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Call to Convention 125th ANNUAL CONVENTION of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs April 21– April 23, 2023 Embassy Suites Columbus – Dublin, Ohio

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before April 5th, 2023](#)



YVONNE FORD - GFWC OHIO PRESIDENT
"Bee the One - Bee the Change"



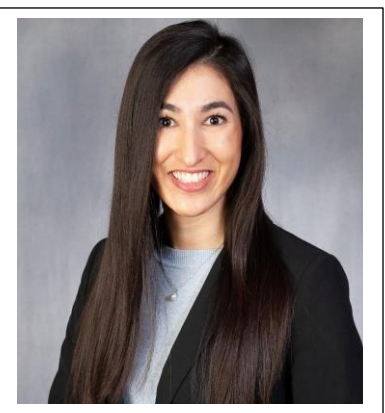
KAREN MARAGALA - GFWC OHIO JUNIOR DIRECTOR
"Our Roots Run Deep"

“TOGETHER TOWARD TOMORROW”

Yvonne Ford, Presiding Officer
2022-2024 GFWC Ohio President

Special Guest Speaker, Maria Busch

Maria Busch is the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator for the State of Ohio. She manages Governor DeWine’s Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force and works in close partnership with local service providers, law enforcement, and advocates to effectively combat human trafficking in the state. She sets cabinet-level priorities for addressing system gaps to better prevent trafficking, connect survivors with supportive services, and prosecute offenders. Maria earned her bachelor’s degree in Public Affairs from The Ohio State University and earned her master’s degree in Public Policy and Management from The Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs.





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2023 OFWC CONVENTION

Can I Vote?
Am I a Delegate
Or Delegate-at-Large?

Clubwomen attending the State Convention are participating in the yearly business meeting of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. Each club has at least one vote on the issues that are presented before the assembly. Know if you are a delegate or a delegate-at-large and may vote.

DELEGATES

1. Each per capita club of 25 members or less is entitled to ONE delegate (or her alternate).
2. Each per capita club of 26-50 members is entitled to TWO delegates (or their alternates).
3. Each per capita club of 51-75 members is entitled to THREE delegates (or their alternates).
4. Clubs with more than 75 members are entitled to ONE delegate for each additional 50 members up to a membership of 1,200.
5. Direct members may meet at each Convention and elect ONE delegate who is also a Direct Member to represent them.
6. Each City-County Federation of 10 clubs or less is entitled to TWO delegates and ONE additional delegate for every 20 additional member clubs.

DELEGATE -AT -LARGE

1. OFWC Board of Directors and Junior Board.
2. Those members having served in ELECTIVE offices at state or district level.
3. Officers and chairmen of GFWC residing in Ohio.
4. ALL CURRENT State and District Community Service Program chairmen.
5. ALL members of Standing and Special Committees.
6. Trustees of all funds and *The Buckeye* staff.

NOTE: It is possible that members are in both categories, but only one vote per member is allowed. Have clubs decide before registering who will be the club delegate and vote the club's wishes.

*If you are not a delegate or delegate-at-large, you will check the "Non-Voting Member" line on the registration form.

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GFWC Ohio's President's Message



Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'

Robin Williams

By the time you read this issue of the Buckeye your club reports will be in the mail and another club year is History. I appreciate how much time and effort go into compiling these reports and I Thank all of you for reporting. Now is a good time to review you club year to see if anything needs to be changed to “Bee the One Bee the Change” or did something turn out to be a huge success that will be repeated next year? The club report is a history of your club and all of you should celebrate all of your club’s accomplishments, the changes you have made in your communities and the friendships you have made along the way.

The GFWC Ohio Board of Directors met on January 20-22 to plan out our 125th OFWC Convention. The Board is busy getting speakers and planning out exciting workshops. The SWD is the Hostess District for this Convention and I want to say **thank you** to all of them for the effort they are putting into making our 125th Convention one of the best! The Theme for this convention is “Together Towards Tomorrow” and our GFWC guest will be Katie Modell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. We are asking members to donate old T-Shirts to be cut into strips to make dog toys at our workshop on Friday. The District President’s will be having a Basket Raffle, we will have a card making workshop with the cards to be donated in each District, the Junior Board is planning a fun Junior Banquet and Fun night, Workshops will include how to host a “Friendsgiving” and how to navigate the GFWC Website, many more exciting things are planned that you will not want to miss. Encourage your fellow clubwomen to attend so they don’t miss out on all of the fun! Mark your calendars for April 21- 22, 2023 and plan on being at the Embassy Suites in Dublin Ohio.

All of the Districts will soon be having their Legislation Day so please plan on attending and supporting all of the winners in your District. The District President’s will share some more upcoming events that will take place at convention.

At the Winter Board we discussed having the Fall Conferences being held Via Zoom again. Everyone agreed that it is a very effective cost saving way to hold this meeting. A date will be announced later but it will be in October sometime after Great Lakes Region meeting. Be thinking of how your club can best enjoy this Zoom meeting. It can be enjoyed individually, or with all of your club having a watch party or think of some other ideas encourage all to attend you don’t have to travel, there is no cost but we can all share the same information.

I am happy to announce that Rose Logston and Bea Corra are our new Buckeye editors I thank them for saying yes when asked they will make a great team! The address is still the same for the Buckeye gfwcohiobuckeye@gmail.com please continue to send those articles and pictures from your club events. Thanks to Jonnah Hetzel for all of her help with the Buckeye- she did a great job but now needs to focus on other things we appreciate all that she did for OFWC.

Hope to see everyone at convention!

In Federation Friendship and Love,

Yvonne



Message from the GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs



Dear GFWC Ohio Sisters,

It is late January as I am writing this and as you know, we are in the midst of reporting season. To all of the club presidents and members of OFWC, I want to thank you for all that you have done this year. With things trying to get back to normal, you have had to be creative, imaginative and resourceful and I have no doubt that you were. I am looking forward to reading all the projects and programs that the Junior Clubs have done throughout Ohio. I can't wait to hear all about the new, exciting and wonderful things you have accomplished.

We did have a state wide Juniorette meeting in October and it went really well. We are kicking off a new campaign regarding texting and driving and it is my hope that you will see it at Convention. I will have more on this down the road. The Juniorette Advisors do an unbelievable job guiding these remarkable girls. For our Juniorettes to be able to handle their academics, sports, clubs and even part time jobs is mind boggling. These young ladies are really amazing. They are definitely a gem in our organization and they truly "Sparkle and Shine" here in Ohio.

The Junior Special Emphasis, "Bundles of Love" for the USO has been going very well so far. I am always amazed how generous and kind you are. Thank you to all of the clubs that have participated or are planning to participate this year. You truly do make a difference to a military family who has recently welcomed a new baby into their lives. I know what a wonderful and somewhat challenging time that can be, as my son and his wife have recently been blessed with a new little girl this past November. (The joys of being a Nana and Poppa! Nothing better!)

It is hard to believe that even in January we are already thinking about convention which will be April 21 – April 23, 2023 in Columbus. It will be here before we know it. The Theme for the Junior Banquet is "A Sisterhood of Friends" and the theme for Junior Fun Night is "A Sister Soiree". For those of you who do not know, I am one of four sisters, so I thought this theme is appropriate whether you have a sister or not. We are all GFWC Ohio sisters. As of right now, both events are still in the beginning of the planning stages, but I am looking forward to it and all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

I cannot tell you the appreciation I have for all that you do for our Federation, your clubs, and your community. I can't imagine what our world would be if we didn't have such caring volunteers as all of our members of GFWC Ohio. You give unselfishly of your time, knowledge, and resources. Everything you do makes a difference in the life of someone you may never even know.

Stay warm, happy, and healthy these next couple of months. I hope to see you at convention in April.

In Federation, Friendship and Sisterhood,

Karen Margala

GFWC Guest Speaker, Katie Moydell



“Be the change you wish to see in the world” –Mahatma Gandhi

As a second-generation clubwoman, Katie Moydell grew up understanding the importance of volunteering. Her mother shared her passion for giving back to the community at an early age.

Katie joined Junior Woman’s Club of Columbia in 2009, and has served as Fundraising-VP, Membership-VP, Activities-VP and Advisor. Katie served as President from 2013–2014 and used Gandhi’s quote as a reminder to her club that they can change the world.

Active in her State Federation, Katie has served as Advocates for Children Chair, Progress Foundation Committee Member, Midlands District President, and President Special Program Chair. Katie was installed as South Carolina Director of Junior Clubs in 2014 and served two consecutive terms. Katie received the Millie Crom Gold Award for Excellence in 2016, 2017, and was named Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs (Category 4) in 2014. Prior to becoming Director-elect of Junior Clubs, Katie served on the GFWC Leadership Committee.

A lifetime supporter of Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services, Katie joined the board in 2010 and is the immediate past Board President. As a member of the capital campaign strategic planning committee, Katie helped plan and execute a successful million-dollar campaign to renovate the shelter. Founded by JWC-Columbia, Palmetto Place is the benefactor of the club’s fundraising.

A Carolina girl, born and raised; she attended The University of South Carolina, studying Public Relations and Art History. Katie is a leader in the Growth Operations department at Colonial Life and attributes her GFWC experiences to many of her career successes.

Katie knows that without her family, nothing would be possible. She resides in Columbia with her husband, Matt and son, Collin. Their endless support and encouragement allow Katie to follow her passion.

Special Guest Speaker Kim Buchwalter



Kim Buchwalter came to Springfield Ohio in her high school years, living previously in Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. She is a self-employed freight broker, starting her business in 2005. Kim is an active member of The Woman’s Town Club serving on several committees; member and treasurer of the Springfield City Federation of Women’s Clubs and serves on The Buchwalter House Foundation board. She has been married to her best friend Edward L Buchwalter IV (Eddie) since 2011 and they reside on their farm east of town with their devoted German Shephard Sadie. In her spare time, Kim enjoys reading, working in her flowerbeds and garden, and researching local and family history.

Special Guest Speaker Karen Lutz

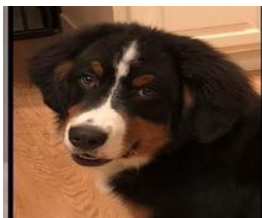


Karen Lutz is the owner of Elite K-9 Training & Doggy Daycare in Cortland, Ohio, which she founded in 2006. Karen has always had a passion for all animals, but especially dogs. She believes there are some abilities that just can't be taught. They are God given talents (or gifts). Karen began her journey by showing dogs in the show ring. Her knowledge comes from the numerous professional seminars, working with other trainers and dog handlers, and from learning hands-on, and being in the field. She is a Certified AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. At Elite K-9, she teaches Basic Obedience Levels 1 & 2, Advanced Obedience, and Therapy Dog classes where dogs and their owners earn their Canine Good Citizen Certificate from the AKC. In addition to running her own training facility in Cortland, she has also taught basic obedience classes at the local Animal Welfare League. Karen is also the Founder and Canine Training Officer of the Mecca, OH K9 Search & Rescue team, which is part of the Volunteer Fire Department. Karen is recognized by veterinarians in her community that have known her and the work she has done. She enjoys training and working with many different breeds of dogs, as well as educating people how to effectively communicate with their dog.

She co-founded Shelter Puppies in 2010, which was the first puppy shelter in Trumbull County to offer puppies who were already vaccinated, spay/neutered, and microchipped, obedience and crate trained before being adopted. Over 1,000 puppies were fostered through Shelter Puppies and found their forever home.

In 2019, Karen's Basic Obedience class was approved for a local prison program, where inmates learn proper training, housing, and handling techniques while caring for and training dogs that have been rescued from several area shelters. Dogs are pre-evaluated for temperament, ensuring each dog finished in the program will be suitable for adoption into a new home. Due to this news, Shelter Puppies shifted its' mission and became Newlife K9's – Ohio, which trains service and emotional support dogs for veterans. The training program lasts one to one and a half years. Once fully trained the dogs are then donated to Working Dogs for Vets, a national organization, who then matches the dog with a veteran. We train the dogs to assist Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Traumatic brain injuries, mobility issues, and loss of limbs. So far, 24 puppies and dogs have been donated to Working Dogs for Vets or to local veterans.

Karen is married to her husband Bill and has 3 kids. In her free time, she enjoys watching her sons play semi-professional soccer and race in the GNCC, America's premier off-road racing series.



Newlife K9's
Providing Veterans with highly
trained companion and service dogs.

GFWC Ohio President Yvonne Ford's Special Project

2023 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION AGENDA

Thursday, April 20, 2023

5:30pm – 7:30pm Hotel Complimentary Reception - snacks and drinks

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration Open – Collection of “Dog/Cat Items”.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Art Exhibits set up/entries

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Vendors set up

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Chairman Displays Set-up

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. “Succulents & Spirits”

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 21, 2023 Pre-Convention Activities

6:30am – 9:30am Enjoy the Hotel Breakfast Buffet

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Vendor area set-up

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Chairman Display’s set- up

9:00 a.m. - Vendors Open for Business

8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Registration Open Collection of “Donations Dogs/Cat Shelters”.

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Art Exhibit Room opened for entries

9:00 a.m. Photography and Communication/PR entries deadline

9:30 am – 10:45 Pioneer Workers Meeting (Invitation Only)

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Chairmen Displays set up

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Color Guard set-up

10:30 a.m. Direct-members meet to elect delegate

10:30 a.m. State Chairmen’s Meeting with Dean

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 125th CONVENTION OF THE GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS ~ “Together Towards Tomorrow”

10:45 p.m. Musical interlude

11:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER (doors will remain closed until after the posting of the colors)

Presiding-Yvonne Ford, 2022-2024 GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration

Presentation of Districts- Yvonne Ford, OFWC President

Presentation of the Colors – Introduced by Nina Lowery, GFWC Ohio Convention Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – Nina Lowery

Playing and Singing of the National Anthem –

Welcome to the 125th Annual Convention by Hostess Southwest District – Jackie Lang

Response – Pam Vines, Northeast District President

Appointment of Tellers and Time Keepers-Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio President

Pre-registration Report – Carol Christy, SWD Registration Chairman

Convention Rules- Barbara Whitaker, Parliamentarian PRP

Convention Program- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

Host District Chairmen Introductions – Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

Jackie Lang and Harriett Groh, SWD General Arrangements Chairmen

Presentation and Introduction of those at the Head Table, District Officers,

Aides– Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio President

Greetings from GFWC Executive Board- Katie Moydell – GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Approval of the 2022 GFWC Ohio Convention Minutes – Barbara Savarin OFWC Secretary

Club Awards – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and Linda Jones, GFWC

Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

Conservation, International Outreach, Leadership

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Linda Crish, OFWC Second Vice President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Maria Busch – State Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

1:15 – 1:30 Break

1:30 p.m. RECONVENE

Reports

Endowment Fund - Deida Devore, GFWC Ohio Treasurer

The Buckeye Magazine - Rose Logston and Bea Corra

Website Administrator – Madeline Crish

OFWC Directory – Stephanie Furano

Facebook – Ruty Patterson

Loyal Jonquils – Corky Nosek, Chairman

Strategic Long Range Plan – Marjean Sizemore, LRP Chairman

Memorial Forest Shrine Report – Rose Logston, Memorial Forest Shrine Trustee

Bylaws and/or Resolutions- Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman and
Lin Wilken, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Recognition of GFWC Ohio LEADS Graduates

Announcement of the 2023 GFWC Ohio LEADS Candidate – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio

President and 2022 LEADS Graduate Madeline Crish

Club Awards –Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and

Linda Jones GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

Education, Public Issues, Membership

Recognition of First Time Attendees, 25 & 50 Year Members, City County Federation Members, Recognition
of 2023 Club Anniversaries

Introduction of Speaker- “”

3:15 Speaker - Karen Lutz - Newlife K9's (Ohio)

Commercial Break - Pam Vines, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman;, Dawn Burns, Junior Fundraising
Chairman and Our Vendors

Workshop Introductions –Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio Dean of Chairmen

Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

3:45 P.M. RECESS

VISIT VENDORS & EXHIBIT ROOMS

4:00 – 4:45 P.M. WORKSHOPS

1. – Dog Toys K-9's (Hands On)

2. - Homemade Comfort Cards (Hands On)

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Registration open if needed

5:30pm – 7:30pm Hotel Complimentary Reception - snacks and drinks

VISIT THE VENDORS AND EXHIBITS (UNTIL 6:00 P.M.)

6:00 p.m. Vendors close for the day

7:05 p.m. Musical interlude

7:00 p.m. Processional Participants assemble – Dublin A/B

7:20 p.m. Processional

7:30 p.m. GFWC OHIO JUNIOR BANQUET –

“A Sisterhood of Friends”

Presiding- Karen Margala, 2022-2024 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

~Dinner~

GFWC Ohio Junior & Juniorette Award Presentations

GFWC Junior Special Project -Advocates for Children Awards

Linda Jones, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Club/Junior Dean of Chairmen

Arts Photography Contest Awards

Closing Thoughts

Announcements – Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

“A Sister Soiree” Hosted by the GFWC Ohio Juniors....Everyone invited

You are invited to the **JUNIOR FUN NIGHT** after the Junior Banquet

Come, relax, reconnect, and enjoy your fellow GFWC sisters and friends.

REFRESHMENTS, GAMES AND PRIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SATURDAY, April 22, 2023

7:00am -10:30am *the Hotel Breakfast Buffet*

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration Open

8:00 - Exhibits and Vendors Open

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Musical interlude

9: 15 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION Presiding – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration-

Registration Report- Carol Christy, Registration Chairman

Bylaws and/or Resolutions- Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, and
Lin Wilken, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Platform – Navigating the GFWC Website

Club Awards –Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and

Linda Jones, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

Health & Wellness, Communication/PR, Fundraising

Parade of Presidents

Announcements- Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

11:45 a.m. Recess

Visit Vendors and Exhibit Room

12:00 p.m LUNCH -

Inspiration

~Lunch~ **Bee Beautiful and Grow**

Introduction of Speaker

Speaker – Katie Moydell – GFWC Director of Junior Clubs - Leadership

Club Awards –Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and

Linda Jones, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

WHRC, GFWC Signature Project, Leg/Public Policy/Resolutions

Commercial Break- Pam Vines. GFWC Ohio Fundraising; Dawn Burns, OFWC Junior Chairman and Vendors

2:15- 2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:30 p.m. RECONVENE

President and Director of Junior Clubs Special Emphasis Bee the One, Bee the Change, and

Our Roots Run Deep - Chairman and Junior Chairman Eileen Frost and Renee Maiorca

Scholarship Winners Announced, Harriett Groh, Scholarship Committee

Bylaws/Resolutions- - Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, and

Lin Wilken GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Club Awards –Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and

Linda Jones, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/Junior Dean of Chairmen

ESO, Writing Contest, Art

Parade of Presidents

Introduction of Afternoon Workshops – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen

3:45 P.M. RECESS

VISIT VENDORS & EXHIBIT ROOMS

4:00 – 4:45 PM WORKSHOP

Membership, Leadership & Communication – How to Host a Friendsgiving

5:00 p.m. ESO members and prospective members to meet

LAST CHANCE TO VISIT EXHIBITS AND VENDORS

5:30 p.m. Exhibits, Displays and Vendors CLOSE

All Art exhibits should be picked up by 5:30pm

Craft and auction items should be picked up immediately following the Banquet

5:30pm – 7:30pm Hotel Complimentary Reception - snacks and drinks

7:00 p.m. Musical interlude

7:00 p.m. Processional participants assemble

7:15 p.m. Processional -

BANQUET- “Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present”

Welcome –Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio President

Guest Speaker – Kim Buchwalter

Inspiration –

Dinner ~

Final report of the Credentials Committee – Carol Christy, Registration

Craft Auction Report – Sue Adams, Arts Chairman

Basket Raffle Winners – The Best of Ohio - Our District Presidents

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Past Presidents Awards

Top Twenty Honor Roll Clubs

Ruth Miller Memorial Bowl

Jessie June Magee Junior Achievement Cup

Jessie June Magee Achievement Cup

Recognition of Past GFWC Ohio Jennie Award Recipients

INVITATION to the 2024 GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Annual Convention –

Pam Vines, NED President

April 24-26, 2024, Embassy Suites, Dublin

Announcements – Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President

Parting Words – Katie Moydell, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Closing Thoughts – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio President

Junior Pledge

Club Collect

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Adjournment – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio President joined by

Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

POST CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, April 23, 2023

7:00am -10:30am the Hotel Breakfast Buffet

9:30a.m. - GFWC Ohio Executive Committee Meeting

10:30a.m. GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Though miles may lie between us, we are never far apart, for friendship doesn't count miles, it's measured by the heart.” -Unknown

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SAFE TRAVELS HOME





Financial Stability by GFWC OH Treasurer *Deidra Devore*

Financial Stability/Fiscal Responsibility – what do these words mean to GFWC Ohio members? GFWC Ohio is not alone in trying to find ways to manage costs and be fiscally responsible with your funds. It seems like everywhere you go today that prices of everything are increasing- from groceries to gasoline to office supplies. GFWC Ohio has taken many steps to make sure that our state federation stays financially stable during these times.

What are some of these steps that GFWC Ohio has taken to be fiscally responsible, you ask?

- Over the past few years, when possible, Board of Directors meetings have been held via Zoom rather than spending nights in a hotel-saving thousands of dollars.
- One state Fall conference in 2022 was held via Zoom rather than five separate in-person district meetings. We were able to not only meet together as a state during this Zoom meeting, but districts were able to have break-out meetings separately. (Your GFWC Ohio treasurer is technically challenged and has no idea how this was possible by the way...) GFWC Ohio not only saved thousands of dollars by doing this but also consider the time saved by having one meeting electronically.
- *The Buckeye Magazine* is now emailed to members and no longer being printed-saving GFWC Ohio roughly \$6,000 in printing and mailing costs.
- Your GFWC Ohio board of directors is always coming up with different fundraising ideas to raise money for the Ohio general fund.
- The list ways of trying to save GFWC Ohio funds goes on and on. GFWC Ohio is continually trying to raise non-dues revenues and appreciates you.

Thank you, ladies, for all of your time and hard work to make your communities better places-your efforts do not go unnoticed. Please rest assured that GFWC Ohio is financially stable and continuing to live the volunteer spirit!

ESO – Your Reading Sorority

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) will hold its annual meeting at 5 PM on Saturday, April 22, somewhere in the Dublin Embassy Suites. Check the program booklet for the exact time and place. ESO is a loosely structured reading group that shares brief reviews of books, distributes a list of books others have enjoyed over the last year, and has fun. All members of GFWC Ohio are invited to join for just \$3 per administration. Members may submit brief book reviews for credit and gain levels of achievement. They are also invited to participate in Evie’s Treasure Hunt of books in memory of Evie Bachman. Prizes from her family will be awarded. This year, an interim election will also be held. Join us and find the fun in reading. (We also allow audio books, e-books, educational videos, and educational classes to be counted.)



COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

by **Ruty Patterson**

GFWC OH Communications & Public Relations Chairman

As GFWC Ohio members, we all know the importance of communicating and interacting with people and organizations in our communities. On an almost daily basis, we have opportunities to talk about our clubs and about projects we are working on or have completed. It's always fun to talk about what we've done, but in order to reach a larger audience, clubs have to communicate their message via the print media and social media.

Having an article with an accompanying photograph in your local newspaper, about a project that has benefited someone in your community is one of the best Public Relations tools ever. People reading about your clubs' generosity and actually seeing you being volunteers in action, is the message we want to convey. Most newspapers have a "Community Page" that runs at least once a week. Find out how to submit your clubs' information and always try to include a good photograph. When an article about your club is in the newspaper, don't forget to send it to your State Communications and Public Relations Chairman, so that it can be posted on our OFWC Facebook page for all the other clubs to see.

And speaking about Facebook, does your club have an active Facebook page? How about Instagram? Social media in the #1 fastest way to communicate with the public and recruit potential new members. You can post about upcoming meetings, photos of projects you are working on, and general information about your club. Always include a few interesting photos that show your clubwomen actively involved in a project or activity. Another good idea would be to post an invitation with all the pertinent information (date, time, location, etc.) of your next meeting. Do this at least a few days in advance of your next meeting.

How well are you communicating with your own members? Does everyone know the time, date, and location of your next meeting? Does someone in your club call or email a member that didn't make it to the last meeting to see how they are? Reaching out to your own members lets them know you care and are looking forward to their involvement in future projects.

If you want to retain your members and grow your club you have to communicate and recognize the efforts of your clubwomen. One good way of doing this is by sending out a birthday message via social media to your club member. Acknowledge their years in the club, offices they may have held, and committees they were involved in. And if possible, include a good photograph of the "birthday girl".

Most importantly, have fun! Smile and show the public what Federation Friendship looks like.



WHRC News

Celebrate Women Then and Now! Research a woman from history and/or the present from Ohio, your district or your community who has made a difference in our lives. So many women have made important contributions to our lives in the fields of science, arts, industry, education, and engineering just to name a few.

As State Chairman, Lori Adams, is encouraging Clubs to research and learn about some of these women and share with your club.

Clubs are also encouraged to become friends of WHRC and to use the website as a steppingstone to programs for your clubs.

WHRC is a wonderful way to preserve the wonderful women in our history. Let us see how much we can learn about these amazing women and have fun at the same time.

Leadership Update by GFWC OH Leadership Chairman, Debi D'Apice

Leadership in Ohio continues to be strong among our clubs throughout the state. State Leadership Chairman Debi D'Apice keeps in contact with the Leadership District Chairmen to make sure everyone is receiving the necessary information for their positions.

Our GFWC Ohio Board of Directors would like to encourage members to visit the GFWC website and proceed to the Members Portal. There, under L in Resources, you can find a wealth of information available. The entire Membership Toolkit is able to be downloaded, and many great ideas are found there. Additional ideas of Leadership Development and Empowerment are provided, as well as Time Management and many other skills that are helpful to all. We would be thrilled to see new members interested in pursuing Leadership at all levels of GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. We are very fortunate to have the participation and support of many clubwomen who have served in these areas previously, and look forward to having renewed interest in Leadership throughout our state.

Please make plans to attend our Leadership Day in July. Details and information will be provided soon, with a flyer available at Convention. Leadership Day will be held at Embassy Suites, and we hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES!

GFWC Ohio/ Federation of Women's Clubs STATE LEADERSHIP DAY



**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Embassy Suites, Columbus/Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, OH 43017



2023 GFWC Annual Convention

To all who Dream Big, Sparkle More, and indeed Shine Bright, the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention is upon us! Please join GFWC as we "Celebrate - Collaborate - Communicate" at the Louisville Marriott Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky, June 9 - 12, 2023!

Convention registration and info: [2023 GFWC Annual Convention Registration](#)
Hotel Reservations: [Louisville Marriott Downtown](#)



Great Lakes Region Conference October 5 – 8, 2023
Embassy Suites, Noblesville-Indianapolis Conference
Center, 13700 Conference Center Drive South,
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Arts & Culture by Sue Adams, GFWC OH Arts & Culture Chairman

Our 2023 OFWC Convention will be here before you know it. Are you still completing your craft projects or seeking donations for our Craft Auction? Are you looking at all the photos that you took in 2022 to see which ones catch your eye that fit one of the photography contests categories? If not, you still have time.

Craft Auction

All clubs are encouraged to donate items for the Craft Auction. We encourage donations of handmade items from our clubwomen, local artists, and Ohio businesses but all items will gratefully be accepted. You may choose to create some kind of themed basket – go for it!

All items may be dropped off between 8:00am and 10:00am on Friday or Saturday by 10:00am at our convention.

Photography

All photography submissions must be submitted by **9:00am Friday** at our convention. Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph. All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club. Photographs must be taken between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

The World in Pictures categories are as follows:

Our World Up Close – choose a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that are larger than life.

Natural Wonders – Use wide angles, panoramas, or changeable landscape images to showcase mountains, meadows, rivers, waterfalls, or any other magnificent vista.

Reflections – Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories or captures an image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

Living the Volunteer Spirit – These photographs capture the special moments of GFWC clubwomen as they volunteer, advocate, or celebrate.

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Each photograph must be an 8 X 10-inch print.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames, or hangers are to be included.
- Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Winning photographs will not be returned.
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to its back with the following information: Contest name: World in Pictures with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit, Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number, Name and State of the sponsoring club, Title and a brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph, Arrow indicating the top of the photograph.

Photographs will be grouped by category at convention for all participants to view. However, the photography contest will be judged by a professional judge.

Questions? Contact Sue Adams at smadams6570@gmail.com.

NEW VENDOR AT THE OFWC CONVENTION

Para Sempre Jewelry offers everyday accessories, redefined. The jewelry is customizable, sustainable, and all-inclusive pieces of permanent jewelry. Made of sterling silver or gold filled, each piece is custom fit and unique to you. They also offer a clasp option. Plan to get “zapped” with Maya at the OFWC Convention.

If you know any vendors in your area, Linda Crish is asking you to give them a letter and contract included with this *Buckeye*. Ask them to bring their wares to our convention.

0 GFWC Ohio Fundraising by Pam Vines, GFWC OH Fundraising Chairman

Members should explore innovative ways to raise funds for their club to continue their volunteer efforts in their communities and to support GFWC Ohio and GFWC. The GFWC manual contains many different fundraising ideas for clubs to try.

Here are some ideas that may spark some interest in your club:

- Promote the purchase of Fundraising items at meetings and events. Wear the GFWC Ohio Administration Pins proudly. These are available from your District President and/or District Junior Director.
- Host an online auction, monthly gift card raffle and post the winner's name on your Facebook page or using Facebook live or similar application. Arrange with the buyer for pick-up or delivery in a safe manner.
- Kroger Community Rewards program is an effortless way for those with Kroger cards to donate to charity.
- Support local merchants that will give you a percentage to sell their product.

If another sister club posts a Facebook or online fundraiser, take the time to support their effort. Many clubs may have multiple small fundraisers such as Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Premier Jewelry, Rada Knives to raise the funds for some of the club's projects, no amount is too small.

Remember to fundraise for the March of Dimes, St. Jude and Heifer International. Always know that no fundraiser is too small to help a worthy cause.

GFWC Ohio is selling a few items for the State fundraising. These include:

- Mug rugs with the saying Bee Kind available in all yellow or royal blue and yellow
- Polka dot key chains in red/white or royal blue/white polka.

If you have any questions or need any other suggestions, please notify GFWC Ohio State Fundraising Chairman Pam Vines at vines316@yahoo.com. These items will be available at convention in April.



Junior Fundraising

GFWC Ohio Junior Clubs also fundraise in addition to General clubs. The Director of Junior pins are available to purchase. The Juniors are selling small red or black make up bags, Christmas ornaments and bracelets. These new items along with others will be available at convention in April. If anyone is interested, please contact Dawn Burns, Junior Fundraising Chairman: mdburns87@gmail.com

GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The Bylaws Committee, consisting of Barbara Whitaker, PRP, Chairman; Lisa Hedrick, and Pat McElroy, propose the following amendments,

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS, Section 3, District Meetings, c. Second Paragraph, third sentence

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	TO READ IF AMENDED
If there is a resignation of a District President and/or District Director of Juniors after election, but before installation, the District Nominating Committee shall select another nominee and a special election shall be held at Legislation Day.	Strike “installation” and insert “Legislation Day.”	If there is a resignation of a District President and/or District Director of Juniors after election, but before Legislation Day, the District Nominating Committee shall select another nominee and a special election shall be held at Legislation Day

Rationale: Clarification.

THROUGHOUT THE BYLAWS

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	TO READ IF AMENDED
General or General Club	Strike “General”	“Clubwoman” or “Woman’s Club”

Rationale: To bring GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs bylaws into compliance. GFWC no longer uses the term “General.”

GFWC/The Junior Women’s Club of Barnesville invites you to join them for a lively afternoon of BINGO. (See flyer on last page) The Club is holding a **Designer Purse BINGO** event on **Sunday, April 2, 2023**. Their event will be held at the Elks Lodge in Barnesville. Doors open at 2pm. Bingo starts at 3:00 PM. Pre-sale tickets are \$20.00 and \$25.00 at the door. Designer purses like Coach. Vera Bradley, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Dooney & Burke, Patricia Nash and more... 3 special bingos for Longaberger Pottery and limited collection baskets. A 50/50 raffle, country store and concession stand will be available. Cash only at the event. Contact club at 740-619-0015 or Peggy at 740-417-6167 for tickets.



REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE JANUARY 2023

The Resolutions Committee reviewed the GFWC Ohio Resolutions for presentation and recommends the following:

- A. GFWC Ohio Resolutions should be arranged in the GFWC Ohio Directory in a manner to enable clubs to easily apply resolutions to either GFWC “Special Program” or “Community Service Programs”.
- B. 13 Resolutions were reviewed for updates.

In the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

The first Resolution for consideration in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program is: Resolution 2-81 NEWS COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS (Reaffirmed 1986, 1999, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011; Reviewed 2019; Amended 2015)

Current Resolution	Proposed Amendment	Resolution as Amended
<p>Whereas, The right to vote is the cornerstone of freedom; the power to select those who govern is the only guarantee of continuing liberty;</p> <p>Whereas, The right to vote carries with it the responsibility to exercise that right in the best interest of the nation as perceived by each voter;</p> <p>Whereas, Voting decisions should be based on fact; and</p> <p>Whereas, The news media, in the past, have demonstrated the ability to shape public opinion; therefore</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs calls on the media, particularly the major television networks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report objectively the positions and statements of the candidates • Clearly label editorial comment as such • Refrain from speculation and sensationalism 	<p>Insert the following words in the Resolved after “particularly the“</p> <p>“Cable and Social Media platforms as well as“</p>	<p>Whereas, The right to vote is the cornerstone of freedom; the power to select those who govern is the only guarantee of continuing liberty;</p> <p>Whereas, The right to vote carries with it the responsibility to exercise that right in the best interest of the nation as perceived by each voter;</p> <p>Whereas, Voting decisions should be based on fact; and</p> <p>Whereas, The news media, in the past, have demonstrated the ability to shape public opinion; therefore</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs calls on the media, particularly the Cable and Social Media platforms as well as major television networks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report objectively the positions and statements of the candidates • Clearly label editorial comment as such • Refrain from speculation and sensationalism

Rationale: **Expand areas of election news coverage to include all forms of current media types not only limited to major television networks.**

The next Resolution for consideration in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program is: Resolution 1-07 RAILROAD CROSSINGS (Amended 2011, 2015, 2019)

Current Resolution	Proposed Amendment	Resolution as Amended
<p>Whereas, There are over 155,370 railroad crossings in the United States and over 5,800 railroad crossings in Ohio;</p> <p>Whereas, Ohio ranks fifth in the nation in regard to states that have the most railroad crossings, is the state with the densest population per square miles to railroad miles; which carries more traffic than those of 46 other states; ranking Ohio 4th in the nation; and</p> <p>Whereas, Annually there were over 2,087 accidents, 232 deaths and 954 serious injuries at railroad crossings in the United States, and over 66 accidents, 3 deaths and several injuries at railroad crossings annually in Ohio;</p> <p>Whereas, The majority of railroad crossings in the United States and in Ohio are not protected with automated gates accompanied by flashing light, have inadequate sight distances, such as trees and other vegetation, sharp turns in the roadway or steep roads leading to track crossings; are dangerous because they handle two conflicting streams of traffic (trains and motor vehicles) which have entirely different operating characteristics;</p> <p>Whereas, The physical structure of railroad crossings presents a severely higher risk to motor vehicles than to trains, requiring that motorists always yield the right-of-way to trains which cannot avoid hitting vehicles in their path;</p> <p>Whereas, Railroad crossing maintenance is shared by privately owned entities and public authorities;</p> <p>Whereas, The United States Department of Transportation,</p>	<p>In the first “Whereas” Strike “155,370” and Insert “128,000”</p> <p>In the second “Whereas” Strike “fifth” and Insert “third”</p> <p>In the third “Whereas” Strike “2087” and Insert “2145”; Strike “232” and Insert “234”; Strike “954” and Insert “669”; Strike “66” and Insert “50”; and Strike “3” and insert “4.”</p>	<p>Whereas, There are over 128,000 railroad crossings in the United States and over 5,800 railroad crossings in Ohio;</p> <p>Whereas, Ohio ranks third in the nation in regard to states that have the most railroad crossings, is the state with the densest population per square miles to railroad miles; which carries more traffic than those of 46 other states; ranking Ohio 4th in the nation; and</p> <p>Whereas, Annually there were over 2,145 accidents, 234 deaths and 669 serious injuries at railroad crossings in the United States, and over 50 accidents, 4 deaths and several injuries at railroad crossings annually in Ohio;</p> <p>Whereas, The majority of railroad crossings in the United States and in Ohio are not protected with automated gates accompanied by flashing light, have inadequate sight distances, such as trees and other vegetation, sharp turns in the roadway or steep roads leading to track crossings; are dangerous because they handle two conflicting streams of traffic (trains and motor vehicles) which have entirely different operating characteristics;</p> <p>Whereas, The physical structure of railroad crossings presents a severely higher risk to motor vehicles than to trains, requiring that motorists always yield the right-of-way to trains which cannot avoid hitting vehicles in their path;</p> <p>Whereas, Railroad crossing maintenance is shared by privately owned entities and public authorities;</p> <p>Whereas, The United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, annually allocates monies to states for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings; and</p> <p>Whereas, While railroad crossing accidents in Ohio are down 83% since “Operation Lifesaver” began lives are still at risk; therefore</p>

<p>Federal Highway Administration, annually allocates monies to states for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings; and Whereas, While railroad crossing accidents in Ohio are down 83% since “Operation Lifesaver” began lives are still at risk; therefore</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its member clubs to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation in our State and National Legislatures which will protect motorists who must cross railroads as they drive Ohio’s roads and roads throughout the United States • Exercise their responsibility within their communities by taking note of dangerous railroad crossings and reporting those dangerous railroad crossings to their local county commissioner and/or state legislator, to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and to the Angels on Track Foundation • Work for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings in our communities as automated gates provide the safest protection at railroad crossings, and are known to be at least 90% more effective than cross bucks in preventing accidents • Help educate others about the unique dangers of railroad crossings by spreading the word – both orally and by distributing written information – to reverse public apathy toward railroad crossing safety. 		<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its member clubs to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation in our State and National Legislatures which will protect motorists who must cross railroads as they drive Ohio’s roads and roads throughout the United States • Exercise their responsibility within their communities by taking note of dangerous railroad crossings and reporting those dangerous railroad crossings to their local county commissioner and/or state legislator, to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and to the Angels on Track Foundation • Work for the installation of railroad-crossing protection devices and for the elimination of hazards at railroad crossings in our communities as automated gates provide the safest protection at railroad crossings, and are known to be at least 90% more effective than cross bucks in preventing accidents • Help educate others about the unique dangers of railroad crossings by spreading the word – both orally and by distributing written information – to reverse public apathy toward railroad crossing safety.
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Rationale: To update with current statistical data

The next Resolution for consideration in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

is: Resolution 1-14 SHOP LOCALLY (Amended 2018)

Current Resolution	Proposed Amendment	Resolution as Amended
<p>Whereas, According to the latest U. S. Census findings, about three quarters of all U.S. business firms have no payroll, most are self-employed persons operating unincorporated businesses, and may or may not be the owner's principal source of income; and one quarter of all U. S. business firms have under 10 employees; and</p> <p>Whereas, The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy funded data and research shows that small, independently owned businesses represent 99.7 percent of all firms, create more than half of the private non-farm gross domestic product, and 64% of the net new jobs between 1993 and 2011; small businesses employ roughly 40% of all American retail jobs; and</p> <p>Whereas, The “Grasshopper Resources” study found that for every \$100 spent in locally owned independent businesses \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, donations to local charities and other means and only \$43 stays in the community from national chains and nothing stays in the community for online purchases; and</p> <p>Whereas, the study also showed that shopping locally reduces urban sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution; a more efficient use of public services, and that skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character, and</p> <p>Whereas, The New Economics Foundation found that by shopping locally owned businesses consumers keep their communities from becoming areas devoid of</p>	<p>In the second “Whereas” Strike “99.7” and insert “99.9”; Strike “more than” and Insert “approximately”; Strike “64%” and Insert “62%”; Strike “between 1993 and 2011” and Insert “since 1995 and strike “empty” and Insert “employ.”</p> <p>In the third “Whereas” Strike “grasshopper” and insert “Grasshopper”</p>	<p>Whereas, According to the latest U. S. Census findings, about three quarters of all U.S. business firms have no payroll, most are self-employed persons operating unincorporated businesses, and may or may not be the owner's principal source of income; and one quarter of all U. S. business firms have under 10 employees; and</p> <p>Whereas, The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy funded data and research shows that small, independently owned businesses represent 99.9 percent of all firms, create approximately half of the private non-farm gross domestic product, and 62% of the net new jobs since 1995; small businesses employ roughly 40% of all American retail jobs; and</p> <p>Whereas, The “Grasshopper Resources” study found that for every \$100 spent in locally owned independent businesses \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, donations to local charities and other means and only \$43 stays in the community from national chains and nothing stays in the community for online purchases; and</p> <p>Whereas, the study also showed that shopping locally reduces urban sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution; a more efficient use of public services, and that skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character, and</p> <p>Whereas, The New Economics Foundation found that by shopping locally owned businesses consumers keep their communities from becoming areas devoid of shops, maintains local store diversity and character, circulates money more quickly throughout the community; and</p> <p>Whereas, Small businesses donate 250% more than larger businesses to non-profits and community causes; therefore <i>Resolved</i>, that the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs members support independently owned local businesses by consciously shopping local first; and further</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Club support “shop local”</p>

<p>shops, maintains local store diversity and character, circulates money more quickly throughout the community; and Whereas, Small businesses donate 250% more than larger businesses to non-profits and community causes; therefore <i>Resolved</i>, that the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs members support independently owned local businesses by consciously shopping local first; and further Resolved, that the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Club support “shop local” programs and legislation to support small businesses.</p>		<p>programs and legislation to support small businesses.</p>
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Rationale: To update statistics and correct spelling errors.

In the Education and Libraries Community Service Program

The first Resolution for consideration in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program is: Resolution 1-81 TO PROMOTE SERVICES FOR THE GIFTED CHILD (Reaffirmed 1986; Reviewed 1991, 1995, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2019; Amended 1999, 2015)

Current Resolution	Proposed Amendment	Resolution as Amended
<p>Whereas, The state of Ohio defines a gifted student as one who “performs or shows potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment and who are identified under specific division of section 3324.03 of Ohio Revised Code. Students can be identified as gifted in the areas of superior cognitive ability (general intelligence), specific academic ability (reading, math, social studies, and/or science), creative thinking ability, and visual-performing arts ability; Whereas, In our complicated society the need for specialized training for academically gifted children is important; Whereas, The special abilities of the gifted students need to be recognized and developed</p>	<p>In the third “Whereas” Strike “insure” and Insert “ensure.” To read if amended:</p>	<p>Whereas, The state of Ohio defines a gifted student as one who “performs or shows potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment and who are identified under specific division of section 3324.03 of Ohio Revised Code. Students can be identified as gifted in the areas of superior cognitive ability (general intelligence), specific academic ability (reading, math, social studies, and/or science), creative thinking ability, and visual-performing arts ability; Whereas, In our complicated society the need for specialized training for academically gifted children is important; Whereas, The special abilities of the gifted students need to be recognized and developed during the students’ elementary and secondary school years to ensure these students are significantly challenged to develop to their full potential in order to lead full, productive, and enriched lives; and Whereas, Families of gifted children are often without needed support,</p>

<p>during the students' elementary and secondary school years to insure these students are significantly challenged to develop to their full potential in order to lead full, productive, and enriched lives; and</p> <p>Whereas, Families of gifted children are often without needed support, professional services, and counseling; therefore</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the services being offered gifted children and their families in their communities and to support programs for the betterment of gifted children and their families • Support legislation that addresses the funding needs for identifying academically gifted students, the training of teachers, developing challenging curriculum and implementing programs. 		<p>professional services, and counseling; therefore</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the services being offered gifted children and their families in their communities and to support programs for the betterment of gifted children and their families • Support legislation that addresses the funding needs for identifying academically gifted students, the training of teachers, developing challenging curriculum and implementing programs.
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Rationale: To amend, spelling correction.

The following resolution in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program was reviewed, and the committee found that the resolution listed below should be rescinded as it is covered under GFWC Resolution 150-080 Literacy.

Resolution 1-85 PROMOTE LITERACY (Reaffirmed 1990, 1995, 2003, 2007, 2011; Amended 1999, 2015, 2019)

The following resolution in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program was reviewed, and the committee found that the resolution listed below should be rescinded as it is covered under GFWC Resolution 150-050 English Language in the United States.

Resolution 3-86

ENGLISH, OUR NATIONAL LANGUAGE (Reaffirmed 1991, 1995, 2007, 2011; Reviewed 2019; Amended 1999, 2003, 2015)

The following resolutions in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program were reviewed, and the committee found that the resolutions listed below should be rescinded as they have been accomplished.

Resolution 4-85 ECONOMIC EDUCATION GRADE 1-12 (Reaffirmed 1990, 1994, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015; Reviewed 2019; Amended 1999)

Emergency Resolution 1-03 PROPOSED OHIO BUDGET CUTS THAT THREATEN OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES (Reaffirmed 2007; Reviewed 2019; Amended 2011, 2015)

In the Environment Community Service Program

The following resolution in the Environment Program was reviewed, and the committee found that the resolution listed below should be retained without any changes.

Resolution 1-09 PROTECTION OF OUR OCEANS (Reaffirmed 2016)

In the Health and Wellness Community Service Program

The first Resolution for consideration in the Health and Wellness Community Service Program is:

Resolution 1-90 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS (Reaffirmed 1994, 2004, 2008, 2012; Reviewed 2019; Amended 2000, 2015)

Current Resolution	Proposed Amendment	Resolution as Amended
<p>Whereas, There are over 90,000 Ohioans with developmental disabilities, many waiting for more appropriate places to live, Whereas, Some of these people are living at home with aging parents whose anxiety for the future grows daily, Whereas, The State of Ohio recognizes the ever growing costs to the community for services; and Whereas, The necessary solution will be accomplished by an energetic community of parents and advocates working with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, The ARC of Ohio, (formerly the Association of Retarded Citizens), other agencies, the private sector, and the State Legislature; therefore <i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs encourages its member clubs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate themselves to the needs of our developmentally disabled citizens • Obtain and disseminate information on the latest resources available • Form effective collaborations with advocate groups 	<p>In the first “Whereas” Strike “90,000” Insert “12,000,000”</p>	<p>Whereas, There are over 12,000,000 Ohioans with developmental disabilities, many waiting for more appropriate places to live, Whereas, Some of these people are living at home with aging parents whose anxiety for the future grows daily, Whereas, The State of Ohio recognizes the ever growing costs to the community for services; and Whereas, The necessary solution will be accomplished by an energetic community of parents and advocates working with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, The ARC of Ohio, (formerly the Association of Retarded Citizens), other agencies, the private sector, and the State Legislature; therefore <i>Resolved</i>, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs encourages its member clubs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate themselves to the needs of our developmentally disabled citizens • Obtain and disseminate information on the latest resources available • Form effective collaborations with advocate groups • Encourage to work legislatively to accomplish better funded services that provide safety, security and the opportunity for a quality of life available to other Ohioans.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage to work legislatively to accomplish better funded services that provide safety, security and the opportunity for a quality of life available to other Ohioans. 		
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Rationale: To update.

The following resolution in the Health and Wellness Program was reviewed, and the committee found that the resolution listed below should be rescinded as it has been accomplished.

Emergency Resolution 1-99 STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM (Reaffirmed 2007, 2011; Reviewed 2019; Amended 2003, 2015)

The following resolution in the Health and Wellness Program was reviewed, and the committee found that the resolution listed below should be retained without any changes

Resolution 3-03 MENTAL HEALTH PARITY (Reaffirmed 2007; Reviewed 2019; Amended 2011, 2015)

The next Resolution for consideration in the Health and Wellness Community Service Program is:
Resolution 2-07 REQUIRE DIABETES HEALTH CARE (Amended 2011, 2015, 2019)

Current Resolution	Proposed Amendment	Resolution as Amended
<p>Whereas, An estimated 30.3 million people in the United States—9.4 percent of the population—have diabetes, a serious and chronic condition. Of those, 25 percent do not yet know that they have the condition. In addition, an estimated 86 million Unites States adults have pre-diabetes—an elevated blood sugar level that is not high enough to be classified as diabetes, but which greatly raises their risk of developing type 2 diabetes and its complications.</p> <p>Whereas, Diabetes, is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States and costs the nation \$58 billion on average in any given year; the cost to treat an individual with diabetes is more than 200 percent higher than the cost to treat a non-diabetic and, if current trends continue, one of every two minority children born after the year 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime, and in 2050 one of every three Americans will have diabetes;</p>	<p>In the first “Whereas” Strike 30.3 and insert 37 Strike 9.4 and insert 11.3 Strike 86 and insert 96</p> <p>Strike the final “Whereas”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p>Whereas, An estimated 37 million people in the United States—11.3 percent of the population— have diabetes, a serious and chronic condition. Of those, 25 percent do not yet know that they have the condition. In addition, an estimated 96 million Unites States adults have pre-diabetes—an elevated blood sugar level that is not high enough to be classified as diabetes, but which greatly raises their risk of developing type 2 diabetes and its complications.</p> <p>Whereas, Diabetes, is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States and costs the nation \$58 billion on average in any given year; the cost to treat an individual with diabetes is more than 200 percent higher than the cost to treat a non-diabetic and, if current trends continue, one of every two minority children born after the year 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime, and in 2050 one of every three Americans will have diabetes; Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the medical costs and associated costs of diabetes jumped to \$327 billion in 2017, meaning that the diabetes toll on the economy has increased by more than 26 % increase over 5 year period since 2012 according to a recent report from the American Diabetes Association; therefore</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs urges its member clubs to</p>

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Rationale: To update.

**GFWC OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
2023 CONVENTION
MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM**
(Include with your Convention registration)

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

In case of Emergency Notify:

NAME _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____ Cell _____

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List any Health Problems for Doctor: _____

Allergies: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, list them _____

Medication to be taken in case of emergency, where it can be found and instructions for use:

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Your Legal Signature _____

Complete this information; place it in a SEALED envelope. Write Medical Emergency Information and your name on the front of the envelope. Mail it with your convention registration or bring it to the Convention registration desk when you pick up your packet. Envelopes will be shredded after Convention.

NOTE: IF you are attending Convention with another clubwoman, please list her name:

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Registration, Meal Reservation, and Credentials Form

This form must be filled in and mailed, postmarked by April 5, 2023.

Copy this completed form for your records and bring it with you to the Registration Desk to receive your credentials.

<p>SEND FORM AND FEES TO:</p> <p>Carol Christy Registration Chairman 2545 El Camino Dr. Middletown, OH 45044 Applepie792@Yahoo.com</p>	<p>Cancellation Deadlines:</p> <p><u>April 5, 2023</u></p> <p>No refunds will be issued until after the close of Convention. Make checks payable to GFWC/OFWC 2023 Annual Convention. Payment for all fees must be enclosed with this form</p>	<p>HOTEL RESERVATIONS</p> <p>BookingLink: https://group.embasysuites.com/2023GFWCOHStateConvention</p> <p>Central Reservations: 1-800-220-9219</p> <p>Group Code: GF2</p>
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Check one: GENERAL JUNIOR JUNIORETTE CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION DIRECT MEMBER

VOTING STATUS Check one – not sure, **use page 2** to determine your voting status:

NON-VOTING MEMBER _____ DELEGATE _____ Club _____

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE _____ Office/Chairmanship _____

REGISTRATION FEE/ 4-14 is the FINAL cut off for meals

Workshop details are inside this issue.

Fee for Two Days \$50.00 \$ _____

Fee for One Day Only \$25.00 \$ _____

• If one day, check which day:

Friday _____ Saturday _____

Pre-Convention Thursday evening – Nina Lowery

“ Succulents & Spirits” \$25.00 \$ _____

Friday 4:00 pm

_____ Dog Toys K-9’s (Hands On) _____

_____ Homemade Comfort Cards – Mary Maxim

Saturday 4:00 pm

_____ Membership/Leadership & Communication
_____ How To Host a Friendsgiving _____

Juniorette Fee for All Three Days \$10.00 \$ _____

MEALS

Friday Banquet \$48.00 \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon \$37.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet \$48.00 \$ _____

Table club fundraising \$15.00 \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION MEALS FEES \$ _____

Meals: _____ ALL Vegetarian _____ Food Allergy _____

Are you a first-time Convention attendee? _____ 25-year member? _____ 50-year member? _____

Happenings Around Ohio

On Saturday, October 29, 2022 the first state wide Juniorette meeting in Ohio was held at the Austintown Library in Youngstown. The meeting was held by GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs, Karen Margala and GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Juniors, Linda Jones. Also serving as hostesses for the event was GFWC Ohio President, Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President, Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio Treasurer, State and Junior Juniorette Chair, Deidra Devore, Northeast District President, Pam Vines and Northeast District Junior Director, Peggy Bennett. There were 15 girls present from the three Ohio clubs that are all located in the NED. In attendance were members from Austintown Junioresettes and their advisor, Brittney Morell, Boardman Poland Junioresettes and advisors, Yvonne Ford and Debbie Weaver and the Warren Junioresettes with their advisor, Jennifer Wyndham. Special guest, Sue Smith, President of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League was also in attendance.

A baby shower for the USO was held for the 2022-2024 Junior Director Special Emphasis "Bundles of Love". Many items were collected to give to a military family who recently welcomed a new baby into their lives. Speakers included, President Ford and State Juniorette Chair, Deidra Devore. In observance for Advocates for Children's Week, the Junioresettes heard from Director Margala on cyber awareness and we did a fun "scavenger hunt" to see how much information we all actually have out there. In addition, the dangers of texting and driving were discussed. In honor of our GFWC President, Deb Strahanoski's, theme to "Sparkle & Shine", the girls were asked to kick off a campaign by putting a jewel on all of their phones to remind those we love not to text and drive and to continue to spread the sparkle.



The meeting was a wonderful way for the girls to meet each other, introduce them to our state leaders and hopefully collaborate together on a project in the future. We are so fortunate to have these young ladies participate in our Juniorette Clubs and we were all so impressed by them and the work that they do. We cannot thank the Advisors enough for their leadership, time and expertise that they share with these wonderful young ladies. Our Juniorette Clubs are definitely sparkling and shining in Ohio!



The GFWC OH Board of Directors donated hats, gloves, and scarves to be donated to a local shelter and to first responders.



Wreaths Across America-City of Niles location coordinator Stephanie Furano assisted by **GFWC Ohio Junior Cyberlinks Club** members Esther Gartland, Pam Vines and Sandra Saluga (not pictured) were able to secure the purchase of 1,083 wreaths to be placed on veterans' graves at the Niles City Cemetery. As location coordinator, Stephanie organized the veterans honor program and participation of over 150 community volunteers. Pictured with Cyberlinks members and honored guests Senior Chief Petty Officer - US Coast Guard William Robinson, Stephanie Furano, City of Niles Mayor Stephen Mientkiewicz, Esther Gartland, and Pam Vines.



GFWC Ohio President Yvonne Ford joined **Cyberlinks** members Stephanie Furano, Esther Gartland, Pam Vines, and community volunteers for the wreath's retirement of the 1,083 wreaths in the Niles Cemetery.



Mission Accomplished! Operation Christmas Stockings for the Troops-2022 has been successfully completed with today's delivery of 50 stockings to Keith Maupin to the Yellow Ribbon Support Center. The members of **GFWC Southwest Ohio Valley Women's Club** packed all sorts of goodies into the stockings, including some very precious heartfelt hand-made greetings of thanks and holiday cheer from Kathy Beckman's students. All the members of the club provided support using their varied skills from graphic arts design, sewing and logistics along with much appreciated help from Greg Fehr and Adam Fehr. In addition to the 50 filled stockings, the club donated leftover goodies and 140+ empty stockings, which will be put to good use this holiday season. Thanks to Connie Zinsmeister, Kathy Keesling, Verna Joy Heaney, Barb Schmidt, Joan Finan, Ann Kipus-Patrick, Vickie Fehr, Greg Fehr and Adam Fehr.



Helpers Greg and Adam Fehr

The Montgomery Woman's Club celebrated gratitude all month long, not just on the Thanksgiving holiday. The ladies of the Montgomery Woman's Club (MWC) acknowledged that their lives were not perfect or free from pain but they all had things for which to be thankful.

As a reminder that they each have something to be grateful for, an Autumn Gratitude Tree was put up at the Executive Board Meeting.



Executive board members were asked to write something that they were thankful for on the back of an Autumn leaf and place it on the tree. The tree was a reminder to the ladies that even in difficult times they could be thankful. “It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy” (author unknown). “People tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather recognizing and appreciating what we do have” (Frederick Koenig).

The Autumn Gratitude Tree was also present at the MWC General Club Meeting. The ladies added their own Autumn leaves to the Autumn Gratitude tree. Together, our holidays were much brighter.

Holiday Wishes for the Military

In November, the members of the Montgomery Woman's Club (MWC) put together forty (40) red, drawstring backpacks for homeless military veterans in Cincinnati. After research, it was determined that homeless veterans did not necessarily need holiday stockings but needed items to help them survive life on the streets. We partnered with Easterseals Redwood (ESRW) Military and Veteran Services. We filled the bags with socks, hand warmers, ponchos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine products, washcloth, hand towel, hand sanitizer, chapstick, tissues, body wet wipes, granola bars, snacks, Slim Jim's, fruit snacks, and water. Our members put together fifteen (15) backpacks for female veterans and twenty-five backpacks for male veterans.

The veterans loved the bags.



Gratitude!

GFWC Ohio Southwest District Fall Conference

Special thanks to the members of the Montgomery Woman's Club for being the host club for the GFWC Ohio Southwest District Fall Conference. You were amazing!



We had approximately thirty-one (31) ladies were present and two (2) ladies joined us via Zoom. Seven of our eight district clubs were represented at the event.



The group under the guidance of Sue Coppley and Arlene Wojcieszak made seventy (70) plus “Expect Respect” bracelets for domestic violence awareness.



Attendees collected and brought cleaning supplies for the victims of the Kentucky floods. The collection was so large that it filled an entire van and an additional car was needed to transport the items to Matthew 25 Ministries.



Special thanks to the Southwest District Clubs:
Hillsboro Friday Club, GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club,
Madeira Woman’s Club, Montgomery Woman’ Club, Northwest Woman’s
Club, GFWC Ripley Women’s Club, GFWC Southwest Ohio Valley Women’s
Club, and Three Rivers Woman’s Club for their dedication and service to their communities.

Montgomery Woman's Club

70th Anniversary Luncheon

Our 70th Anniversary Luncheon was held on November 19, 2022 at the original Montgomery Inn. Over one hundred forty individuals attended the event. Guests included families and friends of the MWC in addition to representatives from Montgomery City Council, the Sycamore Schools, Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, southwest district women's clubs, and organizations that had received past support from the Montgomery Woman's Club.

On each of the tables sat a bud vase with a long stem red rose, greenery and baby's breath; the MWC club flower. Along the outskirts of the room were beautiful displays of silent auction and basket raffle items. Items were donated by local businesses and individuals with such an array that offered something for everyone. The highlight of the meal was an almond vanilla anniversary cake with buttercream icing and fondant red roses, stenophyllous and ivy created by Montgomery Woman's Club member, Sue Copley.



Stafford: Woman's Town Club marks 100 years in Springfield house



NEWS

By Tom Stafford

Jan 28, 2023

A century later, the group is smaller, but members “have a lot of fun and support each other.”

The British author and feminist Virginia Woolf’s “A Room of One’s Own” wouldn’t be published for seven more years. But on Jan. 31, 1923, Springfield women held the first official event in “a house their own,” the Woman’s Town Club at 805 E. High St.

It’s clear from the next day’s Springfield Daily News that the Springfield Federation of Women’s Clubs had found their voice.

The paper reported on Feb. 1 that the Federation would “stand by the Springfield Business and Professional Women’s Club in its efforts to close the retail stores of Springfield at 6 p.m. Saturdays” so women could go home.

In addition, Club President Anna B. Johnson “urged cooperation in making Springfield a smokeless city,” aligning the club with an effort to protect the poor who were subject to the smoke, dirt and other health hazards associated with living in or adjacent to the Springfield’s heavy industries.

The Daily News story also listed club accomplishments of the previous year, including: taking the first city and county survey of the “physically handicapped;” “raising (money for) pensions for the blind;” increasing the budget of the public library; and establishing in its own organization new departments on art, public health and the support of newly naturalized citizens.

All this had taken place just two years after women had gained the right to vote and were beginning to feel more at home in the public sphere.

The move into 805 E. High St. also served as a reminder of the huge role Springfield women had played in that advance during the previous three decades.

The club house is the one-time home of Clementine Berry Buchwalter, who brought women from around the state to Springfield in 1894 to found the Federation of Woman's Club and was a founder of the international General Federation of Women's Clubs. Her extraordinary life is remembered in a bronze statue that sits in the side yard of the Woman's Town Club.

"She was a national figure," said Chris Zechman, current president of the Springfield Federation Women's Clubs.



Member Kim Buchwalter, the wife of Edward Buchwalter IV, the grand-grandnephew of Clementine's husband, Capt. Edward Buchwalter, said that at a time when the ability to read and write wasn't commonplace, "she was instrumental in bringing traveling libraries to Ohio" and the nation.

Kim and Edward restored a Buchwalter presence to the Town Club last year by donating family china and furniture, including the captain's desk, which is displayed in a room with his portrait.

Its presence seems appropriate for a man who was as supportive of the club after his extraordinary wife's passing as he had been of her role in the club movement.



Kim Buchwalter said the Captain often accompanied Clementine on her visits to state-level organizations around the country.

In 1922, the Captain donated \$5,000 toward the sale of his residence to the Town Club, which thanked him warmly.

“The club deeply feels grateful to Capt. and Mrs. Buchwalter (he remarried) in their thoughtfulness at leaving the house in such excellent condition. The walls were re-tinted, some of the woodwork repainted, and all the hard wood floors refinished by the kindness of the late tenants.”

Zechman said the remaining \$20,000 of debt “was paid off in the first year,” largely by club members’ purchase of stock certificates, an indication that many were well off.

That the Town Club added a Tea Room to the structure in 1923 also indicates strong financial support.

Although the support from founding members is remembered when the club provides honorary stock certificates to members today, today’s members have been frustrated in their attempts to find out more about the founders.

“We don’t really know who they were because they always went by Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. William Lawson,” said Zechman. “We don’t know their first names.”

Kim Buchwalter, who has done her level best to track them down, said the situation was exacerbated when later club members “held on to the tradition” of using their husbands’ names in club records as a way of honoring the founders.

Her research has, however, turned up charming and valuable material that can be found on the Woman’s Town Club Facebook page. Stories of card parties that drew 250 to the house during the early fundraising efforts are reminders of an organization that once had 500 members.

Such accounts help to explain both the influence of the clubs and the women’s hopes at one time to raise \$80,000 to build a performing venue on land behind the current clubhouse.

Zechman says the current membership of 66 is a fraction of what it once was, but the club women remain “true to the spirit” of the Woman’s Town Club by supporting community organizations and causes. Among them are Springfield’s Civic Theater, Symphony Orchestra, literacy center and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Clark, Champaign and Logan Counties.

In addition to all that, she said, they uphold another women’s club tradition: “We have a lot of fun and support each other.”

One last thing: The club rents space for parties and occasions of all kinds for those who don’t have ample rooms of their own.

For information or to become involved, support or rent the Woman’s Town Club, send emails to wtspringfield@gmail.com.

Article reprinted with consent of the author, Tom Stafford.

Note: Kim Buchwalter, one of the contributors to this article, will be a guest speaker at our Saturday evening banquet, “Honoring the Past – Celebrating the Future”.



What a wonderful Sunday afternoon tea. The Membership Committee (and others) with chairmen Karen Matthews and Bea Corra welcomed over twenty-five members and prospective members to a tea held at the Unicorn Wine Guild and Tea Room in Belpre, Ohio.

The attendees were so attentive to a video produced by GFWC and were able to be joined by our GFWC Ohio President Yvonne Ford for greetings. Yvonne welcomed all with her beads and fascinator. Thanks to Barbara Whitaker for Zooming our president into our tea.

Attendees also heard from Rose Donahue Logston, GFWC Great Lakes Region Vice President, about the history of GFWC, GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, and [GFWC Belpre Woman's Club](#) and how we all work together to attain common goals.

Five new members decided they wanted to "Live the Volunteer Spirit" with us.

Thanks to all who came and participated and a special thanks to our five new members. One already suggested two wonderful fundraising projects and one suggested another service project. We are all excited!



Just For Your Information – Bea Corra and Rose Logston, Co -Presidents of Southeast District have been appointed as the new editors of your *Buckeye* magazine.

Please send your submissions to gfwcohiobuckeye@gmail.com and adhere to the deadlines. This can't be YOUR *Buckeye* without your help.

This is our first try at this so “forget not to be kind”!

The Ripley Women's Club prepare for their first book distribution in quite a while at Ripley Elementary. The new book program called Ripley Reads (formerly RIF) gave each student a FREE book of their choosing to keep! Lots of smiles and sweet thank yous today from all the students! Happy reading !!!



GFWC Southwest Ohio Valley Women's Club was happy to assist Girl Scout Troops 44471 with a donation for their planned trip to Savannah, GA. The girls learned a bit about scouts in the 60s, as well as finding out there are opportunities for teens and adults in GFWC.



GFWC Ohio Junior Women's Club of Barnesville's Education & Library Committee hosted a White Elephant sale during their January meeting. The proceeds of \$280 were then presented to Brandi Little the Director of the Barnesville Hutton Memorial Library. Pictured are club President Peggy and Treasurer Lou Ann presenting the check which will support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. [#GFWC](#)





Circleville Junior Women

Women's health is very important. Members wore red to the Feb meeting and enjoyed healthy food and received chocolate.



History of Women's History Month

The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

The GFWC Belpre Woman's Club observed Women's History Month by five members choosing a woman in history that meant something to them. Rose Logston, GFWC Great Lakes Region Vice President choose her ancestor, Bathsheba Rouse Green. They are direct descendants of Myles Standish who came over on the Mayflower. Rose showed a dress and accessories Bathsheba may have worn while teaching and the one she is showing in the picture is a fancier dress she may have worn on a special occasion.



GFWC Ohio, Madeira Woman's Club

At our recent general meeting, we had Julia Dent Grant(portrayer) speak. We enjoyed learning about her. Thank you, Jackie DeWitt, for taking pictures.



GFWC Warren Junior Women's League



We presented a check to **Northeastern Ohio Children's Rehabilitation Center** for \$19,500! The donation is a result of the proceeds from our annual Champagne Luncheon. We could not accomplish such great heights without the involvement of our community.

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Great Opportunity for some Fun! Get your tickets for **the April 1st, GFWC Belpre Woman's Club's sponsored Bingo fundraiser.** Early Bird tickets will be eligible for a drawing to win a special "GETAWAY"! Save \$5.00 by buying your tickets early!

BINGO prizes include stuffed, themed, Longaberger baskets, (worth more than \$50.00 each), a Getaway for the family, and a couple Getaway!

50/50 tickets, Country Store, and Pull Tabs, plus FOOD available (including Wendy's Baked Potatoes)

Pioneer Workers – watch for your invitation (by email or postal service) to the Pioneer Workers meeting to be held Friday, April 21st, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Dublin Embassy Suites preceding the opening of our annual convention. (room to be determined)

Designer Purse



Join us for a lively afternoon of BINGO

Sunday, April 02, 2023

ELKS LODGE, 117 North Chestnut Street
Barnesville, Ohio

\$25 at door. Ticket price includes 12 games of bingo. Prizes will be a variety of designer bags.

Additional cards can be purchased at the event. **Cash only at the event.** Tickets are limited and may not be available at the door.

Doors open at 2:00 PM

BINGO BEGINS AT 3:00 PM

PRE-SALE TICKETS

\$20.00



Tickets are available from any Clubwomen or by calling:



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Patricia Nash & More



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Bingo Benefit community projects provided by GFWC/The Junior Women's Club of Barnesville