General Federation of Women’s Clubs – New Hampshire

2020 Club Awards

Top Ten & Club Creativity Awards

Total Number of Projects Reported: 543
Total Volunteer Hours: 54,152
Total Dollars Donated to Community Service Programs: $197,908.00
Total Dollars Spent on Advancement Areas: $17,306.00
Total In-Kind Donations: $30,150.50
Total Dollars Raised: $139,335.00
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GFWC-NH SIGNATURE PROGRAM
Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
10 Top Projects

1. Submitted by Candia Community Women's Club
   A super fun night out! CCWC members sell tickets to friends, family and online but this year it had to be canceled due to COVID-19. No worries we held the event virtually on Facebook! It was still a fun-filled night enjoining games and many fun prizes were given out. Pocketbooks were a huge hit as they were filled with so many goodies! $5000 was donated to the NH Coalition of Sexual and Domestic Violence.
   **Hours: 52**  **Dollars donated: $5000**  **In-Kind: $425**

2. Submitted by Salem Area Women's Club
   Salem Area Women’s Club was blessed with the opportunity to donate $1250 in honor of the 125th Anniversary of GFWC-New Hampshire Go Forth with Confidence-NH Scholarship Fund.
   **Hours: 0.5**  **Dollars donated: $1250**

3. Submitted by Exeter Area GFWC
   The Club women participated in a pilot program directed to medical personnel to increase knowledge of identification of child sexual abuse. This included review of power point presented by 2 physicians and then feedback.
   **Hours: 3.5**

4. Submitted by GFWC-NH
   The state budget, approved by the Board of Directors donated funds to the newly established Go Forth with Confidence NH Scholarship.
   **Hours: 5**  **Dollars donated: $1000**

5. Submitted by Concord Contemporary Club
   4 members participated in the GFWC Raise your Glass for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence. This money went toward the Go Forth with Confidence Scholarship.
   **Hours: 1**  **Dollars donated: $185**

6. Submitted by Dover Area Women’s Club
   GFWC donated to Haven for the Holiday. Haven is the largest domestic violence crisis center in NH providing free and confidential support services 24 hours day. During COVID-19 their needs became much greater but restrictive. They donated 18 gift cards for clients to use for food, gas, household and personal items. They also donated diapers, wet wipes, masks, personal care items, and candy. Two Club members delivered the items to the office and met with outreach personnel and Haven Director. A tour of the facility was given with Haven programs and services outlined.
   **Hours: 12**  **Dollars donated: $50**  **In-Kind: $250**
7. Submitted by Dover Area Women’s Club
The Community Liaison from Haven spoke via Zoom at the GFWC Dover Area Women’s Club’s October meeting. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month so the speaker was very appropriate and timely. She provided a vast knowledge of Haven and their programs with a slide presentation. Questions were fielded after the presentation. She suggested ways that our Club could volunteer and contribute to Haven.
Hours: 15

8. Submitted by Nashaway Women’s Club, $500 was donated to Bridges which provides domestic and sexual violence support.
Hours: 1 Dollars donated: $500

9. Submitted by Dover Area Women’s Club, clubwomen attended and contributed to the “Raise Your Glass” virtual fundraiser. This fundraiser benefits the GFWC-NH President’s Project “Go Forth with Confidence NH Scholarship.
Hours: 3 Dollars donated: $150

10. Submitted by Concord Contemporary Club
The speaker at our Capital North District meeting was Colette Raamazani a victim of sexual abuse and trafficking in her native homeland of Congo. She wrote the book “Tell This to My Mother.”
Hours: 3.5

Totals: # Projects: 16 Volunteer Hours: 242.5 Dollars Donated: $11,575
In-kind: $1350

GFWC Signature Program:
Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
CLUB Creativity Award Entry 2020
GFWC-New Hampshire
Submitted by the GFWC-NH Candia Community Women’s Club

It’s in the Bag: A super fun night! The CCWC members sold tickets to friends, family and on line. Due to COVID 19, the event was held virtually on Facebook. It was a fun-filled night with everyone enjoying games and many fun prizes were given out. Pocketbooks were a huge success as they were filled with so many goodies! $5,000 was donated to the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.
Hours: 52 Dollars donated: $5000 In-Kind: $425

Submitted by: Mary McGahan
2020 GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

GFWC-NH Top Ten

1. **Operation Christmas Child Boxes:** The GFWC Salem Area Women’s Clubwomen filled shoe boxes with personal care items, small gifts, clothing and notes which were collected by Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an International Relief Organization that has delivered 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls around the world. These boxes bring hope and a smile to those less fortunate.

   **Members: 45 Hours: 60 Donated: $900 In-Kind: 0**

2. **Success by Six:** The GFWC Salem Area Women’s Clubwomen supported Success by Six in their community with a monetary donation to equip classrooms with school supplies. The Salem Program is a learning cooperative of early childhood programs. The club previewed books by local authors to be distributed to classrooms.

   **Members: 6 Hours: 10 Donated: $750 In-Kind: 0**

3. **WINGS:** The Exeter Area GFWC supported two families in 2020. At the beginning of the Pandemic they collect grocery gift cards for a family with a 4 year old with special needs. The club provided birthday gifts, diapers and more. With the shutdown continuing as the year progressed, a club member was put in touch with a family with seven children. The dad is a self employed musician and had been unable to worked in over six months. The clubwomen shopped on line and locally to provide an overwhelmingly generous amount of Christmas gifts for this family. Christmas dinner was also provided for with $300 in grocery gift cards.

   **Members: 45 Hours: 21 Donated: 125.00 In-Kind $1125**

4. **Christmas Adopt a Family:** The GFWC Brookline Women’s Club collected donations and supported a local family for Christmas by providing them with presents.

   **Members: 10 Hours: 10 Donated: $150 In-Kind: $162.12**

5. **Christmas Giving Tree:** The Candia Community Women’s Club has always supported their community by organizing the Giving Tree. This year was a new challenge. They created an on line Giving Tree for their town. Information about the giving tree was distributed through their elementary school, the Moore School by emailing the parents. There they could apply and send the request for their children’s wishes. Twenty-one children had a Christmas to remember. Over $4000 in donations and gift cards poured in from the community. Members shopped, sorted, wrapped gifts and distributed loads of presents. Tears of appreciation and Christmas joy were shed by both the givers and recipients.

   **Members: 5 Hours: 21 Donated: $4254 In-Kind: 0**

6. **End 68 Hours of Hunger:** The GFWC Dover Women’s Club packed bags and delivered them to the Dover Schools for distribution to the school children. These children would otherwise be food deprived due to various social/economic factors. During Covid-19 Clubwomen packed food for distribution to children at other pickup sites throughout the city due to school closures.

   **Members: 10 Hours: 147 Donated: 0 In-Kind: 0**
7. **End 68 Hours of Hunger:** The GFWC Dover Women's Club members are always current on the needs of their local End 68 Hours of Hunger chapter needs by staying informed via email. Clubwomen helped deliver food from stores to storage area, sorted and binned food to be distributed. The Clubwomen assisted also at Christmas by collecting snack items and packing bags to be distributed.

**Members: 12 Hours: 46 Donated: 0 In-Kind: 0**

8. **Good Night Bags:** The Exeter Area GFWC Advocates for Children committee met to create no sew blankets for the children at Seacoast Family Promise. Members shopped for fleece, stuffy and books. They gathered to cut and tie 12 blankets. Packaged together, a blanket, a book and a stuffy were bagged together in a beautiful bag and delivered to Seacoast Family Promise. Family Promise is an organization that helps families find housing. While waiting for housing the families sleep in local churches one week at a time. These blankets, books and stuffy will help give these children some comfort in this difficult, unsure time.

**Members: 6 Hours: 25 Donated: 0 In-Kind: 225.00**

9. **After School Program Donation:** The GFWC Brookline Women's Club organized a town wide Holiday Light Extravaganza. They encouraged local businesses and residents to display holiday lights for a specific night of the year. They then created a map and guide for local residents to follow for a socially distanced night of beautiful holiday lights from the safety of their car. They collected monetary donations to support the After School Program and collected socks/hats/mittens for the shelters.

**Members: 6 Hours: 10 Donated: $325.43 In-Kind: 0**

10. **Christmas Families Giving Trees:** The Wilton/Lyndeborough Women's Club saw that the need this year was greater than ever. The pandemic had furloughed many people from their jobs, or they have lost their jobs permanently. At times children had been remote learning at home which had prevented them from receiving the free lunches they normally would have gotten in school. Ten of their club members and two additional volunteers from the community spent a total of 148 hours planning, organizing, collecting, sorting, cataloging, and distributing gifts.

    This year they assisted a total of 45 families and 119 children providing gifts and gift cards. The breakdown of children grade levels was mixed: Elementary – 72 kids from 21 families; Middle and High School a total of 21 families. To manage this feat, this club set up two trees, on at the library and one at a local restaurant. They spent 7 hours calling families for their wish lists, an additional 4 hours making out index cards with the anonymous wish lists noted, and total of 15 hours over 3 days making up the gift tags using info from the index cards.

    As usual their communities were very generous with their donations: a total of $6,719.91 in cash, in-kind donations of approximately $1,500 including gift cards, and gifts. Hundreds of volunteer hours were needed to collect these gifts 3 times a week for 3 weeks, sorting, cataloging and distributing these gifts. Through this entire project the club ended up with a -$14.91 balance.

    For the first time, parents of the middle and high school students asked for gift cards to the local department stores, Target, Walmart, etc so that they could purchase gifts to put under the Christmas tree. In these different times the request was honored and the club provided twenty $50 dollar gift cards.

**Members: 10 Hours: 148 Donations: $6719.91 In-Kind: $1500**
2020 GFWC Club Creativity Award

Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

GFWC NH Wilton/Lyndeborough Woman’s Club

The need this year was greater than ever. This pandemic has furloughed many people from their jobs, or they have lost their jobs permanently. Children have been remote learning at home which has prevented them from receiving the free meals they normally would have gotten in school. Ten of this club’s members and 2 additional volunteers spent a total of 148 hours planning, organizing, collecting, sorting, cataloging, and distributing Christmas gifts for children in their community.

Christmas Families: This year they had a total of 45 families and 119 children for which they provided gifts and gift cards. The breakdown was as follows: Elementary – 72 kids from 21 families; Middle and High School a total of 21 families; Middle school 12 kids; High School 72 kids.

Giving Trees: Clubwomen set up two trees: one at the Lyndeborough Library (J A Tarbell) and one at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Wilton. They spent 7 hours calling families for their wish lists, and an additional 4 hours making out index cards from these lists. This task alone totaled 15 hours over 3 days. The items were then placed on gift tags to be displayed on the Giving Trees.

Donations: As usual the community was very generous with their donations. The club collected a total of $6,719.91 in cash and additional in kind donations of approximately $1,500 including gift cards, and gifts. This did not include the hundreds of volunteer hours spent on this. With great management of this project, they ended up with a (-$14.91) balance. They collected gifts 3 times a week for 3 weeks from the Giving Tree locations.

Gift Cards: This year, for the first time, they received a request to provide twenty $50 gift cards to the families of middle and high school students. The cards were for local stores such as Target, Walmart etc. so the parents could purchase gifts for their kids and have something under the tree. Ordinarily, the club did not provide gift cards to families of Middle and High School kids, but this has not been a normal year so the club voted to approve this request.

This was a huge project well done which resulted in many families’s Christmas made cheerier this year due to the efforts of this small club. As they wrote “it is what we are all about”.

10 members 148 Hours $6719.91 Donated $1500 In Kind

Submitted by: Denise Raisanen
GFWC-NH 2020 Arts & Culture
Top Ten

1. The GFWC Ashland Womens Club instituted a project to send "thinking of you" cards to the residents of the 4 local facilities: Forestview Manor, Golden View Healthcare, Mountain Ridge Center and the NH Veterans Home to bring some joy to the residents during this time of isolation. Cards were donated by members, family and friends of members. Although the total population was 430 residents, we received donations of 348 cards, which allowed us to send to 80 percent of residents. The staff members were able to distribute to those residents who they felt needed them the most. Volunteers wrote greetings in the cards. The cards were delivered to the facilities that were very appreciative of this project. Clubwomen also sent thank you cards to the staff of each facility for their role in the residents' care and well being. These cards were delivered to the facilities by members of AWC.

Hours: 100  Dollars: 0  In-Kind:  $175

2. The GFWC Hollis Woman's Club created a new project in 2020. Luminaria 2020 was a successful Community Event with beautiful luminaria bags placed around the town center. Expenses were low because of Covid-safety changes and because some supplies were available from last year. The bags were twice as far apart than as usual which made for less illumination.

Hours: 100  Dollars: 0  In-Kind:  $900.00

3. The GFWC Pembroke Woman's Club changed things up due to Covid-19. They were unable to have the Christmas in the Village Event this year. So, members decided to reach out to the Allenstown Elementary School and Pembroke Hill School to see if they could purchase ornaments for the children to make. The schools decided it was a great idea. The club purchased crafts and individually bagged them for these two schools: 194 items for Allenstown and 380 for Pembroke.

Hours: 12  Dollars donated:  $159.00

4. GFWC Brookline Women's Club thought outside the box in reinventing a traditional project. In lieu of being able to host their annual Ornament Workshop in person, they created ornament kits for local families and dropped them off at their doorstep. Kits included the supplies for each child to make 4 holiday ornaments.

Hours: 10 Dollars donated: 0  Dollars spent:  $364.00

5. The GFWC Brookline Women’s Club encouraged local businesses and residents to display holiday lights for a specific night during the holiday season. They then created a map and guide for local residents to follow for a socially distanced night of beautiful holiday lights from the safety of their car. The collected monetary donations were donated to support the After School Program. The club also collected socks/hats/mittens for a local shelter.

Hours: 10.00  Dollars donated: 0

6. The GFWC Hudson Women's Club supported the Nashua Community Concert Association, a non-profit membership organization whose purpose is to bring world class music to its members at an affordable cost with a $50.00 donation. Each year they present a series of five or six concerts with artists from around the world. The year 2021 will be their 91st year.

Hours: 0  Dollars donated: $50
7. “The Currier Museum is committed to connecting people with art by bringing art-making to audiences of all ages and abilities.” One way the Currier Museum addresses their stated aim is by providing classes for special needs students. **GFWC Hudson Women’s Club** contributed $160 to the Currier Museum for their special needs classes’ scholarship program.

**Hours: 0 Dollars donated: $160**

8. The **GFWC Woman’s Club of Somersworth** members gathered at the American Legion Hall in October 2020 and experienced the Japanese craft of egg shell mosaic. Their fellow clubwomen Naoko Sears, an accomplished artist led the activity. She supplied egg shells dyed in beautiful colors that they broke into tiny pieces to create our own pins. Each finished piece was as unique as the woman who made it.

**Hours: 24 Dollars donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: $40.00**

9. Throughout the year the **GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club** donated craft items to Riverside Nursing Home to be used by the activities committee. Items included materials that could be recycled and used for craft projects: magazines, cards (new and used), calendars, yarn for crafts and knitting projects, markers, and stickers.

**Hours: 15 Dollars donated: 0 In-Kind: $160**

10. **GFWC Salem Women’s Club** supported the Arts as well as gained exposure for their Club. They "purchased" a half-page ad for a program book for $650, $200 for two 'senior’ season tickets, $240 for two 'regular’ season tickets to be included in their raffles. The ad and raffle items were to be at the March and May performances. This combination provided the club exposure and recognition both verbally, on the stage screen, and the printed booklet. Unfortunately, the concerts were postponed, but the events will happen when the Philharmonic can once again entertain us with their lovely music.

**Hours: 2 Dollars donated: $1090**

**TOTALS:  Projects: 18 Volunteer Hours: 374 Donated: $2059 Spent: $596 In-Kind: $1301**

**GFWC-NH Arts & Culture Club Creativity Award 2020**

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**Hours: 12 Dollars donated: $159.00**
GFWC New Hampshire Civic Engagement and Public Outreach
Co-Chairmen Sheila Casey and Laurie Jasper

GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Programs ask clubwomen to remember that, "Each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. This Community Service Program highlights and encourages citizenship; crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans." (GFWC.org). The COVID19 pandemic has brought many challenges, frustrations, and fears to our daily lives. It would be reasonable to presume that the number of projects reported in all areas would be lower than in past years. Happily, that is not the case. New Hampshire Club members wore their masks, stayed socially distant, yet still managed to submit 107 projects under this large umbrella. Certainly, some annual projects had to be cancelled, but Co-Chairs Sheila Casey and Laurie Jasper were so impressed by the number of new projects which were organized because of the pandemic.

1. The Somersworth Club members chose to honor their local first responders and express appreciation for all they do, especially during the turbulent times due to COVID19 and national protests against police. Members hand wrote thank you letters to each fire fighter and police officer. On September 11th, the club presented the letters for the 35 police officers at a luncheon they organized at the police station. Due to COVID19 restrictions, only two GFWC Somersworth members, the president and vice president, were allowed into the station. Not to be deterred, the club arranged a parking lot drop-off line just before serving time, so the hot foods remained hot. They filled thirty-six feet of tables with a feast. According to Chief Kreitschmar, the event was very much appreciated by all.

| Hours 35 | $ donated $200 | In kind $250 | Members 13 |

2. The Concord Contemporary Club members provided birthday presents for the 22 boys at the Pine Haven Boys Center. Gifts were brought to a monthly meeting and one member who keeps track of dates and sizes of the boys then delivered them to the facility in Allenstown, NH. Pine Haven offers both a residential and day program for emotionally challenged boys. Their motto is, "There is no such thing as a bad boy." How gratifying it must be for club members to know their efforts put smiles on the faces of these children. Every child should receive a birthday gift!

| Hours 18 | $ donated $631 | In kind 0 | Members 21 |

3. On September 22, 2020, the Hudson Women's Club hosted the first, but hopefully not last, National Voter Registration Day in Hudson. Due to COVID19 restrictions, the event took place out in the library parking lot on a beautiful fall day. The three-hour afternoon event attracted about 20 voters who might otherwise have been in long lines on election day. They provided hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, and new pens, constantly wiped down the area and clipboard boards, borrowed plexiglass shields, and registered new voters including students from the high school next door, a recently naturalized new citizen, folks new to Hudson, and a soccer mom whom we cornered as she waited for her daughter! A member who is a town checklist supervisor helped organize the event and brought another supervisor. She also put up signs at the high school and emailed all of the faculty so that classes would know that registration was available. The event was publicized on their Facebook site and on Hudson Community Television.

| Hours 20 | $ donated 0 | In kind $10 | Members 6 |

4. One GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club member sewed masks and pouches for Dover High School and delivered them at various times during Covid19. Another member sewed masks for Seacoast hospitals. Total masks delivered to Dover High School was 200 plus 25 pouches. Dover High School teens loved the colorful handmade masks and preferred them over paper masks. Hospitals workers all need masks for personal protection. Masks are so important along with social distancing to get the COVID pandemic under control.

| Hours 126 | $ donated 0 | In kind $1205 | Members 2 |

5. The Candia Club hosted Haircuts for Homeless, an all-day event held in conjunction with Boxes of Love for the Homeless, a non-partisan organization focused on helping those in need without regard to...
political or religious affiliation. At the event, there was music and food for all to enjoy. Homeless individuals were able to take the opportunity to shop for groceries or take items they may need like bikes, clothing, or toiletries. There was also a hair washing station open and the opportunity for a haircut. 30 haircuts were provided to homeless individuals in the community by a Candia club volunteer and community volunteer. It was a great event, and everyone was grateful for these services.

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6. Salem Area Woman’s Club, recognizing that the global pandemic prevents loved ones from giving the hugs they so need and deserve, crafted hugs using die-cut hands attached to a soft yard of yarn. The hugs were placed inside Christmas cards along with a note that read, "Hello Friend, Hugs make me very happy! It is one of the things I miss the most from my friends during this COVID19 quarantine. So, I thought I’d send you a hug through the mail. You can wrap it around your neck as a substitute until we get to see each other again. I hope you are doing well while staying safe and healthy." They were distributed to local nursing homes, rehab centers and adult day care centers. Members made additional hugs to give to people who they might encounter on a daily basis who needed a hug. A neighborhood church contacted the club to offer to pair with them to help with future projects, and the Sisters of Mercy made their own hug cards, with a hand-made picture on the cover made by one of their 90-year-old nuns. They also included a poem.

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7. The Somersworth Club reached out to the Somersworth Housing Authority to find residents who needed a Thanksgiving meal. With pandemic fears, many were alone this year who would have otherwise spent the holiday with family. Meals were provided to residents of four different apartment complexes. Three members picked up meals early on Thanksgiving at two locations and delivered them to 47 individuals or couples.

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8. Dover Area Woman’s Club donated throughout the year to Teens in Transition Program. This program is for students who are homeless and spend their nights on the street, in a car, or moving from one friend’s house to another. They gathered items to donate to the Teen Closet at the school and collected clothing, food, snacks, and personal care items.

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9. The Hudson Club volunteered at the Hudson Food Pantry on Martin Luther King Day of Service. One group assembled Easter baskets by age category. Many members also donated items to be included in the baskets, and the club donated $200 in gift cards for teen-agers, who are hard to find appropriate items for. Another group sorted food donations in the pantry.

Because of online publicity about the project, 2 guests came to give their time. They later came to a club meeting. By May, COVID was affecting the Food Pantry, so an additional $500 to "Feed our Kids" was made.

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10. As the winter months were quickly approaching, Portsmouth club decided to host a curbside coat drive and partnered with One Warm Coat to hold a two-day drive where people could drop off their gently used, warm coats. 400 coats were donated and $411.89 was donated to the One Warm Coat organization. All of the coats were given to York County Community Action and given out at no charge to those in need.

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Due to the limitations the COVID19 pandemic has placed on all normal operations, we wish we could bestow a Creativity Award upon each GFWC NH Club for finding innovative ways to contribute time, talent, and treasure to New Hampshire communities. This was a difficult decision for the chairmen.

GFWC NH 2020 Civic Engagement and Public Outreach Creativity Award is given to the Salem Area Woman’s Club for their Long-Distance Hugs and Christmas Greetings project. Since March of 2020, our lives have changed. Citizens have been told to wear masks, wash hands frequently, practice social distancing, stay out of crowds, and stay in your “bubble” to try to reduce the spread of COVID19. Hand shaking and hugging were verboten. In order to protect our most vulnerable senior citizens, nursing homes and assisted living facilities were forced to prevent visitors. While necessary, this decision has been heartbreaking for the residents and their families. Recognizing this, the Salem Area Woman’s Club decided to distribute “hugs” to residents of local nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and adult day care centers during the Christmas season.

The Salem Area Woman’s Club used die cut hands attached to a soft yard of yarn to form the “hugs.” These were placed inside Christmas cards, along with a note that read, “Hello Friend, Hugs make me very happy! It is one of the things I miss the most from my friends during this COVID quarantine. So, I thought I’d send you a hug through the mail. You can wrap it around your neck as a substitute until we get to see each other again. I hope you are doing well while staying safe and healthy.” They were signed, “Salem Area Woman’s Club. GFWC New Hampshire.” Members made extra hugs to hand out to people they might encounter during their days who might be in need of a hug. Not only were these cards well received, but word about them also spread throughout the community. A neighborhood church contacted the club, impressed by the innovative way to stay connected, and asked how their members could help. That has since resulted in collaboration on a spring project for the New Hampshire Veterans’ Home. In addition, the Sisters of Mercy in Salem decided to build upon the idea. A 90-year-old nun from their community drew a picture which they then reproduced on cards. They also included a special poem in their “hugs” cards.

It has been said, “Nothing in this world could be more comforting than being enveloped in a warm hug.” Until we are able to hug freely, Salem’s hug in an envelope is a creative way to virtually comfort others.
1. The GFWC-NH Nashaway Woman’s Club members purchased school supplies and filled 80 Homework Kits for elementary school students in order to provide families with materials for completing home assignments.

   **Members: 20 Hours: 20 Donated: 0 In Kind: $475.00**

2. The GFWC-NH Hudson Women’s club selected the theme of the one-room schoolhouse for their educational outreach focus in 2020. This topic was chosen in recognition of the fact that an authentic one-room schoolhouse still stands in the town of Hudson. The club compiled an educational bag which was donated to the Rodgers Memorial town library. Materials included books for all age levels (elementary school age – adult) along with hands-on activities, such as games and slate boards. Many items were purchased from the Wycoff Museum in New York. The club held related projects such as presenting a virtual program on the history of the one-room schoolhouse by Steve Taylor of the NH Humanities council. In addition, the club held one of its June dinner meeting at the #9 School House outside, practicing social distancing and following masking precautions.

   **Members: 33 Hours: 25 Donated: $60.00  In Kind: 0**

3. The GFWC Concord Contemporary Club honored educators at the Merrimack Valley Day Care by donating 26 new books to teachers and administrators along with gifts such as tissues, hand sanitizers, lotions, etc. Each book was stamped with a book plate with “GFWC Concord Contemporary Club” inside the front cover.

   **Members: 21 Hours: 12.5 Donated: $165.00  In Kind: $189.00**

4. The GFWC Candia Community Women’s club donated $1,000.00 to the local Henry W. Moore School’s Lancer Robotics Team to help support travel expenses to the World championships held in Louisville, KY.

   **Members: 26 Hours: 1 Donated: $1,000.00  In Kind: 0**

5. Each year the GFWC Women’s Club of Somersworth donates a dictionary to every third grader in Somersworth and neighboring Rollinsford elementary schools. In 2020 a total of 135 dictionaries were distributed.

   **Members: 1 Hours: 3 Donated: $405.00  In Kind: 0**

6. The GFWC Pembroke Woman’s Club collaborated with the Pembroke Library in an event in response to pandemic limitations. The library purchased a large book version of The Polar Express and divided up the pages so that they could be read to children and families, two at a time, at 7 outdoor stations. There was a conductor and club members took turns reading the pages, while maintaining social distancing. Club members also helped fill goodie bags for the children. The event was held on December 12, 2020. Approximately 100 cars of people participated.

   **Members: 14 Hours: 24.25 Donated: 0  In Kind: 0**

7. With traditional graduation ceremonies being cancelled throughout our country, clubwomen from the GFWC Salem Women’s Club wanted to do something special for the class of 2020 who had completed their requirements for graduation. The names of the graduates were received from the superintendent of schools. Posters with the graduate’s
photo and made were made into signs and displayed along the route that the Seniors would be taking for the drive-in graduate ceremony. Personalized cards were made and mailed along with a key chain charm for each graduate.

**Members: 3  Hours: 25  Donated: $250.00  In Kind: $3,000.00**

8. Each summer the Smyth Public Library in Candia holds a summer concert series outside by their gazebo with live music for the community. These events are held weekly and are well-attended. The GFWC Candia Community Women’s club helped sponsor this event with a $500.00 donation.

**Members: 15  Hours:1  Donated: $500.00  In Kind: 0**

9. The GFWC Dover Area Women’s Club collected and donated school supplies to Dover Children’s Home. This year the DHC’s needs were revised due to COVID restrictions. There were a variety of items donated: notebooks, pens, binders, masks, dry erasers, file cards, post-it notes cubes and packaged crackers for snacks. Future project plans were discussed with the Director of the Home. A photo of donated school supplies, was taken with the school Director and club members and posted on social media.

**Members: 5  Hours:10  Donated: 0  In Kind: $240.00**

10. Members of the GFWC Friends in Council Club based in Lisbon, NH made sure to support local schools with needs associated with the pandemic by providing generous financial assistance.

**Members: 34  Hours:1  Donated: $900.00  In Kind: 0**

**Education & Libraries Club Creativity Award 2020**

With traditional graduation ceremonies being cancelled or modified throughout our country due to COVID-19 restrictions, clubwomen from the GFWC Salem Women’s Club wanted to do something special for the class of 2020 to enhance their memories of this important event in their lives. The names of the local high school seniors were obtained from the superintendent of schools. The Salem Women’s Club then collaborated with local business to design, produce and donate posters with each graduate’s name and photo. The GFWC logo was also printed on each banner. The In Kind value was $3,000.00. The posters were displayed along the route that the seniors travelled for their drive-in graduate ceremony.

The graduates and families were delighted to see the students’ banners displayed for this momentous occasion. Each student also received a card personalized by Salem Women’s Club members along with a key chain charm. The cards included contact information for the club as well as both the GFWC and the GFWC-NH logos. (see photo). The local Post Office contributed to the effort by hand cancelling each envelope. The Salem Women’s Club has received many thank you cards and messages from graduates, families and members of the community for their role in creating a new way to honor the Class of 2020.

**Members: 3  Hours: 25  Donated: $250.00  In Kind: $3,000.00**
2020 GFWC-NH Environment Top Ten Projects

Chairman Phyllis K. Appler

1. Adopt a garden: (GFWC Concord Contemporary Club) The club has adopted a garden spot in front of the police station. Members have weeded and cleaned up the area. They purchased plants then planted them. During the summer they weed the garden and as fall returns they plant new plants.

   Hours: 22 Members: 5 Dollars donated: $70

2. Rabies Clinic and other Animal Shelter support: (GFWC Hudson Women’s Club)

   Typically held in the spring, this year because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the club held a smaller Rabies Clinic in October 2020. Residents of the Town of Hudson were able to have their dogs or other pets immunized against rabies. Without the assistance of students in the Vet-Tech program at Alvirne High School due to COVID-19, club members were responsible for directing traffic and filling out paperwork. Members, masked and stationed outdoors, handed clipboards through each incoming car window and brought the completed paperwork to an outdoor desk and filled in required information, attaching the rabies tag to the paper. A veterinary assistant brought the animal into the shelter, so the animal "parents" never left their cars. This animal shelter, located at the Hudson Police department complex, requested donations of towels, laundry detergent, and fragrance free dryer sheets. Typically these supplies would be collected at a monthly meeting. Members instead brought the donations to the fall Rabies Clinic. During the year, the club also collected used medicine containers. The Nashua Humane Society recycled the containers to dispense medications for animals.

   Hours: 31 Members: 33 Dollars donated: $305 In Kind: $200

3. Butterfly Garden: (GFWC Hudson Women’s Club) The club maintains an active presence at Benson’s Park in Hudson. Members periodically plant, weed, mulch, (and this summer, water) and maintain the beauty and the integrity of the butterfly garden for the many visitors and families who enjoy the walking trails, exhibits, and play ground equipment. For the first time in this COVID year, our daffodils, lilacs, and mountain laurel bloomed without any human visitors to enjoy them. When we were finally allowed in, there was lots of work to do all at once! Winterization: One of the last clean-up days at Benson’s park occurred in October 2020. Members raked leaves, planted bulbs for spring blooming, cut back plants that were still standing, and mulched perennials. We advertised the workdays on our Facebook page and sometimes had community members volunteer to help. We have agreed to be interviewed in the Butterfly Garden as part of a virtual tour being created by the Benson Park Committee.

   Hours: 25 Members: 9 Dollars donated: $20 In-kind: $155

4. Town Beautification: (GFWC Pembroke Women’s Club) During the Spring and Summer of 2020, the club maintained the gardens at the town hall, watering trough and Pembroke sign near Route 106, planting summer annuals and carrying out a watering schedule through the summer. They cleared out summer flowers and then mums were purchased and planted at all three locations. Later in the fall the mums were removed and replaced with berries and winter greens.

   Hours: 101 Members: 6 Dollars donated: $67.50
5. Finding Your Way Girl Scout Gold: (GFWC Salem Area Women’s Club) Guest Speaker: Evy Vlahos, “Finding Your Way” Girl Scout Gold Project spoke with the membership about her Gold Project – which was putting up mile marker signs on the Salem Rail Trail. The club contributed $475 to complete Evy’s project.

Hours: 5  Members: 4  Dollars donated: $475

6. Dover Digs Beautification: (GFWC Dover Area Women’s Club) GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club planned walks along the Dover Community Trail during the spring and summer. A couple of years ago the club adopted a portion of the trail to keep clean, maintain, and walk. The walks provided good exercise, fresh air during the pandemic, time to converse with other members and time to reflect on peacefulness and beauty along the Cocheco River. Members spread flower seeds as they cleaned and maintained the trail. Many wild flowers already grow there, and were identified using a wildflower app! Club members took photos and shared them on Facebook. GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club members met with the Dover Beautification group leader expressing interest in volunteering with them. Dover Women’s Club would like to ultimately adopt a spot in Dover to plant and maintain. In the fall Dover Beautification planted 400 bulbs around the flagpole at the head of the square in downtown Dover. GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club members volunteered with that planting and look forward to seeing the bright colorful flowers in the spring beautifying the community. Throughout the year GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club members decorated and maintained gardens at Riverside Nursing Home. The original octagonal large garden was removed due to maintenance issues. Six whiskey barrels and containers were the replacement containers. For Memorial Day the club purchased and planted spring flowers. Flags and pinwheels were added to decorate the containers. In the fall, exterior containers were decorated with colorful mums, kale, gourds and pumpkins. For the Holiday season containers were decorated with recycled items including pine and hemlock green boughs, red berries, seasonal ribbon, red stars, and white branches. The club used recycled plants, fresh plants or members yard items for our gardens, and shared pictures on social media. The gardens are at the entrance to Riverside insuring that all residents, visitors and employees can enjoy them. Although COVID-19 restrictions were in place, most residents were able to see the gardens from their windows.

Hours: 56  Members: 11  In-Kind: $1

7. Paths for All Winter Walks: (Exeter Area GFWC) In order to enjoy nature and exercise together during the winter months, two snowshoe/walks were held on local trails. Hours: 24  Members: 6  Dollars donated: 0


9. Highway Cleanup: (GFWC Pembroke Women’s Club) Due to Covid, the club was unable to do the Spring Clean up. Members completed the Fall clean up on October 10th. 8 members volunteered and picked up 8 bags of trash. Hours: 12  Members: 8  Dollars: 0

10. Environmental Donations (Nashaway Women’s Club) The club donated $100 to New Hampshire Inside Out, the Past President’s Project, and $200 to the Humane Society for Greater Nashua.

Hours: 1  Members: 20  Dollars donated: $300

Totals: # Projects: 35  Hours: 505  Dollars donated: $2953  In-Kind: $703s
GFWC-NH Creativity Award in Environment 2020

Phyllis Appler, Environment Chairman

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56 hours, 11 members, $175 in kind donations
2020 GFWC-NH Health & Wellness Top Ten

1. The Circles program of Greater Nashua works with individuals and families with low income who are interested in and motivated to become economically self-sufficient. There are weekly meetings which begin with supper. The GFWC Nashaway Women’s Club funds one meal a month. A member prepares or purchases each meal.

   Members: 20  Hours: 10  Donated: $309.02  In Kind: 0

2. Members of the Exeter Area GFWC participated in providing gifts for 40 residents of the Rockingham County Nursing Home (RCNH) to ensure that they would receive personal gifts for the holidays. Gift suggestions were provided for each resident so that gifts would be geared towards their interest and needs. The “wish list” was compiled by the residents themselves or the staff closest to them who know them best. Each participating resident received a festive bag holding their own personal gifts. The RCNH Activities staff was extremely appreciative this year, as many activities and outreach from the community has been limited due to COVID restrictions.

   Members: 26  Hours: 25  Donated: 0  In Kind: $1,200.00

3. GFWC Dover Area Women’s Club donated battery-operated holiday window candles to Riverside Nursing Home. Since all residents were confined to their rooms during COVID restrictions there was little chance to experience the usual holiday events and festivities. The club wanted to add a little brightness to the residents’ day with lights in the windows. They also donated a stuffed snowman, snowman picture, holiday tree lights and soy battery operated candles. Nursing home can be lonely places, especially with no visitors allowed and being confined to your room, adding to the feelings of isolation.

   Members: 3  Hours: 6  Donated: 0  In Kind: $125.00

4. GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk on 10/10/20. One member organized the Club Team: pick-up of and delivered shirts, made goody bags, did mailings, and promotion of event. We walked around Henry Law Park in downtown and each logged 3.1 miles in the walk. All walkers solicited donations. Considering that this was our first walk, we feel we did a fantastic job and will do it again next year. A group photo was taken and posted to social media.

   Members: 7  Hours: 23  Donated: $735.00  In Kind: $32.50

5. To celebrate local healthcare heroes, the Exeter Area GFWC partnered with owners of the New Hampshire Franchise of Assisted Living Locators (which helps people find live-in communities as well as home assistance) to put together and deliver snack baskets for staff at six local healthcare facilities. These baskets were greatly appreciated. There was also good publicity for the event as a Seacoast newspaper staffer met us at one of the stops. Photos and a story were published.

   Members: 9  Hours: 14  Donated: $175.00  In Kind: $18.00

6. In an effort to offer club members opportunities for physical health and emotional health, the Exeter Area GFWC held ZOOM yoga classes the third Monday of the month during October and November. A club member who is a trained, certified yoga instructor led the classes.

   Members: 8  Hours: 16  Donated: 0  In Kind: 0
7. The GFWC Pembroke Women’s Club collects items on a monthly basis for its local **Community Action Program**. (CAP) A club member serves as the contact person to determine what is most needed each month. In November 2020, the club collected money, rather than material goods. The club also donated pet food to the CAP each week.

   **Members: 17  Hours: 40  Donated: $125.00  In Kind: $3,285.00**

8. A member of the GFWC Salem Women’s Club is a retired Emergency Room and Surgical Nurse of 30 years. She encouraged club members to join with her in **sewing buttons on headbands to be given to essential workers that have to wear a face covering all day**. The elastic on the face mask is connected around the buttons instead of the ears which offers some comfort. The club donated 200 headbands to area rehabilitation centers, nursing care facilities, adult day care centers, hospitals, teacher, seniors with hearing aids and anyone else who has to wear protective face coverings all day. The club’s hope is that these people know that the are special that that many people care for them.

   **Members: 56  Hours:125  Donated: $165.00  In Kind: 0**

9. The GFWC Salem Women’s Club continues to partner with Bridging the Horizons program to hold dances, providing social opportunities for special needs teens and adults. Club members assist with organization, decorating, baking, meal prep, serving and raffle baskets. Approximately 250-300 individuals and families attend these events. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the only dance held in 2020 was the Valentine’s Dance. The club and Bridging the Horizons program look forward to resuming the dances in the future when circumstances permit.

   **Members: 15  Hours: 100  Donated: $3,100.00  In Kind: 0**

10. When COVID-19 hit, people were furloughed from their jobs and many were in dire financial predicaments. The GFWC Wilton-Lyndeborough Women’s Club wanted their communities to know that they were not alone. They rallied together with citizens and had phenomenal success with 80+ volunteers accomplishing the following through their **Lyndeborough/Wilton Cares program**: Delivered weekly groceries to 147 people from 60 families for a total of 306 grocery deliveries; delivered weekly meals of dinner, lunch, and soup to 65 seniors from 122 families for a total of 795 meal deliveries; gave gift certificates from local restaurants to 202 people from 98 families; donated 2,000+ masks (materials and sewing provided by volunteers); assembled and delivered 171 Thank You baskets to our front line workers (DPW, Police, Fire and Day Care workers). In addition, the club collaborated with local churches, restaurants, businesses and town facilities for donated space to hold and refrigerator collections. The club collected a total of $42,949.00 in cash donations with an additional $1,000.00 contributed by the club. The program ended at the end of June when the crisis had resolved. Any additional leftover funds or goods will be distributed to those in need if the pandemic causes more hardship on local citizens. For 13 weeks the club took care of their community and provided services to some of their most vulnerable residents, keeping them safe, fed and connected which is what the club is here for.

   **Members: 25  Hours: 7800  Donated: $43,949.00  In Kind: $27,025.49**
2020 Health & Wellness Club Creativity Award

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- Delivered weekly groceries to 147 people from 60 families for a total of 306 grocery deliveries
- Delivered weekly meals of dinner, lunch, and soup to 65 seniors from 122 families for a total of 795 meal deliveries
- Gave gift certificates from local restaurants to 202 people from 98 families
- Donated 2,000+ masks (materials and sewing provided by volunteers)
- Assembled and delivered 171 Thank You baskets to front line workers (DPW, Police, Fire and Day Care staff).
- In addition, the club collaborated with local churches, restaurants, businesses, and town facilities for donated space to collect, store and refrigerate collections.
- The club raised a total of $42,949.00 in cash donations with an additional $1,000.00 contributed by the club.

The program ended at the end of June when the crisis was under control. Any additional leftover funds or goods will be distributed to those in need if the pandemic causes more hardship on local citizens. For 13 weeks the club took care of their community and provided services to some of their most vulnerable residents, keeping them safe, fed and connected, fulfilling the mission of the club.

Members: 25 Hours: 7800 Donated: $43,949.00  In Kind: $27,025.49
2020 GFWC-NH Communications & Public Relations Top Ten

1. **The GFWC Hollis Woman’s Club** provided logistical and scheduling help from the club’s Communications Chairman. Santa’s yearly visit was at risk due to Covid 19. The organizers moved the visit online with families signing up for the visit. Santa was able to spend time on each visit allowing the formation of more goodwill in Hollis’ virtual space.
   
   1 member 50 volunteer hours $350 donated

2. **The GFWC Pembroke Woman’s Club** Members assisted the Pembroke Fire Department with the publicity of the Fire Engine Ladder truck going through town with Santa. It was done this way to avoid large crowds at risk of Covid. The route was distributed so parents would be aware when Santa was coming to their neighborhood. Posters were made, Face book and word of mouth were utilized to publicize Santa’s plan visit, where and when.
   
   4 Hours

3. To celebrate **Exeter Area GFWC’s local healthcare heroes**, they partnered with owners of the NH Franchise of Assisted Living Locators, helping people find live in communities as well as home assistance to put together and delivered snack baskets to healthcare facilities. **They had great publicity for the club as a seacoast newspaper staffer met volunteers at one of the stops. The photo ran in an Exeter Community News paper with a photo and story.** Hours were reported in Health and Wellness. The stops included: Clear Choice MD, Epping, NH, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, NH, Convenient MD, Stratham, NH, Exeter Hospital, Exeter NH, The Exeter Center Nursing Home, Exeter, NH and Langdon Place of Exeter Assisted Living, Exeter, NH.
   
   2 Hours

4. The website, [www.candiawomansgroup.org](http://www.candiawomansgroup.org), provides information about the **GFWC Candia Woman’s Club.** Topics like: Crisis Hotline, advertisement for events, receive comments, upcoming events, photos and contact information. The member’s area is password protected and contains information such as meeting minutes, membership list, and email list.
   
   60 volunteer hours

5. On March 7, 2020, the **Exeter Area GFWC Fundraising and Membership Committee** members volunteered to assist with the Boston Bruins Alumni hockey game held at The Rinks at Exeter to benefit the Friends of Exeter Recreation. The Fundraising Committee raffled off a backpack containing sports items from New England professional sports teams including the NH Fisher Cats and 2 passes for skating/skate rental at The Rinks at Exeter. Profit in the amount of $145 from the raffle was donated to The Friends of Exeter Recreation. Members also assisted the Friends of Exeter Recreation by selling 50/50 Raffle tickets. **The committee made sure the free standing GFWC Club banner was set up next to their table.** The club’s name was announced as to the raffle that was being held.
   
   6 members 24 volunteer hours $72.38 dollars spent, $145.00 dollars donated $130 In Kind donations

6. **Two GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club** members were recognized as ten year and charter members with GFWC pins. Members wear their pins to GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club events and meetings to bring awareness of GFWC.
   
   14 members 20 Hours $20 in kind donations
7. The GFWC Hudson Woman’s Club met in person at the Rodgers Library until March. We then purchased a three-month Zoom membership for $45, which we thought was surely enough to get us through the pandemic! By summer, when a $99 one year membership in Zoom was offered, we took it, and are still meeting via zoom. The Zoom platform has also worked well for Executive Committee meetings and occasional other times when a small group needed to work together. 
33 members  260 volunteer hours  $144.00 dollars spent

8. The GFWC Hudson Women’s Club purchased a stand up banner, which was displayed at events such as bake sales at town deliberative sessions, rabies clinic, and voter registration day. This banner as well placed next to the display during Women's History month at the library. 
33 members  4 volunteer hours  $144.00 spent

9. On 1/15/20 1 member attended the Chamber of Commerce (COC) Women’s Circle meeting. This group is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and invite women to join Exeter Area GFWC. The meeting was held at the Sea Dog Restaurant hosted by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce. Unfortunately the group only met once in 2020 due to Covid. It was a great way to network with businesswomen in our area since 2019. 
1 member 1.5 volunteer hours

10. Two members of the GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club managed and updated their Face book including: postings of photos, events, club meetings, and information and volunteer opportunities. They also shared GFWC-NH news and posts and GFWC News and Notes. Facebook was especially useful during Covid restrictions when members were not able to meet in person. 
2 members 320 volunteer hour’s $20 In Kind Donation

Totals:

# of Projects: 47  # of Hours: 885  $ Spent: $5,881.00

Submitted by: Carol Waters

GFWC NH Communications & Public Relations
Club Creativity Award Entry 2020

The GFWC Pembroke Woman’s Club Members assisted the Pembroke Fire Department with the publicity of the Fire Engine Ladder going through Pembroke with Santa. It was done this way to avoid large crowds at risk of Covid. They used posters in local libraries, local businesses and restaurants. They also utilized Facebook. Word of mouth worked well in this small community.

The route was distributed so parents would be aware when Santa was coming to their neighborhood. The women volunteered 4 hrs. to help publicize that Santa was visiting, when and where.
2020 GFWC-NH Leadership Top Ten

Leadership in 2020, despite the pandemic it has been a very active year. There were 8 clubs reporting for Leadership. Many of the club women serve locally, state and international levels. I have chosen the following clubs to highlight this year. In no particular order:

1) GFWC NH Candia Women’s Club- They supported The Future Farmers of America and supported a student who attended a leadership training event.

   Members: 26 Hours 0.5 Hours  Donated $100.00

2) GFWC NH Hudson Women’s Club- Donated to the Alvirne High School LEO Club-Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. The LEO Club had assisted with the GFWC Hudson Women’s Club craft fair. GFWC Hudson WC also has a member that serves on the International Liaison Committee.

   Members: 33 Hour 1 Donated: $100.00 Donated

3) A Clubwomen, from the GFWC Hudson Women’s Club, Phyllis Appler, serves on the 2020-2022 GFWC International Liaison Committee. She has helped mentor clubs in different parts of the world. With GFWC Convention cancelled, she attended zoom meetings with other members of the committee. She met virtually with presidents from Aruba, Brazil, Belize, Taiwan, and other places, often requiring an interesting juggling of time zones so they could meet.

   Members: 1 Hours: 10  Dollars: 0

4) In the new world of Covid-19, clubs had to get creative in celebrating important events. GFWC NH Women’s Club of Somersworth celebrated the installation of new officers by socially distancing and a Bring Your Own Lunch event, at The Pines, a park in their town that has a lovely covered pavilion. They gathered at the picnic tables to socialize and participate in the installation of their new officers. The GFWC NH Seacoast District Director, Donna Maskwa performed the install in a flowered theme ceremony. Each officer received a flower representing the duties of their office.

   Members: 7 Hours: 20  Dollars: 0 In Kind: $40

5) GFWC NH Dover Women’s Club celebrated their 10th anniversary. Dover has an amazing founder and current co-president! They handmade card with a 10 year anniversary design was given to each member. Birthday goody bags with noisemakers, pocket datebooks, bubbles, smiles stickers and birthday bead necklaces were given to all members. Each member shared a favorite club memory. Laura Otterson, founder, was presented with a bouquet of fall flowers.

   Members: 14 Hours: 18 Dollars: 0 In Kind: $44.00

6) Clubwomen in leadership positions, is what can be said about these members of the GFWC NH Exeter Area. This club has members who serve: as GFWC Civil Engagement Chairman and GFWC NH Recording Secretary, Nancy Greenberg, GFWC New England Region Treasurer, Carol Waters, GFWC NH President, Jeanne O’Sullivan, GFWC NH Vice President and NER Nomination Committee member, Denise Raisanen and GFWC NH Treasurer, Pam Conary. They have attended in person meeting prior to March 13,
2020 and virtual meetings throughout the remainder of 2020 including: GFWC virtual meetings, GFWC New England Region Conference, NH state meetings including Executive Board meetings.

Members: 5 Hours: 200 Dollars: 0

7) The GFWC NH Vice President worked with the state Community Service Program and Advancement Area Chairman to prepare and present a Powerpoint presentation at the virtual GFWC NH Fall Field Meeting. The presentation was also made available to clubs to present.

Members: 60 Hours: 10 Dollars: 0

8) GFWC NH Concord Contemporary Club made a very nice donation to the Presidents 125th anniversary project. Members have attended NER as well as participating in local club meetings.

Members: 21 Hours: 1 Dollars: $275

9) Two clubwomen from the GFWC NH Leadership Club planned and organized a GFWC NH LEADS Seminar to be held virtually. One club member also serves as the GFWC NH Seacoast District Director. Although the seminar did not take place, the club remains vigilant in ways to keep clubs engaged and active during these odd years.

Members: 2 Hours: 15 Donated: 0

10) GFWC New Hampshire supported GFWC Federation through donates made to the Million Dollar Club and gift to the GFWC Building fund.

Members: 752 Hours: 2 Dollars Donated: $700

TOTALS: # Projects: 64 Volunteer Hours: 1089 Dollars Spent: $1930

GFWC NH LEADERSHIP

2020 Club Creativity Award

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club did not let Covid-19 stop them from gathering for their 10th Anniversary Celebration. They held their celebration outside at a local park. Clubwomen sat socially distanced. Each Clubwoman received a handmade card with a 10 year anniversary design. Clubwoman also received a birthday bag with noisemaker, pocket datebook, bubbles, smiles stickers and birthday bead necklace. Co-President and Founder Laura Otterson was recognized for her leadership with a bouquet of fall flowers. Clubwomen were asked to share their favorite Club memory. Photos of the event were taken and posted on the clubs website and Facebook.

Hours: 18 Dollars donated: $0.00 Dollars spent: $0.00 In-Kind Donations: $44.00
GFWC-New Hampshire Chairman Laurie Jasper’s Report
Legislation and Public Policy 2020 Top Ten

TOTALS: Hours, 22; dollars donated 0; In kind donations $10; Members 19

Top Ten Projects: There were only three entries submitted in total.

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GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club received legislation information though the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Information was shared with members about bills to support throughout the year. Members acted and supported these bills. In total, 14 members spent 15 hours, and $10 in in-kind donations.

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Four members of the GFWC Hudson Women’s Club spent six hours contacting their U.S. Senators to urge them to support The Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act (EARN IT Act). Members urged the Senate to pass the EARN IT Act, S. 3398, which revises the legal framework governing the prevention of online sexual exploitation of children by removing liability protections for tech companies related to child sexual abuse materials. From the GFWC Legislative Action Center page:

"The bill would remove the industry’s liability protection shield for third-party content regarding child exploitation, by allowing for state civil and criminal lawsuits, as well as federal civil lawsuits, if companies advertise, promote, distribute, or solicit child sexual abuse material. There is precedent. In 2018, Congress removed tech companies’ liability for facilitating sex trafficking on online platforms."

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GFWC NH Hudson Women’s Club also had one member spend one hour contacting NH Senator Jeanne Shaheen to urge support on various legislation involving assistance for American families to defend against hunger and food insecurities. She received a reply from the Senator.
GFWC New Hampshire 2020 Legislation and Public Policy

Club Creativity Award

By Chairman Laurie Jasper

Creativity Award Winner: Tie between Hudson Club and Dover Club; Action Center Work

I decided to call this category a tie, but not because the projects were so incredible that I could not possibly choose. Rather, it is because only two New Hampshire Clubs reported in this category this year and their statistics and work were very similar.

1. Dover Area Club LAC
   Hours 15  $ donated 0  In kind $10  Members 14

GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club received legislation information though the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Information was shared with members about bills to support throughout the year. Members acted and supported these bills. In total, 14 members spent 15 hours, and $10 in in-kind donations.

2. Hudson Club EARN IT Act
   Hours 6  $ donated 0  In Kind 0  Members 4

Four members of the GFWC Hudson Women’s Club spent six hours contacting their U.S. Senators to urge them to support The Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act (EARN IT Act). Members urged the Senate to pass the EARN IT Act, S. 3398, which revises the legal framework governing the prevention of online sexual exploitation of children by removing liability protections for tech companies related to child sexual abuse materials. From the GFWC Legislative Action Center page:

"The bill would remove the industry’s liability protection shield for third-party content regarding child exploitation, by allowing for state civil and criminal lawsuits, as well as federal civil lawsuits, if companies advertise, promote, distribute, or solicit child sexual abuse material. There is precedent. In 2018, Congress removed tech companies' liability for facilitating sex trafficking on online platforms."

3. Hudson Club Contact Senator
   Hours 1  $ donated 0  In Kind 0  Members 1

GFWC NH Hudson Women’s Club also had one member spend one hour contacting NH Senator Jeanne Shaheen to urge support on various legislation involving assistance for American families to defend against hunger and food insecurities. She received a reply from the Senator.
New Hampshire State Entry Award for MEMBERSHIP – 10 Projects Descriptions

1. Unique Members-fundraiser: GFWC Hudson Women's Club
   **Hours: 3; Donated $625; Members 11 participating:**
   With many fundraising projects cancelled due to COVID 19 this small club voted to ask members to give a *free will* cash offering to the club from money that members would usually spend on: supplies for baking or preparing dinner at election day, preparing meals for Ash Street shelter, or bringing snacks for their monthly meetings. The club collected $625.00 to donate to other projects.

2. Martini (Mar “tea” ni) Night Social: Exeter Area GFWC
   **Hours 268; Donated $75 ; Members 12 participating:**
   This Club added fun to an annual fund raiser which enlists the support of its membership committee. The fun of the evening attracts attendees who are new to GFWC and raises awareness for GFWC Projects. This year’s theme was organized to raise awareness for Heart Health. Yummy martinis and non-alcoholic beverages were served at info stations. The membership aspect of this project was due to the efforts of the membership committee’s assistance with planning, their outreach to new attendees and the appeal of this successful event to the public which creates an interest in club membership.

3. Club Presidents Project "Getting Connected": Salem Area Woman's Club-GFWC New Hampshire
   **Hours 268.00; Donated $3275.00; Members 20 participating:**
   This club’s President chose a theme for her administration, “Getting Connected” and then focused all of her club’s members to find new ways to stay connected during COVID. The average age of the membership of this club is about 75 years but technology and old fashioned letter writing were predominant in all the club’s activities this year. This connection also directly resulted in getting at least two new members and the possibility of a third to join the club. According to the President, “...you never know what happens when you are “Getting Connected”... a theme for Membership, GFWC Salem Awareness and Community Participation!”

4. Jeopardy 101: GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club:
   **Hours 30; Donated $5; Members 8 participating:**
   At the Club’s January / Kick off 2020 Meeting the board brought “Vanna White” and “Alex Trebek” from Jeopardy (“a.k.a. members”) to entertain. A special game board with questions and answers was developed by members. Members were divided into two teams, awarded money as the game was played, and a winner was at the end. Some of the categories included: Super women of GFWC, potpourri and silly projects/ serious goals. The club used GFWC projects, history of GFWC and the Club and had some silly ones too. It was a creative fun way to have new members learn about GFWC and for current members a review. This may become an annual project.

5. Newsletter: GFWC Concord Contemporary Club:
   **Hours 25; Donated $0; Members 1 participating:**
   A member puts together our monthly newsletter to keep all of the members informed as to the happening of the club. She collects information from the Service Project chairman as well as the club officers to include in the newsletter.
6. September Installation: GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club:
**Hours 32; Donated $45; Members 14 participating:** Thinking outside of the box, due to COVID this club held it’s September 2020 installation outside within an “outside cafe” setting. The installation of 2020-2022 officers was COVID distanced, complete with masks and performed by Carol Water and Beth Roth, GFWC-NH representatives. A Club Collect theme was used for the installation and two members were presented with ten year pins. The Membership Committee shared information from "Hats Off" Webinar Membership folders were compiled by Co-Presidents and given to all members present including three prospective ones. All taking place with public “walk by traffic” taking notice of the membership participation, the ceremony and the club banner!

7. Member Retention: Salem Area Woman's Club-GFWC New Hampshire:
**Hours 0.5; Donated $0.00; Members 55 participating:**
Salem Area Woman’s Club GFWC-NH has been very successful in retaining members, this year even though COVID has made it impossible to meet on a regular basis. As incentive: they offered a one-time discounted annual dues to members that renewed during the fall.

8. COVID-19 Tech Solutions: Candia Community Woman’s Club:
**Hours 1; Donated $220.00; Members 1 participating:**
The CCWC volunteers have still been very active this year with the COVID-19 pandemic. They were able to support their club by purchasing Zoom so they were still able to hold monthly meetings and any committee meetings. CCWC also purchased a cell phone and made their service community aware that the Club was available for the community at any time, on demand for any services that may need from the Club’s Food Pantry.

9. Christmas Cookie Swap: Women’s Club of Somersworth:
**Hours 22; Donated $0.00; Members 6 participating:**
A Christmas cookie swap is a long standing tradition with the Woman’s Club of Somersworth. Covid-19 was not going to keep them from their delicious tradition this year so each participating member baked and portioned cookies into individual bags for sharing. They met in the church parking on a cold Friday before Christmas. Cookies were placed on a table set up in the center along with hot cocoa and then members safely approached the table one by one to retrieve the sweets and a hot beverage. The Club reports that they enjoyed their brief time together before heading home in their warm cars! Members also delivered cookies to two of their members who are house bound.

10. Club Membership Meetings: Exeter Area GFWC:
**Hours 25; Donated $0.00; Members 6 participating:**
This club has formed a membership committee of 7 Clubwomen who served from January -June 2020 and 6 Clubwomen who were on the committee from July-December 2020. The co-chairmen were both new members and held meetings throughout the year. This committee was also instrumental in assisting their club with coordinating their very successful Martini (Mar “tea” ni) Night Social which was mentioned earlier in this report.
Salem Area Woman’s Club-GFWC New Hampshire  Hours 36; Donated $3275; Members 12; President: Dolores VanBlarcom

This club’s President chose a theme for her administration, “Getting Connected” (a theme is not usually selected on the club level). She then focused all of her club’s activities so to find new ways to stay connected during COVID-19. The average age of the members of this club is about 75 years but technology and old fashioned letter writing were predominant in all the club’s activities this year. The President continued the “mantra” of “Getting Connected” and the membership responded by marching forward with: “Getting Connected” by having their club’s first ever - election by mail. “Getting Connected” through weekly emails, bi-monthly Zoom chats, cards and notes, personal visits and phone calls, emails and Facebook helped their members “Connect” with this club president and her team-no member was left behind.

The theme was broadened throughout the community where, cards were written, gathered, and delivered for all 85 residents of Salem Haven Nursing Home, letting seniors know that they are connected to a great community and the GFWC Clubwomen care. Letting other community members know that they are “Getting Connected” the clubwomen address over an additional 100 Christmas cards and sent them with hand-made paper “Hugs across the way” to local nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and senior housing as their connection project for the fall/winter.

“Getting Connected” with the younger sector of their community, these clubwomen congratulated their “other seniors” the Salem High School graduating seniors, by sending cards and a small gift to each of the 290 graduates and posting their individual picture lawn signs in front of the High School on graduation day. (of course, the GFWC name and logo was printed on each sign and one member paid $3000 for the signs to be made). These signs remained up for a week! The community, parents and students were thankful for the GFWC-Salem Connection! “Getting Connected” with nurses, teachers, seniors, nursing home staff, wait staff and anyone wearing a mask for extended periods of time were gifted and sent headbands hand made by our members. Buttons were sewed on each side to relieve the pressure on their ears. This connection also resulted in getting two new members and the possibility of a third.

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The community connections that this theme made was limitless!
1. **GFWC Wilton/Lyndeborough Women’s Club.** When Covid-19 hit people were furloughed from their jobs and many were in dire financial predicaments. Club members wanted their communities to know they were not alone. Communities were hit the hardest in the months of April through June. The club rallied together to solicit donations and had phenomenal success.  
*Dollars Raised ($42,949.00) Volunteer Hours (7,800)*

2. **Candia Community Woman’s Club** held their annual ‘Its in the Bag’ fundraiser. CCWC members sold tickets to friends, family but event had to be held virtually on Facebook due to the pandemic. It was still a fun-filled night enjoying games and many fun prizes were given out. Pocketbooks were a huge hit as they were filled with so many goodies! $5,000 was donated to the NH Coalition of Domestic and Sexual Violence.  
*Dollars Raised ($7,400.00) Volunteer Hours (52)*

3. **GFWC Wilton/Lyndeborough Women’s Club** held their annual Christmas Families event. They put up two Christmas trees filled with gift tags that include gifts that the children and families in need have asked for. This year, with their fundraising efforts, they were able to provide gifts for 45 families with 119 children from infant to seniors in high school.  
*Dollars Raised ($6,705.00) Volunteer Hours (148)*

4. **Hollis Woman’s Club** held their annual Santa Visit fundraiser. The Santa visit was moved online with families signing up for visiting with Santa. Santa was able to spend time on each visit allowing the formation of more Goodwill in Hollis’s virtual space.  
*Dollars Raised ($300.00) Volunteer Hours (50)*

5. **GFWC NH Leadership Club** sold donated jewelry at the Mid-Winter meeting in 2020. The club President had the jewelry appraised, set up a beautiful display at the meeting for members to bid on as a silent auction. The funds raised benefited the GFWC NH’s LEADS candidate to assist with expenses for the GFWC convention.  
*Dollars Raised ($234.00) Volunteer Hours (12)*

6. **Portsmouth Women’s City Club** held a Fall Plant Sale, which benefited their scholarship fund.  
*Dollars Raised ($2,000.00) Volunteer Hours (123.5)*

7. **The Salem Area Woman’s Club** members continue to coordinate Charitable Gaming with their club and GFWC-NH. This very successful project equally shares financial gains of 10 games a year (We were fortunate to be able to get in 8 of our 10 days because of the Covid pandemic). Since gaming is held in the town of Salem; Salem Club women are involved in every assigned game. These proceeds will greatly enhance GFWC-NH and Salem Area Woman’s Club local, state, national and international outreach in all GFWC projects and beyond.  
*Dollars Raised ($29,705.80) Volunteer Hours (4)*

8. **Exeter Area GFWC** participated in the NH Charitable Gaming in Seabrook NH , for a five day period in the summer. EAGFWC received 35% of the daily gaming profits for those five days.  
*Dollars Raised ($22,403.83) Volunteer Hours (15)*
9. Brookline Women's Club hosted a Valentine's Day Father-Daughter dance at the local town hall, complete with snacks, decorations and a DJ.
Dollars Raised ($1,287.00) Volunteer Hours (20)

10. Concord Contemporary Club participated in the NH Charitable Gaming in Concord, NH.
Dollars Raised ($3,100.00) Volunteer Hours (7)

Totals: 24 Projects 8,608 Hours 139,335 Dollars Raised

Submitted by: Tina Smith

GFWC-NH Fundraising & Development 2020 Creativity Award

WILTON/LYNDEBOROUGH WOMEN'S CLUB

When Covid-19 hit, people were furloughed from their jobs and many were in dire financial predicaments. Club members wanted their communities to know they were not alone. Their communities were hit the hardest in the months of April through June 2020. Members rallied together to solicit donations and had phenomenal success! 80+ volunteers accomplished the following: Delivered weekly groceries to 147 people from 60 families for a total of 306 grocery deliveries; Delivered weekly meals of dinner, lunch, and soup to 65 seniors from 122 families for a total of 795 deliveries; Gave gift certificates from local restaurants to 202 people from 98 families; Donated 2000+ masks to the community (material and sewing talents donated by volunteers); and assembled and delivered 171 "Thank You" Baskets to their front line workers (DPW, Police, Fire, and Daycare workers). In addition, they collected hundreds of food and other donations from the community; local restaurants and businesses donated food; local churches, businesses, and town facilities donated space for collection and assembling of donations, and refrigeration; it is too numerous to mention all of the different donations received. Club members collected the jaw dropping amount of $42,949.00 in cash donations and the club donated $1,000.00, far surpassing expectations. Any leftover money will be used if the pandemic causes more hardship on citizens in the future. They ended the Lyndeborough/Wilton Cares program at the end of June when the need ended. For 13 weeks they took care of their communities and provided services to some of the most vulnerable residents, keeping them safe, fed, and connected which is what the club is here for.

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2020 GFWC-NH Women’s History & Resource Center Top Ten

1. Three members from GFWC Hudson Women’s Club watched the GFWC Holiday Reception Webinar and saw GFWC Headquarters all dressed for Christmas. They learned to make luminaries from pineapples, and one member made two luminaries to use in a church Christmas display! Thank you GFWC. **Hours: 4 Members: 3 Dollars: 0**

2. **GFWC Hudson Women’s Club** decided that since GFWC Convention did not happen this year, she would donate to the GFWC Campaign for the Future instead of paying airfare and hotel and registration costs for Convention. She donated in the name of the GFWC Hudson Women’s Club. **Hours: 1 Members: 1 Dollars donated: $1000**

3. **GFWC Hudson Women’s Club** and individual members of the club purchased items during the past year for a Women’s History/Women’s Suffrage kit for the children’s room at the local library. In August, to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment, they set up a Suffragist Display using the items from the kit. Some of the items included "Votes for Women" flash cards, a set of blocks picturing those active in the Suffragist movement, several biographies for young people about Susan B. Anthony, the "How Women Won the Vote" coloring book, a child size version of a Suffragist costume, including the "Votes for Women" sash, and other books about women and the vote. **Hours: 12 Members: 33 Dollars donated: $129**

4. **GFWC Hudson Women’s Clubwomen** including GFWC NH Legislation and Policy Chairman, Laurie Jasper, organized the General Federation of Women’s Clubs New Hampshire (GFWC NH) commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 2020. Clubwomen planned many activities and events throughout the year to celebrate 100 years since women received the right to vote. Unfortunately, the COVID19 pandemic forced cancellation of most plans.

   Hudson Club member Laurie Jasper, who is also State Chairman of Legislation and Public Policy, organized an outdoor event hosted by GFWC NH, adhering to COVID19 safety guidelines, including wearing masks and social distancing, at the NH State House on August 26, 2020.

   The event included keynote from NH Governor and a letter from US Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

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   The event received publicity from various newspapers and New Hampshire Public Radio. All attendants enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, gathering in tribute to strong women who led the way. For some, it was the first time they'd attended any event since COVID19 forced our normal ways of life to change back in March. There was a wonderful spirit of unity. We also received interest in joining GFWC from some state legislators. **Hours: 50 Members: 4**

5. **GFWC Hudson Women’s Club** - The GFWC Hudson Women’s Club joined the WHRC at the $100 patron level. **Hours: 1 Members: 33 Dollars donated: $100**

6. **General Federation of Women’s Clubs New Hampshire (GFWC NH)** hosted a commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 2020. GFWC NH had planned many activities and events throughout the year to celebrate 100 years since women received the right to vote. Unfortunately, the COVID19 pandemic forced cancellation of most plans. However, several members thought the date too important not to recognize. On a beautiful
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The event was covered by local newspapers and NH Public Radio. GFWC NH members borrowed a bit of the suffragists’ “can do” attitude and were incredibly pleased with the success of the event. **Hours:** 250  **Members:** 50  **Dollars donated:** 0  **Dollars spent:** $50  **In-Kind Donations:** $300

7. **GFWC Concord Contemporary Club**- Members participated in the celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment in front of the NH State Capital. Governor Chris Sununu spoke to the group.  **Hours:** 6  **Members:** 3  **Dollars donated:** 0

8. **GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club**- members attended the GFWC Holiday Reception Seminar. This reception was held at the GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC. GFWC Headquarters is a National Historic Landmark that was purchased in 1922. The Holiday Reception was hosted by our GFWC International President Marian St.Clair. A tour and history of the residence was given. The colorful and magnificent Holiday decorations were described including the tree with ornaments from each state. A link was send to attendees who wanted to view the Holiday Seminar again.  **Hours:** 6  **Members:** 3  **Dollars donated:** 0

9. **GFWC Woman’s Club of Somersworth**- raised a flag near Somersworth City Hall and celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in the United States. Although a larger event had been planned, Covid-19 restrictions capped our participation at 12 members and 10 guests. Mayor Dana Hilliard and Past-President Sue McCoy spoke to the occasion. Members dressed in white to honor our sisters who fought for our right. As Sue McCoy and member Claudette Mahar raised the flag many passing motorists honked in support.  **Hours:** 20  **Members:** 12  **Dollars donated:** 0  **Dollars spent:** $12

10. **GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club** members attended a Suffragist Exhibit at the Woodman Museum in Dover. Dover Suffragist, Marilla Ricker, was spot lighted in the informational Fosters article. Memorabilia from the Suffragist Movement was artfully displayed. Items included in the exhibit were articles from newspapers, Suffragist buttons, dresses, maps, banners, letters from Marilla Ricker to Dover selectman and much more. Our tour guide, who was an older Dover resident, shared a wealth of knowledge. Photos were taken and shared on Facebook.  **Hours:** 4  **Members:** 2  **Dollars donated:** 0  **Dollars spent:** 0  **In-Kind Donations:** $20

**TOTALS:**  **Projects:** 15  **Hours:** 493  **$ donated:** $1229  **$ Spent:** $62  **In Kind:** $ 440

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Laurie Jasper shared, “As I look out among all of you, and see many familiar faces, I see the faces of women who would have joined in the suffrage movement. I also see women such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony standing shoulder to shoulder with all of you. Today, we honor all who worked for women’s right to vote... from the first women’s rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York in July 1848 to 1920, and beyond. She quoted the late Senator John McCain, “Nothing in life is more liberating than to fight for a cause larger than yourself, something that encompasses you, but is not defined by your existence alone,” said Jasper. Anne’s Country Florals of Hudson, NH donated 100 yellow roses for the occasion.

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Submitted by: Denise Raisanen
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   Hours: 1 Members: 5

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**GFWC-NH ESO**
2020 GFWC-NH Club Creativity Award
Mary McGahan, Chairman

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