GFWC Special Programs

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

Carrie Zimmerman, Chairman

1. **GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club (MA) — Support for Our Sisters**
   The club proudly united with the Veterans Administration's Trust Program. This program supports female veterans dealing with military sexual abuse, substance abuse, PTSD, and more through a transitional residence program. As a means of supporting our veterans, DJWC wanted to ease some of the financial stress these veterans face by collecting personal hygiene items. These items included, but were not limited to, deodorant, skin care, hair care, laundry detergent, and gift cards.

2. **GFWC Portland Woman's Club (OR) — Sylvia's Closet**
   The club established a new clothing closet at a local hospital to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. Named Sylvia's Closet in honor of a domestic violence victim, the project provides new clothing for survivors whose garments must be retained as evidence during forensic examinations. By restoring comfort and dignity during a traumatic time, the closet has already helped 194 victims and continues to meet a critical community need.

3. **GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (SC) — Walk a Mile in Their Shoes**
   The club created a traveling art exhibit to promote public awareness, education, and visibly demonstrate support for victims and survivors of domestic violence. The exhibit was called "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes"; members decorated 98 trees and lampposts with purple awareness ribbons throughout Main Street through the month of October. The event was kicked off at City Hall with dignitaries from the city present to support the exhibit.

4. **GFWC Monday Club of Johnson City (TN) — Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Summit**
   The club helped sponsor the Upper East Tennessee Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Summit at the local University. The conference trains first responders and the community in the prevention, treatment, and advocacy response for victims. The club provided participants with welcome bags and disseminated information about the GFWC Signature Program, area GFWC clubs, and applications for the GFWC Survivor's Scholarship.

5. **GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club (PN) — Getting to Know Speaker Series**
   The club hosted a speaker series for the community on the GFWC International Day of Service. The speakers were from five local and state organizations in the community that provided information on programs that help victims, support families, and informed the community of where to turn for help. The members obtained donations and were able to provide refreshments. The clubwomen were instrumental in working with the community members to make this a successful event for their community.

6. **GFWC Roxbury Woman's Club (NJ) — Take One or Two**
   The club created a unique paper flower garden displayed at the local library to benefit a battered women's service organization. Each flower listed a specific item needed by the shelter, encouraging community members to purchase and donate essential supplies for women and children. The month-long display raised awareness of domestic violence, providing donations that provided practical, dignity-centered support to those rebuilding their lives after abuse while inspiring continued community compassion and involvement year-round for survivors locally.

7. **GFWC Statesville Woman's Club (NC) — Queen for a Day**
   The club partnered with a community college to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus. Members displayed 120 decorated water bottles throughout the Student Center, each labeled with information on recognizing, preventing, and reporting sexual assault. The week concluded with a luncheon honoring survivors, featuring healing activities, guided meditation, and supportive resources as they were celebrated as "Queen for a Day." The project increased awareness while providing encouragement, hope, and meaningful support for survivors.

8. **GFWC Heritage Woman's Club (NE) — Stuff the Bus**
   The club participated in the annual "Stuff the Bus" event supporting a local crisis home that provides emergency shelter, crisis services, and transitional housing for victims of domestic and sexual assault. Members donated food, personal care products, household essentials, and other needed supplies to help stock the shelter. This community-wide effort ensured residents had access to critical resources while demonstrating the club's ongoing commitment to supporting survivors during their journey toward safety, healing, and independence.

9. **GFWC Semper Fidelis Club (ME) — The Purple Purpose**
   The club created an event that supported and raised awareness for a local domestic violence shelter. They partnered with a local wine bar, encouraged all to wear purple for a purpose, had one fingernail painted purple, and tied purple ribbons on their Christmas Tree. Information was provided on the local shelter to inform the community on how to help. Proceeds were collected from a specialty drink that was sold during the evening and given to the shelter.

10. **GFWC Bradenton Woman's Club (FL) — Empowered Through Defense**
    Partnering with a women's self-defense program, the club hosted its four-hour course for 70 participants ages 14 and older. Outreach included local high schools and law enforcement. To help the participants learn to feel empowered, they learned defense strategies and practical safety skills. A certified life coach discussed recognizing the warning signs of abuse and how to access community resources. Lunch was provided, and a drawing was held for personal safety items.

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

Suzanne Hooser, Chairman

1. **GFWC Alabama du Midi Woman's Club (AL) — Build a Bed to Comfort a Child**
   In collaboration with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), the club organized a project to provide beds for children in need. The "Creative Expressions: Art, Fashion, and Literature" fundraiser generated $15,000, funding 50 beds and essential linens, including sheets, comforters, and pillows. The build event united 35 du Midi members, their spouses, and community partners who worked together to assemble beds and bring comfort, security, and hope to local children. The project reflected the club's dedication to serving families.

2. **GFWC WV Woman's Club of Hamlin (WV) — Sensory Bags**
   Sensory Bags were constructed and placed at local schools' concession stands, so all families could enjoy attending sporting events. Noise-blocking earmuffs, sunglasses, sensory brush, and fidget toys. Twenty bags were filled with the items and placed inside a plastic shoebox tote along with a can of disinfectant. The instructions for checkout were attached, and a clear plastic sleeve was placed on the outside of the box to hold the ID of the person who checked out the bag.

3. **GFWC Bancroft History Assembly Club (IA) — Dental Education at the Library**
   In collaboration with the town librarian and local dentists, the club provided an educational dental program at the library. Children participated in interactive stations led by club members, enjoyed dental health readings, and explored a dental office play kit the club had purchased and donated to the library. The children and their parents learned about proper oral hygiene through fun, hands-on activities and received goody bags containing a toothbrush. An engaging learning experience promoting healthy dental habits.

4. **GFWC XJWC (WY) — Little Library at the Children's Museum**
   A collaboration with the Cheyenne Children's Museum started at their little library. The club held a book drive that blossomed into volunteers serving and developing the direction of the library's day-to-day programs and events for children at the library. Members provided materials for hands-on activities that encouraged their motor skills and a sense of achievement. A once unused corner of Cheyenne has become a vibrant community space for learning and playing, creating a welcoming destination for families and visitors.

5. **GFWC Mesquite Club of Las Vegas (NV) — Mystery at the Mesquite Club**
   A Mystery at the Mesquite Club Luncheon was held by members dressed in gangster attire. Participants deduced the who, what, and where of the fictional clue -based crime game. The entry price and live mystery auction raised funds for the Ashley Strong Foundation. The funds were used to transform dreary long-term hospital facility rooms into ones that sparkled and were colorful with sheets, wall décor, games, and books for terminally ill children, in her memory.

6. **GFWC Federated Women's Club of Hershey (PA) — Hersheypark Fun for Highmark Caring Place**
   Members collected Hersheypark admission tickets and encouraged the park employees to donate their complimentary tickets and then added some of their own to support Highmark Caring Place, which supports grieving children and families. There were forty tickets, a value of $3,642, and volunteers provided transportation, giving the families a joyful day at the park, brightening their holidays and reminding them that their community cares, offering hope and compassion during a difficult time.

7. **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Women's Club (GA) — Easter Egg Event at the Homeless Shelter**
   This club held an Easter egg hunt and cookout for their local homeless shelter. Members provided over 400 filled Easter eggs for the hunt and a basket with age-appropriate items for each child, and hamburgers, hot

dogs, salad, fruit, and desserts for the cookout. This event provided a feeling of community, love, and respect for each member of the homeless shelter. This gave the children Easter memories and showed the moms that someone cares about their children and them.

8. **GFWC Tucson Woman's Club (AZ) — Crops of Luv**
   These members attended 7 two-day events for Crops of Luv, an organization founded to create memory books for critically ill children who were granted a "Make a Wish" vacation. The task was to complete pages in the scrapbook for the children and their families to have lasting memories of their dream vacation. Supplies and the tools needed were provided, and photos were cropped, matted, and mounted to create a fun, memorable layout. This club completed 512 pages.

9. **GFWC Princeton Junior Woman's Club (IL) — Extra for Students**
   The EXTRA program was created to support students receiving lunch assistance while reducing the stigma associated with participation in meal programs. PJWC members partnered with school administrators to randomly select 20 students each month to receive an additional $10 in their lunch accounts. The funds allow students to purchase extra food or snacks, helping them feel more included with their peers. This meaningful initiative promotes dignity, confidence, and equity while creating a more positive school experience for all students.

10. **GFWC Woman's Club of Sweetwater County (WY) — Visitation Room Makeover**
    The Department of Family Services visitation room received a makeover. Freshly painted walls provided a calming atmosphere. The club also purchased a new couch to replace the old, worn-out one; throw rugs, pillows, pictures, and new toys were brought in. New soft chairs were placed in the reading area, and a 5' by 5' chalkboard was painted on one wall and framed. Families can now have a clean, attractive area to visit.

Community Service Programs

Arts & Culture

Billie Williams, Chairman

1. **Civic Woman's Club of Picayune (MS) — The Rainbow Bridge Beautification Project**
   This project is a shining example of how creativity, collaboration, and compassion can transform a simple public space into a lasting work of art. Working in partnership with several local entities, the bridge was repaired and transformed into a radiant, rainbow-colored walkway accented by handcrafted art poles, painted stones, colorful native plants, and repurposed materials. Donated paint, sealant, and art supplies were also used, creating a symbol of unity, healing, and love.

2. **GFWC Lakes Area Woman's Club (TX) — Hot Cocoa Christmas**
   This club participated in the local Christmas event, a "Hot Cocoa Christmas." They utilized 15 hay bales as foundations for decoration and adorned main street with candy canes, snowmen, ornaments, garland, and wreaths. A Santa Booth was constructed and manned by GFWC Club Elves helping with the sleigh, two reindeer, tree, and festive backdrop for photos. And in keeping with the theme, giant mugs of hot cocoa were made using large planters and pool noodles.

3. **GFWC Utah Ladies Community Club of Tooele (UT) — Historic Ritz Theater**
   Art is not only about creating, but also preserving and restoring, which is what the local Historic RITZ Theater needed. This ongoing club-sponsored project keeps a low-cost, family-friendly venue open for all to enjoy, and finding historical art hidden behind previous DIY projects was a huge plus. From Rock and Roll bands to Classic Movie Night, you can find members mingling with patrons, all working together to keep the theatre open.

4. **GFWC Northwest Indiana Women's Club (IN) — Chinese New Year Celebration**
   The best way to celebrate and learn about a new culture is through food, and this club is lucky to have a member who lives several months of the year in Malaysia. Twenty-one members of this club attended a Chinese New Year celebration with Asian inspired décor and handmade soap and dressed in authentic Batik fabric. Thai food on the menu was enjoyed by all, and plans are made to continue the culture dinners.

5. **Keystone Cyber League (PA) — Club Creativity**
   Art transcends time and space for this little club. To bring a little fun to their Zoom meeting, this club created flowers from coffee filters. How darling and how easily coffee filters are flattened and decorated with bright watercolor markers that will blend as water soaks up through the stem and petals. Once dry, they are folded, trimmed, and gently opened into delicate flower shapes. And a twist-tie around the base finishes the job.

6. **Paradise Valley Junior Woman's Club (AZ) — Beautification of a Veterans' Home**
   This club made crafts for the veterans' home common area, including wind chimes, tile coasters, painted rocks, and garden art. The event was held in conjunction with a recruitment event for the home. Members also helped to create giant 4-foot red poppies that were added to the garden art for the grounds. This beautification project made the garden area a place of calmness and enjoyment for the veterans who live on the premises.

7. **Fort Benton Woman's Club (MT) — Heritage Days**

Heritage Day involves many people in the community to preserve cultural heritage and inspire appreciation for local history among elementary school students, the next generation. This interactive event allows children to experience history firsthand while discovering the historical treasures in their own backyard. A modern-day mountain man demonstrated buffalo hide tanning, and students rotated through hands-on stations where they made hacky sacks, worked with leather, created winter count sticks, and played traditional Native games.

8. **Woman's Club of Vineland (NJ) — Medieval Times**
   "Medieval Times" in Vineland means turning venues into castles and hanging shields and tapestry to transport the members back to 'YE Olden Days'. Along with tables covered in purple satin and decorated with centerpieces of plastic castles sprayed with pebble paint and a "Sword in the Stone" made from plastic garbage bags in the foyer to complete the look. A creative and fun way to turn recycles into art and reflect on the club year.

9. **Panorama Study Club (AL) — Love Mats**
   This club's "Love Mat" project denotes creativity and compassion. The "Mat" is a thoughtfully designed fidget mat created for seniors or children with cognitive impairments. Sized to sit across the lap, each mat includes engaging elements such as zippers, buttons, Velcro, tags, and small plush animals that provide tactile stimulation and comfort. The club stuffed 55 plush cats, turtles, and owls to attach to the mats. 34 mats were donated to Alzheimer's of Central Alabama.

10. **GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of Greater New Britain (CT) — Performing Arts Program**
    This club sponsors a seven - week program for youths ages 7-15, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The participants receive an opportunity to experience the performing arts through script reading, acting, singing, and set and costume development. At the end of the course, they present a live performance which is open to the public. The children receive breakfast and lunch to help fuel all their hard work. This experience that can be life-altering.

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Vicky Ann Trimmer, Chairman

1. **Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club (IL) — Angels Babies**
   The clubwomen collected used wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, and prom dresses. In addition to white and pastel colors, black and navy blue were also accepted. The collected dresses were then sent to Little Angels Gowns in Indiana, where they were recycled into burial garments for infants lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, or those who passed shortly after birth for which traditional burial garments are not readily available. Dark colors were used for baby boys.

2. **Little Silver Woman's Club (NJ) — Broken Watches for Veterans**
   The members collaborated with other GFWC women to collect broken watches for the Veterans Watchmaker Initiative. The initiative provides watchmaking training, mentorship, support, and referral services to combat-wounded and disabled veterans. The veterans learn through hands-on instruction in the intricate craft of watch repair and restoration. The recycled watches are no longer garbage but provide a "timeless" skill for the veteran participants in a craft that is a dying art form but still needed.

3. **GFWC Bent Mountain Woman's Club (VA) — Courtyard Restoration**
   Clubwomen worked to restore, beautify, and revitalize the courtyard of a local school, which had been converted into a community center that is now a very significant and heavily used hub for connection and activity for all residents. The club held numerous fundraisers, including a cocktail party, to raise funds for materials, labor, and improvements, which turned an overgrown, underutilized space into a beautiful, calming, welcoming, and sustainable outdoor area.

4. **GFWC Big Timber Woman's Club (MT) — Forgotten Children Monument**
   Club members, alongside local historians, identified 215 children whose graves, dating from 1891 to 2015 in a local cemetery, were unmarked and forgotten. Historical records and cemetery documents were researched, ensuring accuracy and integrity, to identify the children and locate living relatives when possible. A permanent monument was purchased, erected, and dedicated, which contains the names of the "forgotten" children who now have a dignified remembrance that will live forever.

5. **GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club (FL) — Little Free Pantry**
   Members established a Little Free Pantry at an independent living housing program that serves young women who are aging out of the foster care system. The housing program provides safe, affordable housing while residents attend college and work part-time. In addition, they are also learning essential independence skills. Club members stock the pantry with budget-friendly food items like mac n' cheese, soup, tuna, and pasta as well as essential cleaning supplies.

6. **GFWC Lamoille Women's Club (NV) — Long-term Care Community Valentines**
   The ladies made valentines and attached them to helium balloons that they purchased at the Family Dollar Store. Members of a local 4-H Club assisted with inflating the balloons. The balloons were distributed to residents living in assisted living, nursing, and memory care units of the Highland Estates community. Staff members tied them to residents' wheelchairs and even their uniforms. Residents and their families enjoyed being remembered, which often does not happen with residential care.

7. **GFWC Women's Club of South County (RI) — Soup for the Docks**

Members worked with the Galilee Mission to prepare and distribute soup to plant workers and fishermen as they returned to two local piers and docks. Clubwomen also received training about the Mission's activities. The Mission prepared the soup and stored it in one-cup servings. Twice monthly, clubwomen collected the warm soup and distributed it to the workers who appreciated receiving it after completing their work in a physically demanding environment.

8. **East Hartford Woman's Club (CT) — Springtime Bouquet for Moms**
   The members of this club asked the community, near Mother's Day, to donate $5 for a flower in Memory or Honor of their mothers or other important women in their lives. Purchased flowers were displayed as a visual remembrance of loved ones. Proceeds were donated to the local fire department, which used them to purchase CO2/Smoke Alarms. The alarms are given to and installed for families who cannot afford to purchase one.

9. **GFWC District of Columbia Woman's Club (DC) — St. Michael's Challenge**
   Clubwomen purchased coins containing the St. Michael's prayer. Clubwomen recognized that law enforcement officers do a lot of walking and often their work is a "thankless job". Members carry the coins and give them to law enforcement officers they see working in the community while thanking them for their dedication and service to protecting the public and their community. Members also involved friends and family to help say "thank you" to the officers.

10. **GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Rock Hill (SC) — Stranger Danger**
    Members hosted a Stranger Danger event in conjunction with a local kids' expo to educate the community on the dangers facing children. The event focused on domestic and sexual violence, abductions, online predators, and sex trafficking. Inkless fingerprint/ID cards containing personal information, a photo, medical and dental information, and saliva DNA were provided to every child. In addition to the ID Card, children received a take-home bag containing a safety whistle, safety book, and literature for their parents.

Education & Libraries

Dana Jones, Chairman

1. **The Elsinore Woman's Club (CA) — Reading + Science = Magic!**
   The club rewarded six classrooms of K-6 students who read the most books by having an unforgettable science experience. For two full days, a club member taught students how to create their own UV solar bracelets. The students watched the bracelets change colors in the sunlight as they learned about invisible rays and their effect on skin. This most impressive project turned reading into a gateway for discovery and showed the students that learning can be powerful and empowering.

2. **Lockport Woman's Club (IL) — Financial Literacy Initiative**
   Seven members offered a personal finance primer at the high school. Members customized a curriculum for 35-minute presentations and provided instruction using slide presentations, handouts, and games. Lessons were semimonthly. Members selected engaging and age-appropriate financial books to teach from. Approximately 110 books were donated to students in 2025. The club's work in this area was recognized by a state representative who awarded the club a $10,000 grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

3. **Woman's Club of Fairfax (VA) — Preschool Grannies Club**
   Members of the club started a Preschool Grannies Club to assist the Fairfax United Methodist Church (FUMC) Preschool with literacy and art projects. They combine reading books with arts and craft projects for the children, creating an intergenerational experience. Club members also purchased Christmas books and gift baskets for the teachers to use throughout the year. The club has nicknamed the project the "Preschool Grannies" and the kids children call them "the Grandmas".

4. **GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club (GA) — Civic Education in Practice: Legislative Experience Scholarship**
   The club awarded a scholarship to a middle school student for a hands-on legislative experience, effectively removing financial barriers to civic education. Participants gained practical knowledge of government by researching issues, drafting bills, and debating legislation. This immersive program deepened the students' civic responsibility and encouraged future community leadership. The project aligns with the GFWC Education & Libraries Program by expanding educational access, promoting literacy, and fostering youth development through active participation in the democratic process

5. **GFWC Ossoli Circle (TN) — Great Shake Competition**
   Members volunteer as judges for the Knox Regional Great Shake at Dogwood Elementary with students from the surrounding counties. This competition prioritizes essential soft skills like poise, eye contact, and authentic communication over technology. By evaluating students on real-world problem-solving, members help develop future leaders. Notably, the club provided travel funding for a local winner, the daughter of African immigrants, to compete nationally. This project underscores the club's commitment to fostering student confidence and educational equity.

6. **GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club (MA) — Change Wars**
   The club members formed groups of three or four and contributed their loose change at eight meetings. A chart displayed group standings. Approximately $300 was collected. Scholarship recipients attending their May Meeting assisted members with organizing 240 folders containing various school supplies such as books, pencils, red pens, stickers, clips, and small toys the teachers could use as prizes. These folders were delivered to twelve local elementary schools for Teacher Appreciation Week.

7. **GFWC-OK La-Kee-Kon (OK) — Courthouse Waiting Room Books**
   Provided books in the Courthouse waiting area for children at a fourth- and fifth-grade level, who must wait while their parents attend a hearing, or while they are waiting to be part of one themselves. The books were "hope and feelings" books. Approximately 20 books were purchased and placed in a bookcase in the Nowata County Courthouse waiting area. They plan to add more books to the collection in the future.

8. **The Women's Civic League of Cheyenne (WY) — STEM at Boys & Girls Club**
   The club supported the development of a new STEM lab at the local Boys & Girls Club, fostering a vital partnership with an outside agency. By bringing interactive learning out of the traditional classroom, this initiative provides essential resources to children who lack access to specialized programs at their own schools. Since STEM fields face growing demand, this project ensures students gain technical literacy and problem-solving skills, ultimately bridging the educational gap for underserved youth.

9. **GFWC Boise Columbian Club (ID) — Banned Books Event**
   The event was held because of recent legislation in Idaho threatening what books were available. They had an activity that asked members to identify all the books they had read that were on a ballot. Members were surprised to hear that all those books had been banned in the past. Most members had read many of the books on the ballot, raising concerns about the banning of books legislatively at the state level.

10. **Woman's Club of Bloomfield (NJ) — High School Student Book Club**
    Partnering with a high school teacher, members established a Student Book Club by donating books and funding new titles. A local bookstore joined the effort, expanding literary options and encouraging independent reading. Now a thriving organization with twenty-five members, students elect officers and lead discussions, fostering leadership and camaraderie. The Woman's Club of Bloomfield provides ongoing financial and material support. This intergenerational partnership promotes literacy and cultivates lifelong readers, proving purposeful collaboration empowers future leaders.

Environment

Sharon Oliphant, Chairman

1. **GFWC Covina Woman's Club (CA) — The Children's Garden**
   A sustainable children's garden was planted at a local school for transitional Kindergarten students. Members assisted with planting, education, and environmental stewardship. Hands-on experience using club-funded supplies, seeds, tools, and safety gear allowed the students to grow both food and personal growth as they saw the process of food being grown from seed. Not just a one-time donation, the club established a foundation for this program to continue to "grow."

2. **GFWC Juniorette Club of Jupiter-Tequesta (FL) — New Toys from Recycling Materials**
   Collecting old tennis balls and t-shirts came to life as new toys for dogs in the local shelter. Braiding the t-shirts and adding a tennis ball surprise made a great way to give dogs in a shelter a fun day with a "new" toy. Keeping t-shirts out of the landfills, this project was twofold. Collecting blankets, sheets, towels, and making toys was a great recycling project that helped to promote environmental responsibility and support animal welfare.

3. **GFWC Utah -Brigham City Women's Club (UT) — Come to Movie Day.**
   Three movies were spotlighted at a meeting focusing on Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The Maid in Manhattan featured ways to avoid harmful cleaning materials. Secondhand Lion featured items purchased at thrift or secondhand stores that were "shown" to members as treasured finds. Lord of the Rings was tips on Ring Around the Collar and Ring Around the Toilet removal in a safe and environmentally friendly way! Popcorn, chips, licorice, and drinks were served at the meeting.

4. **GFWC Oswego Junior Woman's Club (IL) — Smashing Pumpkins-Not the Band**
   Community fun was had when the members coordinated a pumpkin collection and created a fundraiser. A smash event was created when smashers could bring their Halloween pumpkins and make a small donation to the food pantry. Safety equipment was provided and the smashing began. A dumpster was donated and was filled to be sent to a local composting company to compost the gourds and pumpkins. Sponsorships were in place, and in the end, a collection of 2.3 tons of pumpkins was composted!

5. **GFWC -Questers Woman's Club (KS) — Baby Bees**
   Protecting the first batch of baby bees in the Spring was a focus on this project. A video was created and available to the community. The reasons dandelions are important to bees and the reason to let them "bee." Baby Bee Baths were created. How to place in areas using recyclable materials, sticks, floral beads, and decorations. Drought-stricken Kansas created these watering stations to help the Bees.

6. **GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club (MA) — Sisterhood of the Traveling Styrofoam**
   The club runs its annual polystyrene recycling drive. The community comes and supports this recycling as it is the only one of its kind in the surrounding area. Eight members of the club worked together and collected 34 giant bags. They stored and collected the recyclables and organized one huge pickup!

7. **GFWC Maryland-Woman's Club of Chevy Chase — Monarch Butterfly Waystation**
   Calling on a Monarch Expert, the club heard about migration, needs, and the need for waystations. The monarchs migrate over 3,000 miles. They need stopovers to fuel up on late-blooming flowers' nectar. A Monarch Butterfly Waystation was created on the club's clubhouse grounds. The Monarch Watch organization supplies the criteria and certification for the club garden.

8. **GFWC Kentucky-Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club (KY) — Smokey Bear Picnic**
   Club members partnered with the Daniel Boone Festival Royalty Candidate Picnic. Smokey Bear visited and spoke to kindergarten candidates about wildlife protection and fire safety. A Smokey Bear book was read, photo opportunities were offered, and gifts of coloring books, bookmarks, and Smokey Bear themed items reinforced the conservation message.

9. **GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club (GA) — Fostering Environmental Stewardship with Story Walks and Nature**
   The Nature Generation is a nonprofit fostering environmental stewardship. Partnering with the nonprofit, the club awarded 10 different books to five elementary schools in underserved communities. Creating story walks with laminated book pages with discussion prompts. Materials were developed for the teachers of the schools. Butterflies, Urban Gardens, and To Change a Planet were the created walk curriculum. Volunteers worked together to create the libraries and the story walk event/activities. A donation that served over 200 children.

10. **GFWC Alabama-Legacy Club (AL) — Seed Bombs are FUN!**
    Getting your hands dirty while learning about dirt, clay, soil, water, and seeds was the fun activity planned. A Master Gardener came and spoke on attracting Butterflies to their gardens. Mixing up the ingredients, members were told that Wildflower Seeds don't require digging to plant! Members were encouraged to make a "seed bomb" and make one also for a neighborhood. Drop the "bomb" in a patch of dirt. Wait for rain and watch nature take time to create some beautiful blooms for the butterflies.

Health and Wellness

Lynn Foreman, Chairman

1. **GFWC Saraland Woman's Club (AL) — The Jolly Trolley**
   The club sponsored a project called Jolly Trolley. The title brings up endearing thoughts of a colorful and attractive cart being wheeled through University Hospital halls loaded with games, crayons, pencils, color books, puzzle books, blankets, and cards. It's a volunteer-run cart that brings comfort, fun, entertainment, and support to the patients. Club members bring items each month to restock the cart. It is a heart-warming endeavor that brings joy to all involved.

2. **GFWC Village Improvement Association (DE) — Forget Me Not**
   In support of State President's Project "Forget Me Not", this club was the first organization that connected with Easter Seals and others serving memory care in Delaware. A club member planted forget-me-not seeds, pressed the flowers, and made resin jewelry pieces which were sold throughout the state; and funded the supplies to make fidget blankets. She taught club members how to make the blankets. A GFWC brand label with the name of the club was attached.

3. **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club (GA) — Backpack Buddies**
   Backpack Buddies provide weekend meals to food-insecure children in Metro-Atlanta to enhance their mental and physical health and their ability to learn. The club adopted Hightower Elementary School, where over 2,100 are fed each weekend. They acquire food from several sources, including food banks. They pack food into weekend meals, deliver meal bags to schools where School Counselors discretely give the participating children the bags with six meals for the weekend. Hightower received its one millionth meal.

4. **GFWC Woman's Century Club (ID) — Share and Care at the Farmer's Market**
   Share and Care at the Farmer's Market is a favorite of members, and the publicity provides community recognition. April through November, seniors and children under twelve are invited to receive a coupon good at that day's Farmer's Market for free fruits and vegetables. Club members register the recipients and distribute the coupons, explaining how to use them. Club brochures are available, and questions are answered about the club. Donations received covered a portion of the coupons provided.

5. **GFWC Benton Woman's Club (KY) — The Period Pantry**
   The club developed the "Period Pantry" to help combat Feminine Hygiene Insecurities. "Little Library" plans were tweaked, and the box was built with waterproofing to keep supplies dry from elements. It is outside of the Marshall County Health Department. It is stocked every week. Area salons receive donations, which are picked up monthly by club members. The public isn't allowed to add items to the pantry as they use zipper bags to ensure protection. Community is enthused & supportive.

6. **GFWC Dequincy Study Club (LA) — Healthy Minds and Kindness**
   "Healthy Minds and Kindness" was their summer project. Each club woman was given a pack of blank cards and a determination to do acts of kindness during the summer break. Upon returning from summer break, club women reported on mailing their cards during the summer to their friends, police and fire stations, and relatives. At the fall meeting members vowed to realize the importance of environmental, emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual dimensions in their personal lives.

7. **GFWC Bloomington Federated Woman's Club (MN) — Mobile Loaves**
   Mobile Loaves delivers essential services directly to those in need. On track to provide 60,000 meals through

partnerships with 20 sites across the Twin Cities. The organization operates entirely with volunteer support. They offer vital supplies such as socks, dental and feminine hygiene products, diapers, and more. Bloomington members organized a service project to collect feminine hygiene products for homeless or low-income families who might miss school or work during their menstrual cycle. 200 bags were filled.

8. **GFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club (MS) — Pink Power Notes**
   In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the "Pink Power" Notes to Survivors project exemplifies compassion, creativity, and community connection – transforming a simple gesture into a lasting tradition of hope. Members use pink-themed stationery, stamps, and awareness ribbons and handwrote a personalized message of encouragement, love, and shared strength to women in their area who had battled breast cancer. The recipients responded with deep gratitude and emotion, expressing their appreciation for being remembered in such a heartfelt way.

9. **GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club (MT) — ADA Access**
   One of the club members pointed out how difficult it is for those with mobility issues to navigate throughout the town. Many sidewalks did not have ADA access cuts, and the Veteran's Memorial Park had no ADA access. The club collaborated with VFW Post 4047 and the American Legion. Grants were received from The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation and the MT Department of Commerce. Result: Improving pedestrian safety and accessibility for residents and visitors. Public restrooms are next.

10. **GFWC The Long Valley Junior Women's Club (NJ) — The PAWS to Learn, Serve, Support**
    The PAWS to Learn, Serve, Support program emerged from a Juniorette member (Seeing Eye puppy raiser). It's an education program bringing certified dogs and dogs in training to six Regional Schools. Children are taught about disabilities and the distinction between service and therapy dogs. A partnership between the club, The Seeing Eye Puppy Raising, and Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs was formed. Six schools' children's lives are enriched while building valuable connections between students, educators, and animal-assisted support organizations.

Advancement Areas

Communication and Public Relations

Becky Bolden, Chairman

1. **GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club (MA) — Marketing Strategy Session**
   The club hosted Tara Ostromecky, owner and CEO of Makin' It Marketing, for a Social Media Strategy Session. She shared fresh ideas to boost engagement and visibility, offering practical strategies such as repurposing content, launching an Instagram account, showcasing members, and using AI tools. A Q&A session followed, allowing members to brainstorm implementation. The Communications and Public Relations Chairman immediately began applying these ideas to strengthen the club's social media presence and community outreach.

2. **GFWC Woman's Club of Indio (CA) — QR Keychains**
   The club designed a cute purse charm using Zazzle.com, with their logo on one side and a QR code linked to their website on the other. The charm replaced the need to carry club brochures with a digital way to share club info with potential members or donors. Members use the QR code to access the club website for important club information quickly. It has helped to increase club awareness, promote branding, and simplify how members access club resources.

3. **GFWC Women's Club of Sweetwater County (WY) — Decorated Cows**
   The club displayed a decorated cow on Main Street in collaboration with the Boy Scouts. It is painted and decorated to represent the club and is part of the community display for the rodeo. It serves as a fun and visible form of community engagement and club promotion. A 12-inch GFWC metal logo is displayed on both sides, promoting the GFWC club. Many drive through the town to view the cows. Members find it enjoyable and an effective advertising tool.

4. **GFWC Roswell Cares Service League (GA) — Advertising Events**
   The club organized an event to support the Drake House. They created invitations, a Linktree site, and promoted the initiative through social media and community groups, encouraging women to donate gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories. Hosted at a tavern, the event featured signage with the GFWC logo. Members were encouraged to share social media posts on their personal pages to draw additional attention to the event. Gift bags with the club's QR code were given to guests.

5. **GFWC Lake Area Woman's Club (TX) — World Singing Day**
   The club hosted a World Singing Day event at the annual Peanut Festival, drawing approximately 4,000 attendees. The event was promoted on social media and in the newspaper, prominently featuring the GFWC club name and logo. Two GFWC Texas signs were displayed on stage, and members wore their GFWC-branded club shirts. Information was shared about GFWC before the group performed "Celebration". The performance was recorded, widely shared online, and strengthened partnerships with local media and the Chamber.

6. **GFWC Hudson Woman's Club (NH) — Chamber of Commerce Membership**
   Our $125 Chamber of Commerce membership proved to be money well spent. Many of our events were promoted on the Chamber's website and Facebook page, increasing visibility. In April, the club received the Chamber's "Outstanding Community Partner" award, a highly prestigious honor. The acceptance speech,

filmed by Hudson Community Television, highlighted the club's history and accomplishments, while a purchased program ad further showcased its community impact. The partnership has brought attention and interest to our club.

7. **GFWC Cranston Community Women's Club (RI) — Advertising in Action**
   The club engages the public at events to ensure the GFWC identity is both seen and recognized. They wear signature purple shirts with the GFWC logo, making members easily identifiable while participating in various club projects. The club hosted two major fundraising events, using both to share their mission and how the funds raised are used to impact the community. The logo is also included on cards and treats for veterans and nursing home residents.

8. **GFWC Papillion Junior Woman's Club (NE) — Papillion Days Parade**
   The club participated in the 2025 Papillion Days Parade. Members and their children wore patriotic red, white, and blue outfits, waving American flags and carrying their GFWC club-branded banner. Members distributed their club brochures and business cards to raise community awareness and invited spectators to visit their Funnel Cake Booth in City Park. This fun, no-cost event celebrated the "Saluting All Who Served and Serve" theme, engaged the crowd, and promoted their club.

9. **GFWC Ohio Junior Cyberlinks Club (OH)— Newspaper honors Veterans**
   The club designed ads for a program book published by their local newspaper to honor Vietnam veterans. When the Healing Wall visited their community, the ads and program reflected members' deep gratitude and appreciation for local veterans. The designs prominently featured the GFWC rebranded logo with their club name alongside the club's Cyberlinks logo. The program reinforced the community's pride and connection while helping share a meaningful message of remembrance and respect for the veterans.

10. **GFWC Washington — GFWC Women's Club of Olympia Clubhouse that Speaks**
    The club has the state's oldest clubhouse, named the Abigail Stuart House. It is used for club meetings but is also rented to the public for events. They offer tours of the house and promote their many activities on their social media accounts. Pictures of the club's history are displayed throughout the house. The GFWC logo is displayed in publications, fliers, the rental agreement, and marketing materials. Members wear their pins and branded T-shirts to promote the club.

Fundraising

Judy Thomas Martin, Chairman

1. **GFWC Hollywood Women's Club (FL) — Bingo for Bikes**
   The GFWC Hollywood Women's Club held Bingo for Bikes events on every fifth Thursday throughout the year. In addition to selling bingo cards at each event, the club also increased profits by selling 50/50 tickets and concessions. Local elementary schools were asked to recommend students to receive bikes, helmets, and locks, and the proceeds of the Bingo for Bikes events allowed the club to provide 33 bikes, helmets, and locks to these young students.

2. **GFWC Oswego Junior Woman's Club (IL) — Wig Crawl**
   The GFWC Oswego Junior Woman's Club hosted a Wig Crawl for 332 wigged participants to visit local venues and purchase signature drinks. At the final venue, they strutted their stuff onstage in a Wig Walk Off for the Best Wig Award. The local venues paid a fee to be a stop on the Wig Crawl and donated a portion of the proceeds from every signature drink purchased. The club also sold event swag and held a 50/50.

3. **GFWC Lowell Woman's Club (IN) — Barktoberfest**
   The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club held a Barktoberfest event for community members and their dogs. The venue was the local Bark Park, and the club arranged vendors, activities, and demonstrations that would appeal to local dog lovers. To enhance profits, the club also held a costume contest, provided photo opportunities, and sold food items. The club further increased the total funds raised by securing donations of many of the services provided and items sold.

4. **GFWC Melville Woman's Club (LA) — Bubbles, Bags, Bingo, and BOO!**
   The GFWC Melville Woman's Club hosted a Halloween-themed Bingo party and treated participants to a fun evening of luxury. Ticket holders received cards for 10 rounds of Bingo, a light meal, and champagne. The prize for each round of Bingo was a donated designer bag, and the "blackout" prize was a beautiful evening bag that contained $500. This exciting event also featured door prizes and a prize for the best Halloween costume.

5. **GFWC MIOSAC Club (ME) — Pound Party**
   The GFWC MIOSAC Club held a Pound Party auction event. Each attendee brought a one-pound prize, which they creatively wrapped and bedazzled to disguise what the prize might be. The prizes contained some lovely gifts, food items such as a pound of homemade fudge, and funny items such as a dozen eggs. Each of the one-pound prizes was auctioned to the highest bidder. This is a wonderful example of a fun, low-cost fundraiser.

6. **GFWC Woman's Club of Perry Hall, Inc. (MD) — Blind Date with a Book Sale**
   The GFWC Woman's Club of Perry Hall, Inc. organized a Blind Date with a Book sale to streamline a library it had established at a local homeless shelter. They wrapped the excess books in brown paper with a diagonal front pocket. The book covers were decorated with clues about the identity of the book, and the pockets were stuffed with small items to entice buyers. The books were sold at the town fair and local farm shows.

7. **GFWC Millbury Woman's Club (MA) — A Royal Tea Party Fit for a Queen**
   The GFWC Millbury Women's Club hosted a proper English tea that featured a very talented local actress in a one-woman show, *Her Majesty, the Queen*. Attendees were treated to The Mayfair, a signature drink named for the birthplace of Queen Elizabeth II. Donated teacups were used to serve the tea, and then each

attendee was given her teacup as a favor. In addition to ticket sales, the club boosted profits with a Grand Raffle of donated prizes.

8. **GFWC Woman's Club of Arlington EMD (NJ) — Community Cuisine Night**
   The GFWC Woman's Club of Arlington EMD sold 100 tickets to a Community Cuisine Night where local businesses donated their signature dishes to be served. Attendees enjoyed appetizers, salads, entrees, and desserts, all of which were donated. This tasty event also featured music and non-alcoholic beverages. The club created custom placemats for the meal by selling advertising space on the placemats to local businesses. In addition, they increased profits by conducting a 50/50 at the event.

9. **GFWC Warwick Women's Club (RI) — Funny4Funds Fundraiser**
   The GFWC Warwick Women's Club partnered with a local group of comedians to hold a comedy show. Tickets and sponsorships were sold on the Funny4Funds website. In addition, local businesses donated gift certificates of $25 or more, which were paired with donated bottles of wine and sold at the event for $20 each. The club also increased profits by raffling gift baskets that contained donated items; conducting a 50/50; and providing a cash bar.

10. **GFWC Sand River Woman's Club (SC) — Gentlemen's Cash Bash**
    The GFWC Sand River Woman's Club sold $100 tickets to 100 men for a prime rib dinner. Throughout the evening, drawings were held for 25 cash prizes that totaled $4,200. Those who did not win a cash prize were entered in a second-chance drawing for other donated prizes. The club also raffled two valuable gift baskets that were donated, sold sponsorships, and accepted donations to add to the profits of this lavish event.

Leadership

Ann Landis, Chairman

1. **GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (SC) — Kickback with Kathy Luncheon**
   This monthly President's initiative is strengthening connections and fostering a positive, welcoming club culture. At each meeting, the President randomly draws five names, and those members are invited to a luncheon at her home. The President prepares the meal, creating an informal and relaxed setting. Members are encouraged to ask questions and share ideas. This inclusive atmosphere helps members feel valued and comfortable while building stronger relationships, engagement, and active participation within the club.

2. **GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club (NC) — Leadership Development Promotes Long-Term Sustainability**
   Board members collaborated to create role-specific guides for each position, designed to ease leadership transitions and clearly outline responsibilities. These guides build confidence for women stepping into leadership roles for the first time while strengthening continuity and preparedness within the club. By making leadership roles more approachable, the initiative encourages greater member interest and participation. Aligning with club goals, the guides also provide space for problem-solving and collaboration, empowering experienced and new board members to lead effectively.

3. **Powhatan Junior Woman's Club (VA) — Moo-moos and Mimosas Leadership and Planning Meeting**
   A Powhatan Junior Club member attended GFWC LEADS and returned inspired to expand leadership development within her club. Together with two fellow LEADS participants, she created the "Moo-Moos and Mimosas Leadership Seminar." Dressed in Moo-moos, attendees gathered for brunch, social connection, and team-building activities that emphasized active listening and idea sharing. Leadership assessments guided reflection and discussion. Focusing on GFWC Advancement Areas, members collaborated to develop club projects and establish goals and plans for the year.

4. **GFWC Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club (WI) — Visit Your Neighbor, Strengthen Your Club, and Develop Leadership**
   Taking collaboration to the next level, three Hillsboro clubwomen, encouraged by their District President, visited neighboring clubs to observe how they conduct monthly meetings. In return, they extended invitations for reciprocal visits. Powerful outcomes emerged as relationships were built and meaningful learning occurred through the exchange of ideas. Camaraderie strengthened, and clubs gained insight to enhance programming and leadership practices. Pride and shared ownership were fostered in both visiting and host clubs, deepening connection and collective growth.

5. **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Club (GA) — Mentors Extraordinaire**
   Six new members were paired with dedicated mentors to create purposeful one-on-one relationships supporting their introduction to club life. Through personal connection, rides to meetings, shared projects, and attentive listening, meaningful bonds were formed. Mentors identified each member's strengths and interests and communicated them to club officers. With encouragement and guidance, members were supported in developing leadership skills. This intentional mentoring cultivates engagement, strengthens membership, and builds a strong foundation for emerging leaders within the club.

6. **Needham Woman's Club (MA) — Leadership and Legacy in Needham**
   A fifty-year tradition of service clubs collaborating to share ideas, best practices, and strategies for community events continues to thrive. On a rotating basis, clubs host dinners, inviting participation and open

exchange. Members share activities to avoid duplication and strengthen mutual support. Expanding this effort, clubs united to collect items for a local nonprofit, transforming a networking event into a collective act of service—demonstrating the power and impact of working together.

7. **GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc. (MD) — Black Firsts Panel Discussion**
   The first Black president of a women's club in Laurel participated in a community panel, "Black Firsts," sharing her personal leadership journey. She highlighted the importance of representation, perseverance, and service to the community. Club members attended in support, celebrating this meaningful milestone. The program emphasized how diverse leadership strengthens organizations, inspires future leaders, and opens doors for the next generation. Highlighting creativity and leadership during Black History Month made this initiative impactful and inspiring.

8. **GFWC McAlester Fortnightly Club (OK) — Recognizing the Importance of Engaging Younger Members**
   Mentoring a newly established GFWC Junior club remains a key focus for this leadership team. The club president and members actively attend Junior meetings, offering guidance, answering questions, and sharing insights. Hosting meetings in their homes creates a warm, welcoming environment. Support includes assisting with bylaw development to reflect the club's mission and unique needs. By guiding the startup process and sharing GFWC history, CSP programs, and fundraising strategies, they inspire confidence, growth, and sustainable success.

9. **GFWC Laramie Women's Club (WY) — The "Bridge Workshop" Prioritized Leadership Development**
   The Laramie Woman's Club prioritized leadership development through its "Bridge Workshop," a structured program designed to support new officers and board members in navigating leadership transitions. Led by the club president, this initiative invested significant time in developing leadership skills, strategic planning, and vision setting. Through collaborative sessions, members established a code of conduct, vision statement, and strategies for engagement. This supportive environment fostered constructive dialogue, strengthened confidence, and promoted teamwork and long-term leadership success.

10. **GFWC Lake Area Woman's Club (TX) — LEADS as a Catalyst**
    The spark ignited through GFWC LEADS is fueling this leadership journey. This LEADS graduate organized a summer orientation for members of her young club, introducing the history of GFWC and the foundation of its CSP and Advancement Programs. Members were guided through the GFWC website, with focused exploration of the member portal and digital library. Special attention highlighted effective search techniques. The fire for learning, growth, and leadership is burning brightly within this emerging club.

Legislation Public Policy

Mary Pat Marcello, Chairman

1. **GFWC Roosevelt Neighborhood Women's Club (AZ) — End to Child Marriage**
   This — researched the existing state law to require the legal age to be raised from 16 to 18. They purchased 260 postcards and wrote to every Arizona legislator to encourage proposal and/or support of such a law. Due to the club's efforts, HB4125 was introduced in the 2026 session with 13 sponsors. Club members plan to go to the Capitol to speak on the bill's behalf, and their local Senator will also promote the bill.

2. **GFWC Beaumont Woman's Club (CA) — A Voice for the Voiceless**
   As informed citizens, members advocated for responsible public policy and undertook a letter-writing public awareness campaign to advocate for the creation of a dedicated animal shelter serving the San Gorgonio Pass area, urging elected officials to prioritize the development of a local animal shelter. Public safety concerns were emphasized, along with the strain placed on law enforcement and volunteers, and the need for a long-term, regional solution to animal welfare in the rapidly growing Pass communities. members.

3. **GFWC/Iowa Solon Women's Club (IA) — Cooperative work with city officials**
   This club worked to purchase equipment for city parks, working very closely with the Solon City Manager, who provided the club a list of two or three projects that the city would like to proceed with in a short time frame. In 2025, the club raised funds to install a new sand park. A bonus is that the city leaders know the members appreciate having the club's name out before the public and provides recognition signage.

4. **GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club (MA) — From Asbestos to Approval**
   Auburn's Fire Chief met with the club to provide the rationale for a long overdue new Fire Headquarters and the approval for the funding that would appear on the Town Meeting ballot. Originally constructed as an elementary school, the fire department consistently deals with issues such as aging pipes, HVAC, ventilation issues, restroom facilities, and biohazard concerns. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation, enabling members to "spread the word, " resulting in overwhelming approval for the funding.

5. **GFWC Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs (NE) — GFWC Nebraska Sophomore Pilgrimage**
   Individual clubs sponsor and chaperone sophomore students from schools in their area to participate in a day at the State Capitol. Included are presentations by elected representatives, observation of the Legislature while in session, a tour and lunch at the Governor's Residence with each student's State Senator, a visit to the Court of Appeals to learn about each of the unique Courts in Nebraska, finished with a guided tour of the Capitol building.

6. **The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (NM) — Working to Preserve City History**
   Working to renovate the club's meeting place, which was built by the Woman's Improvement Association as the first library in Las Cruces. Members gained the City's commitment to place the building on their request for funding of capital projects from the Mayor and City Council. The history of the early women leaders was researched and built a compelling narrative to support the request. In January, the club learned that the city had exceeded the requested allocation.

7. **GFWC Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee (RI) — Meet and Greet State House Visit**
   Twenty club members enjoyed a private tour of the State House given by the House Whip. Members participated in a mock session in the House of Representatives chambers with attendees seated in a House member's seat. Members proposed an issue (gun safety) to be discussed and voted on. The group visited the

Secretary of State in his office, where he answered questions about his job and gifted each a pocket copy of the US Constitution.

8. **GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Columbia (SC) — Gun Storage Resolution**
   To address the epidemic of gun violence that too frequently is experienced by American youth, the club researched and created a Gun Storage Resolution that was presented at the 2025 GFWC South Carolina Annual Convention. This resolution encourages clubwomen to advocate for and partner with community members to educate and encourage increased legislation around proper gun storage. The club hopes the verbiage created will be used to update and strengthen the current national firearm resolution.

9. **GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia (WA) — Creating Advocacy Relationships**
   This club worked to create relationships with local decision makers, including a councilwoman and a legislator who shared their experiences running for election and the concerns they were promoting. Club members voted to sign on to the Lieutenant Governor's "Respect Initiative" focused on promoting civil dialogue and finding common ground to address political polarization. A Superior Court Judge familiarized the members with the various State Courts and spoke about the duties and schedules of these judges.

10. **GFWC Meadowlarks (WY) — Cooperative Veterans' Affairs Advocacy**
    A club member received a call from a local NBC News reporter requesting an interview about the consequences of the cuts to Veterans Administration (VA) personnel. The Meadowlarks connected the reporter with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Wyoming State Commander. These two groups then found the venue for the interview to take place and coached the VFW Wyoming State Commander through the important points to be discussed. The interview aired on NBC News with Lester Holt.

Membership

Karyn M. Charvat, Chairman

1. **GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Bellerose (NY) — Enhanced Online Presence**
   The Junior Woman's Club of Bellerose strengthened its online presence through Facebook, Instagram, and Constant Contact to improve communication with current and prospective members. The club also created an electronic membership inquiry form, making it easier for interested individuals to connect and join. These enhanced communication tools streamlined outreach, increased engagement, and contributed to stronger membership growth while creating a more efficient and welcoming experience for new members.

2. **GFWC Mesquite Club (NV) — Annual Silver Tea**
   The Evening Chapter of the GFWC Mesquite Club hosted its annual Silver Tea at the clubhouse, a beautiful and well-attended tradition celebrating membership. The event honored members reaching milestone anniversaries, recognizing their years of dedication and service to the club. Past club presidents were also recognized for their outstanding and continued volunteerism and leadership. This made the afternoon a meaningful celebration of the commitment, lasting friendships, and the enduring spirit of clubwomen.

3. **GFWC Orange Park Woman's Club (FL) — Women of the Year Program**
   Both tradition and gratitude were celebrated through an elegant Woman of the Year program, Volunteer of the Year honors, and recognition of Past Presidents. Secret ballots added excitement to the selection process, while engraved awards, beautiful flowers, and heartfelt tributes created memorable moments. The event honored outstanding service, celebrated leadership, and reinforced the message that every member's dedication and contributions make a meaningful difference to the club and its impact and success.

4. **GFWC Sylvania G.E.M.S. (GA)— Social Media at Convention**
   During the 2025 GFWC Georgia Convention, a club president went live on TikTok, sharing fun interviews, convention highlights, and "Outfit of the Day" segments. This creative approach gave viewers an inside look at the energy, friendships, and opportunities found through GFWC membership. The engaging content expanded the club's reach, sparked interest among prospective members, and resulted in new memberships, demonstrating the value of using social media as an effective recruitment tool.

5. **GFWC Kitsap Peninsula (WA) — Member Support**
   This year, the club united to support a member battling cancer with cards, letters, phone calls, care packages, and countless acts of kindness. Members also prepared food for her 50th wedding anniversary celebration, which sadly became a celebration of her life after she passed within hours of the event. Throughout her illness and beyond, the club stood beside her husband and children, providing comfort, compassion, and unwavering support during an incredibly difficult time.

6. **GFWC Gardner Athena Club (KS) — Roving Report Roseanna Rosette**
   The club enlisted one of its members to take on a very creative role as a roving reporter, "Roseanna Rosette". Each month, Roseanna attends meetings in a wig and costume, bringing a sense of fun and unpredictability to every gathering! She presents GFWC information in an entertaining format, which makes it easier for members to remember key details. This approach has been especially valuable as the club has many new members. This makes them feel welcomed and informed. 78

7. **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club (NH) — Birthday Bash**
   This club celebrated its 15th year by hosting a Birthday Bash. They sent custom invitations to club

members featuring fun club activities over the years. They also invited prospective new members, state leaders, and members from other clubs. They decorated their meeting room with flowers and cake and made a video display, making sure every member was represented. They also had a table to remember club members they had lost throughout the years.

8. **GFWC Bear River Civic League (UT) — Women, Waffles, and GFWC Summer Party**
   The club hosted a "Women, Waffles, and GFWC" themed summer party that blended friendship, fun, and membership outreach. Guests enjoyed hot waffles topped with vanilla ice cream and fresh strawberries while learning about GFWC's mission, service projects, and opportunities for involvement. The creative event encouraged engaging conversations, generated enthusiasm, and provided a welcoming introduction to the club. Attendees loved this unique approach to sharing the benefits of membership and service.

9. **GFWC Bedford Woman's Club (VA) — Recruiting Events**
   This club increased membership by 50% through two successful recruitment events. The first celebrated the club's anniversary, while the second showcased the club's service and fundraising projects. Prospective members enjoyed one-on-one conversations with current members, refreshments, door prizes, and homemade gifts as a thank-you for attending. These welcoming events created opportunities to learn about the club's mission, build connections, and discover the rewarding experiences and impact of membership.

10. **GFWC The Woman's Club of Raleigh (NC) — Diaper Bank**
    New club members partnered with the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, beginning in February and supporting the organization throughout the year. Their efforts included a project for the International Day of Service, where members worked side by side while building friendships and strengthening club connections. Together, they wrapped more than 22,000 diaper bundles for distribution, making a meaningful impact on families in need while fostering teamwork and member engagement throughout the community as well.

Women's History and Resource Center

Marian St.Clair, Chairman

1. **The Carlsbad Woman's Club (CA) — Club Centennial Celebration**
   The club celebrated its centennial with a party featuring an insightful program on the contributions of clubwomen by a director from the San Diego Women's Museum. This was followed by a second presentation on the lifestyles of a century ago, including period fashions. After the event, the community conversation continued as a podcast, with two club members sharing stories about the club's rich history with the host on Carlsbad: People, Purpose, and Impact.

2. **The GFWC Starbuck Study Club (MN) — Dr. Nellie Barsness Documentary Event**
   The club inspired, supported, and promoted a documentary about Dr. Nellie Barsness on Pioneer TV/PBS. Dr. Barsness, the first woman graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, worked in the French Army during World War I and later established a medical center that provided the only surgical center between Minneapolis and Fargo. Through club efforts, the story of this medical pioneer reached a wide audience, inspiring future generations and strengthening local pride.

3. **The GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club (MA) — Incredible Women of Northboro**
   The club hosted a celebration, The Incredible Women of Northboro, for Women's History Month. Through social media and the newspaper, community members were invited to nominate women who make Northboro a better place to live. The committee planned to nominate five women but decided to honor all 23 deserving nominees. Each walked a red carpet with her nominator and was honored with a proclamation and a donation to Abby's House, a shelter for women.

4. **GFWC Marion Woman's Club (IL) — Christmas at Goddard Chapel**
   Members staged Christmas at Goddard Chapel in a sanctuary of peace and solace built just after WWI in the city cemetery. The Chapel was decorated to reflect Christmases past, and a one-hour repeating program was presented, featuring the history of the chapel, the club, and the woman's movement, followed by music from guest choirs, madrigal groups, and caroling members in historical dress. Over 160 visitors were treated to coffee, wassail, and cookies.

5. **GFWC Evart Woman's Club (MI) — Women in History**
   At each meeting, the club features a "Woman in History" program, highlighting 10 women each year who have accomplished something noteworthy, from national figures to local community leaders, including a beloved teacher. The project engages 10 club members each year and over five years has inspired many to consider the various roles and achievements of women who come from all walks of life and yet create an impact that leaves a legacy worth remembering.

6. **GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia (MO) — Celebration of the Club's Founder**
   The club researched and celebrated the life of founder Luella St. Clair Moss, who also founded the League of Women Voters and was the first woman president of Christian College. The Club President created a PowerPoint on Luella for the January meeting. Members also enjoyed the "An Afternoon with Luella" reception and a play based on Luella's life at Columbia College. They also attended a gravesite ceremony in honor of her 100th birthday.

7. **GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club (ME) — Safeguarding the Club's Rich History**
   The club formed a committee of five members to determine how to best safeguard the club's rich history.

Assisted by an experienced archivist and past curator of the Skowhegan History House, the committee evaluated the club's historical material, created a master list and numbering system for identifying items, rehoused materials in archival sheets and containers, and stored them in a climate-controlled facility. During the process, many gems were discovered that "give voice to the past."

8. **The GFWC Portland Woman's Club (OR) — Club's 130th Anniversary Celebration**
   Members celebrated the club's 130th with an open house featuring displays by club-supported organizations, such as Make a Wish, Meals on Wheels, and the Oregon Historical Society. The club president presented a brief history to guests, and The Oregonian, a major newspaper, wrote a comprehensive article on the club titled Nine Fight to Keep 130-Year Portland Woman's Club Alive. The event, attended by nearly 100 guests, gained the club 16 new members!

9. **GFWC Laytonsville Woman's Club (MD) — Cultural and Historical Significance of the Quilt**
   The club provided a community program on quilting, highlighting the deep cultural, artistic, and historical significance of the craft, which has long served as a form of storytelling, community bonding, and practical creativity. Participants learned that quilts not only provide warmth but are also expressions of identity, memory, and resilience, and that quilting has functioned as a safe place for women to gather, exchange knowledge, and support each other, their families, and their communities.

10. **GFWC Brookings Club (SD) — Sharing the Club's History**
    The club decided to make the club's records available to anyone researching women's history or GFWC's history in South Dakota by sorting and donating historical records not specifically about their club, such as GFWC State and District information. Donations were made to the Hilton M. Briggs Library at South Dakota State University and to the South Dakota State Historical Society, which houses the GFWC Pioneer Daughters Collection, an invaluable record of women's pioneer contributions.