage centennial with a float in the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade, “Years of Hope. Years of Courage,” in Pasadena, California. One hundred ladies, including the club president, dressed in suffragist costume and followed the float that carried descendants of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Stanton, and other suffragists.

### **Inspirational Women Coloring Book**

GFWC Kansas City Athenaeum (KS) donated \$3,300 to the Kansas City Public Library to cover the cost of printing 5,000 coloring books depicting eight Kansas City women instrumental in the women's suffrage movement. A downloadable coloring book was posted on the library's website when COVID-19 mandates forced the closing of the library until late summer 2020.

### **Celebrating 130**

When COVID-19 mandates forced cancellation of its in-person 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Fowler Improvement Association (CA) chose to celebrate its 130-year history by “giving back” to its community. Five projects were chosen that would have impact on specific community needs: 130 canned goods for those in need, 130 pairs of eyeglasses, 130 pairs of socks for the homeless, 130 pairs of used tennis shoes, and 130 blankets and towels for the local animal shelter.

### **Time Capsule Keepsakes**

The Woman's Club of Lyndhurst (NJ) celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February 2020. Local dignitaries and GFWC New Jersey officers joined club members at the Valentine's Day/Heart Health anniversary celebration. A time capsule was filled with 2020 “keepsakes” to be opened in 10 years at the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Honoring History**

GFWC Tifton Woman's Club (GA) hosted a reception honoring its 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members of the Tifton community, former Tifton Woman's Club members, GFWC Georgia officers, District club members, and city officials attended. A media version of club

scrapbooks and pictures was displayed during the event. The celebration culminated with the announcement that the club had officially changed its name from Twentieth Century Library Club to GFWC Tifton Woman's Club.

### **“Flat Frances”**

GFWC Glendale Woman's Club (AZ) worked closely with the Arizona Women's History Alliance to raise funds for a statue honoring Arizona suffragist Frances Munds. Recognizing the need for a low cost visual image to increase public awareness through social media, the club secured permission to create “Flat Frances.” After coloring and assembling their own paper copy of “Flat Frances,” members were encouraged to take her with them wherever they went and, using Facebook's check-in feature, to post pictures.

### **Wimbish House History**

GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club (GA) opens its club house for annual tours sponsored by the city. Members memorize scripts and don costumes to share the landmark history of the Wimbish House. Since 2010, the club has rented costumes from a local vendor at a cost of \$700 annually. The club established its own “costume closet” filled with costumes collected from club and community members.

### **Restoring Nature**

In celebration of Federation Day, members of Wilmington Woman's Club (NC) chose to plant trees at historic Oakdale Cemetery, established in 1852 as North Carolina's First Rural Cemetery. The cemetery experienced severe damage to hundreds of trees and flower beds during Hurricane Florence. Club members purchased three fast-growing oak saplings for the project.