

2022 GFWC Top Projects

Every year, GFWC recognizes clubs for projects that demonstrate excellence and stand out as an example to other clubs within the GFWC Special Programs, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Plans.

The Top 10 Projects selected by the GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan Chairmen were comprised of 2022 State Award Entries and Club Creativity Award Entries submitted by state chairmen.

Special note from GFWC-NH:
Projects highlighted in green are projects submitted by GFWC-NH Clubs and selected by our GFWC-NH Chairmen for the 2022 Reporting period.

HAPPY READING!

Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Keep Our Girls Safe at College

GFWC California – GFWC Oak View Women’s Club

Safety kits for High School seniors leaving for college. The college safety kits included personal alarms and door and window alarms for dorm room personal safety, and two pamphlets were included in each kit: one with teen dating and the second with the CFWC College Safety pamphlet. Everything was placed in a clear plastic zippered bag. Over two hundred kits were distributed to college freshman students at several local Universities. The Club also used social media, bulletin boards, word-of-mouth, and all they could think of to get the kits to their local seniors heading to college.

Flashlights for Domestic Violence Victims

GFWC Delaware – GFWC Past Presidents Club

This project collects and distributes small flashlights to shelters and organizations that work with victims of Domestic Violence, including Human Trafficking. When the victims decide to escape their circumstances, it is often in the middle of the night, and they leave quickly and with no time to pack items. Small flashlights can easily fit in your pocket. The flashlight allows a person to see hazards and street signs. The flashlights were donated to three nonprofit organizations in the county.

Movie Night

GFWC Florida – GFWC Lake Shore Woman’s Club

Movie night with popcorn? Sounds great, doesn’t it? However, this club’s choice of movies depicted domestic violence in many areas. Movies shown were, The Guardians (systemic abuse of the elderly), Sleeping with the Enemy (spousal abuse), Gaslight (spousal abuse), The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (nanny abuse), and Monster-in-Law (mother-in-law abuse), After watching these, a booklet depicting the symptoms of domestic violence and sexual assault was developed and distributed so that attendees could recognize who may be a victim and provide ideas for action for those in need.

Red Rover Program

GFWC Florida – GFWC Rotonda West Women’s Club

The club showed great creativity by embracing the Ralston Purple Leash Program, discovered by a sister program called Red Rover Program. Domestic violence victims often do not leave their homes due to pets in the house. The objective of this club was to aid families in moving forward to safety. Rotonda West negotiated a partnership between Suncoast Humane and the Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary to assist Suncoast Humane with a temporary shelter for small pets such as cats, rabbits, and hamsters. They were able to support donations to Suncoast Humane and E.A.R.S. for support of the Red Rover Program by sponsoring the 2022 Furry Scurry in February.

Angel Shot Posters

GFWC Illinois – GFWC Morris Woman’s Club

Members contacted every restaurant and bar in the area that sells liquor to patrons to offer them “Angel Shot” poster(s) to put in their women’s restrooms. The posters alert women who need help due to abuse or unwanted advances that there is help available for them with instructions to go to the server/bartender and ask for an angel shot neat (Needs an escort to their car), angel shot dressed (call an Uber or Lift), or angel shot with lime, (call the police). The posters were printed on card stock, and laminated. Cheat sheets were made with the shot types and meanings to go behind the bar as a reference for the servers/bartenders.

Wear a Pair, Bring a Pair

GFWC Maine – GFWC Semper Fidelis

This project collaborated with Skowhegan Main Street’s weekend-long “Sko- Who ville” holiday celebration. The public event was held at a popular local wine bar, and it was requested that attendees come wearing their pajamas and bring a children’s pair, along with a stuffed animal to donate to the local Family Violence Shelter. With the generosity of their community, GFWC Semper Fidelis collected 104 pairs of children’s pajamas, five pairs of adult pajamas, ten pairs of warm fuzzy socks, and thirty-two stuffed animals. And Tips! – totaling \$200.

The Ornament Project

GFWC New Mexico – GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces

The Ornament Project, on behalf of La Casa, Inc., their local Domestic Violence shelter, not only raised \$2,875 but also reflected almost two hundred volunteer hours alone. The members designed and created ornaments to coincide with 125 mystery envelopes for the three-day-long 31st Annual La Casa Holiday Bazaar. The ornaments were sold with mystery envelopes containing gift certificates to vendors of the event as well as local establishments. The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces has been participating in this project and hosting the Santa Surprise booth for over ten years, and it has become a club-wide tradition to participate in the Bazaar.

Fill the Cracks with Hope

GFWC Pennsylvania – GFWC Town and Country Woman’s Club

In January, members were given a zip-lock baggie filled with red sand. Four members took the bags outside and filled cracks in the sidewalk, so no men, women, or children could fall through the cracks into human trafficking. Part 2 of this project was called “Red Sand Day” and involved filling the cracks in three separate neighborhoods.

PJ & Pearls Brunch

GFWC South Carolina – GFWC Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville

Members invited their family and friends to a beautifully prepared brunch. Attendees were encouraged to wear their PJs & Pearls. The Brunch included music and an inspirational program. The representative and guest speaker were from the local Children’s Advocacy Center and was presented with a check from the proceeds.

Put a Nail in It

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Women’s Club of Hendersonville

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, GFWC Women’s Club of Hendersonville members were encouraged to wear purple and to paint a nail purple. When asked by friends why they have one nail painted purple, members could share about the impact of domestic violence and increase awareness of this problem in their community.

Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

Girls on the Run

GFWC Colorado – GFWC Southwest Region Women's Club

The club collaborated with Girls on the Run, a nonprofit program for girls in grades three to eight. The program aims to develop and enhance girls' social, psychological, and physical competencies to navigate life experiences successfully. The girls develop competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, and contribution through lessons that incorporate running and other physical activities. Club members donated athletic shoes, socks, headbands, hair spray, hair chalk, and pens.

Washcloth Teddy Bears

GFWC Georgia – GFWC Vienna Woman's Club

The Washcloth Teddy Bears project ties creative challenges to random door prizes at their monthly meetings. At a meeting, a set of twelve washcloths was the "prize," and the challenge was to create a hands-on project for their next club meeting. As Foster Care Month is in May, the research resulted in ways to creatively use washcloths to help foster children. Each member brought twelve washcloths and learned to craft them into cloth teddy bears. The finished teddy bears were delivered to the Department of Family and Children's Services office for distribution to foster children.

Christmas Stockings

GFWC Illinois – GFWC Coal City Junior Woman's Club

The club received names of children within the foster care system in Grundy County, IL, and members designed seventy-five holiday stockings personalized with the child's name. The members stuffed the stockings with donated candy and small toys they had collected and provided an ornament for each child. The stockings and ornaments were given to CASA to distribute.

Supporting Youth Oasis

GFWC Louisiana – GFWC Literary & Civic Club

Youth Oasis is a facility for at-risk youth aged 10 to 17, placed by court order for their protection. With twenty-five young people in residence, club members helped them celebrate Valentine's Day with cards, candy, and fresh fruit. At Easter, club members decorate cupcakes. For July 4th, watermelon and picnic fixings were supplied. At Halloween, club members delivered two bags of apples and candy. During holiday time, twenty-five stockings filled with candy and a \$25 gift card from Walmart were delivered to the residents.

The Smile Project

GFWC Mississippi – GFWC-MFWC Decatur Progressive Woman's Club

Created by the club, The Smile Project, in honor of MFWC's partnership with GFWC Affiliate Organization Operation Smile. The project aimed to collect toothbrushes and toothpaste for local underprivileged children. The club held a BUNCO fundraising event and asked attendees

to donate items. Club members donated items, and the club collaborated with a local dentist who donated \$100 of toothbrushes and toothpaste. Club officers delivered the items to school nurses at the county schools for distribution to children.

Auction to Benefit GFWC Missouri Girls Town

GFWC Missouri – GFWC Woman’s Club of Ste. Genevieve

At its November meeting, members arrived at the DuBourg Center laden with gifts, grab bags, delicious treats, cash donations, and more, all to be auctioned off with funds to GFWC Missouri Girls Town (MGT). GFWC Missouri Girls Town provides a home for abused and neglected girls referred to by the GFWC Missouri Division of Family Services, the Department of Mental Health, or the juvenile courts.

Pajama Drive

GFWC Nevada – GFWC Mesquite Club of Las Vegas

The club held a pajama drive in connection with their Annual Holiday Luncheon. Each member and guest were asked to bring sets of pajamas for children at St. Jude’s Ranch in Henderson, GFWC Nevada. For 50 years, St. Jude’s Ranch has provided a safe, nurturing home with therapeutic residential treatment services to thousands of abused and neglected children in GFWC Nevada. Through the generosity of our members and guests, 149 pairs of children’s pajamas were collected at this event.

Big Smiles in Little Bags

GFWC New Hampshire – GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club

The club members partnered with End 68, a weekend food program for food insecure students. Members packed 120-200 food bags once a month, staffed a Saturday donation drop-off station, and helped unload food deliveries. Before vacation recess, members made small zipper treat bags to pack extra treats to bring smiles to the kids, and members painted Kindness Rocks for every kid. A local dentist donated toothbrushes/paste, and members purchased treats like candy, crayons, bookmarks to color, candy canes, seed packages, and cards to fit in the bag.

Recycled Jeans for a Head Start

GFWC Pennsylvania – GFWC Woman’s Club of Milton

The club created forty bags from recycled jeans using a cord donated from a local factory as drawstrings. The bags contained: a book, crayons, pencils, a tablet, an activity pad, a coloring book, a drawing pad, toothpaste, a toothbrush, a comb, shampoo, soap, lotion, and packets of cheese crackers, cookies, and a scarf made by a club member. A local dentist donated toothpaste and toothbrushes, and a local hotel donated shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion. The fronts of used holiday cards were used to write a short message and the club’s name to show who had donated the bags. They were delivered to the Head Start program.

Books to Shelves Project

GFWC South Carolina – GFWC Woman’s Club of Rock Hill

The club collaborated with The Sanctuary of Life Outreach Center (SOLO) to establish a reading program in the underserved areas of Rock Hill. The program promotes reading by students to achieve grade-level reading abilities by providing culturally relevant books for elementary and middle school reading levels. The books are placed in local businesses, and students can choose a book at their reading level rather than one determined to be at grade level. As they become more invested in reading, their proficiency can move toward achieving grade-level abilities. The club donated the bookshelves and books for three locations and is in the process of providing the bookshelf and books for a fourth location.

Arts and Culture Community Service Program

Pads for African Girls

GFWC Illinois – GFWC Wauconda Woman’s Club

The Wauconda Woman’s Club participated in the “Pads for African Girls Project.” Members cut, sewed, and assembled kits that contained washable, reusable sanitary pads. Access to sanitary products increases the likelihood that girls will continue their education. The club created fifty kits which contained three pads, one plastic bag for a used pad, one pair of panties, and an educational brochure, all packaged in a fabric pouch.

Creating Towel Elephants

GFWC Massachusetts – GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

The Arts and Culture Chairman demonstrated, during a business meeting, how to make elephants out of bath towels, hand towels, and face cloths—rolling tampons into the facecloths, which created the tail—then filling Ziplock bags with numerous items such as soaps, shampoo, combs, toothpaste, brush, razors, and lotions. When done, they were stitched together, and googly eyes and ribbons were added and made ready for donation.

Meals on Wheels Valentine Cards

GFWC Michigan – GFWC Big Rapids, Inc. Club

The GFWC Big Rapids, Inc. Club gathered around a large table to make Valentine’s Day cards. Members were asked to bring anything they had that could be used on the cards for decorations, and a total of 185 cards were created. They were delivered to shut-ins clients of the Meals on Wheels program for the county. Bringing a smile to faces on a chilly winter Valentine’s Day.

Christmas in a Small Town

GFWC Mississippi – GFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce

The GFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce designed and built a float with a “Christmas in a Small Town” theme to enter the annual Bruce Christmas Parade. The club promoted literacy and its charitable and volunteer acts by decorating the float with the accomplishments and activities the club participates in annually. This project brought awareness to their club and its efforts in their community in a creative way.

Time Capsule

GFWC Montana – GFWC Thompson Falls Women’s Club

After collecting historical documents and artifacts while preparing for its 100th Anniversary, they developed a Time Capsule with memorabilia. They placed the memorabilia in a metal container and hid it in the Jail Museum during its recent renovations to be found by future generations.

Quilts of Valor

GFWC New Hampshire – The GFWC Lisbon-Friends in Council

The Lisbon – Friends in Council worked on a quilt to donate to Quilt of Valor® (QOV), a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted to be awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says, “Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.” The Club was excited to make and donate the QOV to this beautiful charity.

Fall-O-Ween

GFWC New Jersey – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Verona

The Junior Woman’s Club of Verona joined the Township of Verona and the Verona Public Library to create a town festival called Fall-o-ween. The goal was a free event with a DJ, petting zoo, costume parade, pumpkin painting, inflatable entertainment, and goody bags for children to take home. The Juniors provided five hundred goody bags containing toys, trinkets, candy, and a club promotional flyer. They also provided volunteers to help with the costume parade.

Annual Remembrance of 9/11

GFWC New Mexico – GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces

The club donated an artistic replica of the Twin Towers. Artists painted the Towers with five hundred tiles of flowers to show the lives lost in 2001. Through invitation, elected and City personnel attended. The Club donated a framed flag flown over the U.S. Capitol to honor those lost and the heroes who died that day.

Community Service for the Arts

GFWC Oklahoma – GFWC Platonic Club of Cheyanne

The club supported the High School Drama Department by sewing, repairing, and remaking costumes for stage use in one of their season’s productions. The club also donated money to renovate the theater, restrooms, and kitchen area. This club also supports the annual Art Camp from the Metcalf Museum, and they helped decorate during the holidays with a lighted message by a club member.

Homemade Kitty Toys

GFWC Rhode Island – GFWC Bristol County Women’s Club

The club worked hard to provide for animals in their communities, creating fun toys for kitties at the Providence Animal Rescue League. 110 Colorful twisted pipe-cleaners; eighty bright bouncy cut-up and transformed toilet-paper rolls; and thirty-three fun “keep-away” cloth strips on a stick. The Club membership had fun making the toys, and the kitties loved playing with them.

Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

Streetside Showers

GFWC Florida – GFWC Viera Woman’s Club

Trying to help the homeless, GFWC Viera Woman’s Club reached out to Streetside Showers, an organization that provided a shower trailer to their area. Before this project, the homeless were bathing in the canal. Club members also collected socks, t-shirts, toiletries, and personal hygiene products. A collection box has been set up for continued support of this project.

Eye for Justice

GFWC Idaho – GFWC Idaho Boise Columbia Club

GFWC Idaho Boise Columbia Club held their meeting at the State Archives. They watched “An Eye for Justice,” which deals with the World War II Relocation Center in their town. All Japanese citizens in America were sent to these camps throughout WWII. The history was reviewed and presented to the club members.

Stuffed Bears

GFWC Indiana – GFWC Northwest Indiana Woman’s Club

GFWC Northwest Indiana Woman’s Club members cut and sew bears using colorful patterns. Members stuff, tie ribbons and send them on their journey to a child who is or has been impacted by an emergency or family crisis. The first responders, fire, and police have these bears available in their vehicles. “A young friend in need deserves a bear indeed.”

The “Brace” Closet

GFWC Maryland – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Pocomoke City

GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Pocomoke City assists the local high school with what is known as the “brace” closet. Injured high school athletes can sign out properly fitted items to rehab and continue therapy without financially burdening their families. Over 75% of their community does not have the funds to pay for these items new. The club also purchased athletic tape, compression sleeves, splints, and other items to make it easier.

Veteran’s Tombstone Cleaning

GFWC Mississippi – GFWC Mississippi Poplarville Woman’s Club

The GFWC Mississippi Poplarville Woman’s Club organized the Veteran’s Tombstone cleaning project and placed flags on the tombstones during Veterans Day. Researching the proper way to clean a tombstone and educating others was critical. Recommendations were shared from Arlington Cemetery. The event was advertised in their community. Working with the Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, high school students, and members, over 250 tombstones were cleaned, and flags were placed.

Cookies and the Yellow Dot Program

GFWC Nevada – GFWC Nevada Lamoille Women’s Club

GFWC Nevada Lamoille Women’s Club made fifteen trays of homemade baked cookies for the local Sheriff’s office, Police dispatch, ambulance office, Police Station, GFWC Nevada Highway Patrol, and several local fire departments. This has been an ongoing project since 1994. The local Sheriff has been known to show up, help deliver the goods, and give thanks. They also promote Yellow Dot, which shows first responders that the individual’s emergency information is available in the glove box.

Sock it to Me

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC of Holden Beach

GFWC North Carolina of Holden Beach initiated a sock collection for the homeless. “Sock it to Me” was advertised in many areas of social media, digital newsletters, and flyers. The Sock Tree was created, and over a two-month period, 183 pairs of socks for men, women, and children were collected. Socks were hung on the tree to bring awareness of the homeless population and the need for participation in helping those in need. Socks were also delivered to the shelter for the homeless and victims of domestic violence, foster care, and emergency youth shelter.

Welcome to Perry Sign

GFWC Oklahoma – GFWC Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Club of Perry

GFWC Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Club of Perry realized their town needed a “Welcome to Perry” sign. A homemade pie sale (generated huge donations) and a letter-writing campaign helped this project move forward. The members are preparing to dedicate the sign to the community with a GFWC presentation.

Girls Graduation Tea

GFWC Utah – GFWC Park City Athenaeum Club

All graduating senior girls and their moms are invited to the Girls Graduation Tea celebration. A picture booth is at the entrance, and food, drinks, and music are provided. The program starts with honoring one individual from the graduates. She has a certificate and personal recognition for her service and dedication to the community.

Royal Court

GFWC Washington – GFWC Camas Washougal Club

During Royal Court Camas Days, the GFWC Camas Washougal Club was the lead organization to host and sponsor the Royal Court to recognize Senior(s) for their outstanding community service. These are not High School Seniors; these are “seasoned” community members continuing to make a difference. A parade, luncheon, and crowning of the Court were part of the festivities presented by these club members. This year a former Mayor of Washougal was crowned.

Education and Libraries Community Service Program

Storybook Trail

GFWC Iowa – GFWC/Iowa Grangers Women’s Club

The GFWC/Iowa Grangers Women’s Club partnered with the Granger Public Library to display a series of published children’s picture books at a local park. The Storybook Trail focused on families with small children to enjoy nature and be entertained by reading books along the walk. The walk was 835 feet long, and each page of the story was separated by thirty-two feet. Pictures from the children’s book were installed along the path with the help of club members. As families stopped along the path, they were directed to the next page in the story. Pages frequently were accompanied by activities. Twenty-five stations were installed in the park.

Habitat for Humanity

GFWC Kentucky – GFWC Okolona Woman’s Club

Okolona Woman’s Club provided bookcases and age-appropriate books for each child in the families that received the Habitat Humanity homes. Additional community organizations contributed books to the project.

Worcester the City That Reads

GFWC Massachusetts – GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club

A retired school principal in Worcester, GFWC Massachusetts, was concerned about the number of students leaving school in June with no books at home to read and no access to the public library. GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club assisted in his mission to ensure that these students (preschool through Middle School) get at least one book to take home for summer reading. One club member took over collecting and delivering NJWC’s books. She placed a bin outside her home for the collection, visited library book sales, picked up books from members who could not get to her house, and delivered all the books to Worcester. The collection this year was a whopping 874 books!

Eagle Scout Project

GFWC New Hampshire – GFWC Greenland Women’s Club

GFWC Greenland Women’s Club has long supported those Scouts working on their Eagle Scout Project. This year they donated \$500 towards the Eagle Scout Project of Scout Max Murdach, who designed and built an outdoor pergola on the grounds of the Greenland Central School to be used as outdoor classroom space.

Adopt a Pet

GFWC New Jersey – GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Bellville

The Junior Woman’s Club of Bellville continued its “Adopt a Pet” reading initiative reaching 142 early readers. Each child could pick a stuffed animal to adopt and their own book to take home. They were asked to sign a “Certificate of Promise,” where they agreed to read to their

newly adopted pet for at least 20 minutes daily. The program extended to our local library, where the children were encouraged to bring their pets in to participate in picking new books or participating in library activities.

Story Walk

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC Greensboro Woman’s Club

Members of the GFWC Greensboro Woman’s Club created a mobile Story Walk which featured the book *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle. After much research and testing, club members determined that the best method for displaying the book was using portable signs for each page. Clear tape and lamination ensured the book pages were waterproof and easily visible. Each sign displayed a book and was placed a few yards apart on the library grounds. Children could walk or run from page to page, reading and reacting to the story as they moved along the path. A sign crediting the Greensboro Woman’s Club was included in the Story Walk. Over fifty-eight children participated during the first week of its installation. The Story Walk moved to fifteen locations for one-week intervals.

Library for Homeless Veterans

The Madeira’s Club, Inc. finished a library room at the Joseph House in 2022. They purchased a two-seater recliner, three bookcases, an area rug, and two lamps using an outside financial donation. The club continues to donate books. This gives the homeless veterans a room to relax and read and provides stress relief, which is important for their recovery.

Read Across America

GFWC Jubilee Woman’s Club (AL) created a YouTube channel where videos were uploaded to celebrate Read Across America Day. A local author donated copies of his book *Oscar’s Great Adventure*, which were then provided to local school libraries. Members recorded the book and the recording had 295 views. The club reached 328 schools with more than 6,000 students impacted by their online project.

Trunk or Treat

GFWC Pennsylvania – GFWC Curwensville Woman’s Club

The GFWC Curwensville Woman’s Club participated in the Trunk or Treat project hosted by the Curwensville Area School District. The club purchased more than 250 new books from Scholastic and some candy. Volunteers gave out traditional Halloween candy and literacy “treats” as every child received books, bookmarks, a new pencil, finger puppets, and a packet of Halloween reading and writing activities. Working with their community partners, nearly 1,000 children and their families walked away with new books and literacy tools to help support reading in their homes.

Scholarships for Veterans' Children

GFWC South Carolina – GFWC York County Woman's Club

GFWC York County Woman's Club provided four \$1500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend college whose parents are serving or have served in the U.S. Military. The club requested and received \$2000 from the GFWC-SC Progress Foundation to supplement our efforts. School counselors selected qualified students, and a committee of five club members met to decide on the recipients. The criteria were both need and good grades. In addition, an essay about their veteran parent(s) was required and carried great weight in our selections. Scholarship winners were honored at a meeting where they received a framed Progress Foundation/Club Scholarship certificate designed by a club member.

Living History Walk

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Brentwood/Franklin Woman's Service Club

The Brentwood/Franklin Woman's Service Club researched notable persons in their community's history and presented a "Living History Walk" at two local libraries with ten actors in costume who gave a ten-minute presentation about themselves to attendees from the community. The club estimated that over 350 people attended the events and received excellent print and social media publicity.

Environment Community Service Program

Bee Project

GFWC California – GFWC California Woman’s Club of Indio’s

Twenty-seven members created homes for local Mason bees. Members built bee houses from recycled materials, including juice glasses, liter bottles, and other non-breakable cylinders, and filled them with paper straws or rolled paper tubes to provide nesting areas for the Mason bees to lay their eggs with the goal of increasing pollinators. The creative, recycled houses were gardened ready to attract the bees during mating and pollination season.

Oyster Deterioration

GFWC Florida – GFWC Rotunda West Woman’s Club

GFWC Rotunda West Woman’s Club participated in learning about the oyster population deterioration. Oysters can filter over fifty gallons of polluted water a day. They joined hands with The Oyster Boys of GFWC Florida and strung oyster shells on coconut fiber rope and helped attach them to docks etc., to give a place for them to attach, grow big and strong, and filter water.

UNICEF’s Wash Initiative

GFWC Florida – GFWC Woman’s Club of Tallahassee

GFWC Woman’s Club of Tallahassee created a fun way to promote UNICEF’S Wash Initiative, which stands for Wash, Sanitation, and Hygiene! They challenged members to count the times they washed their hands for a month. Each time they washed their hands, members placed a quarter in a fund which kept them mindful of and grateful for the availability of water and soap they have where \$153.00 was collected for UNICEF during this project!

Boat/Native Plant Project

GFWC Georgia – GFWC Georgia Augusta Woman’s Club

GFWC Georgia Augusta Woman’s Club assisted in turning an abandoned, dilapidated fiberglass boat into a centerpiece for a native plant garden by partnering with a Scout. Members met and assisted with paperwork, trained on gardening and native plants, growing plants from seeds, and anchoring the boat using natural products. The club provided seed starter sets and mulch for the boat, walking path, and bench.

Recycling

GFWC Illinois – GFWC Fairbury Woman’s Club

Members helped to keep scraps of flannel material out of the landfill by making 234 sanitary pads to be sent to girls and young women in Africa. Because women and girls cannot access sanitary pads there, they cannot attend school during their menstrual periods because they have no protection. The club had one work night, and the members worked at home to create this impressive amount.

Rabies Clinic

GFWC New Hampshire – GFWC Hudson Women’s Club

GFWC Hudson Women’s Club held a Rabies Clinic in cooperation with veterinary students, staff, animal control, and an animal hospital. Over 125 pets received vaccines. Vaccines, tags, certificates, pet supplies, and time were donated. Members promoted the event in the community. The club sent an edible arrangement to the animal hospital, presented a \$1000 Scholarship to a graduating veterinary student, and donated a \$100 gift card to animal control.

Recycling Light Strands

GFWC Pennington Gap Woman’s Club (VA) members repaired holiday displays in the local park. They removed 450 sets of old light strands from the Christmas Fantasy display and replaced them with new energy efficient lights. The old light strands were sent to be stripped and recycled for the copper wiring.

Seedling Project

GFWC New Jersey – GFWC Suburban Woman’s Club of Pompton Plains

Members taught third graders about the Seedling Project. They received 150 free saplings from the NJ Forestry Service and wrapped them in wet paper towels and baggies. They tied and attached planting instructions. The week of Arbor Day, presentations were made to the enthusiastic students at three separate schools, explaining Arbor Day and why it is important.

Recycling Greeting Cards

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorette Woman’s Club

The club members completed a hands-on project of recycling greeting card fronts into 100 handmade bookmarks to be offered free to customers of a local bookstore. Club members wrote inspirational words on the backs of the bookmarks. They attached yarn fringe and embellished each bookmark with stickers and a “Juniorettes Step Up, GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorette Club” label to each.

Recycling

GFWC Pennsylvania – GFWC Town and Country Woman’s Club

GFWC Town and Country Woman’s Club re-energized members about recycling. They located unusual programs involving stamps, card tops, and prescription bottles. Instead of going to landfills, 1,061 stamps were collected, sorted, and bagged. They were sent to the Postal History Foundation to educate others on the history of stamps. Card tops were collected, delivered, and used in Occupational Therapy. Members collected 220 prescription bottles for reuse.

Benefits of Trout

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Chilhowee Woman’s Club

The club members educated five hundred students in thirteen different schools by teaching about trout and the benefits of trout to the environment. The hands-on program taught students about the life cycle of trout and how water and air quality affect their survival.

Health and Wellness Community Service Program

Corn Hole Camaraderie

GFWC Georgia – GFWC Service Guild of Covington

GFWC Service Guild of Covington project facilitated exercising with senior citizens. The club members visited an assisted living/memory care nine times yearly to play Corn Hole with the residents. The club offers refreshments. This was a rewarding project for the residents and the club members.

Files of Life

GFWC Iowa – GFWC Lake City Monday Club

Files of Life is a form that lists medications and other health information for individuals in a household. The club coordinated the implementation of Files of Life with emergency personnel and hospital employees. Forms were distributed to all club members and shared with friends, relatives, and Meals on Wheels recipients.

The Yellow Tulip Project

GFWC Maine – GFWC Semper Fidelis

The Yellow Tulip Project is a youth-driven movement dedicated to smashing the stigma surrounding mental illness- one tulip at a time. Club members met with female inmates to introduce the project. Inmates were asked to author a poem, draw a picture, or write a letter expressing their experience with mental illness and drug abuse. Members and inmates planted a tulip garden at the Somerset County Correctional Facility.

Scarecrow Trail

GFWC Mississippi – GFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

GFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce (MS) participated in the town's "Scarecrow Trail." The club members worked with the town to decorate scarecrows, including necklaces that provided information on Breast Cancer Awareness. As individuals stopped at each scarecrow, they could read the information on breast cancer prevention and awareness.

Harvest Day Calm Space

GFWC New Hampshire – GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club

This club partnered with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Twenty-One Senses to run Calm Space/Family Respite Area at the Fall Apple Harvest Day. This Calm Space allowed attendees with sensory disabilities to relax, reregulate, and return refreshed to the festivities. Earplugs and earphones were available. A balance board, rocking chairs, butterfly chairs, wiggle seats, yoga mats, Legos, crayons, puzzles, and books were available.

Mountain-to-Sea Trail

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC Mebane Trail Blazers

When the GFWC Mebane Woman’s Club realized that the Mountains-to-Sea Trail ran through their town’s historic district, the club helped form the Mebane Trail Rangers, a community club open to all. Their efforts help support, promote, and maintain eight trails in Mebane and the Mountain-to-Sea Trail. Partnering with local government, the club also provides educational workshops and advocates for health and wellness in nature.

Magic Yarn Project

GFWC Ohio – GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club

The GFWC Great Friends Working Cooperatively Club made princess wigs and superhero beanies out of soft yarn for children who suffer from hair loss due to chemotherapy and other diseases.

Soup for Docks

GFWC Rhode Island – GFWC Woman’s Club of South County

In conjunction with a local Mission and two churches, GFWC Women’s Club of South County distributed soup to plant workers and anglers at the State Pier and Town Docks in Galilee. Many of these workers do not have the financial resources to obtain adequate nutrition, and their work is physically demanding and conducted in a harsh environment. The club prepared and delivered 2,790 cups of soup in 2022.

Meals and More

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Dickson County Women’s Club

The Dickson County Women’s Club members created a monthly handout program for two Meals on Wheels kitchens. The handouts contained four pages of information concerning heart health and food safety. Each handout also included a “brain teaser” or various puzzles. Part of the project included purchasing thirty-three new baskets to transport food.

Special Olympics Feet Meet

GFWC Virginia – GFWC James River Junior Woman’s Club

This program allowed special needs school-age students to compete in field day-type events. Club members served as “cheerleaders” for the students and teams. Additionally, the club donated and prepared lunch for five hundred participants and teachers.

Communications and Public Relations Advancement Plan

Big Ideas for a New Holiday Event

GFWC Alabama – GFWC Legacy Club

In South Huntsville, a new signature holiday event was started in hopes of becoming an annual event. Town organizations were encouraged to participate. The GFWC Legacy Club wanted a big presence and sponsored a life-size holiday card. It was inscribed with a joyful holiday message and was signed with the club's logo. Thanks to the collaborative challenging work of sponsors and event planners, over 1,200 attendees participated.

A Year-Long Social Media Presence

GFWC Florida – GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club

The GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club harnessed the power of social media to increase community awareness of their club. Daily Facebook posts, 365 days of the year, described service projects, included action photos and short videos, and tagged community partners to broaden their reach, which increased by 700% during 2022. They shared Facebook posts to Instagram several days each week to attract a younger demographic. Their Instagram followers increased by 51%.

Scavenger Hunt Anniversary Celebration

GFWC Georgia – GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

To celebrate the GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club's 50th anniversary, a virtual scavenger hunt was developed using the online app, Eventzee. The hunt's challenges are related to projects the club has spearheaded over the years. Founding members and partner organizations created videos. Participants used the app to complete the hunt, which required them to watch videos and visit local sites. Donated prizes were given to those who completed the hunt.

Spread the Word on the Radio

GFWC Iowa – GFWC Maquoketa Woman's Club

The GFWC Iowa Maquoketa Woman's Club partnered with their local radio station to bring awareness of club activities to the community and welcome new members. The station has a "Just Talk" segment weekly; the club was the guest on three occasions during 2022. This allowed them to talk about all the good things the club does in their community and globally and spotlight upcoming events they want to promote.

Hashtag Facebook Challenges

GFWC Massachusetts – GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club

GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club asked attendees to complete two Facebook Photo challenges at a state meeting. #1 New Friends ~ GFWC encourages us to meet women from other clubs. Take photos with your new friends, and post on Facebook with

#gfwccreatesnewbonds. #2 Longtime Friends ~ GFWC creates long-lasting friendships; show us your longtime friendships! Post on Facebook with #gfwcfriendsbecomefamily. All attendees had fun with this challenge; prizes were awarded.

Who Cares? We Care!

GFWC Montana – GFWC Billings Junior Woman’s Club

The GFWC Billings Junior Woman’s Club implemented a “We Care” project aligning with the President’s Project. Note cards were made with “We Care” written on them, and a personal note inside included club information and a \$20 bill. Members were asked to find someone kind or who went beyond helping and caring for others. This project brought brand awareness to the community while sharing club information.

Google at its Best!

GFWC New Jersey – GFWC Woman’s Club of Matawan

Woman’s Club of Matawan created a Google website and Google Map location for their clubhouse, which means they come up quickly on Google search results and appear on GPS maps. The search results take you to their website with information on events, members, and contacts. They also use Google Mail (Gmail) for their club’s official email. Another great idea was a Google Voice account where prospective members could contact them by phone.

Welcome to our Community!

GFWC New York – GFWC Junior Women’s Club of Bellerose

The Junior Women’s Club of Bellerose is serious about welcoming new homeowners and giving them information to help ease their transition. Working with town officials, the club is notified of new homeowners. “Welcome Packets” are assembled with a plethora of town information, a letter from the Club President, club history, an event calendar, and an overview of GFWC. The packet is delivered to the new homeowner with a house plant and a gift card to a local eatery.

Can You Go the Extra Mile?

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC Fuguay-Varina Woman’s Club

GFWC Fuguay-Varina Woman’s Club (NC) implemented the “Go the Extra Mile” campaign to improve its brand image. All state members were encouraged to explore ways to go the extra mile with other CSPs, organizations, and businesses to build bridges in the community. Recognition was awarded monthly to members. Added bonuses for the club were updated printed marketing materials, an improved social media presence, and an entirely updated website.

Everybody Loves Lester Flatt

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Sparta Woman’s Club

GFWC Sparta Woman’s Club requested a table at the Lester Flatt Celebration to promote the club and recruit members. They placed club logo stickers on purple medicine bottles filled

with first aid items. Club and GFWC brochures were handed out; this provided the opportunity to speak with community members. A backpack with school supplies was raffled off that day, and the mayor stopped by and drew the winner.

Leadership Advancement Plan

Strategic Planning Retreat

GFWC Florida – GFWC Coral Gables Woman’s Club

The GFWC Coral Gables Woman’s Club (FL) members held an intensive and effective strategic planning meeting. Especially important was bringing the board of directors and committee chairmen together to strategize and discuss goals/projects because seven were new board members. Small and large group discussions were held to engage everyone in the process of finalizing written goals. This also allowed members to get to know one another and begin to work together.

Board Preference Sheets

GFWC Illinois – GFWC Lombard Junior Woman’s Club

The GFWC Lombard Junior Woman’s Club had a well-organized process to fill leadership and committee positions. They created Board Preference Sheets to assess member interest in all positions available. These sheets were sent to members to complete and return if interested. The incoming President spent time encouraging members to get involved and defining the roles and responsibilities of each position. The Nominating Committee called members to get their consent to serve on the Board.

Mentors and Supportive Transitions

GFWC Massachusetts – GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club

The GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club believed that developing and supporting leaders was important to keep the Club vibrant and growing. Therefore, NJWC’s Nominating Committee promoted the role of Co-Presidents. Past presidents were encouraged to team with and mentor less experienced members. The hope was that each newer Co-President felt more familiar with the president’s responsibilities and confident enough to continue into a second year, taking on the mentoring role to another inexperienced member.

Sponsoring Empowering Women Conference

GFWC Minnesota – GFWC Nevis Women’s Club

The GFWC Nevis Women’s Club demonstrated various leadership skills by sponsoring the Empowering Women to Lead conference for rural Minnesota women. They gained 501(c)(3) designation and raised over \$50,000. Scholarships were offered to Native American women and high school students. Outcomes include three hundred rural women being inspired to envision their future; new collaborative partnerships with foundations, businesses, and community-based organizations; name recognition for GFWC; and new confidence developed by club members.

Transitioning New Officers

GFWC New Jersey – GFWC Woman’s Club of Hammonton

The Woman’s Club of Hammonton had a change in leadership, with mostly new officers. As the new board prepared for new roles, they shadowed the outgoing board members for a month. Both boards met after the installation to hand over files and exchange ideas about their roles. Former officers wrote suggestions on how to transition and make their jobs easier. The new officers felt more comfortable taking over their new positions through mentoring.

Sponsoring Local Juniette Club

GFWC Oregon – GFWC of Central Oregon

GFWC of Central Oregon proudly sponsored a local Juniettes Club. As a sponsor, the club assisted with dues and expenses for supplies while mentoring young women and encouraging them to understand the importance of volunteering in their community. This was truly an effort to develop Living the Volunteer Spirit. As a result, more clubwomen were taking the opportunity to attend their meetings and assist with their projects, helping the young ladies develop leadership skills.

Make Learning Fun

GFWC Texas – GFWC History Club of Whitesboro

The president of the GFWC History Club of Whitesboro (TX) was a GFWC LEADS graduate in 2022. She applied what she learned to her club, district, and state. She knew members learn new skills when presented in a fun manner; thus, she developed skits and games and adapted songs used at various levels. Two games were GFWC Trivia and GFWC Communication Jeopardy, both great ways to teach members about GFWC.

Juniettes Plan Membership Event

GFWC Virginia – GFWC Dominion Juniette Club

The Dominion Juniette Club demonstrated leadership skills in planning a membership event. The girls arranged the event and planned to give an informative presentation about the club. Each member had an opportunity to contribute to the presentation, some preparing the PowerPoint and some speaking. They explained what the club did and the fun they had while completing projects. Only minor guidance from the sponsoring club was given to these girls early on.

Member-At-Large Board Positions

GFWC Virginia – GFWC Woman’s Club of Newport News

The GFWC Woman’s Club of Newport News had three Members-At-Large positions on the Board, appointed by the President. These three members were selected based on their desire to explore the possibility of eventually running for elected office. Although Members-At-Large positions are non-voting, they were placed on the agenda and allowed to speak at each board meeting. These At-Large members were also encouraged to submit articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

Technology Is Our Friend – Please Don't Take Our Technology Away!

GFWC Wisconsin – Lakeland Area GFWC

Hybrid meetings were commonplace for the Lakeland Area GFWC as they had a new venue with excellent Wi-Fi capability. Every meeting was recorded through Zoom and housed on the club's YouTube channel for members to access. This assisted the recording secretary and was available for members who could not make the meeting. Club members also benefitted from email, recorded reminder phone calls, Facebook, and a Shared Google Doc for recording Volunteer Hours.

Legislation/Public Policy Advancement Plan

Resolutions

GFWC Arizona – GFWC Paradise Valley Junior Woman’s Club

The club adopted a resolution written by one of its members to support the humanitarian aid organizations assisting Ukraine. Members then made donations as a club project. In adopting the resolution, the club also matched their projects to a current GFWC Resolution, an item on the GFWC Scavenger Hunt.

Information Booth

GFWC Georgia – GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club

GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club held a political “party,” inviting all local and state politicians to participate by having a booth with information about themselves and issues of importance. The party was open to the public and was held on the courthouse lawn with food trucks selling refreshments.

Birthday Cards

GFWC Illinois – GFWC Naperville Woman’s Club

The club members wrote birthday cards to students in the five area high schools turning eighteen, encouraging them to vote. They were given lists of students identified by first names and numbers, so they could assemble them back for the teachers to disburse. The club worked with the League of Women Voters on this project.

Citizenship Test

GFWC Louisiana – GFWC Lagniappe Woman’s Club

The GFWC Lagniappe Woman’s Club members encouraged and assisted a local Vietnamese woman and her daughter in studying for the U.S. Citizenship test.

Shining Star Award

GFWC Mississippi – GFWC Star Woman’s Club

GFWC Star Woman’s Club awarded deserving citizens in their community, county, and state government a “Shining Star” award for their valuable contributions to the Star community and outstanding jobs. This year, they presented the award to a state representative, a District 1 Supervisor, and a community leader.

Meet The Mayor

The Wake Forest Juniorettes Club (NC) invited their city mayor to attend their Zoom meeting in March. The mayor offered a summary of her early and college life and spoke about her term responsibilities as mayor. The club officers also prepared some additional questions. Overall,

this meeting helped the Junioresettes learn about leadership and what it takes to be active in their community.

Citizens Guide to Government

GFWC New Jersey – The GFWC West Essex Woman’s Club

The GFWC West Essex Woman’s Club (NJ) purchased copies of the New Jersey League of Women Voters publication “Citizens Guide to Government.” The members distributed those to the Reference Department of four (4) public libraries, one (1) college library, and two (2) libraries of senior citizen residences.

Voting

GFWC New Hampshire – The GFWC Woman’s Club of Concord

GFWC Woman’s Club of Concord heard from the League of Women Voters NH president about the importance of every vote, some of the tricky parts of election law, and how the Woman’s Club members can best answer questions from friends and neighbors.

GFWC North Carolina Democracy Quiz

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC of Holden Beach

GFWC of Holden Beach members, in preparation for the mid-term election season, had a GFWC North Carolina Democracy Quiz in the October newsletter, and all members were encouraged to take it. The answers were distributed and reviewed at the November meeting and published in the newsletter.

Smithsonian Exhibit Application

GFWC Oklahoma – GFWC LaKeeKon of Nowata

GFWC LaKeeKon of Nowata prepared and applied for a Smithsonian Exhibit on Voting and Democracy to be displayed at their local museum.

Membership Advancement Plan

GROW- Girls Reinventing Our World

GFWC Illinois -GFWC Palos Park Woman's Club

GFWC Palos Park Woman's Club developed a way to acquire new energy for its members while encouraging younger women to join their club. They held a GROW – “Girls Reinventing Our World” start-up meeting to develop fun evening and weekend activities along with fundraisers for all club members to attend. The “Juniors” (not to be confused with GFWC Junior Level Membership) were formed, including existing members, coworkers, and friends in the community. The “Juniors” communicate through electronic means, including texting, email, Instagram, Google Meets, and Zoom. The first initiative was to hold a fall gathering, the Fall Junior Soiree, at the home of one of the co-chairmen. There was a large turnout, and all enjoyed the ambiance of the homeowner's outdoor space. This innovative idea has proven to be an excellent start to re-energize existing members, build a new membership base for the club, and increase overall membership by seventy-four new members!

Who am I?

GFWC Maine – GFWC Semper Fidelis Club

That is the question GFWC Semper Fidelis Club wants to know about all their members. We come from diverse backgrounds, interests, and lifestyles, but the one thing that brings us all together is GFWC and our love for volunteering. So, how do we get to know new members on a deeper level, and how do they get to know long-time members? The Club President introduced a game to do just that. Each member was given a list of fifteen questions to answer about themselves, such as “What is next on your bucket list? What did you want to be when you were small? What is the coolest place to which you have ever traveled?” The completed sheets were all turned in to the President, and two lists were read at the start of each meeting. What fun it is to go around the room with each attendee, trying to match up the answers to the members!

Friendship Brownie Event

GFWC Michigan – GFWC Menominee Woman's Club

GFWC Menominee Women's Club of GFWC Michigan has had over fifty new members over the past several years. Its “Friendship and Brownies” event has continued. Dinner, storytelling, and club information are shared while attendees fill Mason jars with all the ingredients for a pan of brownies. The process becomes an assembly line, with all participants going station to station while layering the ingredients into their jars. This will make a great gift and provide an evening of fun for members and their guests.

Membership Orientation

GFWC Montana – GFWC Thompson Falls Woman's Club

GFWC Thompson Falls Woman's Club has had only one-third of its members for more than five years in a GFWC club. It became necessary to help all members understand what being part of the GFWC Montana Federation means. A committee was formed to present three one-

hour sessions. Who Are We – Brief history of GFWC, including headquarters building, GFWC Montana, the structure of GFWC, eight national regions, eleven Western Region states, and GFWC Montana's three districts. This session concluded with the presentation of a promotional video produced by GFWC. What We Do – The GFWC Club Manual and its contents were the topics of this session. Nuts and Bolts – This session covered awards, programs, LEADS, GFWC Digital Library, News and Notes, and Clubwoman Magazine.

Dinner with Scarecrows

GFWC Nebraska – GFWC Champion Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Champion Junior Woman's Club attended dinner at the Great Pumpkin Farm with members and guests. After dinner, each picked out and carved their own pumpkin, which was judged, and the winner received a bag of candy. From there, everyone climbed aboard a flatbed trailer for a hayride through a corn maze, with people dressed in Halloween costumes to startle the riders. After the spooky adventure, everyone was treated to hot chocolate. The club president spoke about the club's activities and volunteer efforts. This outing outside of a club meeting was worthwhile – six new members joined because of this fun-filled evening.

Volunteer Fair

GFWC New Hampshire – GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club of GFWC New Hampshire participated in a Volunteer Fair held at a local library. The purpose of this event was to inform the community of all the local non-profit organizations in the area. This was an opportunity for the club to increase its visibility and membership. Club members wore matching club t-shirts, and the table was adorned with visuals of their major projects, including a basket with End 68 Hours of Hunger food, a backpack filled with school supplies for the Dover Children's Home, Veteran's Christmas stockings, Prevent Child Abuse Pinwheels, and Go Red pins symbolizing Women's Heart Health. A photo collage of club activities was also on display. Everyone who stopped at the table was given a mini spider plant, incorporating the club motto, "Planting seeds of friendship and service in our community."

Traveling Marvelous Member

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC Dunn Intermediate Woman's Club

To increase club awareness in the community, energize members, and attract future members, GFWC Dunn Intermediate Woman's Club launched a fun new project. The Membership Chairman drew a cartoon-type character, dressed, accessorized, and named her Marvel. She holds a sign that says, "Hello, I am Marvel, GFWC Dunn Intermediate Woman's Club's Marvelous Membership Ambassador. Won't you come to join our fun? We would love to have you join us!" Marvel is passed from member to member at each meeting while music is played. The member holding her when the music stops takes her home until the following meeting and documents all her activities with photos. The photos are posted on Facebook to give her exposure beyond her successful public appearances.

Building a Great Year

GFWC Ohio – GFWC Austintown Junior Women’s Club

GFWC Austintown Junior Women’s League of Ohio held a construction theme membership mixer with hardhats, safety vests, and construction theme décor, such as orange cones, dump trucks, rocks, and dirt. As members and guests arrived, they were each given a construction cone with a number on it to guide them to the table where they were to be seated, mixing members with guests. Food and delicious desserts were enjoyed by all. Everyone assessed their skills with a game of ring toss on orange cones, and each table was given a construction kit, complete with graham crackers, frosting, and candies, to test their team-building skills. The results were imaginative, and the event was successful as they “built” several new members.

All Aboard for Membership

GFWC Pennsylvania – GFWC Town and Country Woman’s Club

GFWC Town and Country Woman’s Club of GFWC Pennsylvania created a train theme to recognize the milestone accomplishments of its members. Each car on the train represented a club member and their years of service, ranging from five to sixty. The train theme was chosen because a train (Federation) is made up of many different cars (its members) that go from destination to destination (projects), fulfilling the assignment, making friends, and helping others. Each member was presented with a specially designed train ticket boarding pass to climb aboard the “GFWC Pennsylvania Federation Limited” for a fun-filled trip, receiving a scroll and an anniversary pin.

GETOGG’S Event

GFWC Texas – GFWC History Club of GFWC Texas

The GFWC History Club of GFWC Texas celebrated their membership by receiving a black and gold invitation requesting their presence at GETOGG’S (Grammy, Emmy, Tony, Oscar, Golden Globe) – an award ceremony for extraordinary club women. Members impersonated Minnie Pearl, Patsy Cline, Sonny, and Cher for entertainment. Club officers had gone into members’ homes and discreetly videoed them to be nominated for an award, such as a member taking a big spoon of Crisco (Grease) or releasing a hand full of balloons in the air (Gone with the Wind). Every member received a gold statuette engraved “Star of the History Club” for her winning role.

Women's History and Resource Center

GFWC Highlights Movie

GFWC Arizona – GFWC Glendale Woman's Club

GFWC Glendale Woman's Club was fortunate to have a member use her video editing expertise to create a 2021 GFWC Highlights Movie that was played during their January 2022 business meeting. Instead of reading reports, club members enjoyed learning about their 2021 projects by watching a customized video. The video was posted online on the club's YouTube channel for members to share and archive.

Commemorative Quilt

GFWC Florida – GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club

The WHRC committee members of the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club organized the assembly and completion of a GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club commemorative quilt. The quilt displays squares from the various Community Service Programs, Advancement Areas, Committees, and an image of the club founder, Jane Johnson Hussar. Ten women lovingly created the squares for this special quilt. A group came together to assemble and finish the quilt. The quilt was presented to the club members at their July anniversary gathering. The beautiful quilt celebrated the club's history, projects, and accomplishments. 117 hours were needed to complete this project.

Veteran Flag Project

GFWC Kentucky – GFWC Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club

The GFWC Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club have flags made with images of service members and women from their town. The flags are on display throughout the town. The project honors veterans from the past and those who are still serving. It is an "honorable" display to all who served. The community is proud of this Woman's Club project.

Women in History Puzzle

GFWC Massachusetts – GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Women's Clubs

A GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors member was given a puzzle depicting several famous women in history. She had an idea to divide the pieces into baggies and sell the bags for \$2.00 each to raise money for WHRC Headquarters in honor of Women's History Month. Members purchased the bags of puzzle pieces and spent several hours assembling the puzzle. Once completed, the puzzle was sealed and framed, names of those who contributed to the puzzle were added to the back. The piece was presented to GFWC Massachusetts Headquarters on Federation Day.

Women in History

GFWC New Jersey – GFWC Woman’s Club of Caldwell

GFWC Woman’s Club of Caldwell members found a unique way of learning about women in history. The chairperson heard the U.S. Mint had initiated the American Women’s Quarters Program. The thirty-eight club members were asked to participate in a “treasure hunt,” collecting as many new quarters as possible. Biographies of the women were researched, a learning experience, as many of the historical women had been unknown to most members. 25 hours were spent on the project for 2022. Collecting the 2023 quarters was announced as the next step in the project and organizing a donation of children’s editions of the biographies to the local library.

Time Capsule Grant

GFWC Pennsylvania – GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman’s Club

GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman’s Club was awarded a grant of \$500,000 to fund a “time-capsule workshop” for two hundred local school-aged children. The Blair County Historical Society sponsored the workshop. Lectures included why history is important, how to fill out a daily journal, the use of photos and artwork to document memories, etc. The grant assisted with purchasing time capsules, workbooks, envelopes, decorating time capsule supplies, etc. The partnership will give students a history of their communities to enjoy in future years.

Historic Clubhouse

GFWC South Carolina – The GFWC Woman’s Club of Rock Hill’s

The club’s historic clubhouse was the subject of the GFWC WHRC Committee Chairman’s article “From Coca-Cola House to Clubhouse”, published in the Winter 2022 WHRC news. The club’s Historic Preservation Committee and the club’s President all assisted in authoring the article by providing detailed information on the house and its history.

Black History Month

GFWC Virginia – GFWC Grundy Woman’s Club

GFWC Grundy Woman’s Club celebrated Black History Month with a quiz on famous Black women. Maya Angelo is the first African American woman to have her picture on a commemorative quarter; Ketanji Brown Jackson became the first Black female on the U.S. Supreme Court; and Winsome Earle-Sears became the first Black GFWC Virginia Lt. Governor of GFWC Virginia. The club also studied eight of U.S. history’s most famous female doctors.

Gravesite Care

GFWC Washington – GFWC Woman’s Club of Olympia

Four members of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Olympia visited the gravesite of Abby Howard Hunt Stuart, founding member of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Olympia in 1884. Abby died in 1902 in San Francisco, where she was caring for her aunt. Her body was brought back to Olympia for burial. Members of the club met the train. Club women visiting her gravesite scrubbed the stone and cleaned the site, pledging to continue that project in her memory.

Quilt of Valor

GFWC Wyoming

GFWC Wyoming honored four GFWC members who are military veterans by presenting them with a Quilt of Valor. Forty-three quilters volunteered 430 hours to assemble these beautiful quilts. A ceremony was held, and those in attendance were touched by the moving ceremony celebrating the military history and experiences of the four honorees.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Little Free Libraries

GFWC California – GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club

The Tracy Woman’s Club’s ESO group established and maintains four registered Little Free Libraries in the Tracy community. These libraries have been placed around the community; one near a food bank, two in low to middle-income neighborhoods, and one near a nursery for rural residents. Each bookcase has two shelves, one for children and another for adult books. Each houses about 25-35 books. Community members can take a book or leave a book, and through the course of the year, the four Little Free Libraries have had a total of 775 books moving through the libraries into people’s hands to read and share. Committee members are responsible for labeling the books placed there, sorting the books, and restocking the books.

Books for MOM

GFWC California – GFWC Woman’s Club of Cypress

Members of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Cypress reading club feel that giving books to children is their priority when sharing their love of books. This year the 14 ESO members voted to collect donations of children’s books to donate to MOMS Orange County, a nonprofit organization committed to helping women have a healthy pregnancy, encouraging baby’s development, and building parent’s confidence. This organization has many needs, so the members asked the rest of the club to join in and donate items to the MOMS’ wish list. In the six months, the club donated new baby/toddler clothing, diapers, baby wipes, and many children’s books.

Golden Girl’s Spring Bling

GFWC Florida – GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club

GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club is six book clubs joined for a luncheon event! The theme selected by The Golden Girls book club was “Spring Bling,” inviting everyone to sport their best bobbles and bling! Forty-three members attended the luncheon at the Rotonda Hills Country Club. A fine wine prize was awarded to the “Can you name the Book” contest winner. Then everyone participated in the bling parade, and sparkly awards were given to those winners. The featured guest speaker was Zina Jayne, Head Librarian from the Elsie Quirk Library. She informed us of some new and exciting services available from the library, including the new to-all-of-us “book club in a bag” program, which allows a book club to request ten copies of a particular book with the checkout and return date limit of one month.

Reading Challenge

GFWC Kansas – GFWC Kansas

GFWC Kansas offered a reading challenge to the entire state membership to encourage reading and joining ESO. The challenge included sixteen prompts such as a Victorian novel, poetry, a book set in GFWC Kansas or by a GFWC Kansas author, and a book by or about a GFWC

member, past or present. Readers chose a book to fit the prompt and found the challenge fun. It was interesting to see how everyone answered the prompts.

Spring Social

GFWC Louisiana – GFWC Literary and Civic Club of Baton Rouge

The GFWC Literary and Civic Club of Baton Rouge held a Spring Social in which each course was featured as a book review. Champagne Cocktails from Scott Fitzgerald's Great Gatsby were served, along with Appetizers of Pears & Cheese & Brie en Croute to go with Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Shrimp Remoulade and Avocado Salad from Cynthia LeJeune Nobles' A Confederacy of Dunces; the main course was Pork Tenderloins with Jezebel Sauce from Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind with rice and onions and green peas; and Dessert of Death by Chocolate to go with Rex Stout's The Nero Wolfe Cookbook.

Cajun Night Before Christmas

GFWC Mississippi – GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Diamonds

At the December meeting of the GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Diamonds, an advisor dressed as in Cajun attire and read in Cajun dialect, the book, "Cajun Night Before Christmas" from the GFWC Mississippi ESO reading list. Papa Noel, a character from the book, surprised everyone and handed out treats.

Reading Bench Project

GFWC North Carolina – GFWC Woman's Club of Clayton

The Woman's Club of Clayton's ESO Project for 2022 was a "Reading Bench" placed in the Main Street Community Garden in Clayton. Hudson Hardware, a local independent garden, and project business donated the bench. The ESO members used the donated bench to create a reading bench. This reading bench will be placed for all the community to enjoy while reading their favorite book or simply sitting back admiring the foliage and flowers in the local community garden. Two members of ESO realized the goal by creating and painting the design.

Blind Date with a Book Meets Dirty Santa Exchange

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Clarksville Women's Club

GFWC Clarksville Women's Club hosted a Blind Date with a Book Meets Dirty Santa Exchange at the December book club meeting. Each member brought a gently read book wrapped in plain brown paper with only a few clue words written on the wrapper. The exchange was made using the Dirty Santa game, where members took turns and enjoyed 'stealing' each other's selections. Everyone walked away with a 'new' book.

Immersive Book Club

GFWC Tennessee – GFWC Clarksville Women's Club

GFWC Clarksville Women's Club hosts an Immersive Book Club where members enjoy bringing characters to life by experiencing the food items and activities the characters partake

in. One member baked a Scripture Cake for the review of *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* and shared the recipe. One member brought Chamomile tea and served high tea while reviewing *The Indigo Girl*. A Quilt Square Memory Game was created and brought to the review of *The Forgotten Seamstress*. One member brought pizza as they discussed *Crossed Sisters of Tuscany*.

Magazine Project

GFWC Texas – GFWC Decatur Woman’s Club

The Decatur Woman’s Club launched its annual fall campaign to collect used magazines labeled, sorted, and distributed to the lobbies of over thirty-five doctor’s offices, treatment centers, county facilities, and local businesses. In 2022, there were 773 magazines collected. This literacy project is in keeping with the club’s efforts to extend its relationship with the community and brand GFWC.

Plan Fundraising and Development Advancement

Children's Consignment Store

The GFWC Salem Woman's Club (OR) partnered with a local children's consignment store to receive their unsold clothing items each month and became members of the United Way Good360 Program, which sources highly needed, surplus items and makes them available at no cost to other nonprofits for donations. As a result, the club donated \$10,445 in-kind.

Taste of Granbury, 2021

The GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury (TX) hosted a tasting event featuring area chefs, brewers, and distillers for 150 guests. The food and drinks were donated, and local businesses helped pay for a significant portion of other event expenses. Money from the fundraising event went toward traditional and nontraditional scholarships for women. In total, members raised \$50,000 for the scholarships.

Cash Calendar Raffle

The GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club (WI) hosted a cash calendar raffle called "\$22 in 22." Members sold tickets for \$10 apiece and drawings were held three times a week for a month. Winning totals were either \$22 or \$122, and there was one grand prize of \$4,322. In total, members raised more than \$2,770.

Holiday Drive By House Tour

The GFWC Needham Women's Club (MA) created a fundraiser encouraging residents to vote for their favorite house in the neighborhood that was decorated for the holidays. Homeowners were also encouraged to request voting support from family, friends, and neighbors. People could donate \$20 for a ticket to choose their favorite decorated home. In total, members raised \$11,636.

Beaches, Baskets and Bucks Online Reverse Raffle

GFWC South Brunswick Island Woman's Club (NC) members collected items for raffle prize baskets and sold tickets for \$50. The tickets were then drawn during a Facebook Live event, and participants could win a \$4,000 grand prize, a seven-night stay in Key West, Florida, gift baskets valued at \$75 or higher, and more. The raffle was promoted on the club's website, Facebook, and in the local newspaper. In total, members raised \$17,570.

Golf Tournament

The Lexington Woman's Club (SC) hosted a golf tournament with the goal of bringing clubwomen, community members, and local sponsors together for a day of golf, food, and fellowship. The event raised \$20,799 for scholarships and selected projects.

Live Music on the Lawn

The GFWC Centennial Club of Tullahoma (TN) hosted an outdoor fundraiser complete with a live band and a gourmet picnic dinner. To promote the club, members created a GFWC logo picnic bag with a blanket, bottles of water, and drink vouchers. Tickets for the event were sold at \$100 per couple, and a live auction and certificate auction were held during the event. In total, 166 people attended the fundraiser.

Ready, Set, Aim

The GFWC Brandon Service League, Inc. (FL) hosted their first Sporting Clays Shoot at Fish Hawk Sporting Clays. Teams of four signed up to test their shooting skills against each other, and trophies were presented to the Most Improved Shooter, Best Team, Best Individual Shooter, and the Club Favorite. The afternoon was capped off by a barbecue dinner, 50/50 drawing, and basket raffle. In total, members raised \$6,000.

Organizing Tours

The GFWC Yankton Club (SD) organized tours to unique places and various art events in the tri-state area, including concerts, events to learn about Mennonites and Hutterite colonies, a trip to Omaha, and a dinner theatre. With the funds raised, the club donated to Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership and provided two \$1,000 scholarships.

Very Dangerous Raging River Duck Race

GFWC of Holden Beach (NC) hosted a "Very Dangerous Raging River Duck Race" at a Wyndham Resort Lazy River. Members bought, sold, and numbered rubber ducks, kept track of the duck owners and their corresponding number, and entered the water to catch ducks as they crossed the finish line. More than 800 ducks were sold either at \$10 each or as part of a sponsorship package. In total, members raised \$2,625.