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KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

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From Janine's Chair...



Janine Eilert
GFWC of Kansas President
2022–2024

Dear GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen,

The 127th Annual State Convention will be Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd in Goddard. Included in this issue is the Call to Convention, Registration Form and other information that you will need to attend.

Remember all registration forms and accommodation must

be submitted by April 3rd. During the convention I hope to include my presidents area of emphasis (food insecurity) and my state project (supporting youth diabetes camps). I will also endeavor to mention the importance of April 22nd Earth Day, April 23~29th National Library Week and April 24th Federation Day during the convention.

Art and photography pieces that are being submitted for the state competition will need to be delivered to the convention space on Friday morning between 10am ~ 12:30pm. Setup should be completed by 1:00pm for those competitions so that all clubwomen can attend the tours starting at 1:30pm. A motorcoach will transport all of us going on the Option One (Rise Farms) or Option Two (Advanced Learning Library and Nifty Nut House) tours in downtown Wichita on Friday April 21st. The motorcoach will leave from the hotel parking lot at 1:30pm. On Saturday April 22nd the Boosters have an opportunity to tour the Kansas Aviation Museum. See the Call to Convention for more information on the tours and the tentative schedule of events.

Please note that the Executive Committee, Rainbow Club, ESO and Past State Presi-

dents will have meetings in the Hampton Inn by Hilton. The majority of the business meeting portion of the convention, lunch and dinner will take place in the multi-purpose room, Door#2, of Challenger Intermediate School.

Please carefully read the Call to Convention as the way to reserve your room at the Hampton is slightly unconventional due to the hotel still being under construction. Booking online or via Hilton directly is not an option currently until the hotel is officially open. The manager Betty Spain has graciously agreed to gather our individual requests for rooms via email and input them through her special access of Hilton. Let us all be patient with process. Breakfast and parking are free at the hotel.

There is a list of what to bring to the convention included on the information sheet with the Call to Convention. Of special note is that all donated raffle items will benefit the Citizenship Essay Scholarship Fund. Strongly consider bringing your own personal refillable water bottle so that we can conserve plastic/paper waste. You will receive a free raffle ticket as an incentive.

Please continue to "Make the Whirl Go 'Round" in your community by donating items to your local food pantries and/or blessing boxes. Club presidents remember to update me monthly on the amounts that your club has donated.

I hope to see two or more clubwomen from each club at the upcoming 127th Annual State Convention. This is the opportunity for all of us to, celebrate the incredible things that your club does in your community, learn something new, meet new clubwomen, see seasoned friends again, and have fun. "Let the Fun begin with Every Spin" is the theme of the 127th Annual State Convention.

*Janine Eilert, GFWC of Kansas President
 kiwieilert@sbcglobal.net (316) 250-0432*



Vice President

Hello Kansas Clubwomen,

Thank you so much to all the clubs who submitted volunteer hour reports this year. You have outdone yourselves with your commitment to your communities. Your reports have been distributed to our State Chairpersons and Appointees for reporting to International. Copies of those reports will be combined into the State Reporting Book which will be available at our State Convention.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Linda Loyd
GFWC of Kansas Vice President

Secretary

As your GFWC State Secretary and a club member I am looking forward to April and our State Convention, to be held on April 21st and 22nd in Goddard, Kansas! State Convention is always a time of learning and an opportunity to see what our great Kansas clubs have been working on! It is a time of friendship and great camaraderie!

If possible, have at least two members of your club attend the State Convention and be prepared to be impressed with the new ideas and the GFWC connection those members bring back to your club!

At State Convention I will have a Club Roster prepared for each Kansas Club to pick up. Please update contact information for your members on the form; mark their status (returning); fill out the top of the first page to show the total number of members, dues enclosed, check number, date, and President's name and/or signature. Please send this updated form with your check for dues to me at the address below by June 1, 2023.

Linda Krebs

124 Riverview Drive, Wamego, KS 66547

If you have not mailed in your **Club Officer Election Report**, please print the form from our website gfwcofkansas.org and mail it to me. You will find it under Resources (at the top of the home page on the website). Thank you for your help with this. It enables me to have correct officer information for your club.

Congratulations to the clubs that have added new members! Your GFWC of KANSAS recently submitted our dues payment to GFWC International for 343 members! That is an increase from last year!

Hope to see many of you in April at State Convention.

Linda Krebs
GFWC of Kansas Secretary

*“Great minds
discuss ideas.
Average minds
discuss events.
Small minds
discuss people.”*

*-Eleanor
Roosevelt*

Treasurer

It recently became apparent to me how important technology is in the operation of GFWC of Kansas! Over the past few years, my cranky old computer gradually began to lose some functions, such as email, etc. It finally took its last breath in early January, which totally shut down the work of GFWC of KS Treasurer. I was forced to do what I had been putting off—buy a new computer. I'm now back up and trying hard to figure out how this new thing works!

Mother Nature has been teasing us with spring-like weather, then reminding us in a big way that winter is not over yet. On the spring-like days, I am reminded that it's time to start thinking about GFWC of KS Annual Convention, and all of the student competitions for which we award scholarships. I am happy to report that there are sufficient funds to cover those scholarships with balances of \$3,124.45 in the Music Fund, \$3,735.93 in the Art Fund, and \$1,642.42 in the Citizenship Fund.

Carol Hanson
GFWC of Kansas Treasurer

Membership

Since the December issue of the Kansas Clubwoman News and my plea to add ONE MORE new clubwoman in order to show international we have increased membership I want to announce that **YOU DID IT**. **You added 4 new clubwomen before the end of December.** Thank you to Ad Astra, Flint Hills of Manhattan, and Goddard Woman's Club for all adding new clubwomen before the end of December.

We have officially added 42 new clubwomen to the GFWC Kansas membership list from May 2022-December 2022. **Our total membership is now 343 members.**

The membership challenge of adding 3 or more new clubwomen before the state convention in 2023 has been keenly received. The following clubs have qualified for their monetary prize, Mulvane Federated Women's, Flint Hills of Manhattan, Liberal Woman's, Ness City Gradatim, Junction City Ladies Reading, Ad Astra of Wamego, and Sunflower Sisters. Congratulations to those clubs. Please make sure you have a representative at the State Convention so you can receive your monetary prize and certificate.



*“For most of
history,
Anonymous was a
woman.” -
Virginia Woolf*



“I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.”

-Angela Davis

What is needed to make the 127th Annual State Convention a Success

WE NEED YOU. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We need at least two or more clubwomen from each club to attend state convention. So much information is shared in a very short period of time and we need clubwomen to take the information back to their clubs. You will hear from at least two different speakers. One of the speakers will talk about the presidents state project of supporting youth at diabetes camps in Kansas. Multiple awards will also be given by the state chairpersons. Clubs should be present to receive their awards. Membership rosters will also be given out for the 2023-2024 membership year.

GFWC International Treasurer, Becky Wright will attend the state convention. This is a

wonderful opportunity for each of us to meet and talk with her directly. She will also be talking with us about GFWC, the importance of continued membership and share some words of wisdom.

Are you a legacy? Was your grandmother, mother, or sister a GFWC clubwoman? Is your daughter a GFWC clubwoman? If so, we would like to honor you at the upcoming state convention. Please contact Janine Eilert with all the relevant names of the legacy members. kiwieilert@sbcglobal.net 316-250-0432. Do you have photos of your club activities? Please send those photos to Rachel Purdy jrjpurdy@yahoo.com so she can create a digital presentation for the state convention.

Report of By-laws & Resolutions 2022

It's that time of the year we HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY to reflect on our work.

I asked the following questions in our Clubwoman News:

EACH and every club member: did you give your club President some of your time to help report and support the work of your club? A club President does more than chair your meetings after taking office. Have you learned to be part of the clubs process by adhering to club by-laws, making sure each and every club member has a copy?

Were you elected one of the other offices and did your best to make sure you communicated to ALL your members needs, while building a strong bond of fellowship? When you were appointed an Chairmanship, did you get information out to ALL in a timely matter?

When serving on a committee, did you make sure ALL your members were included in the work of the club? When you spent time and work in your club, it yielded friendships that will last a life time; taught you a need and knowledge of your community.

YOU have done the work and have

willingly given of yourself to receive these rewards. By following BY-LAWS it gives each member an equal right to have this Club's respect and courtesy.

I asked that you read your current Club By-Laws and see if they needed to be updated for your club. I also asked that your club send a current copy of your by-laws and standing rules to our GFWC Parliamentarian Diane Addante at daddante@GFWC.org. Also while you are about it, to send copies to me, delva.powers@gmail.com.

Our GFWC of Kansas state federation is to send a copy that governs us also, to our GFWC Parliamentarian Diane Addante as soon as possible.

NOW, IF you have done as I asked, you have a report to send to me and I in return have a report to share at STATE. And you thought you had nothing to report on BY-LAWS.

Delva Powers, By-laws & Resolutions
delva.powers@gmail.com

Nominating Committee

The chairman of the committee is our immediate past president, Jan Moore. The other members of the committee are Sabra Clarke, Juanita Rothaus, and Jackie Hays. Their contact information is listed below, and they would love to receive phone calls from clubwomen volunteering to step up to the executive committee. GFWC of Kansas needs your help to succeed for the 2024-2026 administration. Both Jan and Sabra are past state presidents and they would have all your answers to your questions about being on the executive committee for GFWC Kansas.

Jan Moore (785) 597-2177

Sabra Clarke (785) 798-7554

Juanita Rothaus (913) 980-4104

Jackie Hays (785) 249-4616

Current vacant positions on the board of directors for the 2022-2024 administration

President-Elect

Chairman for Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

Art and Photography Competitions

Has your club coordinated a student art and/or photography competition in your community? If you have not there is still time to contact your local high school art teacher and make some plans. Also remember your own clubwoman for their arts, crafts and/or photography. All the rules, creative art waiver and necessary forms are on our website www.gfwcofkansas.org. At the upcoming 127th Annual State Convention graduating seniors can submit 3 entries in the Senior Scholarship category with the 1st place student receiving a scholarship toward expenses for \$500. Students can also win \$50 for Best in Show and \$50 for People's Choice (voted on by all clubwomen attending the convention).

All art and photography will be accepted from 10am ~ 12:30pm on Friday April 21st. Setup will need to be completed before 1pm so that all clubwomen have an opportunity to attend the tours at the state convention.

Please contact the Art co-chairs or Photography Chairperson if you have any questions or concerns.

Art Co-Chairs; Vickie Luthi vickieluthi@gmail.com and Myra Stutzman cwstutz@aol.com

Photography Chairperson; Shirley Ferley ferley@swbell.net



*“Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.”
-Lucille Ball*



"I had reasoned this out in my mind: There was one of two things I had a right to, Liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other."

-Harriet Tubman

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Beat The Crooks: Crime Prevention For All Quiz

There's always someone ready to part you from your hard-earned cash. Test how well prepared you are to avoid the attentions of criminals.

1. What is the most common way in which burglars gain access to houses?

1. They pick the locks on doors.
2. By removing slates on the roof.
3. They enter through cat flaps.
4. They force doors or break windows.

2. You've just bought a new top-of-the-range Mercedes, and it looks fine in your driveway. Where is the "best place" to keep the keys when you go to bed at night?

1. On a table in the hall
2. On your bedside table
3. Hide them in a drawer in your kitchen
4. Leave them in the ignition; there are no criminals in your area.

3. You receive a telephone call from your credit card providers who have spotted a suspicious transaction on your account. They ask you to tell them the three-digit security number on the back of the card just to prove it is in your possession. Should you tell them?

- Yes
No

4. You drive to church on a Sunday in your new Mercedes but you don't want to carry your handbag into the service. Where is the safest place in the car to hide it?

1. In the foot well
2. In the glove box
3. Under a coat on the rear seat
4. Nowhere in a car is safe to hide valuables

5. You are going on holiday and your house will be unoccupied for two weeks. What should you NOT do before leaving?

1. Mow the lawn
2. Give a key to neighbors and ask them to check on the house occasionally
3. Cancel your daily newspaper delivery
4. Pull the curtains closed

6. You receive a phone call from your bank: their computer system crashed and they urgently need to know the PIN code of your debit card to restore the records. Should you tell them?

- Yes
No

7. You are cutting the front hedge at your house when you are called in for tea. What is the best thing to do with your tools?

1. Hide them under the hedge until you have finished tea
2. Put them away in your shed or garage until you need them again
3. Leave them where they are; there are no crooks in your area
4. Throw an old coat or rug over them

8. You receive an e-mail from your bank asking you to contact them to confirm some details about your account. The e-mail provides you with a link to click on. That's a good way of contacting them quickly, isn't it?

- Yes
No

9. You take your top-of-the-range Mercedes back to the dealer for its first service and the salesman says that as you are the 1,000th customer this year, you can have a special accessory fitted free of charge. Which of these should you choose?

1. A wireless internet link direct to www.funtrivia.com
2. A radar speed trap detector
3. A GPS Tracker system
4. A nodding dog for the rear parcel shelf.

10. You go online to buy a present for your friend. What symbol tells you that you are on a secure site?

1. The word SAFE is in green in the bottom corner
2. All sites are secure these days
3. A closed padlock in the bottom corner
4. A blue tick in the bottom corner

Civic Engagement and Outreach—cont.

11. I'm pleased to say that you have won \$6 million on the Canadian lottery. However, I need you to supply me with your bank account number to transfer the funds, and to pay a facilitation fee of \$1,000. What's your reaction?

1. \$6 million? I don't get out of bed for less than \$10 million
2. Wow! \$6 million; where do I send the fee to?
3. I've never been to Canada/bought a lottery ticket, this message goes into the bin.
4. Thank, you, thank you, please transfer the funds to the following account...

12. You have put your nice top-of-the-range Mercedes up for sale in a magazine - the ashtrays are full. A man comes around to see it, kicks the tires a couple of times and offers you the asking price. He has with him a bank draft for \$10,000 more than the price. He can give it to you, but can you write him a personal check for the \$10,000? Should you?

- Yes
No

13. "Christmas time, mistletoe and wine", oh the joys of shopping for your favorite people. You seem to have your arms full with parcels and there's still more to buy, what's the best way of coping with them?

1. Periodically take them back to your car and put them in the boot (trunk) with a friend looking after them.

2. Periodically take them back to your car and put them on the backseat.
3. Periodically take them back to your car and put them in the boot.
4. Christmas has become far too commercialized - don't buy any presents.

14. Psst: Want to buy a lovely Apple laptop for just \$200? Have a look at what you're getting, and I've got more boxed up in the car. Should you take this man up on his offer?

- Yes
No

15. Ding dong: Hello, I'm from your water provider, thanks for opening the door. We're concerned that supplies in this area have been contaminated. Can my friend and me come in to take a sample from your kitchen tap?

1. Come right in, the kitchen's through there
2. We don't have mains water in this house
3. Help yourself
4. Of course, after you've shown me your identity documents

Kathy Baker

Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair

Answers on page 9



*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
-Mother Theresa*

Clubs Helping Clubs

Please bring your donated items to the State Convention April 21st and 22nd, 2023. If your club is collecting items for donation in your community that you think would otherwise be discarded by clubwomen please reach out and we will endeavor to get your request added to the list.

Wamego Study Club

Clean and label free prescription bottles and lids (NOT OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINE OR VITAMIN BOTTLES) for Community Care Ministries. Contact person is Linda Krebs; lindafredkrebs@gmail.com

Gardner Athena Club

Plastic (any color) coat hangers for Meadowbrook Rehab Hospital. Contact person is Kathy Baker; bkbakers@gmail.com

Goddard Woman's Club

Plastic bags (grocery shopping bags) to be made into benches for the community. Contact person is Gail Jamison; gailjamison@sktc.net



“Without women’s groups knocking on doors, I wouldn’t have gotten where I am. We need women to support each other. We still don’t have equal pay.”
-Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Environmental/Conservation

Our National Parks and plastic waste phase-out

Deb Haaland, the Secretary of the Interior noted in her order last year, 2022; that the U.S. is one of the world’s largest producers of plastic waste, with the Interior Department on its own creating nearly 80,000 tons of trash in 2020. She also reported more plastic waste in 2021 and 2022 up significantly from the 80,000 tons of ’20. The single-use plastic phase-out is an opportunity for the Interior Department to “lead by example” and, hopefully, inspire others to take similar steps in the future, per Haaland’s order. With her order, national parks and other public lands will begin replacing single-use plastic products and packaging—anything that’s meant to be used once and then thrown away, including bottles, cups, cutlery, straws, plastic bags and containers—with more eco-friendly alternatives.

Federal officials will implement the change across more than 480 million acres of public lands, 2.5 billion acres of coastal waters along the outer continental shelf and 750 million acres of marine national monuments—20 percent of the country’s lands and waters.

You know that I have asked GFWC Clubs to Ban the Bottles for a couple of years now. I ran across this website: peer.org. PEER is a really good website for you to check out. It stands for Public Employee’s for Environmental Responsibility. The following is from that website:

Our national parks are drowning in a rising tide of plastic waste. Single-use disposable plastic bottles are the single biggest component of national park waste streams. Visitors to the

United States’ national parks will begin seeing more compostable, biodegradable, and recycled materials in gift shops and restaurants in the parks as the federal government moves to stop using single-use plastic products on public lands by 2032. BY 2032!!! We cannot wait that long folks! This must end sooner, and YOU can help!

The article goes on to say: Mountains of plastic bottles and single-use plastic burden wildlife, create greenhouse gases, pollute our waters, and cost taxpayers to haul away. As crowds return to record levels following the pandemic, a tsunami of plastic waste will again swamp our parks.



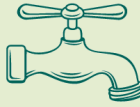


The Biden administration has pledged to address this issue over the next ten years. Yet national parks can start going plastic-free right now. Park concessioners are willing to stop stocking disposable plastic items, but they need direction from the National Park Service.

I hope you will check out their website and sign the petition on it to encourage President Biden to speed-up the ban on plastic in the parks.

Sign on with PEER (Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility) Green Latinos and Beyond Plastics today. Ask the Park Service Director to ensure that our parks are plastic free NOW. The planet cannot afford to wait until 2032!

Juanita Rothaus
GFWC Kansas Environment/
Conservation Chair

WHAT DO PLASTIC-FREE PARKS LOOK LIKE?

<p>No sales of single-use plastic water bottles in any of the 63 national parks.</p> 	<p>75% reduction in discarded plastic waste in parks.</p> 	<p>Free potable water is readily available for park visitors.</p> 	<p>Less damage to ecosystems and wildlife from discarded plastics.</p> 	<p>The National Park Service sets a “green” model for state, municipal and worldwide parks.</p> 
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Source: PEER.org

Civic Engagement and Outreach—Quiz Answers

Quiz Answer Key and Fun Facts

1. The most common way burglars gain access to houses is by forcing doors or breaking windows. Police officers estimate that a quarter of burglaries are via unlocked doors or windows.

2. The "best place" to keep the keys when you go to bed at night is on your bedside table. The hall table is one of the worst places you could keep the keys. Crooks have been known to poke fishing rods through letterboxes to lift them.

3. **No.** Be very careful about this. If you are making a purchase by telephone or on the internet, you may be asked for the numbers by the trader. If you are the one who initiated the transaction, you probably know the other party is genuine. If you get a cold call from a "credit card company", insist on ringing back to a number that appears on your card statement or on the official website—not one they give.

4. **Nowhere in a car is safe to hide valuables.**

5. **Pull the curtains closed.** Closed curtains during daylight hours are a giveaway that a house is unoccupied.

6. **No** Your bank will never ask for your PIN code.

7. **Put them away in your shed or garage until you need them again**

8. **No** Fraudsters have become adept at sending out false emails that mimic the appearance of genuine websites. If you need to respond to a query, contact

your bank from their secure home page - or give them a telephone call.

9. **A GPS Tracker system** A Tracker system will assist in recovering the car should it get stolen.

10. **A closed padlock in the bottom corner** Always look for the closed padlock symbol and the letters HTTPS at the start of the website address.

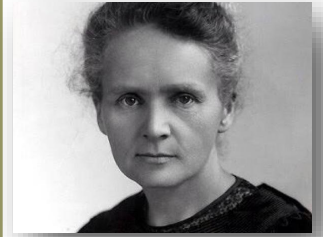
11. **I've never been to Canada/bought a lottery ticket, this message goes into the bin.** This is a scam, never provide bank account details to people you don't know.

12. **No** If you are selling a car privately, do not hand it over until the money is in your bank account.

13. **Periodically take them back to your car and put them in the trunk with a friend looking after them.** Crooks are known to loiter about parking lots looking for packages in unguarded cars. It's always best to keep packages with you.

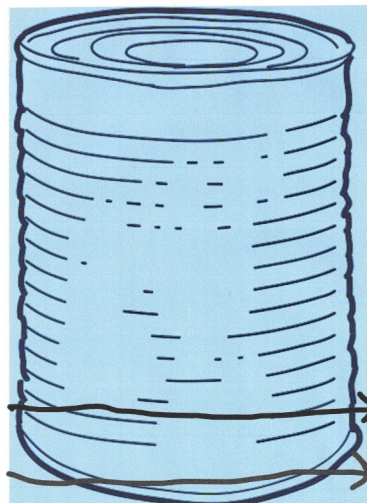
14. **No** This is a scam and the item you take home will not be the one you thought you bought.

15. **Of course, after you've shown me your identity documents** Never allow someone you don't know into your home. Always ask callers for their identity documents. If still in doubt, keep them outside while you phone the organization or company they claim to represent.



*“Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas.”
-Mdm. Marie Curie*

2022 Food Insecurity Challenge



9999 items

4999 items

1999 items
(02/10/23)

999 items
(11/30/22)

2022-2024 Presidents Area of Emphasis.
Food Insecurity
Original Challenge, collect 999 items.
Achieved by November 30th, 2022.
Second Challenge, collect 1999 items.
Achieved by February 10th, 2023.
Final Challenge, collect 9999 items by June 30th, 2024.
Current total 2002 items



Health and Wellness

Been busy doing my Annual Health and Wellness report and I am amazed of all you ladies are doing. Keep it up and don't forget to formulate your club's Community Connection Initiative if not already done so. The Health and Wellness Community Connective Initiative is on Physical Fitness—Give that Glimmer and Glow. Some great examples may be found in the winter issue of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. Get your members creative juices flowing. How can your club promote and provide physical fitness opportunities for all ages in your community.

MARCH IS:
National Nutrition Month
National Kidney Month
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

Sharon Teagarden-King, Health and Wellness Chair

Epsilon Sigma Omicron—Zeta Chapter of Kansas

How are you coming with our 2022 Reading Challenge? For those who received the challenge at our Fall Board Meeting, you still have time to finish by our State Convention. There might be a prize for those who do. But please bring your challenge completed or not. It's fun to see how everyone answered the prompts.

We will meet at Convention on Friday night, April 21st, 9:15pm, in the hotel's large meeting room. We will have a book exchange. Bring your ideas. Is there a project that we could work on in the coming year?

It is not too late to join ESO. Come to the meeting and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome. ESO materials are posted on the Resources page at gfwcofkansas.org. Or send me an email to let me know that you are working on your Pledge Level. Remember, also, to report your reading so that your progress is up to date. You are working on reading levels. You want to level up.

I'm looking forward to meeting with you and discussing books in April.

Linda Loyd
ESO Chairman
lindaloyd05@gmail.com

Kansas Clubwoman Next Issue

News items for the **June, 2023** issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due **May 20, 2023**. Please feel free to forward your articles to me whenever you have them ready. No need to wait for the due date. I maintain a working copy of the next issue and will insert your article when I receive it. I will always send a reply to confirm that I have received your article. If you don't receive a confirmation, please check with me.

Back issues of the Kansas Clubwoman are archived in our website gfwcofkansas.org.

If you would like to have a digital copy of the Clubwoman emailed to you, please let me know.

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“If it's a good idea, go ahead and do it. It's much easier to apologize than it is to get permission.”
-Grace Hopper

GFWC Randall Progressive Study Club

The Randall Progressive Study Club was organized in 1922 by 3 community women and chartered with GFWC in 1923 with 13 members. They will be celebrating their 100th year at their April 16, 2023 club meeting.

Randall Progressive Study club has many accomplishments throughout the years. For many years they helped Veterans through their volunteer services and gifts to VA hospitals in Topeka, Leavenworth, and Wichita. They were very active in the community by planting trees in the city park in memory of war dead after each World War. Another project was rolling strips of material for carpet rags that the war veterans made into rugs and sold.

Kansas was the 1st to develop Music Talent Auditions in the early 1920's and our club sent many students to the contests throughout our 100 years of Federation. Silver Tea's were hosted for many years to showcase the arts and musical talents of students in the Randall and Jewell communities. Women from the communities were invited to enjoy the talent our young people shared.

Many public libraries were started by members of the GFWC organization. The Randall Public Library was started in 1931. Club members canvassed the town soliciting books and in 1937 we purchased about 500 books, a desk, 2 chairs and shelves from a bankrupt library in

Topeka.

In the 70's, the club had bleachers made (which the women painted) for the ball fields, made Welcome to Randall signs, and raised money for street signs.

The Randall Progressive Study Club has been honored to host the chartering of 2 Junior Clubs. In 1965, they were the sponsoring club for the Formoso Athena Junior Club. In 1984, they helped organize and charter the Antigone Junior club of Randall.

We worked with the local 4-H club to collect for UNICEF and sponsor a Halloween party, sponsored Citizenship Essay youth, HOBY, arts and crafts contests at the district and state level. Many baby blankets were made for Operation Smile and blind babies.

In looking back through club histories, the years flew by with the flip of a page and it's the same in our lives. A year is like a flip of a page. Where did it go and did we have fun while it was here? It has been fun to be a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

*Elaine Peters
GFWC Randall Progressive
Study Club*



*"Let us remember:
One book, one pen,
one child, and one
teacher can change
the world."
-Malala Yousafzai*



“My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent.”

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

GFWC Questers of Hutchinson

GFWC Questers of Hutchinson has had a busy fall and winter. In September we met with Mark Buckley, head of the Downtown Board, sharing information on the history of the downtown area and the future plans for Main Street. We then visited the delightful Toy Depot in the historic block to see toys from yesteryear. It was interesting to learn that people from all over the US come to Hutchinson to buy these vintage toys.

In November, our club always remembers our veterans. The program was on the meaning of poppies and violas as symbols for veterans. We collected 456 items, including socks, pants, underwear, toiletries, reading materials, and cards. We also sent 80 signed thank you cards. These were delivered to Robert J Dole Veteran’s Hospital in Wichita.

We packed 49 pillow cases, 7 bags, and toiletries for St Francis Community Services in December. These items are given to children being removed from their homes. Our members

have been working on these items for several months and plan to continue during the coming year.

January was a time for fun, so members gathered at Metropolitan Coffee Shop to learn all about coffee beans and how it is roasted. We enjoyed visiting and sipping coffee.

Our February meeting was on the history of Carnegie Libraries. Do you have a Carnegie Library in your town? In 1948 the Hutchinson Library moved out of the Carnegie building and it was purchased by the Teamsters Union. We were thrilled to see the beauty of this old building, built in 1903, but heart broken to see its condition. Since this is a Historical Site in Hutchinson, we would love to see it repaired.

We have several more fun things planned for the next few months.

Karen DeCou, President of GFWC Questers, Hutchinson



GFWC Wamego Study Club

The Wamego Study club members met at the Wamego Senior Center for our annual Christmas gathering. Christine Day and Janet Armstead, also known as Prairie Larkspur, entertained us with their lovely voices singing historical Christmas songs. These two very talented women entertained us with multiple historic instruments including the auto harp, guitar, hand drum, coronet, bells and both soprano and tenor recorders.

Amanda Bullock gave us an excellent cookie decorating demonstration, with tips about decorating cookies for all occasions. Her business, Amanda's Cookie Colony, teaches lessons on cookie decorating and sells her cookies at the Feathered Arrow in downtown Wamego and on-line. We all went home with a sampling of homemade decorated cookies.



Dr. Antonia Broyaka spoke to GFWC Wamego Study Club about her country, Ukraine, on February 20th. She has advanced degrees in agriculture, business administration, and economics. She is an author, both individually and co-authoring more than 60 publications of an educational and methodological nature and 70 scientific publications.

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Broyaka moved to Manhattan, Kansas with her children leaving behind her parents and husband, Volodymyr Lapshov, who was drafted by the Ukrainian military to defend the country. She is continuing research

activity as an Extension Associate in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. She is working on the issue of the economic impact of Russian military aggression on Ukrainian agriculture and global food security.

Several other GFWC groups were invited to the presentation including Ad Astra and Portia from Wamego, Ladies Reading Circle from Alma and Flint Hills Women's Club from Chapman/Manhattan.

Dr. Antonia Broyaka spoke about the history of Ukraine and its longevity as a country, established long before Russia. Ukraine is considered the breadbasket of Europe and feeds the people in many countries in Europe and Africa. The food production and access to the Black Sea makes it very valuable to Russia. Russia started by targeting their infrastructure including bridges, roads and trains and have moved on to the electrical and gas power systems. They have also targeted schools, hospitals and churches. Over 14,000 children have been abducted by the Russian troops. The devastation is profound!

Members from the Wamego Study Club also are displaying arts, crafts, writings etc. that they have done this past year

Jackie Hays
President



“Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness.”
-Oprah Winfrey



GFWC Athena Club

The GFWC Athena Club
Cordially invites all GFWC clubs and ladies
To come Celebrate with us our 100th Anniversary
On Saturday, April 29, 2023

From 1-4 pm.

First Baptist Church

324 E. Shawnee St.

Gardner, Ks. 66030

There will be a short program high lighting the
Athena Club over the years.

Please RSVP with Juanita Rothaus by March 15, 2023

Phone # 913-980-4104

If you would like to send congratulations cards :

228 W. Jefferson St., Gardner, Ks. 66030-1104

We HOPE you can join in our Celebration!!

*“There’s power in
allowing yourself to
be known and
heard, in owning
your unique story,
in using your
authentic voice.”
-Michelle Obama*



GARDNER ATHENA CLUB LADIES, 1923

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Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd, 2023
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Accommodation:

Hampton Inn by Hilton. 455 N. Crowne Drive, Goddard, KS 67052

The town of Goddard and host club Goddard Woman's Club welcomes GFWC of Kansas members (clubwomen and boosters) to celebrate GFWC at the upcoming state convention. During the 127th Annual State Convention we hope to include the State President's Area of Emphasis (food insecurity) and her State Project (supporting youth diabetes camps). We will also endeavor to mention the importance of April 22nd Earth Day, April 23~29th National Library Week and April 24th Federation Day during the convention.

Convention Space: The Convention will be held in the multi-purpose room of Challenger Intermediate School on both Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd. There will be a direct entrance into the multi-purpose room from the outside through Door #2. Please look for GFWC signs and pinwheels. All art and photography works for the state competition will need to be delivered to the convention space on Friday morning between 10am~12:30pm. **Convention registrations must be received by April 3rd, 2023.**

Accommodation: The Hampton Inn will be the overnight accommodation setting and location for the Kansas Executive Committee, Rainbow Club, Past State Presidents and ESO meetings. To reserve your accommodation please email Betty Spain, at betty@imaginehospitality.net. Include in your email the following: your full name, contact information (phone, email), type of room (2 double beds or 1 king bed), any specific requirements (handicap accessible), how many nights and the date, and that you are wanting the GFWC of Kansas room block contract. Note: if you have a Hilton Honors number include that with your email. The room rate is \$115.00, parking and breakfast are free. Check in is 3:00pm, check out is 11:00am. Of special note, the hotel is still under construction so booking online or via Hilton directly will not be possible. Betty Spain is the General Manager for Imagine Resorts and Hotels who will manage the hotel once it is open. Betty has graciously volunteered to make our reservations individually through her special access. We ask each of you to please be patient as the hotel opens. Betty prefers you email her the required information but if needed you can call her directly at 620-640-8300. **Accommodations must be made by April 3rd, 2023.**

Suggested items to bring to convention.

Donations for Camp Live Well and Camp Discovery (See back side for the wish list of donations).

One or more large item per club for a raffle to benefit the Citizenship Essay Scholarship Fund.

Items for "Kansas Marketplace", please notate a price for your donated item. Baked goods are allowed. Proceeds from "Kansas Marketplace" benefit the general fund for GFWC of Kansas.

Reusable personal water bottle (receive a free raffle ticket as an incentive to conserve paper/plastic waste). We will have bulk water and iced tea available before the tours and during the convention for clubwomen to fill their personal water bottles.

Wish List for donations to Camp Live Well and Camp Discovery (youth diabetes camps in Kansas)

Camp Live Well (Day Camp)

- ~Re-usable water bottles
- ~Sippy Peanut Butter – individual packets
- ~Slim Jim’s
- ~Variety chip box
- ~Cheez-its
- ~Fruit Snacks
- ~Granola bars
- ~Sunscreen
- ~Water balloons
- ~Swim goggles
- ~Pool Toys
- ~Arts & Crafts supplies and/or craft kits for about 25 kids
- ~Multi-Color Sharpies

Camp Discovery (Overnight Camp)

- ~Re-usable water bottles
- ~Sippy Peanut Butter – individual packets
- ~Slim Jim’s
- ~Bulk dry roasted peanuts
- ~Bulk raisins
- ~Graham Crackers
- ~Bug Spray
- ~Sunscreen
- ~Soccer ball
- ~Yard Games

Tours for Friday (Clubwomen and Boosters) and Saturday (Boosters)

Friday Tours (Clubwomen and Boosters):

Please meet in the lobby at the Hampton Inn by Hilton before 1:30pm on Friday to travel to “Rise Farms” (www.risefarmsks.com), or the Advanced Learning Library (www.wichitalibrary.org), and the “Nifty Nut House” (www.niftynuthouse.com). We will be travelling by motorcoach and will return to the hotel at approximately 4:00pm. The Advanced Learning Library tour and Nifty Nut House shopping opportunity will be a combined tour. Registrants will need to choose between Tour One: Rise Farms Tour, Tour Two: Advanced Learning Library Tour and Nifty Nut House or No Tour. Please notate your preference on the registration form.

Tour One: The RISE Farm tour is limited to 30 people. RISE Farms is a beacon of environmental progress in the heart of Wichita. It is a 15,000-square-foot specialty crop farm and a 204-panel solar farm blooming on the top floor of Fidelity Bank’s Car Park. Their goal is to grow a variety of produce in a no-waste organic manner to supply area restaurants and Wichitans with fresh, local ingredients.

Tour Two: The Advanced Learning Library is the newest (2018) and largest library in Wichita. It includes specialized collections, areas designed for the distinct needs of youth age groups from birth to teens, an audiovisual studio, 3D printing access, and a number of informal and formal collaboration spaces. Nifty Nut House was established 1937 and is a third-generation family-owned business that prides themselves on quality products, great prices, and friendly service. They offer many varieties of nuts, candy, and gum and are a very well-known Wichita shopping destination.

Saturday Tour (Boosters):

Please meet in the hotel lobby at 10:00am on Saturday to visit the Kansas Aviation Museum (www.kansasaviationmuseum.org) . Personal vehicles will be used for transportation. It is in a historic art-deco building which use to be a working airport terminal. It houses a plethora of aviation heritage, learning library, restoration workshop, and multiple planes on display. Currently they are restoring a Cessna U-206, Blanche Noyes' C-37, Cessna 310 and just received a grant to start work on a B-52. The cost to tour the Kansas Aviation Museum is \$8. The group will stop for a late lunch at another iconic setting in Wichita before returning to the hotel lobby at approximately 3pm.

GFWC of Kansas 127th Annual State Convention Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd, 2023

According to GFWC of Kansas Bylaws:

Article VI-Conventions

Section 1. The Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas shall be held annually in the spring at a place to be determined by the person serving as President at the time of the Convention.

Section 2. Representation. The voting body shall be:

- A. The President or her appointee and one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof for each club holding active membership.
- B. Members of the Board of Directors.
- C. Past State Presidents and General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas Directors of Junior Clubs.

Section 3. The quorum for the annual convention shall be twenty-five (25) voting members.

All clubwomen of GFWC of Kansas are invited and encouraged to attend the Convention.

All attendees must complete the enclosed registration form and return to the State Registrar, Jeanna Maley, 10518 W Taft, Wichita, KS 67209 **before April 3rd, 2023**. Payment must also be submitted with the completed registration by the deadline.

All attendees are responsible for securing their own hotel reservations **before close of business April 3rd, 2023**.

If there is a chairperson or appointee who wishes to meet with the Executive Committee on Friday morning, please let Janine know by April 3rd, 2023.

Rosemary Hour will be coordinated by the Rainbow Club. Please send names and information about any recently passed clubwoman so they can be respectfully honored at the convention. Send to Kate Field, 4108 Brigadune Drive, Hutchinson, KS 67502 **before April 3rd, 2023**.

If you have specific dietary restrictions please call Janine Eilert directly at (316) 250-0432 so she can in turn discuss options with the caterer.

Dress at the Convention will be business casual. Please keep in mind that although the weather may be warm and slightly humid, room air conditioning can be quite cool. Pack and dress according to your personal comfort level.

Menu:

Friday Dinner \$15, Baked Potato Bar. (Toppings ~ Chili, Smoked Pork, Shredded Smoked Chicken), Green Salad, Dessert (Baby Bundt Cakes)

Saturday Lunch \$15, Soup & Salad Bar (Taco soup, Wild Rice and Chicken soup, Vegetable soup), Green Salad, Dessert (Lemon and Chocolate Fudge Bars)

Directions to Convention Space and Hotel:

The Convention Space (Multi-purpose Room, Door #2, Challenger Intermediate School, 325 N Walnut, Goddard 67052) and Hotel (Hampton Inn by Hilton, 455 N Crowne Drive, Goddard 67052) are separate buildings, but within 1.7 miles of each other, 6 minute-drive. Both the convention space and hotel are conveniently located in Goddard and are just off Kellogg (US-54/400) the main highway that runs east/west through southern Kansas.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Friday April 21st, 2023 **(Multi-Purpose room, Door #2, @ Challenger Intermediate School, unless otherwise noted)**

- 10:00am GFWC of Kansas Executive Committee Meeting (small conf room @ Hotel)
- 10:00am~12:30pm Acceptance of all art, photography, and clubwomen crafts
- 12:30pm~1:15pm Registration begins (large meeting room @Hotel)
- 1:30pm Tours begin (charter bus leaves from Hotel parking lot)
- 4:00pm Tours end (charter bus returns to Hotel parking lot)
- 4:30pm Judging of the Art
- 5:00pm Rainbow Club Meeting (small conf room @ Hotel)
- 5:00pm~6:00pm Registration available
- 6:00pm Convention
- 6:15pm Dinner
- 8:00pm Guest Speaker
- 9:15pm ESO meeting (large meeting room @ Hotel)

Saturday April 22nd, 2023 **(Multi-Purpose room, Door #2, @ Challenger Intermediate School, unless otherwise noted)**

- 7:45am Past State President meeting (small conf room @ Hotel)
- 8:30am Registration available
- 9:00am Opening of Convention
- 11:00am Guest Speaker
- 11:45am Rosemary Hour
- 12:15pm Luncheon
- 12:45pm Convention Continues
- 1:30pm Guest Speaker
- 3:15pm Raffle Drawing, Closing Announcements
- 3:30pm Adjournment

- 1st Time Attendee
 Previous Attendee
 Legacy Clubwoman

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<u>Attendee Information</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Club Name:	<input type="radio"/> Registration Fee: \$25
First/Last Name:	<input type="radio"/> Friday Dinner: \$15
Mailing Address:	Saturday Breakfast: free if hotel guest
City, Zip:	<input type="radio"/> Saturday Lunch: \$15
Phone:	TOTAL PACKAGE: \$55
Email:	Total Paid:
<u>Tours</u> (mark only one)	Check #:
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