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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,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2022-2024 GFWC of Kansas administration. I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your state president. GFWC of Kansas has an immense history and I will be

reaching out to all our clubwomen to draw on their strength to help this organization succeed.

Anytime is the right time for clubs to honestly think about how they are making a difference in their communities.

*"Find something you are passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it" ~ Julia Child.*

Talk with your fellow clubwomen and discover what makes their **"Whirl Go 'Round."** Take that enthusiasm and channel it into strengthening your community with your service.

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love" ~ Mother Teresa.*

I am passionate about ensuring consistent access to food for anyone in need. A small and straightforward way of helping alleviate food insecurity in your community is by routinely donating items to an already established blessing box, food-

bank, or food pantry. A slightly larger task would be agreeing to be a sponsor of a blessing box in your community. I am challenging GFWC of Kansas to collect and donate 999 items for the 2022-2023 club year. I ask that each month club presidents send me an update of how many non-perishable food items or hygiene products they have donated to a blessing box, foodbank and/or food pantry. For the 2023-2024 club year I will reevaluate the challenge and adjust as needed.

Advocating for children with Diabetes and learning about the disease is my president's project. Together we will learn and understand the importance of diabetes camps as a method of learning lifesaving skills for those children affected by this disease.

I am an advocate in using technology as best we can. Please check our website frequently as my Vice President and myself will be continually updating our working document the "state handbook" [www.gfwcofkansas.org](http://www.gfwcofkansas.org). I will also endeavor to post on our state Facebook account, "GFWC of Kansas."

I am looking forward to working together so we can **"Make the Whirl Go 'Round'"** in your community. I would love to travel to your club and have the opportunity to meet with more clubwomen and hear their concerns and answer any questions.

Let the fun begin with every Spin.

*Janine Eilert, GFWC of Kansas President*  
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*“As you grow older,  
you will discover that  
you have two hands –  
one for helping  
yourself, the other for  
helping others.” –  
Audrey Hepburn*

## Vice President

Hello Kansas Clubwomen,

You all probably know me as Arts Co-Chair and Clubwoman Editor. Now here I am as your new Vice President. I imagine you're wondering who I am. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. First of all, I am a Nebraskan. I grew up in a small town not far from Omaha. After high school I went to work for a telecommunications corporation in Lincoln working in Data Services. I had been with them for 20 years when that corporation merged with Sprint. That is what brought me to Gardner, KS. I retired from Sprint with 32 years of service. You'll find that when I find something I like I tend to stick. It holds true with GFWC. Anyway, after I left Sprint I was looking for something to do and started volunteering at the Gardner Historical Museum. This is how I found GFWC. I was invited to join the Athena Club. I met some wonderful women who I wanted to spend time with. That was in 2011, and once again I've stuck. I am a passionate reader, knitter, and dog lover. I recently added quilting to the list although I haven't made a lot of progress with that. It's OK, I will.

I am learning my new responsibilities which are working with State Chairpersons and reporting volunteer hours. Look for more about that in the next issue of the Clubwoman. In the meantime, I was thinking that as we start our new club year, now would be a good time to review all the volunteer hours we've put in during the first part of the year. Put those in order and January reporting will be a lot easier.

I'm looking forward to working with you all. Have a wonderful year.

*Linda Loyd*

*GFWC of Kansas Vice President*

## Secretary

September - the beginning of Fall, school has started, and we will soon be thinking of recipes that have pumpkin as a main ingredient!

I am pleased to report that all of our twenty-four clubs in GFWC of Kansas have sent updated Club Rosters and paid club dues for the year of 2022-2023! We have a total of 328 active GFWC members in Kansas currently. That is great news!

I am hoping to see that total membership increase as this club year progresses. I know our Kansas clubs and clubwomen are working to recruit new members and increase membership.

When you add new members, please copy the blank club roster form on page 8 of the State Handbook and fill in the information as indicated on the form. Please write in your club name and town or city. **Be sure to show the new member's name, address, telephone number, and email.** Make a note if she would prefer to receive the *Kansas Clubwoman News* by email. Send the form and your club check for her dues of \$25.00 to me, Linda Krebs, GFWC State Secretary, 124 Riverview Drive, Wamego, KS 66547. Please make your check payable to GFWC of KANSAS. Make a copy of the form for your club records.

Happy Fall and wishing you a successful recruiting year!

*Linda Krebs*

*GFWC of Kansas Secretary*

## Treasurer

The last three months have been busy and enjoyable, but all of a sudden, the summer has come to a screeching halt! There is a lot more traffic on the Manhattan streets, which means the K-State students are back in town, and a new school year is ready to begin!

All of the donations that were made to various charitable organizations during the 2021-2022 fiscal year have been distributed, as follows:

Easter Seals Midwest	\$ 41.61
Heifer International	290.00
HOBY	50.00
Operation Smile	125.00
Ronald McDonald House	125.00
St. Jude Children's Hospital	15.00
Southwest Indian Foundation	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$721.61

Since the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1, 2022), a total of \$1,660.00 has been sent to Bethany College, Ft. Hays State University, Sterling College, and Williams College in Massachusetts for Citizenship Essay scholarships. Two of the five scholarships (\$500 each) awarded at the 2022 Music Auditions have been claimed, and those funds went to Kansas Wesleyan University and Wichita State University Tech.

*Carol Hanson*  
*GFWC of Kansas Treasurer*

## Why do we have Club Bylaws?

Robert's rules of order Newly Revised (RONR) 12th edition, section 2.8 defines bylaws as the document of a society that contains its own basic rules relating principally to itself as an organization.

The bylaws define the primary characteristics of the organization, prescribe how the society functions, and include all the rules of that society considered so important that they cannot be changed without previous notice and the vote of a large majority, and cannot be suspended.

Now, that you have basic rules covered, how do they apply to my club? As with any group of people, rules allow us to be civil in decisions pertaining to club work. BUT, you need to know the bylaws that govern your club. Make sure that ALL members have a printed copy. That is why at the beginning of each club year it is wise to devote time to read and go over them as a group. If you are a long time member or a new member, it makes no difference.

As amendments come along, to change or delete bylaws in the course of club work, and they do. This is true of GFWC, GFWC of KS and your local club. Your club's bylaws must conform to state and international bylaws, first. Club changes may only occur if they affect your local club. If you are ever in doubt, use your State bylaws Chairman, as a resource to settle your doubts. This can be done by ANY club member. We have in place, ways to submit changes to all above bylaws. Your State Bylaws Chairman can guide you in how to proceed.

### REMINDER

This is also true of all GFWC OF KS State Chairs and the Departments that are in your Directory, to contact if you need guidance in your club work., feel free to contact me.

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*"The best way to find  
 yourself is to lose yourself  
 in the service of others."*

*- Gandhi*



*Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help."*

**- Heather French Henry**

## Photography Contest

Express yourself in 2022! Taking pictures has become easy and convenient. Most of us use the camera on our phones. It would be so exciting if you were to win an award in Photography. GFWC is offering two contests, two opportunities, to participate in Photography.

1. World in Pictures Contest: Showcases people, places and things at home and around the world.

There are three categories.

Close Up: This is using Macro photography. Close up details of a bug or flower for example.

Natural: Wide angle for panoramas and landscapes or changeable for mountains, meadows, or any magnificent vista.

Reflections: Featured situation that brings back memories or reflection in mirrored surfaces.

2. GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit: Captures special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen working together.

Please go through the pictures you have already taken this year since January 1, 2022. If you do not see anything to enter, you have until December 31, 2022 of this year to take that award winning picture. The entry must be an 8 x 10 and **must be an original** taken by a dues paying member. One winning Kansas entry will go on to GFWC. What have you got to lose? Give it a "Whirl"!

Shirley A. Ferley  
GFWC Kansas Photography Chairman  
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## Creative Writing Short Story and Poetry Contest

Since school had started, it is time to think about the Creative Writing Short Story and Poetry Contest. This is for all students grade K-12 and all club women. The rules are on pages 33-34 in the State Handbook. The waiver, which must accompany each entry, can be found on page 25, also in the State Handbook.

Please have the following on each page of your entry in the top right-hand corner - author's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of GFWC of Kansas club, state federation, category, title of manuscript, and grade level category. The entries must be to me by March 1, 2023.

The first place in each category and each area will be sent to international for judging. The Rainbow Club will be giving 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$10, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$5 in each category.

If you have questions, please contact me at 620-435-6416 or by email rgea@havliland-telco.com. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elizabeth Hemberger  
State Creative Writing Chairman

## Save the Date

April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 are the scheduled dates for the State Convention in Wichita. The meeting will be held just to the west of Wichita in Goddard at Tanganika Wildlife Park. [www.twpark.com](http://www.twpark.com). Accommodations are at a newly built Hilton Hampton Inn, which is approximately 3 miles from the wildlife park. All clubwomen are encouraged and welcome to attend. I would like to use the state convention as an opportunity to highlight all the clubs of Kansas. If you have photos of your clubwomen working on projects, gathering at meetings, social events etcetera please send those to Rachel Purdy. She will collect the photos and make a digital presentation set to music for all of us to enjoy at state convention. [jripurdy@yahoo.com](mailto:jripurdy@yahoo.com)

## Deceased Clubwomen

Recently a few clubs have unfortunately had a clubwoman pass away. In order for us as an organization to remove some of the burden placed on the remaining family members please let our state president, state secretary and Kansas Clubwoman editor know as soon as possible. The president will in turn let the other members of the executive committee know and other club presidents so that condolence cards can be sent, funerals can be attended, and memorials contributed to if appropriate. It is important that we remove a deceased clubwoman's address from the Kansas Clubwoman newsletter mailing list so that the family members do not receive any unnecessary communication from GFWC of Kansas.

## Membership

Congratulations to the following clubs for adding new members; Mulvane Federated Women's, Junction City Ladies Reading, Ness City Gradatim, Brewster Beta, Rainbow, Flint Hills of Manhattan, Liberal Women's, and Goddard Woman's. Each of those clubs are truly making the **Whirl Go 'Round** in their communities by reaching out and introducing GFWC to more women. I hope that more clubs invite community members to be part of this wonderful organization. GFWC of Kansas has added 27 new members to membership rosters as of the end of July 2022. Our total membership is 328 clubwomen in GFWC of Kansas.

GFWC of Kansas is going to continue the membership challenge that was started in 2020. If a club adds 3 or more new clubwomen they will receive a monetary prize at the state convention in April of 2023. Five clubs from the above list have already qualified by adding 3 or more new clubwomen. Congratulations.

GFWC of Kansas is in the process of accepting paperwork to form a new club. This club will be using zoom to meet monthly. Welcome "Sunflower Sisters" to GFWC of Kansas. We are incredibly excited to have you join us.



*"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud."*

*- Helen Dyer*





*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

– Margaret Mead

## Community Impact Program

It is time to start making the “Whirl Go Around” in a BIG way in your community. Your club selects the project for a two year period or expands on a project the club already has in progress for 2022-2024.

Any project that makes a large impact in your community will work for this award.

The project must be undertaken from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

The Community Impact Program or formerly called CIP has unlimited options. It is the longest standing GFWC project having been introduced in 1949. Any of GFWC’s current Programs could work to make a visual, physical, or emotional impact at the grassroots level. That is what GFWC Volunteering is all about.

Entries cannot exceed 10 pages. Only one page of photos was allowed during the last administration.

The current rules do not limit to one page of photos, however, do try to limit the photo page or pages as much as possible to have room for the description and scope:

Plan of action

Costs

Community collaboration

Obstacles

Results, PR and media (internet, newspaper articles, social media, TV etc.) are important. These may

include pictures of the project activities. You and your clubs are unique to your community needs, making an impact every day big or small. This award is for the BIG impact project. Ready, Set, GO!

Shirley A Ferley

Community Impact Program Chairman  
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## GFWC Wamego Study Club wins President’s Prize Award

The GFWC Wamego Study Club was awarded the President’s Prize from International President Deb Strahanoski at the GFWC Annual Convention in June. The prize was awarded for the club’s Veterans Workshop held November 15, 2021.

There were 217 red, green, and white Christmas felt stockings sewed and ready for members to add stickers, ribbon, snowflakes, and Merry Christmas greetings. The room smelled of chocolate and peppermint as sweet treasures were tucked inside each stocking! The Colmery-O’Neil Veterans Hospital, Topeka, KS, uses these as tray favors. We are told they are a favorite with the veterans and are often kept as a Christmas keepsake. A grand total of \$767 in snacks, hygiene items, and gift cards were donated to the Veterans for their Christmas comfort and joy.



## Health and Wellness

The importance of health awareness is to educate a person about the need to take precautions about ways to live healthily. That is what I want to stress with my first article for the Kansas Clubwoman News. The rise of public awareness organizations has benefited the medical sector. More individuals are now paying attention to their personal life concerning health. Being a retired registered nurse may give me more leeway than some, but we all need to be aware of ourselves in mind, spirit, health, and circumstance.

Health awareness can include people being aware of illness. How people should prevent themselves from getting an infection. How to take treatment or medication for a certain illness and the benefits or all information about the treatment.

Awareness of communication can make people communicate what they are going through. People's wellbeing techniques and habits are heavily influenced by their beliefs and health and illness. The message of health awareness is to change people's belief and action towards certain illnesses. Even today, most people are unaware of what they must do to be healthy.

The following is a list for upcoming Awareness Months and I encourage you to plan a program/event in acknowledging the awareness in your community. You can keep it simple and have each clubwomen do a research on an issue to share with the group. Let me know your outcomes (I love stealing ideas from other clubs).

- August: Children's Eye Health and Safety Month and Immunization Awareness Month
- September: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Yoga Awareness month (I know a great yoga instructor, my daughter), World Alzheimer's Month
- October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dental Hygiene Month

There are a million Health Awareness's that can be nurtured. Find something that is dear to your heart and discover ways you can honor that awareness.

Happy Googling ladies and stay healthy!

*Sharon Teagarden-King*  
Health & Wellness



*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."*

*- Winston Churchill*



*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”*

– Helen Keller

## **Epsilon Sigma Omicron—Zeta Chapter of Kansas**

Did you know that Kansas joined ESO in 1946 as the Zeta Chapter? ESO was established in 1928 by the Indiana Federation of Clubs. In 1930 it was incorporated as a national sorority. The Indiana society became the Alpha Chapter. Later that year Washington joined as the Beta Chapter. Forty seven states have formed ESO Chapters since then.

The purpose of ESO is to promote lifelong learning through reading for personal growth and self-improvement. Attending book discussion groups, college credits, seminars, workshops, reading to the elderly and children are also part of the ESO program. More information can be found in the ESO Handbook and the ESO 2022—2024 Reading List. Both can be found under Resources at [gfwcofkansas.org](http://gfwcofkansas.org).

Becoming a member is easy. Just send me an email telling me to add you to the group. If you prefer you can send the membership form found on page 4 of the State Handbook. Then all you have to do is read. Points are awarded for each book. As a new member, you are at the Pledge Level. You must read sixteen books to reach the Member level. Continue reading to reach the Star, Torch, Century, 2nd Century, and 3rd Century Levels. Certificates are awarded at State Convention for achieving those levels. Requirements are explained in the State Handbook on pages 3 and 4.

There are two ways to complete the Pledge Level. The ESO Handbook suggests selecting sixteen books from the ESO Reading List. A more fun way is to complete the GFWC of Kansas 2022 Reading Challenge found on the next page. The prompts correspond to the subjects in the Reading List so that completing the challenge fulfills the requirements for the Pledge Level. If you are already an ESO member you will have 16 books toward your next reading level. It is up to you how you choose to interpret each prompt. That's part of the fun.

To report your reading, keep a list of title, author, a star rating, a comment if you choose but not required. Then periodically forward you list to me. It's that easy. No book reports.

As we get organized, I would like to establish a virtual book group of all ESO members so that we can communicate, through email and Facebook, with each other about what we are reading and make suggestions to each other. I want to compile the books that you report into our own GFWC Kansas reading list. We can have quarterly read-alongs where we read and discuss a book of our choice if you are interested. There are many things that we can do. I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Happy Reading.

*Linda Loyd*  
GFWC Kansas ESO Chairman  
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## GFWC of Kansas 2022 ESO Reading Challenge



### GFWC of Kansas 2022 ESO Reading Challenge

Read the book of your choice to complete the sixteen prompts below. These sixteen books will fulfill the requirements for the Pledge Level of the ESO program. If you are already a member you will have sixteen books toward your next level. Bring your completed Challenge to our State Convention in April or email it to me at [lindaloyd05@gmail.com](mailto:lindaloyd05@gmail.com).

A Victorian Novel

Poetry

A Biography, Autobiography, or Memoir

A book set in Kansas or by a Kansas author

A book about travel

By an international or diverse author

About Health and Wellness

About Science, Nature, or the Environment

About Current Events

Inspiration or Spirituality

History (non-fiction or historical fiction)

A banned book

A book that leaves you thinking

An author you've never read before

By or about a GFWC member (past or present)

A middle-grade classic



*“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”*  
- **Leo Buscaglia**



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew*

## Environmental/Conservation

Hello Kansas GFWC ladies. I am so Happy to be back as the Chairperson for Conservation/Environment under Janine now. I look forward to sharing on different issues and subjects during the next two years. It has been a pretty HOT summer this year so I hope this article will be fun and helpful for all of you.

How to save energy during the Dog Days of Summer:

Those large appliances can be Ruff on your energy bills. Help keep a leash on energy usage with these tips:

Clean the refrigerator coils at least twice a year and the summer is one time that makes sense.

Unplug it, and move away from the wall. Locate the condenser coils at the back or the bottom of the appliance.

Vacuum the exposed coils with a crevice or upholstery brush. Be sure to be careful and get all the dust off the coils.

Clean using a duster or fridge coil brush. Be sure to get in-between the coils carefully.

Plug the refrigerator back in and

move back into place.

Cur-tail your cooking time in the kitchen. Ovens release heat that makes it harder to keep your home cool. Cook early in the morning or out on the grill, instead. And when it's too hot to be outside, cook with smaller appliances (like your microwave, insta-pot or slow cooker) that use less energy.

Cool down your laundry routine by washing in cold water that uses half as much energy. Hang those clothes outside on a line or a dry rack in your garage.

AC working like a dog? Regularly clean and replace air filters to quickly cut cooling costs. And make sure to schedule a tune-up with an HVAC contractor so your AC unit is cleaned properly and working at its best.

Time to go lay under a shade tree knowing that the Dog Days of Summer will soon be over.

*Juanita Rothaus  
GFWC Kansas Environment/  
Conservation Chair*

## In Memory of Norma Aspergren 3/16/28—6/16/22

Norma's Sugar Cookies

1 cup Butter	2 Eggs
1 cup Oil	1 tsp. Soda
1 cup Granulated Sugar	1 tsp. Cream-of-Tarter
1 cup Powdered Sugar	
1 tsp. Vanilla	1 tsp. Salt
1/2 tsp. Butter Flavoring	4 cups Flour

Mix butter, oil, sugars, and vanilla. Add 2 beaten eggs. Sift together the soda, cream-of-tarter, salt, and flour. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Chill dough thoroughly. Shape into walnut-sized balls. Roll cookie dough balls in granulated sugar. Lightly grease your cookie sheet. Flatten cookie dough balls with a glass that has been moistened and dipped in sugar. Add red colored sugar sprinkles to the top of each. Bake at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes until edges are light brown. (Notes from Norma: If you use salted butter, you don't need to add the tsp. salt. Mix the dough the day before you bake them, cover and keep them in the refrigerator overnight. Put sugar on your hands while you are rolling the balls. Be sure to watch them close when you put them in the oven, they don't need to brown on the top, only around the edges.)

## Citizenship Essay Contest

Hello, I am the new chairperson for the Citizenship Essay Contest. Here is some information to be put in the *Clubwoman*.

Mark Your Calendars:

The 2022-23 Citizenship Essay Contest will officially open September 15.

This year's topic is the following: What do you feel are the three most important issues affecting our nation and the world right now that should be addressed by our citizens and our government?

The following rules are new to the contest this year:  
Each club may submit two entries for state judging if they wish.  
Essay length may be up to 750 words.  
Contest deadline will be February 15, 2023.

## 2022 Food Insecurity Challenge

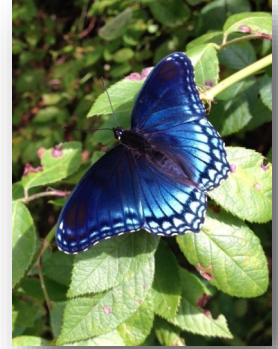
GFWC of Kansas 2022  
Food Insecurity Challenge  
Goal: 999

June, 2023	
March, 2023	
December, 2022	
September, 2022	548

Items Donated

By September 15th, each club should receive detailed contest instructions, a copy of the criteria used in judging, and a flyer that may be copied and distributed to interested schools, groups, and persons.

Questions? Please contact Mary Pat Patrick, Goddard woman's Club at [patrickmary1977@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmary1977@gmail.com) or call 316-794-2353 (home) or 316-841-7257 (text).



*"We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men."*  
- *Herman Melville*



*“Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds.”*  
– *William J. Clinton*

## Clubs Helping Clubs

I would like to see a higher level of knowledge of clubs knowing what each other is trying to collect for their communities to complete projects. If we can help other clubs support their communities then that is a “win-win” situation. Please bring your donated items to the next state meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

The following article will appear in all future Kansas Clubwoman Newsletters to connect clubs via a helping hand.

### Wamego Study Club

They are collecting clean and label free prescription bottles and lids (NOT OVER THE COUNTER MEDI-

CINE OR VITAMIN BOTTLES) for Community Care Ministries who in turn distributes them to Drs Without Borders. They also collect egg cartons for their CCM They are used to give eggs to individual families from the large crate of eggs that CCM receives.

Contact person is Linda Krebs; [lindafredkrebs@gmail.com](mailto:lindafredkrebs@gmail.com).

### Gardner Athena Club

They are collecting plastic (any color) coat hangers which are being donated to their local rehabilitation center, Meadowbrook Rehab Hospital, as part of a larger project to support that facility. Contact person is Kathy Baker; [bkbakers@gmail.com](mailto:bkbakers@gmail.com)

## Kansas Clubwoman Next Issue

News items for the **December, 2022** issue of the Kansas Clubwoman are due **November 20, 2022**. 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.

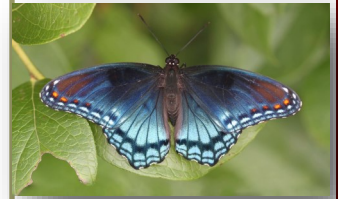
Back issues of the Kansas Clubwoman are archived in our website [gfwcofkansas.org](http://gfwcofkansas.org).

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

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## Mulvane Federated Women's Club

Our club has been working on our annual contribution to our community celebration. The third weekend in August each year we celebrate Mulvane Old Settlers Days. The theme for this year's 149th celebration is "Celebrating Our Pioneer Spirit." There is a carnival, concessions, an art and craft show, a parade, a rodeo, entertainment, contests, a quilt show, a road race, a downtown window display, and other activities. It's a great time to reconnect with friends and family.



Clubs, organizations, and individuals are invited to decorate the window of a downtown business for the window display. The displays pertain to the theme each year, and prizes are awarded in different categories. Our club has been working on this year's display.



In 2009, our club dedicated a statue which we commissioned and had installed in the Cobb Family Historical Park. We named it "Pioneer Spirit" to honor the contributions of Mulvane women from the past, present, and future. This fits right in with the Old Settlers theme this year. Some of our members gave the statue a good cleaning before the celebration.

Our club also chooses Old Settlers royalty. A king, queen, and two attendants are honored each year. They are chosen for contributions they have made to the community over the years, and are crowned before presiding over the celebration. We are proud to be part of such a wonderful community

*Submitted by:*  
Janet Tefft  
GFWC Mulvane

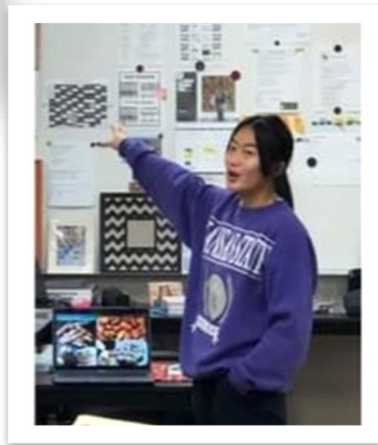
*"Every person can  
make a difference, and  
every person should  
try."*

*- John F. Kennedy*





## GFWC Ad Astra



WAMEGO HIGH SCHOOL'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE student from France provided a wonderful presentation at one of our monthly meeting's. She presented an interesting program on famous monuments, landscapes, cities, food, and fashion in France. She also explained the difference between French and American education. She is sponsored by club member, Claudia Leeds.

*"The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically."*

– Kurek Ashley

Darci Hildebrand, DIRECTOR OF WAMEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, presented an update on the WPL renovation project. The majority of funding has been raised with renovations beginning July 6, 2022 and estimated completion date January, 2024. Darci displayed visuals showing what the new spaces would look like. She also shared the many different programs the library provides for children and adults to promote literacy.



The annual Read Across America event was held at Central Elementary on March 3, 2022. Our club partnered with Wamego Public Library to purchase books to distribute to each child in attendance. Over 300 books were handed out. Our club will partner with WPL for the summer reading program by donating the remaining books from RAA.

## GFWC Ad Astra cont.



Ad Astra received a Certificate of Appreciation Creativity Award by reporting on the October guest night event that Janine Eilert attended to present the Mae Wenger membership plaque as well as an incentive check to our club. Jeanne Dowell presented a program on the Orphan Train Museum in Concordia, Kansas at the meeting.



GFWC Ad Astra received a Thrivent Grant that allowed them to pair up with the Wamego Public Library to provide books to supplement the Summer Reading Program. WPL purchased individual copies of the featured Storytime books to distribute to families in attendance. This allowed the children to follow along as the book was read. They were delighted to receive their own copy of the book and then to be able to take the book home to add to their own home library. Storytime was held at our beautiful City Park. The program was a huge success.



*“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”*

– Sherry Anderson

## GFWC Athena Club

The GFWC Athena Club has worked on a Fundraiser this summer by selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt donated by Leslie Puckett. The location was at the Gardner Farmer’s Market and a tent was set up and the quilt on display. Club President Juanita Rothaus and various club members also had handouts featuring the Athena’s 100 year history and information about GFWC. There has been several people showing an interest in Volunteering and coming to the first Club meeting in September.





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