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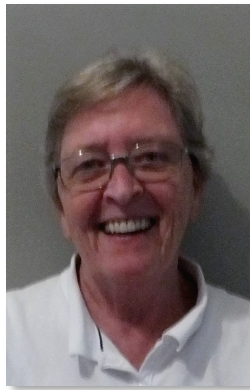
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KANSAS CLUBWOMAN NEWS

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From Jan's Chair...



Jan Moore
GFWC of Kansas President
2020-2022

This will be a "good news/not-so-good news" article. That sounds ominous, right! Well the good news outweighs the bad news!

I'll start with all the good news:
1. As I write this, GFWC of Kansas is working on awarding the Pam Colson-Gottstein

Memorial Scholarship to a deserving young lady student who is a graduate of Baldwin City High School and is attending Baker University. She is currently a Sophomore. I'm waiting to hear the approval (the process takes time!).

2. GFWC of Kansas was able to sponsor two winter holiday food baskets and one combo heating/cooking stove for our Native Americans through the Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF). This was made possible by generous donations from Clubwomen - and the effort to do that was spearheaded by our own Prudence Fager! I am so thankful for all of you who contributed to this effort!

3. Our Clubs have gotten your 2020 reports sent to our Vice President, Margaret Thomas and to me. It is astonishing the amount of work all of you have managed to do in a year of nearly complete "lock down". I applaud all of you - you are true volunteers! I will be working on my reporting for the State - great job everyone!

Now for the "not-so-good" news: Our executive Committee (and I) have voted (via e-mail) to NOT gather May 7 & 8 for State Convention. I sent a quick phone call to the Junction City Courtyard Marriott to reschedule our convention to October 15 & 16, 2021 (please mark your calendars). You will not find a "Call to Convention: until our August Clubwoman Newsletter. As a result of this we will not be able to have High School Student Art competition this year. Our October 15 & 16 convention (and board meeting) will be at the Junction City Courtyard Marriott. We hope that vaccinations will have happened by mid-summer for all of us. Once we put plans in place, we could have Clubwomen art competition, but not Student Art. This news does not make any of us happy - but it may keep us all safer and that is our overall goal. As of this writing, we plan on a 2022 Spring Convention, hopefully in Manhattan. Plans will be forthcoming. We all want to have vaccinations in place by mid-summer (2021); and we must follow ALL CDC guidelines. Please wear a mask, keep your distance (6+feet) and don't go out in public if you are not feeling well. My thoughts are with all of you - you are the heart of GFWC of Kansas!

Jan Moore





*"Behold, my friends,
the spring is come;
the earth has gladly
received the
embrace of the sun,
and we shall soon
see the results of
their love."*

-Sitting Bull

A Letter from GFWC of Kansas State President

February 9, 2021

COVID 19 for Spring 2021 Convention Update:

Dear GFWC of Kansas Club Members:

Our Executive Committee has reviewed the plans to hold Kansas State Convention on May 7 & 8, 2021 in Junction City. We have unanimously concluded that it would be too dangerous for our membership to attempt to meet in early May due to the pandemic. We will be watching and hoping that the coronavirus releases its grip on our country/state by summer. We propose to hold convention in early/late fall; we will keep everyone informed of a proposed date and convention site (hopefully, still Junction City).

Please, everyone put your name in on your local vaccine waiting list and take advantage of the vaccine when it becomes available for you. We hope that with vaccinations, the pandemic will begin to subside by Fall 2021.

This decision, while not unexpected during these times, is still an unpleasant reminder of our vulnerability. We will keep all members informed via emails as our plans evolve and with the GFWC of Kansas Clubwoman Newsletter. My sincere thoughts are with every single GFWC of Kansas member - I want ALL of you to stay safe and stay well.....as I can see from the reports that I've received, you are tending to your communities very, very well. Thank you for your reporting and your volunteer work.

Jan Moore, President
GFWC of Kansas

President-Elect

Dear GFWC of Kansas Clubwomen,

Welcome to an amazing start to 2021. I sincerely hope that you have been able to enroll yourself and/or your elders to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Perhaps some of you have been lucky enough to get the vaccine. Congratulations to you. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

I know that a lot of club presidents have just finished writing their reports on all the fantastic stuff that their clubs accomplished in 2020. Thank you to all who submitted those reports. Sometimes I think our wonderful club presidents get a little overwhelmed with report writing, planning meetings, running meetings, creating projects etc. I would like to challenge all clubwomen to think and implement a "Done-in-a-Day" project for your club within the next 12 months. This type of project can be fun, highly effective, and greatly appreciated by your community. The key is to choose an attainable goal and be extremely organized before the start of the project. Perhaps you organize a single day to collect gently used towels and blankets for delivery to an animal shelter. Another suggestion is to have a baking day of cookies and delivery those to your local EMS, police, or fire station. Remember to share your projects on your club Facebook page, our own GFWC of Kansas Facebook page or your community newspaper.

How do you stay connected with your club? I recently learned that there is a phone service for free conference calling (up to 1000 people on a single call). There is no fee involved. You just sign up as the host and then provide your participants (the people you want on your call) the date, time, dial in number and access code#. www.freeconferencecall.com This may work for all those clubs who do not want to use virtual meeting platforms (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, WebEx etc.)

Two membership reminders below;
GFWC of Kansas is sponsoring a

membership challenge. For any club that adds 3 paid new members to its roster between August 1st 2020 and May 1st 2021 (state dues need to be received by our state secretary by May 1st) a monetary award will be presented to your club at the end of the club year 2020~2021.

GFWC International is offering a \$50 Membership grant to clubs for the 2020~2021 membership year. The form is on www.GFWC.org under M for membership. If you cannot find the form please let me know and I will email or mail you a copy of the form for you to complete. This monetary grant is designed to help clubs with their recruiting efforts.

I have written an additional article for the Kansas Clubwoman News about the different types of clubs and the different types of membership. Please read that article carefully and if you have any questions please call me or email me. Most of my friends would say that I love to talk and laugh, and I would tend to agree with them. So please call me to chat if you would like.

We must GROW to SURVIVE
and THRIVE.

Janine Eilert
GFWC of Kansas President-Elect and
Membership Chairman
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*"I believe in process.
I believe in four
seasons. I believe that
winter's tough, but
spring's coming. I
believe that there's a
growing season. And I
think that you realize
that in life, you grow.
You get better." ~
Steve Southerland*



*"I stuck my head
out the window this
morning and spring
kissed me bang in
the face."*

Langston Hughes

Vice President

This has indeed been a learning curve year to say the least. Often a person knows what they don't know, but in this case, I didn't even know what I didn't know.

First, I would like to say thank all the clubs that reported: GFWC Ad Astra, GFWC Gardner Athena, GFWC Beta Club, GFWC Delphos, GFWC Flint Hills, GFWC Goddard Women's, GFWC Questers Hutchinson, GFWC Ladies Reading Junction City, GFWC Kansas Rainbow, GFWC Classics, GFWC Mid-Century, GFWC Portia, GFWC Waterville Shakespeare, GFWC Wamego Study, GFWC Modern Pioneers, GFWC Wichita Woman's, and GFWC Randall Progressive. Secondly, a big thank you to Janine Eilert, our President-Elect, for her patience with trying to get me sorted out in who gets what from each of your reports and which parts need to be sent to duplicate people.

Having composed our own club's reports for a number of years and having been responsible for putting the state veteran's reports together, I thought I had a handle on this. HA! To those in the past who had to fight in disassembling my reports to forward them on to the appropriate people my apologies.

It is amazing the activities that have occurred in a year that has stopped many monthly meetings. We have had a total of eleven (11) creativity submissions from six (6) different clubs. Looking through the reports there appeared to be other projects, that may be "old hat" to the clubs that did them, which seemed worthy of creative submission.

This cycle for 2020 may be drawing to a close, but I would encourage you to think even of the little things you do that make a big difference when combined with your other club members for the 2021 reporting year. An example, this year I reminded our club members to include recycling. We are fortunate in Norton as we have a special recycle pick up day. We each spend at least half an hour a week sorting and repurposing before we just stash in the trash, but many had forgotten about that one act and how it adds up in a year. If you multiple that by the number of club members it shows how a habit that we take for granted can make a huge difference.

Wishing the best for you, your club and your families in the year 2021.

*Margaret Thomas,
State Vice President*

Treasurer

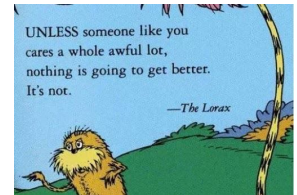
This is a slow time of the year in the GFWC of Kansas Treasurer's "office." Not much activity to report. Add to that the fact that I've been in hibernation due to the ongoing pandemic and frigid weather, and it's really been slow around here!

I like to report in the March *Clubwoman* that there are sufficient funds in the Art, Citizenship, and Music Funds to cover the scholarships we will be awarding. The good news is that there is \$2,485.58 in the Art Fund, \$3,092.22 in the Citizenship Fund, and \$3,421.24 in the Music Fund,

which would cover the cost of some meaningful scholarships. Even though there will be no Music Auditions this year, I hope we get to award some scholarships to the talented high school students of Kansas.

I am hoping we get to come out of hibernation soon, that you are able to receive your Covid vaccines, and that we can all be together soon for a state meeting!

Carol Hanson
GFWC of KS Treasurer



Secretary

Spring is on the way. Yes, I say this even though the temperature is very cold today as I write this article. Before we know it, April will be open on our calendars and we will be looking forward to Spring flowers and May showers!

Meanwhile, your State Secretary has been updating our Kansas Club Membership Rosters for each club; using a uniform format and updating them to be ready to mail to our Club presidents in April.

If any club members have a change of address, phone number, or email, please submit that information to me **as soon as possible** so that I can update your Membership Roster before the end of April. Please send me the new information in whatever media that is easiest for you – mail it to me, text me, or email it!

The important thing is that together we keep our members' contact information up to date all year long, allowing all members to receive the *Kansas Clubwoman News* each quarter. It is an important newsletter, filled with vital information, sent to every member directly from GFWC of Kansas.

At other times during the year, if your club has a new member, please complete the form on page 8 of the State Handbook, enclose a check for the \$25 dues per

member and send both to me. I will notify the GFWC of Kansas Executive Committee and Linda Loyd, Kansas Clubwoman Editor.

When you are updating your Club Membership Roster (which I will mail to the Club president at the end of April) new members can at that time be added at the bottom of the Club Roster and marked as "New."

My contact information:
E-mail: lindafredkrebs@gmail.com
Cell phone: 785-313-4191
Address: 124 Riverview Drive
Wamego, KS 66547

I would also remind you to save a copy of your Membership Roster for your club, after you have made any changes necessary. **Please mail your completed Membership Roster to me by JUNE 1st with club dues for the year 2021-2022.**

Please contact me with any questions or if I can be of assistance with this project.

Linda Krebs
GFWC of Kansas Secretary

"All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy and my spirits soar."
Helen Hayes



*"The beautiful spring
came; and when
Nature resumes her
loveliness, the human
soul is apt to revive
also."
-Harriet Ann Jacobs*

Library Board

The State Library of Kansas is currently reviewing its body of services for libraries and Kansans and that makes now a great time to highlight some of them.

The Kansas Notable Books program was the last to be featured so we're going digital this time with the Kansas Library eCard.

The eCard is the entryway to a bevy of online library resources, including high quality information and research databases that are available to users across the state. Recently, some of these resources have become available by simply verifying your Kansas internet provider address, but, if that link won't work for some reason, then the eCard PIN can still get you there. It is also required on other sites, including Digital Book eLending.

The statewide card was first introduced as the Kansas Library Card in 2002 and gave people across the state a means to access major online research databases. Prior to this, such materials were usually only offered by large public and academic institutions who could afford to subscribe and then only for use by their patrons. In 2013, the name changed to the eCard to emphasize its digital focus.

Some of the e-reading sites cardholders will be able to enjoy at no charge are:

- Cloud Library eBooks and Audio-Books. Features bestselling fiction from big publishers with a few nonfiction titles thrown in. (Includes the audio titles formerly offered through RB Digital.)

- Enki Library eBooks. Self-published books from the catalogs of small to medium publishers. Among its 60,000 titles is a variety of both fiction and nonfiction including a good selection of cooking, crafts, and DIY titles among the latter.
- Freading eBooks. Lots of variety in both fiction and non-fiction, including graphic novels. Most are from the catalogs of small publishers but the database contains more than 80,000 titles so there are plenty to choose from.

Getting a Kansas Library eCard is as easy as visiting your nearest public, school or college library. They will probably ask you to verify your current Kansas address such as showing your driver's license. They will also ask your date of birth and enter it along with your full name into the eCard database. A paper copy of your card with your PIN number will be handed to you on the spot or the pertinent info will be emailed if you provide an address. There is no lower age limit so kids can also get a card to use the resources created just for them.

The Kansas Library eCard is your ticket to the world of free, digital reading whether you live in the biggest or the smallest community in the state. Ask about it when you next visit your library and they will hook you up.

*Susan Moyer,
GFWC KS Library Board
Appointee*

Hoby

Here it nearly the end of February! Where has all the time gone and I know I am certainly behind with things I have been trying to get done. I am sorry I have not done well with my HOBY information.

I had visited with Sandra Shields a couple of months ago about where we were at with a HOBY Seminar for Kansas and she was going to send me some information.

At this time the date for Kansas students is, and it is listed as a Virtual Seminar, 7/8/21 - 7/11/21.

A couple of names are:

Rose Santini, Chief National Programs Officer
State Leadership Programs or any of HOBY's programs

Sandra Shields
PO Box 763458
Dallas, TX 75376

If you are needing specific information, please contact me, Sabra Clarke at 785-798-554 or sabrajc@yahoo.com and I will help you in any way that I

ESO - Epsilon Sigma Omicron Next Issue

I've received several new pledges for ESO! ESO members, please encourage other club members to join.

The purpose of ESO, Zeta Chapter, and the State of Kansas is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning. Not only book reports count toward ESO awards, but also college credits, Elderhostel's, seminars, workshops, reading to the elderly and children. Information and forms can be found in the state handbook, pages 3-5. More information and a suggested reading list can be found through the Member Portal at GFWC.org.

Please make membership checks out to me and not ESO. I have a new phone number 785-747-8775. Call if you have any questions.

*Diane Hornbostel,
ESO Chairman*

News items for the **June** issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due **May 20, 2021**. Please feel free to forward your articles to me whenever you have them ready. No need to wait. 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.

Linda Loyd, Editor
lloyd05@embarqmail.com



*They ravaged neither
the rivers nor the
forest, and if they
irrigated, they took as
little water as would
serve their needs.
The land and all that
it bore they treated
with consideration;
not attempting to
improve it, they
never desecrated it.”
— Willa Cather,
Death Comes for the
Archbishop*



*"The day the Lord
created hope was
probably the same day
he created Spring."
-Bernard Williams*

GFWC Legislative Action Center

Once again it is time for GFWC clubwomen to urge Congress to take the necessary steps to ensure women's equality. Now is the opportunity to finally ratify the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Join us in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor House Joint Resolution 17 and Senate Joint Resolution 1 to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. In January 2020, the necessary three-fourths, or 38 states, ratified the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Unfortunately, the United States Archivist refused to publish and certify the ratification based on a

2020 memorandum from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of General Counsel, stating that the deadline had passed. Congress must press forward and end any unnecessary barriers to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. In 1972, the initial deadline was established as seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress." This set the date to March 22, 1979, and Congress has acted once to extend the deadline to June 30, 1982. The deadline must be removed to clear any remaining barriers, so that ratification can take place and gender equality will be protected by the United States Constitution.

*Kathy Baker
GFWC Kansas Legislative Chair*

GFWC Legislative Action Center—Campus Sexual Assault

GFWC Legislative Action Center requests your help to communicate with your legislators on the issue of campus sexual assault.

Here is the information on an effective way to communicate with our Kansas Senators on this important issue. GFWC provides our members with a "quick and easy" way from your computer to communicate electronically with our Kansas Senators. Help to combat campus sexual assault today! Victims of sexual assault require specialized medical treatment and counseling services. Campus sexual assault survivors suffer high rates of PTSD, depression, and drug or alcohol abuse which can hamper both the ability to succeed in school and future employment. Educational equity for women and girls requires fair, responsive, fully developed campus sexual assault policies, knowledgeable administrators, and ultimately, an end to sexual violence on college campuses.

1. From your computer, go to the GFWC website, <https://www.gfwc.org/>
2. Under the heading at the top of the page: "What We Do" locate the Legisla-

tion/Public Policy (click on this wording)

3. Click on the picture with the words "Legislative Action Center"
4. It will direct you to this action alert on campus sexual assault and provide you with a brief form to fill out with your name, address, email and phone number. GFWC has the message worded and the contact information for the Kansas Senators Moran and Marshall are completed for you. When you click submit, the message is electronically forwarded for you.
5. You should receive an email from GFWC, "thank you for taking action" to verify your message was sent. Thank you for your interest and advocacy to help victims of sexual assault.

*Gail Jamison
GFWC Kansas Domestic Violence
Awareness Chair*

Clubwoman Health

The year of 2020, and continuing into 2021, has given us challenges we could have never prepared for. Each of us has likely spent more time at home than ever before. It has taken a toll on our physical, emotional and mental health. Here is a list of activities and exercises you can do, or maybe have done. So, check off the ones you have been doing and try some new ones. Add things to the list that I didn't think of! Keep yourself busy!

Hopefully, we are just around the corner from events and outings that we will feel comfortable participating in. Until then, keep moving, keep a positive outlook, and find joy in each day!

Low Risk and Physical Impact:

- Call or text a friend to check on them.
- Take a drive with or without a planned destination.
- Start or continue journaling.
- Write a story or poem.
- Write a letter about an event in your life to a child or grandchild.
- Get dressed up for the day as if you are going to work or an activity.
- Complete at least 15 minutes of chair exercises each day.
- Listen to your favorite music.
- Research 'wishful destinations'.
- Read a good book.
- Play a card game; online or with a deck of cards.
- Work on a crossword or word search puzzle.
- Take a walk around your block.
- Ride a stationary bike.
- Take virtual tours of museums, zoos, etc. online.
- Crochet, knit or sew items for a charity.
- Try a new recipe.

- Work minutes daily on a jigsaw puzzle.
- Organize photos or a scrapbook.
- Practice relaxation techniques or meditation.
- Give yourself a manicure.
- Do chair exercises with stretch bands to increase arm or leg strength.
- Use a scrunch ball, 5 minutes in each hand.

Moderate Risk and Physical Impact:

- Walk around your neighborhood, in a park, city trail or a nature path.
- Teach your dog a new trick.
- Reorganize a room in your house.
- Clean out a closet.
- Try yoga or Tai Chi (find an instructional video online).
- Ride a bike around the block or neighborhood.
- Pack a picnic lunch and take it to your backyard or neighborhood park.
- Give yourself a pedicure.
- Touch your toes, working up until you can make complete contact, then 5 times, 10 times.
- Find a low risk volunteer activity, there are many out there.

High Risk and Physical Impact:

Sit and do nothing (I truly believe this is the most harm we can do to our physical, emotional and mental health).

*Mary Shoemaker
Kansas Health and Wellness
Chairman*



*"Spring won't let
me stay in this
house any longer! I
must get out and
breathe the air
deeply again." ~
Gustav Mahler*



*"Spring is when you
feel like whistling
even with a shoe full
of slush."
~Doug Larson*

Conservation

I am a fan of John Denver, and have been for a long time. The other day, I was listening to "oldies" and heard his song: It's About Time. I especially liked the following verse:

*It's about time we start to see it, the
earth is our only home.
It's about time we start to face it, we
can't make it here all alone.
It's about time we start to listen to the
voices in the wind,
It's about time, it's about changes and
it's about time..*

What can YOUR club do to Save Our Planet? Have you stopped using plastic bottles, straws, plastic bags to bring home items from Wal-Mart or your local grocery store? Those are small ways to get started. This spring, could your club plant a tree somewhere in your town or city? I know many clubs

can keep your Butterfly gardens going, and go pick up trash on Earth Day, April 22. You can unplug those appliances that are not in use in your kitchen: can opener, coffee pot, blender, or that new instant pot. Remember it just takes a couple of seconds to plug it back in to use, and saves energy! Do some research for YOUR part of the state of Kansas, and see what needs to be done.

Remember the words of John Denver. "It's about time we start to see it, the earth is our only home"!

*Juanita Rothaus,
GFWC Kansas Conservation
Chair*

PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU

<p>BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS</p>	<p>reduce REUSE recycle</p> <p>Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.</p>	<p>choose sustainable</p> <p>seafood</p> <p>Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.</p>	<p>Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.</p> <p>PLANT A TREE</p>
<p>EDUCATE</p> <p>When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.</p>	<p>CONSERVE WATER</p> <p>The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.</p>	<p>-SHOP- WISELY</p> <p>Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.</p>	<p>Don't send chemicals into our waterways.</p> <p>Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.</p>
<p>Volunteer!</p> <p>Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!</p>	<p>Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA</p> <p>Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!</p>	<p>oceanservice.noaa.gov</p>	

Leadership

Welcome to Leadership! Have you heard about the Leadership Toolkit available to members? It's an on-line tool kit for members. You can access all kinds of information you need for your club.

Here's how to access the toolkit::

Go to gfwc.org. A box should appear that says: New Member Portal Landing page.

Check out the new official landing page. If you are not a member there is a way to sign-up. You will need a user name and password.

Once logged in you should see "Welcome to Member Portal". In the upper right corner you should see a person icon. Click on the icon. Select

"My Digital Library". Select one of the Resource files. More files will appear in alphabetical order. Select the L file. That's where you will find ALL you need to know about Leadership. You can select and download any article you need for your club: LEADS info, report info, etc.

The files are updated when new information is available. Feel free to check out any of the other files as well.

Have fun!

Lee Humphrey
Leadership chairman



*"That is one good thing
about this world...there
are always sure to be
more springs."*

— *L.M. Montgomery,*
Anne of Avonlea

Today's News — What Binds Us Together

COMMON PURPOSE- Now is a good time to revisit and reflect on what our work together is intended to accomplish. Understanding the role and contribution of our work in club, for the community and society being our focus.

COMMUNITY- Foundation to your community is the belief that each person deserves to be valued, respected, supported and have a path to success. Communities survive and thrive through interdependence. When communities are built around common purpose creativity can thrive, disagreements can surface, and consensus can be built within a safe and healthy space.

SERVICE- The work we do with new members, colleagues and members of our community that allows us to be part of something greater than ourselves.

HOPE- Each day and there after, gives us the opportunity to start anew. Each day we engage in club work we will and can make a difference.

Foundation elements can help all

of us to be better clubwomen through conflict, without sacrificing relationships within the club. They can open doors to new ideas and opportunities without abandoning what glues us together and makes our club work worth doing.

Disagreements and other conflicts without context can become destructive and bring harm to clubs and members. IF all we share is the issues on which we disagree, it often becomes personal and conflicts mean someone's winning because someone's losing. Little good can come from this approach.

THIS IS WHY WE HAVE A STATE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, STANDING RULES ALONG WITH OUR CLUB RULES to guide us in our club work. BUT, we must understand it is important why we must have these. That is why we sometimes need a reminder of our foundation, that our clubs are built on.

Delva Powers



*"Every spring is the
only spring, a
perpetual
astonishment."
~Ellis Peters*

Victims of Crime Act

Victims of Crime Act Federal Funding Impacts Services for Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims. The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star Newspaper, February 01, 2021. "Writing on the wall": KC victim services fear funding cuts, plead for federal fix" Written by Anna Sporre and Cortlynn Stark. The article brings attention to potential federal funding cuts awarded to states through the Victims of Crime Act, "VOCA" and the impact on victims here in Kansas. The entire article is worth reading and you may find it here on line from your computer at this link:

https://amp.kansascity.com/news/local/crime/article248826994.html?__twitter_impression=true&s=03

I've pasted passages from the article below:

Domestic violence shelters, along with rape, crisis and child advocacy centers worry they may soon have to make difficult decisions about funding that could significantly limit the services and resources they offer victims...Late last year, Congress announced a roughly \$600 million cut to federal funding awarded to states through the Victims of Crime Act, reducing the nationwide budget to about \$2 billion, officials said. Since then, Jennifer Carter Dochler, public policy director at the Missouri Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence, has been inundated with emails weighing the devastation of possible budget cuts from some of the 124 agencies providing service to survivors statewide, including in Kansas City....As they face added financial burdens brought on by the pandemic, agencies providing support to survivors of child abuse and sexual and domestic violence across Kansas and Missouri are counting on, and pleading for, what they're calling the "VOCA Legislative Fix." It is an effort to replenish lost federal funds in hopes of keeping their doors open for survivors.... Juliane Walker, executive director of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas, compared the cuts to VOCA to a building that's smoldering. While the most grueling affects of the federal cut likely won't be seen immediately, it could have serious consequences within the next year or two. "You have to take care of it now before it gets too big and there's a complete burn-down of the building," she said, likening a fully-engulfed

building in this scenario to the closure and slashing of countless victim services....

When Kansas receives its VOCA award for the 2021 fiscal year in September, Juliene Maska, administrator for the Kansas governor's grants program, anticipates the 28.7% cut by Congress will be reflected. Since states have three years to expend each annual federal VOCA allotment, there is some leftover money from previous years Kansas can use to fill in this year's gap, as well as next year's, Maska said. But, she said, if there isn't a fix within Congress soon, come fiscal year 2023, Kansas agencies would be facing "drastic decreases."... THE IMPACT Each year, the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault based in Kansas City, Missouri, serves about 60,000 survivors across both sides of the state line. As the only rape crisis center in the bi-state area, MOCSA receives about \$2 million in federal VOCA awards annually, equivalent to 34 full time employees, most of whom are therapists, advocates and educators, said Julie Donelon, MOCSA's president and CEO. "First and most importantly is the impact this will have on survivors of sexual violence, and it will mean a huge loss of jobs in our city and our state and across the nation," Donelon said. MOCSA serves more than 1,500 survivors with free counseling services, and that doesn't include those on the waiting list. In 2019, more than 1,300 individuals received advocacy services. But cuts to VOCA could force MOCSA to cut counseling services to between 375 and 840 people, she said. Those same cuts could mean between 342 and 766 survivors would lose access to hospital, law enforcement and criminal justice advocacy... RESOURCES An estimated one in every nine girls and one in every 53 boys younger than 18 are sexually abused or sexually assaulted by an adult, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network known as RAINN. One out of every six women and one out of every 33 men in the U.S. have been victims of rape or attempted rape. If you or a loved one are in need of help these resources are available. You do not need to have an emergency to call the crisis hotlines. Kansas's crisis hotline: 888-363-2287

*Submitted by Gail Jamison, GFWC Kansas
Domestic Violence Awareness Chair*

Membership

Membership ~ Different types of clubs

We all have that sister-in-law, sister, and/or friend that you think would be a great asset in GFWC and an awesome member for your club, BUT your club does not meet at a time that is convenient for them. Perhaps that potential great asset to GFWC lives in another town, state or even country from your current club. Perhaps your club is losing clubwomen faster than what you can recruit new members and your club is thinking of disbanding but you personally and another friend want to continue with GFWC.

There are many different types of clubs that currently are a part of GFWC. Please remember that you can also be part of multiple GFWC clubs in any given year. Also, there is no minimum or maximum size for a club. Listed below are the 4 most popular types of clubs in GFWC.

Traditional Club

These clubs generally meet in person (face to face) either weekly, biweekly, or monthly. They meet either during the day or evening for a couple of hours. Most of the clubwomen in this club all live in the same community. They work on supporting their local community and beyond. Note: because of the current pandemic situation this type of club has either tried to meet solely via a virtual meeting platform or they have tried a combination of face to face and a virtual meeting platform.

Non - Traditional Club

These clubs meet in person once or twice a year at a state convention/state board meeting/ or other designated time. During the remaining months of the year, they correspond via email or a virtual meeting platform. Most of the clubwomen in this club are from different communities spread throughout the state. They work on supporting their local communities in their state or beyond. They also work individually or in small groups.

Single Focus Clubs

The focus of this type of club is to support one specific organization. Whether that be a local organization in their community or a statewide/national organization. Members meet either face to face, email, or virtual meeting platform.

Cyberlinks Club

All members of this type of club com-

municate via email, phone, or on a virtual meeting platform. Members can be from anywhere in the world. Members generally decide via vote on monthly projects and/or yearly projects to be completed as a group. Also, individual projects are encouraged.

What is common about the 4 types of clubs listed above?

Each has its own unique bylaws/standing rules (created and voted on by that club). Each clubwoman is still required to pay state dues (\$25 [\$10 GFWC of Kansas, \$15 National GFWC] payable GFWC of Kansas). Each club generally has a few members sharing at minimum the office of president and secretary/treasurer.

In the state of Kansas most of our clubs generally could be classified as falling in the traditional/non-traditional club description. GFWC of Kansas Rainbow Club is a true non-traditional club that tries to meet face to face at least twice a year at state convention/fall board meeting. During the rest of the year, they communicate via email. If you are interested in joining this club please contact their current president Kate Field, GFWC_HutchinsonKS@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to start another club, are interested in being part of another club, or know of a past GFWC member who you think needs to rejoin please reach out to me for assistance. I am seriously considering starting a Cyberlinks Club for the state of Kansas. Please contact me directly if you are interested. Janine Eilert kiwieilert@sbcglobal.net

Membership ~ Different types of individual membership

There are different types of membership within a club. Traditionally each club has many female members who pay yearly dues and are therefore afforded voting rights. Some clubs have Emeritus/Honorary members. The club should pay these Emeritus/Honorary members' dues directly from the club account so that they are still considered a member of GFWC. Some clubs have booster male members who also pay dues but do not have voting rights. Other clubs have male members who pay dues and have voting rights. The makeup of your club depends on your club by-laws and standing rules that you create and vote on.

*Janine Eilert
President Elect
Membership Chairman*



*"Is the spring
coming?" he said.*

"What is it like?" . . .

*"It is the sun shining
on the rain and the
rain falling on the
sunshine . . ."*

~Frances Hodgson

Burnett



*"Spring drew on . . . and
a greenness grew over
those brown beds,
which, freshening daily,
suggested the thought
that Hope traversed
them at night, and left
each morning brighter
traces of her steps."
-Charlotte Bronte*

Women's History and Resource Center News

What is the connection between women and stamps? I want to give you a little **History of Women on Stamps**.

The history of the postal services began with the delivery of stamp less letters. Stamp less letters paid for by the receiver and private postal systems were gradually phased out after the introduction of adhesive postage stamps, first issued in 1846. The use of stamps became mandatory in 1855.

Queen Isabella of Spain was the first woman featured on a postage stamp in 1893. Since then, the U.S. has issued hundreds of postage stamps honoring the accomplishments and achievements of women in America. The post honored Martha Washington in 1902 with her very own stamp. In 1907, Pocahontas became the first Native American to be featured on a stamp. In 1978 Harriet Tubman was memorialized; and in 2001, Frida Kahlo became the first Hispanic woman to be honored.

I am also listing some of the famous

women when their stamps were issued: 1936 - Susan B. Anthony; 1948 - Clara Barton; 1955 - Elisabeth Cady Stanton; 1963 - Amelia Earhart; 1963, 1984 and 1998 - Eleanor Roosevelt; 1968 - Lucy Stone; 1971 - Emily Dickinson; 1980 - Frances Perkins; Emily Bissell; and Helen Keller; 1982 - Dr. Mary Walker; 1983 - Dorothea Dix; 1985 - Abigail Adams; 1986 - Sojourner Truth; 1990 - Ida B. Wells.

If you do not know who some of these women were, it will be your assignment to look them up and learn about them.

Women throughout history have helped influence the story of humanity. Some have been visible while others worked behind the scenes to make this world a better place. Many have been honored with the public distinction of being placed on our postage stamps throughout the years; those mentioned are only a fraction of the great women in history.

Jeanne Urban

Education and the Legislature

In this session of the Kansas Legislature several bills concerning education are being introduced.

One bill would require full, in-person instruction for all students beginning March 26. ["Bill would require Kansas schools to fully reopen next month". Posted Feb 12, 2021 at 5:40 pm on HutchPost.com]

School choice and vouchers are again being considered. This year, in addition to the debate over educational quality in public versus private schools, the discussion is about allowing parents the option of sending children to (private) schools that are fully open during the pandemic. [*The Hutchinson News*, February 10, 2021. "Battle brewing over school choice" by Andrew Bahl, *Topeka CapitalJournal*.]

Subjects required for graduation are the topics of other bills. One would require high school students to pass a civics test

modeled after the 100-question U.S. citizenship exam. Another would require courses on financial literacy. [*The Hutchinson News*, February 12, 2021. "Battle brewing over school choice" by Rafael Garcia and Andrew Bahl, *Topeka CapitalJournal*.]

References are to the local paper in which the lengthy articles appeared.

Further information can be found through Kansas State Library's Legislative Hotline:

call 1-800-432-3924

text 1-785-256-0733

chat kslib.info/ask

At kslegislature.org you can search for a bill by number with the "Find Bill" link or scan the list of bills under the "BILLS&LAWS" tab.

Kate Field

State Education Chairman

Education One Year Later

Dateline 2021 Feb 20. It's been forty-nine weeks since education changed suddenly and dramatically.

Educators scrambled to create methods of teaching remotely. During this school year, they have taught students face-to-face in the classroom (whole or half classes), remotely via computer, or using a hybrid combination of class and virtual learning.

While elementary schools often had teachers designated to teach students who were attending school only remotely, middle and high school teachers needed to prepare lessons for in-person and remote students. Once students begin switching between classroom and remote studies, teachers at all levels needed to create multiple lesson plans for each types of study. One teacher has a mixed class of second and third graders.

With hybrid lessons, instruction time is one-half to two-thirds of that for pre-pandemic education. Additionally curriculum content has been condensed, streamlined, or selectively identified to fit face-to-face teaching time and the limitations of virtual learning. A seventh-grade science teacher reported the unit on energy which normally covers three weeks took nine weeks this year. Further, students [and the adults at home] are stressed with changing how and where studying takes place from day to day.

On the plus side, with smaller class sizes, students have more individualized attention from the teacher.

In December, as a result of climbing case counts following Thanksgiving, school districts delayed the start of in-building classes following the winter break. The hope was to expedite return of all students to the classroom sooner, without going backwards with new cluster outbreaks.

Toward the goal of full attendance, teachers and all school staff are included in

phase two of the state's vaccination plan. Governor Kelly has stated additional doses of vaccine will be distributed for use to inoculate education staff. Sixty percent of school districts have begun the process. Reno County made some vaccine available to schools in late December for at-risk teachers or those teachers of at-risk students.

County gating criteria is slowly going from red to orange to yellow. Reno County went orange last Friday and yellow this week, the first time since late September.

Orange: Hutchinson USD 308 brought all students back to class February 15th. The decision based on getting students acclimated before trimester finals next week and the start of the final trimester of the year.

Yellow: Nickerson USD 309 will bring all middle and high school students back to class February 22nd. Buhler USD 313 will wait until March 1st to see if declining numbers hold; it is planning for increased food requirements and adjusting bus schedules. Both of these districts had all elementary school students in class daily since September unless an individual class or building was quarantined.

But, the pandemic has not been the only challenge faced.

Mother Nature threw arctic temperatures into the mix. Past years would have seen snow days and the threat of extending the school calendar with longer or added days of instruction. But, with the *new-normal* model, instruction "easily" became full remote for all students while bitter wind chills, frozen pipes, and struggling heating systems were battled.

Hope springs eternal. Remember to support the staff and students in your community.

Kate Field



*"Spring is nature's
way of saying,
"Let's party!"
- Robin Williams*



*“Here is your country.
Cherish these natural
wonders, cherish the
natural resources,
cherish the history and
romance as a sacred
heritage, for your
children and your
children's children. Do
not let selfish men or
greedy interests skin
your country of its
beauty, its riches or its
romance.”
— Theodore Roosevelt*

GFWC Portia Club

GFWC Portia Club, Wamego, Kansas in October, found itself looking for some local program which we could help with some of the money in our treasury . Among other efforts, our best fund raiser is our Blessings and Concerns basket. At each meeting we pass a small basket into which we put a little money while we talk about the blessings in our lives and/or ask for prayers for the concerns we currently have. We may mention blessings like everything from the grandchildren coming to visit, our friends who are doing well after being in the hospital, even our own health, to our concerns for the people we love, our nation, our community and so on. The basket had filled our coffers this past year with our concerns about Covid and so on. It was time to share the bounty. The Wamego Public Library is raising funds to expand their facility. At the present time they do not have enough room to have small reading groups and other small gatherings. As the library has been closed due to the Covid virus, the library board decided it was a good time to get to work on an expansion. GFWC Portia was able to contribute \$500 to this effort. We were also able to donate \$100 to the Story Walk program. Story Walk is a program developed by the library in an effort to entice more patrons to read , exercise, spend quality time with family, and to help purchase more new books for the shelves. A path has been constructed along which as the walker proceeds, he comes upon a page from a new book that has been fixed to a small pedestal. There are 20 such continuing pages displayed along the walk. He is asked to sign a guestbook. In an effort to learn how many participants have been involved which will indicate how success-

ful the walk has been. The cost of mounting the display requires about \$100 per book. Patrons are invited to donate money or even buy another book for the library.

November is the month we remember our military veterans and in prior years we have been able to donate several lap quilts and throws as well as personal items requested by the VA hospital in Topeka. Covid had an effect on our efforts here, also. What the hospital did not want this year was lap throws and clothing, but instead, in addition to a few personal items such as small snacks, etc., they requested some face masks to augment their supply. So our work day efforts consisted of sewing masks this year. We are planning now for our Christmas gifts for an adopted family from our community in December.

Janeice Crosson

GFWC Ad Astra Wamego

Ad Astra has a few things to mention since the December newsletter was published.

Our club has not met since December due to the pandemic. We are hoping to meet again in March.

Ad Astra donated to Heifer International for the Honey Bee project. One of our new club members, Amy Benz, explained how her family has been involved with bees for many years. Her nephew, Rogan Tokach, started working with bees as a 4H project. He donates all the proceeds to Heifer International. He has also started working with other young people to start their own hives. His parents volunteered



their time to travel to a country to teach the people how to care for their Heifer International animals. Rogan is now working on his Masters degree in beekeeping at Nebraska State University. Amy and family continue to purchase his honey. Amy brought 2 jars to the meeting that were purchased by club members. How fantastic to have a club member with direct ties to Heifer International.

Christmas presents were wrapped for our Club's adopted Christmas Bureau family at our December meeting.

February saw members making

homemade Valentines at their homes for the Senior living facilities in Wamego. They were delivered to the facility personnel who distributed them. They are always so appreciative and delighted to be remembered on Valentine's Day.

March plans for the annual Read Across America event has been adjusted due to the pandemic. We partnered this year with Friends of the Wamego Public Library and received monies from them, along with a Thrivent Grant. This allowed us to purchase 487 paperback books that each student at Central Elementary will receive on the designated date. Labels were prepared and placed in the books to recognize these two organizations. We are hopeful that next year this activity will be held as usual. Hoping you are all staying safe and know that all club members are looking forward to getting things back to normal again.

*Joanie Doperalski
President, Ad Astra*

Ad Astra Club Member, Carol Rohrer, was named the Honorary Member of Wamego High School National Honor Society 2021 on Feb. 22, 2021. After a long teaching career, Carol began substituting in Wamego Elementary Schools. Her former students fondly remember her wit, hilarious stories, and most of all, her love for teaching. Congratulations, Carol!



*"Protect us bees,
Don't burn our hives.*

*Protect us bees
And spare our lives.*

*We pollinate trees,
And now you know,*

*Without us bees,
Some plants won't
grow."*

*— Wayne Gerard
Trotman, The Last*

Honey Bee



*“Wildness is the
preservation of the
World.”
— Henry David
Thoreau,*

GFWC Shakespeare Club Waterville

Shakespeare Club met Thursday, February 4th at the Waterville Library with President Sharon Teagarden-King presiding. Special guests were Susan Graham and Diane Hornbostel, chairmen in GFWC of Kansas. Diane spoke on the Epsilon Sigma Omicron-Zeta a reading group. Many of our members are interested.

January 13th we held a luncheon at the historic Weaver Hotel celebrating Kansas Day and our club's history. Members brought canned goods for our local food pantry.

Our activities this year have been under the leadership of Elsa, the ice queen.



Pictured are: standing L to R Bev Roepke, Jeannette Bergquest, Dixie Tommer, Shirley Wohler, Shirley Jensen; sitting are Dianna Lindquist, Barb Terry, Susan Graham, and Diane Hornbostel. Not pictured was President Sharon Teagarden-King.

GFWC Questers, Hutchinson, KS

Thanks to our members we are still busy even though we have been unable to meet. Several members were involved with reporting for our 2020 club year. Others have been catching up on each other through emails and phone calls. Recent projects have been donating new and used blankets, other household items, and clothing to the Fair Price Clothing Thrift Store. A Valentine activity was remembering those in our community living in retirement homes by joining a community project with a grocery store to provide roses. Also, some mem-

bers made Valentine's to be delivered with Meals on Wheels or sent Valentine cards to shut-ins. Our members are busy doing volunteer work where it is safe in the community. Two members delivered a popcorn can full of pull tabs to the McDonald House in Wichita. Several members have gotten the vaccine. We hope to safely meet again soon.

Karen DeCou, Club President

Goddard Woman's Club

The Goddard Woman's Club has got their Zoom On!

We would have absolutely had to cancel our meeting last Tuesday due to the frigid temperatures and snow, if we were meeting in person. The weather was NO PROBLEMO because we were set up for a Zoom meeting. It took some extra organization and preparation because this was our once-a-year Craft Day, a club favorite! Materials were either delivered to members' homes or mailed the week before. Two members led us in different projects. First, we made beautiful, personalized book marks. We each got to choose from a large selection of charms and beads to create what would speak to us. Mary Pat Patrick filled our orders in baggies and then demonstrated how to make our own. Next, Mary Walker put together kits with everything we needed to create two adorable shamrock pins, one for ourselves and one for a



All of our craft projects for the day.

gift! Everyone also got Valentine's cards that were etching activities. We

took care of our normal business, first, and then got to craft and visit together.

In January, we held a Zoom meeting and had a guest speaker, Kim Pennington, from the Wichita Children's Home. She told us about all of their current programs, how they have responded to Covid-19, and current needs they have. Our ladies really stepped up to help! One of their biggest, seemingly never-ending needs is underwear. All types and sizes are in demand. The club voted to spend \$200 from the Treasury and members donated another \$515 to fill the need! \$715



This is what 244 pairs of undies looks like.

worth of underwear was purchased, at a discount negotiated by Janine Eilert, from Target. Janine's savvy shopping netted 244 pairs of underwear.

Go Ladies!!

Lisa Stoller
Club President



"The Holy Land is everywhere"

— *Black Elk*



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