Convention Issue 2019

Massachusetts clubwomen are so dedicated to volunteerism in our communities and I am certain you know how proud I am to serve as your state President. Do you know you were recognized for your projects and donations at GFWC International Convention in June? This issue is my opportunity to help you feel the pride I felt along with Director of Junior Clubs Jen Nowak every time we went forward to accept an award on behalf of Massachusetts clubwomen - and that’s all of YOU! Have you ever thought about attending a GFWC Convention? Workshops and learning opportunities are excellent, as well as the speakers, service projects and opportunities to meet clubwomen from near and far.

As a club leader, please pass this issue along to your members and encourage them to put the dates into their calendars. Your officers and board are busy this summer on your behalf, updating the Club Manual, handbooks, scholarship forms, preparing for Club Leader’s Day and LEADS Training, and much more.

I hope I see you in August! Be sure to introduce yourself.

NEW “Brand Initiatives” - Members to advocate for 2 Bills

At the Gala Banquet at GFWC Convention GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock gave a report on the success of the 7 Grand Initiatives outlined at the 2018 Convention (see P.2 in this issue). As GFWC works to strengthen its brand and support issues that matter to our members, 3 “Brand” Initiatives were also introduced - Watch for more information, but share these with your members and discuss at your next meeting.

#1-Support Miranda’s Law - Members are asked to make 1,000 contacts on September 23, 2019 through phone calls or emails to their United States Legislators asking them to support passing Miranda’s Law.

#2- 3D Printed Gun Safety Act - Members are encouraged to make 1,000 contacts on October 23, 2019 to Senators or Congressmen themselves or to urge their friends to participate.

#3- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women Winning the Right to Vote - Clubs throughout the Federation are asked to plan 1,000 community service projects to celebrate August 26, 2020.

These are 3 things EVERY CLUB and its members can do. Please put these dates in your club calendars and on your websites.
Thank you for your reports, and all you do as Volunteers!

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness
1st Place - Category 2

GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program Award
1st Place - Category 2

GFWC Communications and Public Relations Award
1st Place - Category 2

GFWC Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children 1st Place

GFWC Signature Program Domestic Violence Fundraising

International Outreach- Club Creativity Award

2019 Millie Crom Award-Junior State Leadership- Director of Junior Clubs Jen Nowak- Platinum Level

Juniorettes Participation Award

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March of Dimes

Heifer International – 2019 Heifer Hope Award

Canine Companions for Independence Citation

UNICEF USA- Certificate of Appreciation

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GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography Contest

Overall- 7th Place

GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club

GFWC Marlborough Juniorettes

GFWC Girls for a Greater Good (Melrose)

GFWC Massachusetts -2nd Place

GFWC MA President Lynne Stader

GFWC Massachusetts

GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club

Nancy Brown, First Place

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

GFWC Resolutions Adopted at Convention

What is it we “resolve” to do as members of GFWC clubs? Attendees at Convention were diligent in their attention to adopting new resolutions on issues that matter to the members, while also rescinding outdated ones. New resolutions include: Social Media, Miranda’s Law, Printed Gun Safety Act, and Reducing Youth Obesity. Twenty resolutions were rescinded, such as 015-090 Direct Dial 911 and 014-150 Prayer at the United Nations because the goals of those resolutions have been achieved. Several resolutions were also updated through amending. To learn more on resolutions visit https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Resolutions-June-2018.pdf

GFWC’s “Grand Initiatives” Yield Impressive Results!

Look at what the collective power of GFWC clubs across the country can do! We were challenged to:

- Do 1,000 Projects for Women in the Military.
  To date: 799 Projects reported.

- Have 1,000 members join GFWC Legislative Action Center.
  To date: 1,594 people joined since July 2018.

- Plant 1,000 trees for Federation/Arbor Day.
  To date: 17,811 trees planted.

-Donate 1,000 pairs of shoes to Soles4Souls.
  To date: 36,763 shoes donated.

-Donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books. To date: 50,716 books donated!

Watch for updates on the GFWC Grand Initiatives for 2019-2020 or visit https://www.gfwc.org/sevengrandinitiatives/

Massachusetts delegates pose during a break in the Business Session at GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas in June.