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Reminder: please send pictures in jpeg format.
THANK YOU!

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We are going all digital for the Buckeye. In order to receive the *Buckeye Magazine* we need your emails. Please send them to:
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Thank you!!





Message From the President Yvonne Ford

Giving Thanks

Not what we say about our Blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving. WT Purkiser



Yvonne Ford
2022-2024 President

It is so hard to believe that the Holidays are fast approaching where did the summer and fall go? As our lives slow down and the time changes it gives us a chance to reflect and realize that we are so very blessed. Every Thanksgiving we gather around the table and give thanks for our family, friends and the good food we're about to eat. This is a good time for clubs to reflect on the past year. What projects was a success what your club needs to do to "Bee the One Bee the Change" and plan for next year. I am very Thankful to be able to represent each and every one of you who work so diligently all year to improve the lives in our state and in your communities. Ohio clubwomen are the very Best and they don't need to "Bee the Change" you are all the most generous, hard working women and we are so very Blessed to have all of you.

Our first Statewide Zoom Fall Conference held in October was a success thanks to all of you being willing to try something new. Thank You to Barbara Whitaker for helping to get us registered and set up. Attendance was around 100 with some of you hosting watch parties so Thank you to all who attended. Your enthusiasm and dedication to GFWC and OFWC was very motivating. I love working with all of you and seeing what an impact you have made in your communities. Thank-you for your commitment to Federation.

Encourage all members to attend your District meetings whether in person or zoom it is a great way to learn about Federation and motivate new leaders.

Thank-you to all of the clubs who have sent me their program books and also the newsletters. It is so much fun to read these and to see how hard all of you are working in your communities

In late September I had the Honor of attending the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage always a very moving ceremony that Rose Logston did a wonderful job organizing. The Gold Star Mothers have suffered the supreme sacrifice of Motherhood and this ceremony is a renewal of Patriotism and love of our great country. If you have never attended this event mark your calendars for next year it is held on the last Sunday in September.

The Great Lakes Conference held in Wisconsin September 30- Oct 2. It was a wonderful weekend with shopping, touring, renewing and making new federation Friendships, reports from, region officers and GFWC Chairman. Karen Margala and I reported on what our clubs are doing across Ohio, we also got to process in with the Ohio Flag. GFWC President Deb Strahanoski was the keynote speaker on Saturday night. Also attending was GFWC President elect Sue Ellen Brazil. Great Lakes Region President Dana Jones did a wonderful job leading the Conference and Rose Logston Great Lakes Region Vice – President had everyone organized and made sure we all Sparkled and Shined. Great job Ladies!

Next Year the Great Lakes Region Conference will be in Indiana October 6-18, 2023 a very drivable distance so please consider attending.

So as you can see fall has been a very busy time. Hard to believe that soon we will be working on our club report. This is a great time to get all of your members involved. Have a report party at one of your homes or hand out the narrative pages at a meeting. Have each Chairman write down a small summary of what they did for the club. How many attended, what you did at this event, how much time and Money was involved and who or what profited from this event. It will make compiling the report so much easier. This is the time for your club to shine and share with the rest of us all of your great projects and programs you have been working so hard on. This is your club History so be proud of it 100% participation is our goal!

I can't wait to see the reports on the President's special emphasis "Bee the One Bee the Change" and see what new projects you have tried out this year. Also Fundraisers for the President's project for the support Dog for a women's veteran are greatly appreciated. All of you are so very creative I'm sure they will be great!

As the end of the year approaches don't forget the Club Dues are due by December 31st.

I am encouraging each club to nominate a LEADS candidate for GFWC LEADS Program. The application is in the Directory or on the website under Leadership. The Deadline is January 1, 2023 and should be mailed to the State President Yvonne Ford 2114 Knollwood Ave. Poland, Ohio 44514

May the Peace and Blessings of Christmas be yours and May the coming year be filled with Happiness. I am grateful for all of you and all that you do.

In Federation Friendship and Love,

Yvonne



Message from the GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs



Karen Margala
2022-2024 Direct of Junior
Clubs

Dear GFWC Ohio Clubwomen,

What a whirlwind this year has been! I can't believe that we are already half way through October and the Holidays are around the corner! I hope all of you and your families are doing well, and your club year is off to a great start.

I have been blessed with a lot of opportunities this year; to see things and do things I never thought I would have. For the first time, I attended the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Wisconsin at the end of September and it was truly a wonderful experience. It was fun, informational and well represented by Ohio. If you have the opportunity, please go, you will meet wonderful ladies and have a great time. Looking ahead, Ohio will be hosting this event in two years!

The leaves have been absolutely beautiful and I can't remember when the weather has been so nice at this time of year. Fall kindly reminds us that life is about change. Our State wide Fall Conference was held and I have to say that thanks to a lot of hard work behind the scenes, it went very well on zoom. I know we like to be together and enjoy each other's company but sometimes it's okay to do something different. We need to think about the positives: We didn't have to travel, it wasn't costly, and we were done shortly after noon and got to enjoy that gorgeous Fall day. Unfortunately technology is not my strong suit, so thank you to President Ford and Barb Whitacre for making it quite easy for all of us. Also thank you to everyone who attended and participated.

I hope your Advocates for Children's week went well. Per Katie Moydell, our GFWC Director of Juniors, we were to collect items for children who have been recently removed from their home. What a terrifying time that must be. Thank you to all the clubs who participated, you truly do make a difference in the lives of others. We are about to have our first State wide Juniorette meeting on October 29, 2022. Since the three Juniorette clubs are in the Northeast District and in relatively close proximity, I thought it would be great to get them together. It is my hope that they will collaborate on projects down the road. I will keep you posted on how it went. Speaking of Junioresses, we can use some new clubs throughout the state. This would be a wonderful opportunity to grow our membership while giving these young ladies a safe environment where they can meet new friends, socialize, establish contacts in their community and learn the importance of volunteering. If you need help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I know I am jumping ahead of the game but I just want to give a friendly reminder ~ reporting is in the near future. I feel your eyes roll! But you can do it! Plan ahead, start early and above anything else, ENJOY it. This is your opportunity to tell about the wonderful things your club has done and to share your ideas and accomplishments with the rest of Ohio.

We have been through so much these past couple of years and with the holidays approaching I would like to thank you and tell you that I am in awe of the determination, imagination and dedication of all of our GFWC Ohio club women. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Wishing you and all those you love, a happy and healthy Holiday Season. May you be blessed with family and friends and wonderful memories to last a life time.

In Federation, Friendship & Sisterhood,

Karen Margala



GFWC Southeast District Co Presidents Bea Corra (L) and Rose Logston (R) in front of our specially designed GFWC symbol. What a wonderful and creative group of volunteers we have serving on the Belpre Holiday Lights Committee for our community. Thanks to those wonderful volunteers our (GFWC Belpre Woman's Club) third annual Community Tree Lighting Ceremony was a great success. The children's choir was magnificent and the Handbell Choir was superb. Plus the weather was bearable. Thanks to all who attended.

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior League to hold 52 nd Annual Champagne Luncheon and Style Show benefiting NEO Children Rehabilitation Center

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League held their Annual Champagne Luncheon and Style Show on November 18 th at the Eastwood Event Centre. This will be their 52 nd Champagne luncheon benefiting the children of NEO Children's Rehabilitation Center. Over 375 women attended the luncheon raising an estimated \$15,000 for the rehabilitation center.



Photo L to R Seated: WJWL members: Becky Bucco, Treasurer; Marylou Jarrett, Advisor; Monica Olbrych, Second Vice President; Molly Halliday, First Vice President; Sue Smith, President; Esther Gartland, OFWC First Vice President; Pam Vines; Jackie Lody, Secretary and Jan Elliott.

Photo L to R Standing: WJWL members: Dodie Baritell, Chloe Jon Dalh, Katie Hanks, Constance Amstutz, Traci Timko, Julianne Kesler, Shawn Kacerski, Donna Alflen, Lana Wilcox and Holly Hess.

Membership Matters

Growing Membership ~ *Success is best when it's shared...* Howard Schultz

OBJECTIVE: To recruit new members, retain our current membership and create excitement amongst the TEAM to achieve success.

PLAN OF ACTION: In the world of Bees...Teamwork and Organization, are essential traits in strengthening & growing the hive; the same traits are necessary to growing membership and our future. Finding new members and retaining our current membership contributes to the overall success of your club, OFWC and GFWC.

For all of you important Busy Bees...How can you help grow our future, strengthen our hive and encourage others to BEE-come part of our amazing TEAM?

RECRUITING MEMBERS

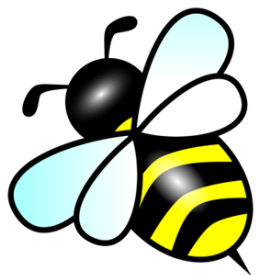
- ✿ Getting new members takes enthusiasm, creativity, determination and a very good plan.
- ✿ Use Social Media, Facebook & LinkedIn, newspaper, brochures, and word of mouth is effective to create awareness.
- ✿ Talk about your club by telling others who we are, what we do and let them know how they can help and make a difference.
- ✿ Create a Membership Recruitment Committee.
- ✿ Hold a Recruiting Event to entice, encourage & enlist potential members.
- ✿ This is an ongoing Action Plan; it takes follow up, much enthusiasm & knowledge of GFWC.

RETAINING MEMBERS

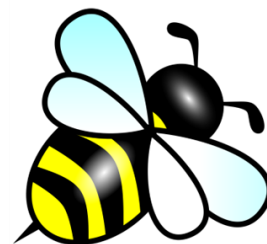
- ✿ This is an ongoing effort and begins the moment a new member joins your club.
- ✿ Embrace self-reflection – have an open & honest look at your club.
- ✿ What keeps your members coming back or NOT coming back?
- ✿ Ask your members what's working or NOT working. Have your Officers share what they think is going well or NOT.
- ✿ Conduct an Orientation Program for new members or hold a GFWC Federation Program – this informs members of current GFWC Information.
- ✿ Do your members feel appreciated or needed?
- ✿ Recognize your members, highlight team projects & provide opportunities for ALL members to participate in projects.

Membership & Growth is a TEAM thing - it's something to BUZZ about...Let's get Busy!

G ~ GFWC R ~ Rewarding O ~ Ongoing W ~ Welcoming T ~ Together H ~ Have FUN



Community Service Area Environment 7th Grade Essay Contest



Topic

The Bees and Me
How We Help Each Other Out
2022-2024

**** A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission ****

Entry Guidelines:

1. This Essay Contest is open to all 7th Graders. Maximum number of words - 200. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only. Please use Times New Roman 11 font.
2. Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
3. Entries must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2023 and 2024 to your District Environment chairman. Each club may submit a limit of 2 entries. Each contestant must sign a contest release form found in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club's Directory.

On the back of the essay you must include the following information:

Title of work, Student's name, parent or legal guardian's name and telephone number, email, name of student's school, city or town in which the school is located and sponsoring club's name, City and District and mailing address. Print legibly or use Times New Roman 11 font.

General Information:

District winners will receive certificates on Legislation Day. First place winners will also receive \$15.00 from GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs and be entered in the state competition. District Chairman will send the first place District essay to the Environment State Chairman Peggy Bennett, 6874 Ruby Courts, Austintown, Ohio 44515, 330-881-0135, Pbennett@zoominternet.net, by March 1, 2023 and 2024.

State winners will be announced at the annual GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Convention. The student submitting the first-place entry will be announced and awarded \$50.00 cash. The first-place entry will be published in *The Buckeye* magazine, the official publication of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. With the student's permission he/she will also be featured on the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Website at www.gfwcohio.com

The Woman's Town Club – One Hundred Years!

Submitted by M. L. Nave and WTC member Marilyn Ryan. Attachments are copies of this release and a photo of the home.

The Springfield City Federation of Women's Clubs includes a number of member clubs that have existed for many years. Today we proudly announce **The Woman's Town Club** has been affiliated with the City Federation from the very beginning.

The 100th Anniversary of **The Woman's Town Club** will be celebrated officially on December 4, 2022, at the home. This is the culmination of many events that were held throughout this year including an ice cream social, a wine tasting party, and a raffle for an 1890's dinner for 10 guests. The dinner raffle was won by Mary Ann Jung, the current President of TRIAD CLUB/GFWC and a Past President of the City Federation. It was a wonderful step back in history with great food!

This 805 East High Street historic home, now known as the Town Club, was the residence of Clementine and Edward Buchwalter when Clementine founded the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs in October 1894. It is the location where the bronze Clementine Berry Buchwalter Statue, that was dedicated in 2005, sits on the East lawn welcoming guests to her former home in Springfield.

The Woman's Town Club mission is to provide a social center for citizens in the Springfield area and to maintain the preservation of this gracious historical home. The Woman's Town Club, Home of the Buchwalter House, is now a 501(c)3 organization, providing a tax-exempt opportunity for everyone to help with their mission. Various types of events are held at the club throughout the year and the funds raised from these events are used to support the maintenance and restoration of the home.

When she was alive, Clementine Berry Buchwalter generously offered her home as a meeting place for women and in 1922 her husband made her wishes known again. Edward Buchwalter made it possible for the home to provide a center for social and civic activities in Springfield.

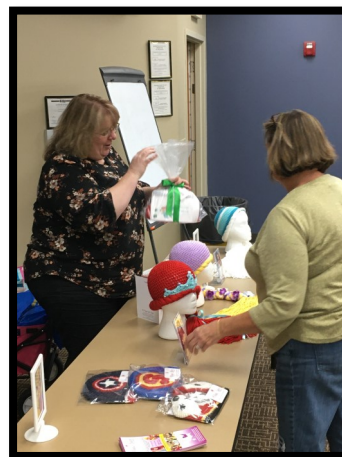
The Woman's Town Club membership works very hard to care for our Founder's former home and where numerous gifts of furniture and china dishes donated from the Buchwalter Family are on display. Your club may want to plan a trip to our Founder's home in Springfield and enjoy a luncheon in the Tea Room while visiting this historic site. Contact the Buchwalter House Foundation for more information at (937) 390-0786.



Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club

In October, the Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club in the Southwest District, had Shelly Allen from the MAGIC YARN PROJECT as a guest speaker to talk about her organization. This organization makes Disney princess wigs and super hero beanies out of soft yarn for children that suffer from hair loss due to chemo and other diseases. With hair loss, young children's scalps are very tender and they cannot wear traditional wigs. Shelly's organization saw the need and began work on these wonderful wigs and beanies. As a club we donated yarn and other needed supplies. During November's meeting Shelly returned and we cut yarn and attached yarn to crocheted wigs to help with this worthy cause.

Barb Seppelt
Co-Vice President/Membership Chairman
Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club



GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League New Logos

Members of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League recently approved two new logos. The logos create a new updated look and feel with our signature red rose for the organization. Going forward the new logos will be incorporated into all marketing and promotional pieces.





Arts and Culture – Sue Adams

Club members and students have multiple opportunities to explore their imagination and give a voice for themselves through the written word.

Students:

Students grades 1 through 12 can submit a short story and/or poem on any subject. The parameters are listed in a document on the GFWC website under Writing Contests. This is a valuable chance for students to Bee Creative and Express Themselves. All submissions should be sent directly to Sue Adams. There are no state financial awards, but individual clubs supporting their students can award the participants with a monetary award, if they choose. Certificates for winning submissions will be sent to the supporting woman's club.

Club Members:

Every GFWC Ohio club member is invited to submit a short story and/or poem on any topic. The parameters are the same as for students and again, the document is located on the GFWC website under Writing Contests. All submissions should be sent directly to myself. There is a \$25.00 award for the best submission which will be judged by an impartial panel which does not include myself.

All writing submissions should be mailed to:

Sue Adams
5817 Whitecat Court
Milford, OH 45150

Make certain that there is a creative waiver included with each submission which is available on the GFWC Ohio website.

Also, for our GFWC Ohio club members we have a **photography contest** that takes place during our 2023 GFWC Ohio Convention. Take your photos now. Only photos taken between January 2022 and December 2022 should be submitted. The parameters are listed in a document on our GFWC Ohio website under Arts and Culture. A professional photographer will complete the judging during the convention. First place winners proceed to be judged at the 2023 GFWC Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Additionally creative writing opportunities are available for the 7th Grade Essay under Environment and the Club Woman Essay under Membership. Please check our GFWC Ohio website for more information and the appropriate chairman contact information.

Don't Forget! During these cold miserable winter months, you can create an item for our Arts & Craft Auction during our 2023 GFWC Ohio Convention. I know we have some very artistic members in the state of Ohio or check out Pinterest and Etsy for ideas. All and any donations will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact me – Sue Adams at smadams6570@gmail.com.



The Austintown Junior Women's League Christmas Dinner Meeting. They collected items for 10 senior citizens and over \$300 for an Austintown family.



The Masury Brookfield JWC collected items to donate for Someplace Safe during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.



The Montgomery WC Celebrated their 70th Anniversary.



The Belpre Women's Club recycled campaign signs in to Christmas decorations.



The Circleville Women's Club had a cookie and ornament exchange and craft night.



The Eastlake Women's Club sang Christmas carols .at their community Christmas celebration.

The Mayfield WC took a train tour along the Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad.



The Boardman Poland JWL packed 26 boxes for Operation Christmas Child

The Madiera WC had fun being the "Stars of their own Stories" @ SWD Info Day. The Austintown JWL collected items for seniors and over \$300 for a needy family at their Christmas party.



It is with deepest sympathy we mourn the passing of Nancy Rolfert past SWD President and OFWC Past President Nancy Lombardo's husband.



Rest In Peace

Please keep Linda Crish and Jane Bavely in your thoughts and prayers. Both are struggling with some health issues.

Happy Holidays from our home to yours

