



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

THE HISTORY *of* **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

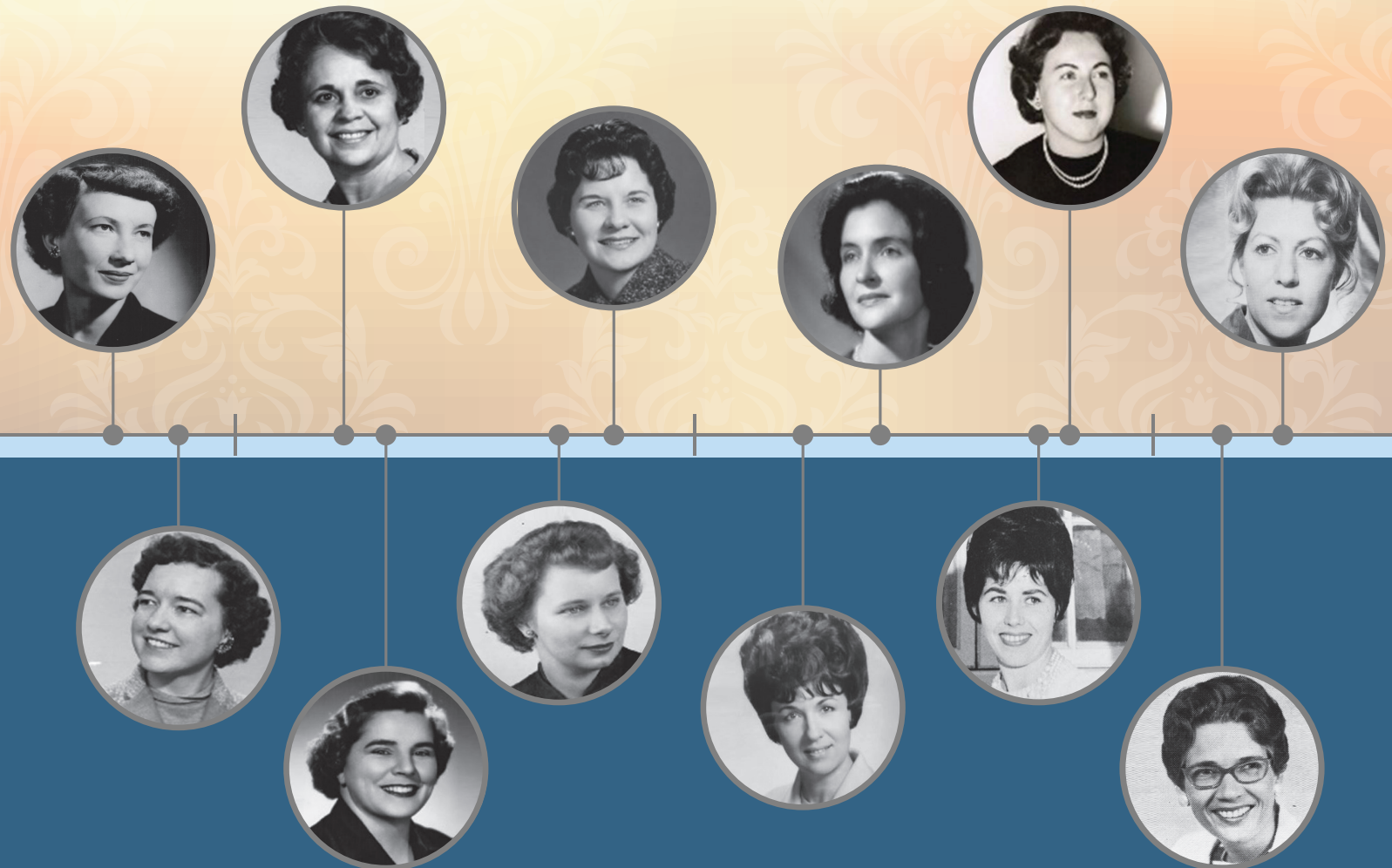




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DEDICATION

This historical information is dedicated to the thousands of clubwomen who in a certain sense are the “unsung heroines;” they work in and out of the home, raise children, attend higher education; they are soccer moms, carpool moms, business owners; they are sisters, mothers, aunts; they win no prizes or certificates for making certain that a piece of their life’s puzzle includes community service. To these women, “Living each day trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist” is more than just a pledge, but a way of life.

This Junior history has been compiled as a “Benefit of Belonging” to the General Federation of Women’s Clubs to help clubwomen further their understanding of the bonds that unite all clubs regardless of membership level. The information and history was gathered at GFWC Woman’s History and Research Center in Washington, D.C. A special thank you to the research team of Deb Allen (TN), Kristina Higbee (WS), T Jablanski (MA), Trisha Schafer (IL), Vicki Weber (GA), and Amy Vicioso (IL), and Jolie Frankfurth (FL), who took the time to gather the information to be compiled in one location.

THE JUNIOR PLEDGE

*I pledge my loyalty
 To the Junior Clubwomen
 By doing better than ever before
 What work I have to do,
 By being prompt, honest, courteous,
 By living each day, trying to accomplish something,
 Not merely to exist.*

A COLLECT FOR CLUBWOMEN

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
 Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
 Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.
 May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face,
 Without self-pity and without prejudice.
 May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
 Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
 Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.
 Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,
 That in the big things of life we are at one.
 And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human
 Heart of us all; and, oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

—Mary Stewart, April 1941

THE HISTORY OF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

From the history of Federation, we learn that as early as 1896 leaders saw the need for having a unit within the organization that would encourage and interest young women. Today, more than ever, we must be certain there is a steady succession of younger women joining our organization and taking active part in its program of adult leadership and community service.¹

The Clio Juniors of New Jersey, federated in 1895, could possibly be the first Junior club. From 1895 to early 1914, Junior clubs were springing up simultaneously in the east and west. In 1915, Mrs. Helen Cheney Kimberly of Redlands, Calif. announced the forming of a Junior group in the Redlands Contemporary Club. At about the same time, Mrs. Winfield MacHenry of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania had a similar idea and after organizing a Junior group in her own club, she visited many other clubs in the state, leading to the formation of some 20 Junior groups in the first year. (*1964 Diamond Jubilee Junior Handbook*)

In 1922 at the GFWC Biennial in Chautauqua, New York, the Pennsylvania delegate presented a resolution establishing a Junior committee. Miss Florence Dibert was appointed the first GFWC Junior Chairman and served from 1922 to 1926. In 1924, there were over 7,500 young women holding membership in Junior groups throughout the states.

In her first *Junior Membership Report* in June 1926, Miss Dibert wrote: "A call was sent; broadcast to the younger women to come and be partners in the working thought and force of the General Federation in the challenge to keep America the best Nation in which to live, to find work and happiness, and to rear children. The response was spontaneous. The Junior Department is registering thousands of young women who are eager to make others happy by their teaching and service....The Juniors are fascinating, they know it and we want them to keep this faith in themselves so that they may strive to make the environment of their

fancy, to keep time with the growth of the automobile, the flying machine, the thought wave that brings and takes the very wish of good deeds to the throne."

By 1930, Juniors representing 33 states attended the GFWC Convention in Denver, Colorado, at which time the Junior Pledge, written by Mrs. Helen Kimberly, was adopted as the National Junior Pledge. During the Seattle Biennial of GFWC in 1932, the Juniors celebrated their tenth birthday. In recognition of the event, GFWC changed the status of Juniors from a committee to a department. At the first Triennial, held in Detroit in 1935, GFWC adopted the first four bylaws for Junior clubwomen, thus making them a legally recognized part of the larger organization. By 1944, all states but five were listed as having Junior state leaders. This is the same year GFWC abandoned any stand on the age limit, leaving this entirely up to the states.²

The following women succeeded Miss Florence Dibert as Chairman of Juniors: Mrs. H. M. (Justina) Robins, Michigan; Mrs. Edwin Bevins, Arkansas; Mrs. Edward (Maria) Land, North Carolina; Mrs. Elbert W. (Mary) Shirk, California (daughter of Mrs. Helen Cheney Kimberly); and Mrs., David S. (Bertha Hare) Long, Missouri; Frances L. Rogers; Lillian Money, Helen Horan, and Violet Snedegar.

In 1950, both Greece and the Philippines had Junior representatives at the GFWC Convention. Juniors received official recognition of their value when, in 1952, a Bylaw revision placed a Junior representative on the GFWC Executive Committee with the title "Director of Junior Clubs."

The pages that follow outline the work and emphasis of the GFWC Directors of Junior Clubs.

¹ Taken from *Source Book of Information for Juniors* by Mrs. Charles O. Smith, GFWC Director, 1956-1958.

² Historical dates found in the *Diamond Jubilee (1964) Junior Handbook*

GFWC DIRECTORS OF JUNIOR CLUBS



1952-1954

Millie Crom* (California) First elected GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Theme: The Preservation of our American Heritage

Highlights:

- Spoke at the United Nations regarding the Korean Conflict on behalf of GFWC.
- The Junior program booklet, Slide Rule for Creative Activity, provided details on the work of all four divisions.
- At the GFWC Convention in Denver, Colorado in May 1954, the Junior Membership voted to continue Stamps for Wounded Veterans as a national project.
- 1952 Booklet, "A History of the Junior Clubwomen of the General Federation of Women's Clubs"
- By the end of her administration, she had visited more than 35 states.

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated to Philanthropy: \$517,575
- Volunteer Hours: 877,904
- Youth groups sponsored: 1,709
- 1 million stamps and \$1,800 cash for albums for wounded veterans.
- 107 new Junior clubs organized.
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,120
- Number of Members: 92,000



1954-1956

Barbara Shaw (Massachusetts)

Theme: You Are the Light of the World

From Mrs. Shaw: "You are the light of the world is the theme of this administration. What a challenge is presented to all members of Junior Clubs! Let every Junior clubwoman express that light and direct its radiance. Let us give whole-hearted support to our program, Let Our Light Shine. In your hands you hold a key. It is your key. How many doors will it open? That depends of you."

Highlights:

- Junior Membership Program booklet, Key to Junior Activities.
- At the 1955 Convention in Philadelphia, delegates adopted a Bylaw revision granting voting representation to the Junior leader from each state whose position corresponded with that of the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.



1956-1958

Marian Smith* (Kansas)

Theme: Four Points of Progress: Better Programs, Worthwhile Projects, Increase Membership, Build a Stronger Federation

Highlights:

- Junior membership handout, "Teen-Age Code of Ethics for Creative Living."
- Source Book for Junior Membership was created in her administration.
- Number of new Junior clubs organized: 193
- Number of Junior Clubs: 6,799



1958-1960

Phyllis Curtis* (Indiana)

Theme: ACTION—Five A's: Attend, Appraise, Arouse, Assist and Attain

Highlights:

- Attended a trip to Manila to see firsthand the results of the GFWC CARE Juniors Projects of Medical Kits for the Philippines. Contributed \$20,850 to purchase medical kits in the Philippines.
- Traveled over 61,000 miles during administration, and visited 31 states. Visited Hawaii, Japan, and Hong Kong.
- Promoted community physical fitness programs, Stamps for the Wounded, and Salk Polio Vaccine Project sponsored by the March of Dimes.

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated to GFWC Projects: \$3,001,121.67
- Dollars Donated to Philanthropic Projects: \$2,434,891
- Number of Members: 97,000



1960-1962

Nannie Jean Hay (Pennsylvania)

Theme: ACTION-Accent on Youth

Highlights:

- Supported the GFWC regional educational seminars, held in conjunction with local colleges and universities; raised funds for the GFWC Latin American Fellowships and CARE; and developed Youth Fitness programs.
- GFWC Juniors also promoted the organization of Younger Clubs for young girls of high school age, later known as Juniorettes.

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated to Federation Projects: \$301,436
- Philanthropic Purposes: \$24,434,891
- Collected 6 million stamps in Stamps for the Wounded Project
- March of Dimes: 343,208 shots distributed; 16,413 pap smears
- Dollars for Scholars: \$11,000
- Community Improvement Program: 100% participation
- CARE: Contributed 1/3 of the amount collected by GFWC
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,152
- Number of Members: 100,000



1962-1964

Maxine Scarbro* (West Virginia)

Theme: Our Heritage, Our Responsibility

From Mrs. Scarbro: "We must not lose sight of our purpose, our aim and goal, but we must continue to meet the challenges that are ours today in building a stronger and better Federation than ever before..."

Highlight:

Became 42nd International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1998-2000

Junior Projects:

- Project HOPE
- Stamps for the Wounded
- The Salk Institute
- GFWC-CARE Literacy Program
- Reported: Project HOPE: \$40,000
- CARE Literacy Programs: \$25,000



1964-1966

Mary Jean Houde* (Illinois)

Theme: Democracy in Service

From Mrs. Houde: "It is part of a way of life that we must preserve. The women I work with are those who will tackle seemingly impossible tasks. I find that their husbands and children end up helping them. And this is good, because it's often the women who kindle the wonderful civic spirit in many American cities."

Highlight:

Author of the General Federation of Women's Clubs history book titled, "Reaching Out"

Junior Projects:

- Operation Healthy Babies with March of Dimes
- Celebrated the United Nations 20th Birthday with a European Tour with GFWC Board members

Junior Reporting:

- CARE Program: \$43,000 (To build a school(s) in Mexico)
- Operation Hope: \$36,000 (For toys, hospital gowns, toiletries, etc.)
- Operation Healthy Babies: \$6,000
- Stamps for Veterans: \$2,000



1966-1968

Jeanenne Morrow* (Alabama)

Theme: Build with Youth for a Better World—NOW
N for Needs of Humanity
O for Opportunities for Action, and
W for Wonders in Discovery

Highlight:

Traveled on to the Philippines, where she visited the Junior-supported CARE project at a Philippines Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM) training center near Manila.

Junior Projects:

- GFWC Hallmark Art Talent Contest • GFWC Sears-Roebuck Community Improvement Program
- GFWC SHELL Oil Company Education Program
- GFWC Readers Digest and Highway Safety Lighting Contest (Crusade for Light)
- Number of Clubs: 2,453
- Number of Members: 82,000



1968-1970

Charlotte Silk Schoofs* (Missouri)

Theme: Let It Begin with Me

Highlight:

Junior Chairmen appointed in area of Conservation, Education, Fine Arts, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs, Council of International Clubs, and Junior Editor

Junior Projects:

- Operation Healthy Babies (March of Dimes)
- Project HOPE
- Crusade for Change, (National Association for Retarded Children)

Junior Reporting:

- Project HOPE: \$51,835
- NARC: \$200,000
- Operation Healthy Babies: \$250,000
- Juniorette Statistics noted this administration: 47 clubs with 1,369 members
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,359
- Number of Members: 80,906



1970-1972

Joan Buchanan* (New Jersey)

Theme: A Better Environment Today for a Better World Tomorrow

Highlights:

- Traveled with GFWC clubwomen for the "Around the World Tour" that took place June 11 - July 11, 1971, visiting Germany, Russia, India, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Japan, and Alaska.
- Spoke on behalf of the Kidney Foundation, which became a Junior program focus.

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated: \$5,049,089.35
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,500
- Number of Members: 80,675



1972-1974

Virginia (Ginny) Winsemann* (Florida)

Theme: Respect, Reverence & Responsibility

Special Emphasis: Child Abuse Prevention, National Kidney Foundation, and National Association for Retarded Children

Highlights:

- Contacted by Hugh O'Brien to tour a Youth Leadership Conference at Cape Kennedy
- Appointed by President Carroll Miller to serve as Federation Inter-Action Liaison Chairman

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated: \$28,741.06 to International Clubs
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,133
- Number of Members: 66,489



1974-1976

Kathi (Walker) Ladewig (Louisiana)

Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea—UNITY

Junior Focus: Justice for Juveniles

From Mrs. Ladewig: "Let us strive to instill our club members with self-confidence, enthusiasm, concern, love, resilience, and hope. Programs, projects, and activities on any level can teach us to cope with the crises of the present and the future."

Highlights:

- Started an Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Program for Women & Children ALERT: Alcohol CARE, Inc. America Cares Program
- GFWC received a major grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to activate "Hands Up", a national program to promote awareness of the citizen's role in preventing and combating crime.

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated to CARE: \$28,681.85



1976-1978

Polly Schumacher (Illinois)

Theme: Arise, Activate Dreams

Highlights:

- Represented GFWC Juniors on the World Cooperation Tour to Central and South America.
- In 1976, Polly served GFWC as the Junior Conservation Chairman, and in that capacity led federated clubs in the first of the Shell Environmental Workshops
- GFWC participated in article for Ladies Home Journal and received exposure on CBS/NBC

Junior Reporting:

- Donated \$600 to the Trust Fund for the Affiliate Artists, Inc.
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,235
- Number of Members: 65,375



1978-1980

Barbara Popp* (Missouri)

Theme: Unity in Diversity

Junior Focus: "Abused Persons", a multi-faceted project which offered many challenges and opportunities for service as Juniors across the Nation worked to bring awareness, aid, treatment and prevention to the abused into focus.

Additional Focuses: Strengthening the family unit, Federation's Role in Enterprise Economy (FREE) and Conservation of Energy and National Resources

Highlights:

- Provided "Cousin' Minnie" appearances at State Fun Nights!
- Each Junior Board Member donated towards the purchase of a Seth Thomas Clock #793 for the Board Room at GFWC Headquarters.
- Directors' of Junior Clubs bought and presented red silk roses to their GFWC State Presidents in 1978 and 1979.

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated: \$4,268,276
- Volunteer Hours: 11,618,509
- Number of Junior Clubs: 1,837
- Number of Members: 49,056



1980-1982

Vicky Bussell (Tennessee)

Junior Focus: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Highlights:

- Attended the GFWC/Shell Oil Seminar in Santé Fe, New Mexico and the Hands Up Syn-com in Washington, D.C.
- Represented GFWC on the Energy Tour sponsored by Gulf Oil Company.

Junior Reporting:

- Volunteer Hours: 203,836.25
- Dollars Donated: \$680,889.31
- Number of Projects: 3,795
- Number of Junior Clubs: 2,277
- Number of Members: 40,986



1982-1984

Linda Messenger* (West Virginia)

Junior Focus: Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Program

From Mrs. Messenger: "We have the opportunity to participate in the kinds of programs and projects that can enhance our communities, strengthen our clubs, clarify our families, and offer the opportunity for personal development to our individual members. The choices are ours, and the time to follow our rainbow is now."

Highlights:

- Moderator at GFWC/Shell Oil Company Conference
- 37 State Junior Directors during her administration
- GFWC Women's History and Resource Center was officially dedicated on May 1, 1984.

Junior Reporting:

- 10 million hours
- 150,000 projects
- \$25 million donated (Included donations in-kind for the first time.)
- Number of Junior Clubs: 1,707
- Number of Members: 42,662



1984-1986

Sandi Jones (New Hampshire)

Theme: Reaching New Heights

Junior Focus: Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, Abduction and Identification

Highlights:

- Dinner at the White House with President Ronald Reagan, first lady Nancy Reagan, and the GFWC International President
- Attended the Peace through Strength Seminar in Virginia
- First administration in which a GFWC Director-elect was set in place

Junior Reporting:

- Dollars Donated: \$42,184,678
- Volunteer Hours: 736,910
- Projects: 322,882
- Number of Members: 33,000



1986-1988

Sherry Kaley (Tennessee)

Theme: Juniors, Meeting the Challenge of the Future

From Mrs. Kaley: "The GFWC Junior Membership has the technology to turn dreams into reality. Goals and dreams won't end here; the dream continues with the next administration. Be a GFWC volunteer. Dare to Dream."

Highlights:

- Attended three GFWC/Shell Oil Conservation Seminars, GFWC CIP Seminars and the GFWC/FREE Workshop
- Represented GFWC at the Westinghouse Energy Roundtable
- Arranged home stays for international visitors
- Presented the "How to Launch a Dream" Leadership Campaign to GFWC Juniors



1988-1990

Cynthia Rice (Illinois)

Theme: A Past to Remember, A Future to Mold

From Mrs. Rice: "Remember that the pleasure you receive from something is directly proportional to the effort which you put into it. In the final analysis, the success of your position rests upon you and you alone. The attitude, in which you approach each step of the way, will make all the difference in the successes and failures, so mold a beautiful work of art."

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Youth Suicide Prevention

Highlights:

- Counselor at HOBY International Seminar
- Listed in Outstanding Young Women of America
- Testified before the Governor's Task Force on the issue of drunk driving.

Junior Reporting:

- Number of Junior Clubs: 1,169
- Number of Members: 28,602



1990-1992

Lee Humphrey (Kansas)

Theme: Illuminating the Past, Igniting the Future

From Mrs. Humphrey: "The realization of how much we have accomplished and how much we have changed gave me a feeling of humility to think that I am part of the beginning of our second hundred years. For the good of our organization, we must give Juniors a chance. Our future depends on them."

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Adolescent Chemical Dependency

Highlights:

- On June 30, 1990, attended Memorial Dedication Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Lakewood, New Jersey, where GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly is buried.
- Represented GFWC at HOBY International Leadership Seminar in Minneapolis-Saint Paul.
- GFWC Headquarters was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991.

Junior Reporting:

- Volunteer Hours: 50,000
- Dollars Donated \$251,300



1992-1994

Roberta Dyrsten (New Jersey)

Theme: Better World for All

From Mrs. Dyrsten: "The GFWC Junior leadership may well represent our best investment in the future of our organization. They are hard-working and dedicated young women who have made the choice to volunteer in spite of the fact that more than sixty-five percent work outside the home either full or part time. The working partnership between the Junior and General clubwomen benefits everyone. Each compliments the other by supporting one another and working together, exemplifying "Unity in Diversity" at its best."

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Children at Risk-Child Abuse Prevention

Highlights:

- Attended state conventions in Florida, West Virginia, Indiana, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Illinois, California, and Maryland.

Junior Reporting:

- Projects: 135,632
- Volunteer Hours: 4,961,526
- Dollars Donated \$16,768,321
- Number of Junior Clubs: 977
- Number of Members: 23,290



1994-1996

Deborah Bach (Illinois)

Theme: Unity in Diversity

From Mrs. Bach: "The GFWC Juniors are indeed women of the 90s. Most of them work outside the home, are married, have children and participate in their children's and husband's activities. Some take care of their parents and all volunteer their time and talents to make the world a better place by "trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist."

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Child Abuse; Children at Risk

Highlights:

- Developed first GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Report & Award to honor the work of the GFWC Directors of Junior Clubs.
- Traveled to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Junior Reporting:

- Volunteer Hours: 2,692,029
- Projects: 57,024
- Dollars Donated: \$10,522,995
- Number of Junior Clubs: 977
- Number of Members: 21,532



1996-1998

Nancy Meek (North Carolina)

Theme: Initiate Campaign to Protect Children

From Mrs. Meek: "By displaying a blue ribbon—the symbol of first place—GFWC Juniors will indicate their strong commitment to assuring that all children are safe, healthy, and sound."

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Child Abuse, Children at Risk

Highlights:

- Operation Smile: Clubwomen sewed gowns after a trip to Cebu, Philippines
- Advocated to include children in domestic violence therapy.
- Efforts were made to start clubs on college campuses.
- Worked to help Juniors find common ground that they could build a firm foundation when working with women's clubs.

Junior Reporting:

- Number of Junior Clubs: 754
- Number of Members: 18,665



1998-2000

Babs J. Condon (Maryland)

Theme: Unity in Diversity

From Mrs. Condon regarding her Guatemala visit with CARE: "...this trip was a life-changing experience for me, showing me just how lucky we are in this country and how much CARE does for Guatemala...They really do make a difference in the lives of the people they reach."

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children was selected as focus for next ten years

Highlights:

- Traveled with CARE to Guatemala to view firsthand all the projects GFWC members supported for the women and children of Guatemala.
- GFWC Directors of Junior Clubs, along with some of the state presidents took one of the first evening tours of D.C. which has led to many more of these type tours whenever the Board meets in D.C.
- Later became GFWC International President 2014-2016

Junior Reporting:

- Volunteer Hours: 5 million+
- Dollars Donated: \$30 million
- Number of Projects: 74,000



2000-2002

Marianne Potter (Wisconsin)

Theme:

From Mrs. Potter: "The world changed after the events of 9/11; however one thing that did not change was the dedication of the GFWC Junior members to follow the words of the Junior Pledge; 'Living each day, trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist'".

Highlights:

- Emergency Medical Services for Children's Blue Bear Brigade grew in this administration. Over 4,000 blue bears were made throughout Junior clubs to be donated to local fire and rescue squads and emergency rooms.
- Donated \$500 at Junior Luncheon for Cops-N-Kids Reading Program

Junior Reporting:

- Projects: 102,940
- Volunteer Hours: 522,371 (to support youth in our country)
- Number of Junior Clubs: 875
- Number of Members: 30,331



2002-2004

Nannette White (Nevada)

Theme: Working with Children, An Investment in Our Future

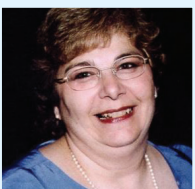
From Mrs. White: "Nannette's Fountainettes jumped right in and got their feet wet in Kansas City and made a big splash everywhere they met during the two-year administration 'trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist.'"

Highlights:

- Two Junior members represented GFWC on an Operation Smile mission to Nicaragua.
- The Junior membership raised \$180,000 to purchase an emergency medical vehicle for New York City.

Junior Reporting:

- Projects: 55,720
- Volunteer Hours: 2,211,881
- Dollars Donated: \$14,763,966



2004-2006

Marta DiBenedetto* (Massachusetts)

Theme: Treasure the Gift; The Gift of Belonging to GFWC

From Mrs. DiBenedetto: "Well, I can safely say that the spirit of Juniors is alive and well and we continue to make a difference each and every day. This outstanding work by Juniors across the country has served as an inspiration to this director."

Highlights:

- Attended nine state conventions
- First GFWC Director to have a Junior Trip—Marta's Cruisin' Juniors. The cruise was on the Royal Caribbean "Enchantment of the Seas" and included Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman.

Junior Reporting:

- Projects: 55,720
- Volunteer Hours: 2,000,000
- Dollars Donated: \$15,000,000



2006-2008

Jeri Lyn Cancel (Georgia)

Junior Focus: Strengthening and Revitalizing Junior membership

From Mrs. Cancel: "Four unbelievable years serving as GFWC Director-elect and then as the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. So many good "Kodak Moments". Sharing time with the women who made up the Shutterbugs was an awesome experience and each left footprints in my heart."

Highlights:

- Worked with Operation Smile
- Traveled to Philippines, Columbia, and Nicaragua on six Operation Smile missions.
- Lead volunteer teams to the Gulf Coast region in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



2008-2010

Melissa "Missy" McCoy (Kentucky)

Theme: Reach for the Stars

From Ms. McCoy: "I have to say that one thing that was unique during this administration was the amazing support that was shown by our International President. We were a team, working together from the very beginning from choosing chairmen, to including Junior greetings in the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* right down to singing our greetings together in each Region meeting during convention. A true blessing."

Highlights:

- Traveled to 19 different states and spoke at 24 different conferences.
- ACT in OCT reported the most successful years since the program's inception.
- Laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Washington D.C.



2010-2012

Kathleen "Kathy" Ferrara (New Jersey)

Junior Focus: Maintaining Junior membership

From Ms. Ferrara: "Being a Junior means being part of a talented, diverse group of women who value the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to their communities, states, and nation while developing their own leadership potential."

Highlights:

- Maintained strong and energetic clubs in all the states that currently have active Junior and Juniorette clubs
- Encouraged the expansion of clubs in those states that do not address the development of Junior or Juniorette clubs in their bylaws
- Encouraged Pinwheel for Prevention Gardens

Junior Reporting:

- Number of Junior Clubs: 335
- Number of Junior Members: 7,978



2012-2014

Rebecca "Becky" Weber (Illinois)

Junior Focus: Maintaining Junior membership

From Mrs. Weber: "As GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, I have tried to inspire and encourage our GFWC clubwomen around the country to live the volunteer spirit, to work together as a team and to live each day trying to accomplish something not merely to exist."

Highlights:

- Presented the first LEADS presentation to GFWC Virginia via Skype
- Presented at GFWC Georgia's Summer Institute.
- Attended the United Nations Foundation Summit for Shot@Life and became Shot@Life Champion.
- Honored to attend 14 GFWC State Federation meetings.

Junior Reporting:

- Number of Junior Clubs: 390
- Number of Members: 5,695



2014-2016

Cathy Jo (Canterbury) Bryant (West Virginia)

Junior Focus: Strengthening bonds between Women's Club and Junior Club members

From Mrs. Bryant: "I traveled to states that do not have Junior clubs and who are interested in the possibility of forming Junior clubs there! It's an exciting time in Federation!"

Highlights:

- Participated in the Laying the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Traveled to South Carolina (GFWC Southern Region), Idaho, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Alaska, Texas, Florida, Nebraska, Kansas, and Mississippi.
- Hosted Prevent Child Abuse "House" Party and St. Jude's "Another Birthday!" raising monies for both GFWC Partners.

Junior Reporting:

- Number of Projects: 2,811
- Volunteer Hours: 204,598
- Dollars Donated: \$819,205
- In-Kind Donations: \$516,732



2016-2018

Jolie Frankfurth (Florida)

Theme: Federation and You; The Perfect Fit (puzzle piece)

Junior Focus: Growing the Federation by putting emphasis on all three levels of membership

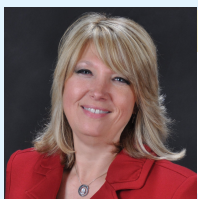
From Mrs. Frankfurth: "I believe that members will continue to stay members in any organization when they feel that they are a part of the plans, when they feel a connection to the "builders", and when they know that the effort that they put forth in being part of the organization means something to those in leadership. Let's build a stronger Federation, one member at a time."

Highlights:

- Researching GFWC Junior History and that of the GFWC Past Directors of Junior Clubs.
- Creating a Junior Club President Newsletter that was distributed to assist leaders of GFWC Junior clubs in the importance of knowing their history, past accomplishments, and allow them to get to know GFWC beyond their state federation.
- GFWC Volun-TOUR Aruba with 64 members, Boosters, family and friends as we combined efforts with the Woman's Club of Aruba and donated items for two of their continuing programs.
- Traveling to Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia Conventions and South Eastern and South Central Conferences.

Junior Reporting:

- Number of Projects: 9,689
- Volunteer Hours: 316,640
- Dollars Donated: \$891,477
- In-Kind Donations: \$751,843



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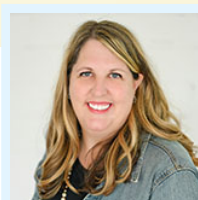
Trisha Schafer (Illinois)

Theme: Together, We Make the Difference

Junior Focuses:

- Promote "Flat GFWC" in photos/posts and #GFWC1820 to bring social media awareness of members, projects and programs.
- Advocating for children affected by human trafficking and mental health conditions.
- Supporting the fourth week in October as GFWC Advocates for Children Week.

From Ms. Schafer: "'Together, We Make the Difference' because we do make the difference ... in our communities, our country, and our world! Volunteering is what makes the community you live in your 'hometown.' I am looking forward to meeting many of you and finding out how you and your club are changing the world by Living the Volunteer Spirit."



2020-2022

Kristina Higbee (Wisconsin)

Theme: Stick Your Neck Out