



Top Projects

From the 2018 Award Entries

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JUNIOR SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Buddy Baseball

GFWC Wheaton Junior Woman's Club (IL) coordinated a 5-week program giving children and young adults with physical and mental challenges the opportunity to play baseball with a buddy's help. Players were assigned to baseball teams with volunteer coaches. Community sponsors provided goods and information about resources available for special needs families.

Life Book Program

GFWC Tempe Junior Woman's Club (AZ) created Life Books, scrapbooks for children in foster care to provide positive memories and a history to carry with them. In addition to donating at the local level, the Tempe Junior clubwomen presented a workshop at their state convention. Members showed how other clubs could replicate their project resulting in GFWC AZ members completing 10 scrapbooks during the workshop.

Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams

GFWC Madison Heights Women's Club (MI) helped hospitalized children go to bed with smiles on their faces. Each night in December, club members brought flashlights to the parking lot of a local children's hospital. Pediatric patients would shine flashlights from windows and look for members standing outside to flash lights back to them.

Wear a Pair, Bring a Pair

GFWC Woman's Club of Bloomfield (NJ) hosted a "Wear a Pair, Bring a Pair" pajama party. Invitations were sent to members, family, and friends who were encouraged to wear PJ's. They were also asked to bring child/youth-sized pajamas to be donated to shelters in their area.

Laundry to Literacy

The GFWC Women's Club of Hollister (CA) considered where children spend time in order to help those lacking reading skills. Realizing that laundromats are often packed with families, the club members created and maintained bookcases at three laundromats. Shelves were filled weekly with 25 – 30 books for children of all ages. Club members reported success by the amount of parent and child reading interaction taking place at the laundromats.

Autism Awareness Social Media Contest

GFWC Grundy Woman's Club (VA) created a social media contest to encourage members to share facts about autism. Members were encouraged to share facts about autism on the club's Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts. To be eligible for prizes, members needed to "like", "share," or "retweet" the Autism Awareness posts. Posts received more than 100 responses over the month-long contest.

Gift Exchange with a Twist

Instead of a Christmas exchange, GFWC Doon Federated Women's Club (IA) bought and wrapped children's clothing and other much needed items. Members played a game and then unwrapped the items before donating them to Mary's Choice program to help families with young children.

Mother's Day Gifts for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Moms

After being moved by a member that gave birth to a premature baby, GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club (MA) made Mother's Day gifts to be distributed at a local NICU. A poem was printed, placed in a photo frame that was decorated by members, and then distributed to moms with babies in the NICU.

Purple for a Cause

GFWC West Virginia (WV) celebrated "Unity in Diversity" by having a friendly Juniors vs. Generals competition to raise funds for March of Dimes. A representative for each team agreed to dye her hair purple if her team lost the challenge. In addition, group leaders agreed to wear the collegiate state shirt chosen by the winning team. Losers attended the GFWC WV Summer Conference sporting their new hair color and collegiate spirit.

Bunny Workshop

Realizing that a child may not have someone to read to in a shelter, GFWC Florentine Evening Club (MS) partnered with Florence Juniorettes (MS) to make bunnies from washcloths, ribbons, wiggly eyes, and pompoms. Bunnies and stuffed animals were paired with books donated to a local children's facility. Children could enhance reading fluency, expression, and comprehension by reading to their bunny or snuggling with their stuffed animal as they read.

SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION



Womanless Beauty Contest

The Junior Woman's Club of Newport News (VA) organized a "Womanless Beauty Contest" to raise funds to assist victims of domestic violence. Ten men, dressed as female models, "strutted their stuff," holding out their handbags for financial donations from the audience. The model with the most money was crowned as the winner. Club members, wearing black and white suits and sporting mustaches, served as hosts.

Domestic Violence Awareness Tea

The GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club (GA) formed a committee with other community organizations to publicize and raise funds for the local shelter. The committee decided to hold a tea, a less-costly event that offered a higher profit margin than a luncheon or dinner and that also paid homage to the roots of the Woman's Club, without which there would be no shelter. The tea raised approximately \$5,000 for the shelter and raised awareness of the issue of domestic violence in the local community.

Bingo Party

The GFWC/IFC Progress Club of South Bend (IN) holds an annual Bingo Party at the local shelter to give the women at the shelter something fun to do. Prizes are purses filled with items such as nail files, pens, gift cards, etc. Purses may also contain toiletries. The club provides the bingo supplies and the purses. Club members run the game by being the bingo caller or checking the winning numbers.

"Ohio United" – Shelter Decorating and Refurbishment

The East Springfield Jr. Woman's Club (OH) partnered with three other local GFWC/Ohio clubs to decorate and refurbish two rooms plus the children's playroom at a local shelter for abused women, providing a more cheerful environment for domestic violence victims during a difficult time. Clubs participated by taking part in the work or contributing money. Clubs purchased new bedding, provided five towel sets, and made and hung curtains. The rooms were finished with framed art and inspirational quotes on the walls.

Calendar for Shelter Support

The GFWC Brookings Club (SD) supported their local shelter throughout the year by creating a calendar that targeted monthly items from the shelter's needs list. Members brought the featured items to their monthly meetings. These monthly donations were a tangible reminder of the club's sustained support to the shelter and helped emphasize awareness of domestic violence for the club members and the community.

Task Force to Raise Funds for Abuse Victims

The Wewahitchka Woman's Club (FL) helped form a DV Task Force to raise funds for the needs of local abuse victims. Mirroring GFWC's program addressing intimate partner, child, elderly, teen dating violence and sexual abuse, the club conducted a county-wide "partner search" for professionals and volunteer groups that serve these victims and then formed a network to share information and activities. The club worked with the Sheriff's office to develop "easy to understand" informational pieces on victim's rights, which were distributed throughout the county. A Barbeque Fundraiser that included silent auctions, a fashion show, and dancing, netted \$10,000.

Mr. Concord Pageant

The GFWC Concord Contemporary Club (NH) held their 2nd annual Mr. Concord Pageant, which benefitted the local domestic violence shelter. Eight local male contestants vied for the title of Mr. Concord, sharing a talent and answering the same interview question -- "If you are chosen Mr. Concord, how will you raise awareness in our local community about domestic violence and our shelter?" Besides raising money (\$15,000), the event increased community awareness about domestic violence and the services of the shelter.

Scholarships and Support for Child Abuse Prevention Conference

The GFWC-OK Fortnightly of McAlester (OK) partnered with the Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce of Southwest Oklahoma to provide scholarships for nursing and psychology students to attend their annual conference. The club was able to raise funds to award 39 scholarships! The club also solicited local businesses to provide chips, cookies, and juice for afternoon snacks at the conference and helped with serving and clean-up.

Grant to Agency Supporting Senior Domestic Violence Survivors

The West Valley Federated Women's Club (CA) supports an agency whose clients are victims of domestic violence that are over the age of 55. The agency offers assistance to any woman or man from crises to stability, and currently serves 140 senior survivors of domestic violence. The club provided a grant of \$10,000 to offer an array of services including 24-hour shelter and hotline, walk-in crises counseling, legal advocacy, immigrant survivor support groups, self-sufficiency workshops, and individual advocacy.

Domestic Violence Prevention Education Classes

The GFWC DeQuincy Study Club (LA) conducted Domestic Violence Prevention education classes at DeQuincy High School in cooperation with the Louisiana Coalition against Domestic Violence and the local woman's shelter. Informational seminars were presented to four classrooms and Prevention Kits addressing Domestic Violence Prevention, Social Media Harassment, Teen Dating Violence, and Human Trafficking were distributed to the students. Students and teachers welcomed the sessions and the club has been asked to return next year.



Kitchen Band

The GFWC Tuscola Woman's Club (IL) shows off their musical talents in the club's "kitchen Band." Several members started the band on a whim and it took off. Members make their own kitchen instruments using only kitchen utensils. They get together and rehearse the "musical "number and then volunteer their time performing in nursing homes, local non-profit groups, and even the town's annual parade.

Youth Art Month Contest

The North Arlington Woman's Club (NJ) ran a contest during youth art month titled "When I grow UP I'm going to be..." The contest was for third, fourth, and fifth grades. Students could not use words but only draw what their future career would be. The design had to be neat, creative, and easily understood. Nine winners received certificates, ribbon rosettes, and Barnes & Noble gift cards. Participation certificates were created for the remaining students.

Snow Man Contest

The GFWC Wilbraham Junior Woman's Club (MA) hosted the second annual Snowman Contest. They had four categories: Most Spirited, Largest Group Build, Most Creative, and Most Traditional. The club promoted it on Facebook and had over 105 likes on the page. They also had flyers in the town hall, library, and a few restaurants around town. The local paper featured an article about the contest.

Art Studio Outreach

The Reed City Woman's Club (MI) realized that there were no formal art classes given in the elementary schools in the Reed City school district. They are lucky enough to have an art studio in a neighboring community that invites the children to come in and experience different types of art. Members help to pay for these local classrooms to have a full day at the art studio, helping them to have an introduction to art.

"Heartists" Program

The Charleston Junior Woman's Club (SC) was introduced to The Heart Artist Guild by one of their members. The group holds art classes and puts on theater performances with special needs adults. The founder, Farrah Hoffmire, brought some of the "heartists" to a meeting sharing artwork and stories. Members volunteer regularly at the studio, and support them at their annual "Heartstock" fundraiser.

Writers Workshop

The GFWC Seward Woman's club (NE) hosted a writing workshop for interested students throughout the state. The club president invited a professor from the University of Nebraska to present a workshop; she also brought three of the college students to help the class members if they needed extra help. There were 75 students that attended the class. The students paid a very small fee but received workbooks, pen, paper, breakfast, and lunch. The clubwomen served the meals.

Tlingit Park Playground Artwork

The GFWC Haines Woman's Club (AK) took on the job of repainting the Tlingit Park Playground. This dedicated club of 7 members hired a carpenter and local painter to assist them with the project. All the areas of the park were repainted with Tlingit symbols, a bear, mountains, and other beautiful murals.

One simply does not attend the Kentucky Derby without a hat...

The GFWC Semper Fidelis club (ME) wanted to fill a void for anyone not in possession of a hat for the annual Kentucky Derby party fundraiser. The creative minds of the members collaborated in their hat making abilities, and brought hats to adorn with ribbons and bows, feathers and flowers, butterflies and birds, and anything and everything. Members and guests crowded the room and soon the room was filled with laughter and tears from burning fingers on glue guns, knots in bows, and "where did I put my scissors?" The end results were spectacular.

Beach Beautification Project

The Woman's Club of Gulfport (MS) painted trashcans for the Harrison County Sand Beach Authority for beach beautification. The 55 gallon cans were painted incorporating the GFWC and MFWC logos, as well as daisies (MFWC President's signature flower) and magnolias (the Mississippi state flower).

Fabric Pumpkin Patch

GFWC Tempe Junior Woman's Club (AZ) created fabric pumpkins that were later donated to the Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter for use as decorations in their individual cottages. Each club member cut, sewed, stuffed and decorated the small pumpkins that were donated.

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Bikes Abloom

The Woman's Club of Madisonville (KY), in collaboration with the Madisonville Downtown Turnaround Partnership, collected used bicycles, painted them in vibrant colors, and attached baskets filled with annuals. Signs were attached to each bike stating "Welcome to Madisonville, Have a Great Ride" and "Provided by the GFWC KY Woman's Club of Madisonville." Fourteen bikes were placed throughout downtown and at entrances to businesses. Newspaper coverage resulted in townspeople donating bicycles and paint, with additional bicycles placed by homeowners and businesses.



Educational Backpacks

The GFWC Guttenberg Book Club (IA) furnished the Guttenberg Public Library with two educational backpacks for children to use. One was about insects and the other about trees and non-flowering plants. The other backpacks were filled with items to encourage and help children to explore nature. Included were books, puzzles, and a sketchbook to document their discoveries. Also included were binoculars, tape measures, magnifying glasses, and information about where to find the subjects to explore.

Repair Café

The GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club (MA) co-hosted a Repair Café event with a local church as a way to find alternatives to throwing away broken items, reducing waste, and bringing people and the community together. Volunteers were recruited to repair bikes, furniture, jewelry, and small appliances, and to sharpen knives, scissors, and gardening tools. Lunch was provided for the volunteers and baked goods for the patrons. The event was publicized in newspapers, on flyers, and on the club's website and Facebook page.

Native Pollinator Garden

The Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township (NJ) created a native pollinator garden in the Tewksbury Arboretum as an outdoor environmental classroom for students and the community. Land was cleared of invasive weeds and grasses, with a brick path and over 768 native plant species installed. Assistance was provided by the Native Plant Society, New Jersey Strike Team, Tewksbury Township, Audubon Society, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and community members. The Garden was certified by the Monarch Watch in their national registry.

Labor Day Bridge Walk

The GFWC Three Rivers Woman's Club (MI) held a Labor Day Bridge Walk by establishing four trails of various lengths, covering 11 of the city bridges over all three rivers. Brochures and passports with maps of the trails and pictures and history of the bridges were created. Members acted as "bridge tenders," offering water and stamping passports. Walkers attempted to cross every bridge to obtain passport stamps and gained an awareness and environmental education of Three Rivers, Michigan.

Tree Seedlings Give-away

The GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township (PA) provided a Douglas Fir Tree seedling to each preschool student in the Early Learning Centers within the Wilson School District to be planted by the student in celebration of Earth Day. A total of 225 tree seedlings, fertilizer pellets, and Ziploc plastic bags were purchased. Members bagged and labeled the items, included their club name and information about the club, and distributed the bags on Earth Day.

Bugs and Insects

The DeQuincy Study Club (LA) provided classroom materials, books, and hands-on teaching materials about insects and bugs for students of Singer Baptist Church Preschool. Each student was provided with a bug box, an insect book, a magnifier, bug tweezers, stickers, and other bug related materials. The teachers were able to teach a class on the importance of our ecosystem and the value of bugs and insects in our environment.

Nursing Home Gardening

The GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club (NH) decorated and maintained an octagonal garden and other small gardens at Riverside Nursing Home throughout the year. Members decorated with small American flags, plus red, white, and blue petunias, and marigolds for Memorial Day. In the fall, members used gourds, colorful mums, pumpkins, and a scarecrow. For Christmas they used a live tree decorated with lights, bulbs, and red ribbon surrounded by tree boughs and birch logs.

Every Girl Deserves a Little Bling

The GFWC Warren Junior Women's League (OH) collected over 130 prom dresses along with shoes, jewelry, purses, and perfume for high school girls who could not afford these things on their own. "Every Girl Deserves a Little Bling" nights were held at four different school districts for girls to shop (for free) for dresses and accessories. Twelve young ladies wore dresses and accessories from these events and created memories for their future.

Trees

The GFWC Fairmont Woman's Club (NE) worked with the City and Parks Department after a storm went through their town and destroyed almost every tree in the city park. A bake sale was held at a local grocery store to raise funds. A sign at the bake sale table informed the public that the funds would be used to replace some of the trees in the park. The club was able to buy six large trees to put in the park.

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Read to Your Child Every Day

Jubilee Woman's Club (AL) developed and conducted a program that emphasized and taught pregnant women and new mothers at a homeless shelter about the importance of reading to their children beginning at birth. Each mom was given four new board books for their children and the members partnered with the new moms and modeled reading aloud and interacting with their new babies. Nine mothers and thirteen children were impacted by this workshop.

Laundromat Library

Bristol County Woman's Club (RI) partnered with a local laundromat to start a lending library so children could read while parents did their laundry. The owner of the laundromat provided the shelves and the members provided board books, color and activity books, and some adult books. Patrons are also able to borrow books and bring them back when they are finished. With the help of laundromat employees and all the members, over 600 books were placed in the Laundromat.

'Sew' the Story Goes

Delmar New Century Club (DE) partnered with their local library during the summer to offer and teach a 7-week 101 Sewing Class for 125 children. Club members worked with volunteers from the library, Kiwanis club, and the community to teach the children to listen, read, and follow pattern directions to create teddy bears to be given to less fortunate children during the holiday season.

Fill the Van Project

Spring Station Woman's Club (TN) worked with a local car dealership to fill a van with school supplies for underserved children in their community. The two-week long event was publicized by the club members on both social media and town newspapers. Members of the community stopped at the van, which was parked on a main street, and the community filled it with enough school supplies to fill 7 large boxes that club members donated to local schools. The dealership reached out to the club to host another event in the fall.

What's My Line?

Southwest Ohio Valley Woman's Club (OH) members were given 3 months to select and research a historic female who they could portray at a "What's My Line?" program during a club meeting. A panel was chosen to guess the identity of the historic woman.

Courts and Reading

The Monday Club, Inc. (AZ) donated 140 new books to an innovative program in their community in which the judge gives a new book to parents appearing in his court and orders them to read to their children each night.

Books and Magazines for Vets

Womans Club of Madisonville (KY) held two magazine and book drives for a long-term nursing care facility for veterans.

Breakfast and Books...Eat, Read, and Be Cozy

Greensboro Woman's Club (NC) members were encouraged to wear their PJ's or comfy clothes and bring books to their evening meeting. Gently used books were purchased for a small fee by the members and breakfast was served for dinner. The funds raised were donated to a local underserved school for their 'Nifty New Novels' program that impacts 40 high-achieving students in grades 2-5.

Mommy Rocks

Southwest Region Woman's Club (CO) worked with a local charity which provides a rocking chair, a book, a flashlight, a blanket, and a few layette pieces for new moms in need.

Books Make a Difference

The Service Guild of Covington (GA) worked with Beaver Manufacturing to produce 94 lap books for preschoolers entitled "My Listening Talking Picture Book." Members participate by cutting out pictures and words from magazines and pasting them on paper, while the manufacturing company assists with copying the book. The books were given to a Pre-K, a special needs class, and a Refugee Center where they will be used to help teach English.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron – ESO



Growing ESO through State Chapters

The GFWC Ohio State Chapter held their annual meeting at their state Convention. Members are charged \$3.00 per administration. During the convention they meet to discuss books and conduct a used book sale. The money raised from the sale was donated to Ohioana Library, a library dedicated to Ohio authors. Unsold books were given to a club that was starting a Little Reading Library in their community.

The GFWC Washington State Chapter meets at their State Convention and their State Fall Board. At each event they discuss books and encourage members to share the easy method of writing book reports. They also had a fundraising table for sharing various book lists such as Happy Birthday National Park Service (conservation books), New Books You Will Love, Summer's Newest and Hottest Books, Books for Every Stocking, Cat Lovers Books, and the Best Books of the Year.

GFWC Florida's ESO Chairman was invited to be a part of the Education CSP Workshop at a state Conference.

The GFWC Colorado state chapter meets during their spring and fall meetings. Prior to each meeting, members are encouraged to read one book that is discussed together.

Two at Q on 2

Woman's Club of Rio Grande (TX) has seven ESO members who meet with the Florence J. Scott ESO members at the local Dairy Queen on the second Tuesday of each month to exchange book information and recommendations.

ESO on Display

The Alamo District Chairman (TX) created a display board that is exhibited during meetings explaining ESO procedures.

ESO Book Kits

High Springs New Century Woman's Club (FL) implemented a kit with 12 books, including one audio version and one large print version, which was distributed to ESO members.

Design a Book Jacket

GFWC New Mexico State ESO Chairman enhanced the fun of sharing books with a challenge for members to create and submit a book jacket of their favorite book for judging. The jackets were to be designed from recycled materials.

ESO Potluck

The Woman's Club of Cypress (CA) asked its ESO members to bring a dish that had been described in one of their ESO books for their potluck dinner.

ESO Corner

Ojai Valley Woman's Club (CA) has a club library in their clubhouse filled with books previously read by their ESO club members that are available for all to borrow. After the books have been in the library for a year, they are passed on to a program for active military personnel.

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Paint the Porch

Pink

The Porch Club of Riverton (NJ) hosted a Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk. The club procured sponsorships, publicized the event, baked treats, and manned the porches. Walkers (455) received pink treats as they stopped at decorated pink porches along the three-mile route. Entertainment included events that appealed to all ages. The club provided prizes and coupons along with informational literature. Over \$23,000 was donated to the breast cancer research foundation.

Motivational Educational Fun

The Women's Club of Perkasio (PA) hosted a series of presentations entitled "The Aging Woman's Body." Club members used a life-size skeleton to demonstrate how structures respond to bodily changes. Attendees learned about osteoporosis, knee/hip replacements, and skin, along with the functions of the internal organs. Attendees could also see the structures and how they amazingly fit together. Attendees learned to how relate the information about the aging process to maintaining a healthy body.

Zumba for Parkinson's Disease

GFWC of Central Oregon watched a documentary demonstrating how activities can affect individuals with Parkinson's Disease and hosted a Zumba Event to support "Dance for Parkinson's Disease." Twelve Zumba instructors assisted over forty participants in a dance class. Club members served as instructors, provided goody bags, monitored a silent auction, and served refreshments. The club also provided a display that highlighted Parkinson's Disease and GFWC. Money raised was donated to "Dance for PD."

Bridging the Horizons

GFWC Salem Women's Club (NH) supported the Bridging the Horizons initiative. Club members worked with the group to provide monthly events for adults and teens with special needs. The club was instrumental in planning the monthly dances for the special needs group. Club members would also serve as event coordinator, procure gift bags, decorate, serve food, and clean up. Fun was had by all while attendees enjoyed a socialization activity.

Bicycle and Necktie Roundup

GFWC X-Junior Woman's Club (WY) partnered with a local veterans group to collect items for a homeless day shelter. The shelter provides services for men, women, and children and provides food, clothing, laundry service, and showers. The club publicized the need for bicycles and neckties. The bicycles were repaired on site and provided to shelter clients as a means of transportation. The neckties were used to secure belongings and sleeping bags together.

Stepping Through the Bluegrass

GFWC Kentucky Woman's Club of Madisonville embraced the call for "walking toward a healthier tomorrow." Club members were challenged to walk 485 miles. Eleven members met the challenge while the club logged a total of 11,483 miles. The club enhanced the project by organizing three separate two-mile group walks in partnership with other organizations in their community. The goal was to encourage people to walk while viewing the features of downtown.

Transitional Housing

GFWC NU Era Study Club in District 2 (MO) donated their time to the Hillcrest Transitional Housing Organization, which provides temporary housing for homeless families. The organization runs a Thrift Store and uses the funds to operate the program. They sort, mark, and stock the children's department six days each week. A total of 3,500 hours are donated to the project each year. Club women complete the project by providing Christmas bags for the clients.

Dignity Matters

GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club (MA) worked with Dignity Matters to provide feminine hygiene products and underwear to females who are homeless or in need. The club sponsored a collection drive to support teenage girls who miss school because of the lack of essential supplies. The club members collected bras, underwear, camisoles, purses, tampons, and pads. The items were provided to Dignity Matters along with a monetary donation to purchase items that were not included.

Outfits of Love

GFWC Woman's Club of Antioch (CA) collected professional clothing for needy individuals. The club collected 77 outfits, including purses, shoes, coats, pants, blouses, dresses, scarfs, belts, and hair clips. The project grew until a total of 1,500 business attire outfits were collected. Club members provided gift cards and notes to go along with the donations, so ladies were able to shop for the outfit that best suited them.

Weighted Blankets

GFWC Library Club (MN) partnered with a local Autistic Program to provide blankets for students. The clubs began by making two bean bag blankets in the shape of turtles for each of the six classrooms. Each turtle contained three pounds of beans as the stuffing. The project expanded to sewing blankets with weights (beans) and covers that could easily be laundered and reused. Teachers used the blankets to calm agitated students.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust – Adopt an Elephant

GFWC Saxonburg District Women's Club (PA) adopted a baby elephant from Kenya. The adoption of Mbegu, which in Swahili means "seed," will save her from poachers. Mbegu inspired members to learn that elephants are "architects of the forest" as they make clearings, enlarge watering holes, and germinate trees and plants, thereby helping the forest and other animals. Members maintain a scrapbook and have a stuffed elephant to remind them of their adopted daughter.

Shot@Life – Christmas Celebration

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler (PA) hosted a Christmas dinner to support Shot@Life. There were snow globes crafted from shot glasses which were sold to attendees. During this live event this club used social media to allow anyone to join in the festivities by posting and sharing information on Facebook with a link to Shot@Life's website. Through the creativity of members, real time technology, and a passion for giving, this club was able to give many children a shot at life.

Wheels for the World – Fundraising Dinner

GFWC Cookeville Junior Woman's Club (TN) provides the gift of mobility to those around the world who are affected by disabilities. The club held a fundraising dinner to support this program in their community. Monetary donations were collected, along with wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and canes that were sent to a correctional facility to be refurbished. "Wheels for the World" provides the refurbished walking aids to impoverished countries, allowing disabled individuals to attend school and church, and to become a part of their communities.

KIND – Kid in Need of Desk

GFWC Hazel Woman's Club (KY) sponsors a girl in Malawi through the KIND project. Donations of \$177 provide a year of education, including desk, chair, tuition, room and board, school uniform, textbooks, and transportation. KIND primarily helps girls who are most in danger of missing out on an education. The local PTA identifies those in need, such as orphans and other vulnerable children. Locals are hired to build simple desks and chairs, giving jobs to unemployed or low-income persons.

Heifer International – Meet the Challenge

GFWC Duncan Woman's Club (AZ) has found a way to have fun and donate too. Each month they present a challenge to members in their newsletter. One month the women were asked to donate a nickel for every door in their house. Another challenge called for a dime for every pair of shoes. The possibilities are limitless and fun to ponder. Last year, the club donated \$340 to Heifer from these challenges.

S.O.A.P. – Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution

GFWC Circleville Junior Women's Club (OH) invited the author of "The Slave Across the Street," Theresa Flores, to speak at their state convention about the life incident that pulled her into the world of human trafficking. She now runs the non-profit S.O.A.P. and puts special hotline labels on bars of soap that are placed in hotels, restaurants, and other high trafficking areas. Club members labeled soap during their state convention workshop.

Operation Smile – Social Media Call for Help

GFWC Women's Club of Odessa, Inc. (DE) supported Operation Smile by using Facebook to put a call out to the community for stuffed animals. Their goal was to collect 200 stuffed animals but thanks to the Facebook community they were able to collect 360 to send to Operation Smile for an upcoming mission. This club reached and surpassed their goal by using social media to help them achieve their goal.

Matthew 25: Ministries – Pill Bottle Collection

GFWC Eastlake Women's Club (OH) collects clean, unlabeled pill bottles to be donated to Matthew 25: Ministries. These bottles are used by medical personnel in third world countries to dispense medicine to individuals for treatment. This project provides sterile, safe, and secure bottles to carry medicines for those who walk miles to seek medical aid. Club members donated 623 bottles and paid postage to mail them to Matthew 25: Ministries.

Astronomers Without Borders – Recycling of Eclipse Glasses

Magnolia Civic Woman's Club (GA) partnered with several local schools and collected used solar eclipse glasses to be donated and shipped to Astronomers Without Borders, an organization that believes boundaries vanish when we look skyward. The collected glasses will be shipped to schools in South America and Asia for the eclipse that will be seen across those continents in 2019. The club amassed 200 solar glasses and also covered the shipping cost.

Nuru International – Walk for Water

Bridgeport Junior Woman's Club (WV) partnered with Nuru International and organized a local "Walk for Water" fundraiser to bring awareness to the fight against extreme poverty. The event was promoted through local and social media. It included a walk down Main Street with a water bucket carried on participant's heads to demonstrate how women in Kenya, Ethiopia, and other third world countries gather and carry water home. Members explained to bystanders that they were "walking a mile in their shoes."

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Community Seminar

GFWC White Mountain Woman's Club (AZ) organized a half-day seminar for the community for seniors and young adults. The seminar, "What's Next," was attended by 50 people from the community seeking information about: What to do?, Who to Go to?, and How do I Handle That? Topics such as Meals on Wheels, Hospice Care, Funeral Services, Bank Services, and Ambulance Services were well received by all in attendance. The presenters brought token gifts for attendees.

Coffee with a Cop

GFWC Warren Junior Women's League (OH) introduced a new project called "Coffee with a Cop." They worked with local police as well as six surrounding police departments. The event was promoted and the community was invited to stop by and meet the officers. Members served coffee and cookies to all attendees. Designed to promote friendship and public awareness, this project was a huge success.

Focus on Veterans

GFWC Woman's Club of Hendersonville (TN) planned a special program to feature the first woman to guard The Tomb of the Unknowns and to showcase Operation Song, a program benefiting veterans. The club did the planning for this state-wide meeting. Over 100 members and guests attended. The guest speaker provided details of her training and experience as a guard of the Tomb of the Unknowns. Operation Song provided heart-warming music. The proceeds from successful auctions, allowed the club to present a \$10,000 check to Operation Song to enable them to branch out in other states.

Fuzzies for Five

GFWC Frederick Woman's Civic Club (MD) had a project called "Fuzzies for Five." Club members donated stuffed animals to the Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIP). For each stuffed animal, \$5.00 was contributed to COIP. Donations of stuffed animals, children's books, puzzles, games, toys, and toiletries for the caregivers were then given to the founder of COIP to distribute to those in need.

Waterproof Mats for the Homeless

GFWC Henry Clay Woman's Club (VA) collects plastic grocery bags, cut them into strips, roll them in a ball of "yarn" and crochet waterproof mats for homeless vets to sleep on! It takes 40 hours to make one mat.

Community Shredding Day

GFWC Mesquite Club of Las Vegas (NV) held a community shredding day. Working with the City Council and their Ward 3 Councilman, the club provided a free shredding service in their club parking lot for their community neighbors. There was a 5-box limit and participants could watch while their papers were shredded, which prevents identity theft. This successful project will be repeated!

Boxer Party for Sew Much Comfort

GFWC Battle Ground Woman's Club (WA) members supported Sew Much Comfort by holding a "Boxer Party" for the donation of and postage for 60 pair of boxers. Members wore boxers at the event and enjoyed cupcakes decorated with boxers. Sew Much Comfort makes adaptive clothing for veterans.

First Responder Thank You Event

The GFWC Abington Heights Civic League (PA) decided their community was overdue in thanking those who respond in times of great need. After several months of planning, the club proudly hosted a First Responder Thank You Event. The event included an evening of dinner and dancing for 90 first responders, guests, and clubwomen. State Representative Tom Marino was the keynote speaker. Eight different groups of First Responders received \$300 grants from the club.

Safe Driving Reminders

GFWC Service League of Covington (GA) wanted to reach a large number of people on the issue of safe driving. Members created jingles about texting or talking on the phone while driving, and then copied the jingles, cut them in cute shapes, mounted them on colored construction paper, and attached a candy lifesaver. The 420 cards, arranged in colorful bowls to attract attention, were placed in three dealerships, a hospital, family and children services, hair salons, and banks.

Prom for Military Children with Special Needs

GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club (NC) worked with Military Missions in Action (MMIA), a local non-profit dedicated to assisting veterans, military members, and their families, to plan a prom for military children with special needs. The club sorted dresses that were donated and also helped assist the girls pick out a dress. They were a very excited group of young ladies. The club also made a \$350 donation to the project.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVANCEMENT AREA

Club Banner

GFWC London Bridge Woman's Club (AZ) purchased a 26-foot banner to advertise their club meetings. It hangs two weeks at a time each month at the city's Wagon Wheel Park. The banner depicts the GFWC emblem and full name along with club name, year established, and meeting times and popular events.

Wikipedia Profile

Atlanta Woman's Club (GA) realized people were unaware of its 120-year history and created a Wikipedia page, and now consistently provides updates. The page tells the history not only of the club, but also of GFWC Georgia and, to some extent, of GFWC. It explains the club's notable projects and the impact of the club on the city of Atlanta. It also notes that the club continues to operate and accept new members.

Women's Suffrage Presentation

Covina Women's Club (CA) researched Women's Suffrage in California and utilized the history of GFWC and their state history to create a PowerPoint presentation. Handouts, which outline the federation's history, were also made to give out at presentations.

Charity Golf Outing

GFWC Lake City (FL) coordinated a golf outing, "G.A.L.L.A.H. Girls and Love Lending a Hand," supporting a multitude of charities. Banners with GFWC logos were erected and fliers were posted throughout the town for advertisement. Facebook and Chamber Websites were also utilized for publicity. Members wore GFWC shirts and the event was featured in the local newspaper and Chamber News, and photos were posted on Facebook. As a bonus, the club gained new members!

TNT Nite

GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club (MA) had a TNT Nite (Thursday Night Therapy Nite). They submitted an advertising flyer to TV outlets and local businesses. A Press Release was sent to print media and online media outlets. Information was blasted through a Facebook page and PTO newsletters, and tickets could be purchased with PayPal. Fun photos of the event were posted on Facebook.

Senior Fair Booth

The Woman's Century Club of Nampa (ID) purchased a booth at the city's Senior Fair. Members worked two-hour shifts. Club information with GFWC history was given to all attendees, as well as information on club services and how to join the club. An eye-catching booth decorated with a Hawaiian theme and costumed members drew visitors throughout the day. The club even won best-decorated booth and best costumes.

Food Drive

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club (DE) promoted their Food Drive by inviting the local television station to the collection site to interview three clubwomen about the project and the club. The interview was broadcast that night and posted on social media. The event was also featured in the local newspaper and in the March/April issue of the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine.

Women's Night Out

GFWC Iowa State Dyersville Federated Women's Club (IA), as a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, attended the Women's Night Out with 400 attendees, where they judged the Women of the Year nominees. The winner won a free membership to their club. Club scrapbooks, project information, and brochures were displayed. Members wore their club aprons. Door prizes were three bags of pecans (club fundraiser).

Door Hangers

GFWC Crestview Woman's Club (FL) designed door hangers that advertised their upcoming Membership and Christmas Teas. The door hangers included the GFWC logo in the design. Members walked the neighborhoods close to the clubhouse and hung the door hangers on house doors, which proved to be successful.

Member Recognition of Service

GFWC Junior Club of Cheyenne (WY) recognized its 60-year member with a luncheon and invited the local media. The local newspaper covered the 98-year old member's achievement with a full-page story, featuring all of her club accomplishments during her membership.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT AREA

Music Bingo Night

GFWC Junior Women's Club of Walpole (MA) held a "Music Bingo Night," with music dedicated to vocal artists of the 70's and 80's during games. The net profits totaled \$3,500.

Put your Hiney Here

GFWC Plantation Woman's Club (FL) raised funds with "Put your Hiney Here," a bus bench advertising program that proved to be extremely successful, with a profit of \$65,400.

Polar Plunge

GFWC Seneca Junior Women's Club (SC) "Polar Plunge" was an event where freezing for a reason comes into play, with club members and community leaders jumping from a dock into a mountain lake to raise funds through pledges. The club netted \$5,500.

Stock your Cellar

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh (NC) held a "Stock your Cellar" wine raffle, with bottles of wine valued at \$20 bundled into lots of three and raffled off to the highest bidder.

Gala Against Human Trafficking

GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart (FL) held a "Gala Against Human Trafficking." The event netted \$65,400.

Boo Ya'all

GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club (GA) fundraised with "Boo Y'all! Tour of Southern Ghosts." A fun night of scaring participants as ghosts in the park and selling boo boxes netted the club \$27,413.

Juleps and Jazz Event

GFWC South Brunswick Islands (NC) held a "Juleps and Jazz Event" with a Kentucky Derby theme. Auction items and a chance to dance the night away created a profit of \$17,162.

Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk

The Porch Club of Riverton (NJ) raised funds with a "Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk." The route of the walk featured several well decorated porches and the net profit was \$23,134.63.

Barbecue & More

GFWC Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Club (CA) held at a fundraiser at a member's home where guests enjoyed barbecue, a live band, dancing, and an auction. This project proved successful with a \$10,339 profit to donate to the Interface Children and Families Services.

Dancing with the Needham Stars

GFWC Needham Women's Club (MA) held "Dancing with the Needham Stars." The event with 500 attendees featured raffles, wine pulls, dancing celebrities, and an auction, raising an amazing total of \$48,765.66.

Witches Night Out

GFWC Naperville Junior Woman's Club (IL) offered a "Witches Night Out." Billed as a ladies night out the event was a sellout with 700 female attendees—all dressed as witches. This fun evening of food, drink, games, dancing, psychic readings, and raffle items created a net profit of \$21,000.

LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA

TrackItForward

The GFWC Woman's Club of Greater New Milford (CT) designed and developed an APP/Website to help members track hours, money, and donations called TrackItForward.

Great Camaraderie

The Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray (SC) has their "provisional" members attend an orientation, an Executive Meeting, and complete a project together, which creates great camaraderie within the group.

Networking with the Community

The GFWC Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway (NJ) networks with like-minded volunteer organizations in their community through an organization called PRIDE that includes their Chamber of Commerce, to share projects and project advertising.

Sharing Leadership Experience

The Past Junior State Officer Club (MA) formed their club to lead, serve, and support and educate clubwomen from various clubs, by sharing their experiences of serving as a GFWC of MA Junior officer.

Grant Opportunities

The GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Woman's Club (PA) developed a grant helping 15 different organizations in community, giving away over \$11,000.

Power of Appreciation

The Woman's Club of Raleigh (NC), a club with over 250 members, engages in the Power of Appreciation, an effort that includes the Clubwoman of the Year and the Clubwoman with Heart, and which recognizes members in publications and with thank you notes.

Initiation and Collaboration

The GFWC River City WC (AL) initiated a new club and collaborated with another club.

Volunteer of the Year and Anniversary Luncheon

The GFWC Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club (VA) held the 5th Annual Volunteer of the Year Award and 75th Anniversary of PJWC Ladies Luncheon, which honored past presidents and volunteers in the Giles County area. The event was attended by 100 women, including 10 past presidents. There were 12 nominees for Volunteer of the Year.

Round Table Discussion

The Lake City Women's Club (MI) took action on their declining meeting attendance by developing a personal survey with open ended questions for all 40 members. The survey was returned by 25 members and a "Round Table" discussion was held. Motions for changes were made and plans were implemented.

Business Cards

The GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club (IL) handed out business cards; not only the president, but every single member. The cards provide a name, address, contact information, email and website. The cards are an effective tool for networking, soliciting donations and sponsors, and recruiting members.

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT AREA

Community Legislation

Grandia Hills Woman's Club (CA) utilize their Legislation/Public Policy Program to further community values in what reporters have described as the "chaotic Los Angeles city government." The club keeps close ties with their Representative on the City Council and works with him to enhance and preserve the quality of life in the community. They work closely with a community grassroots neighborhood organization to improve the community through education, research, charity, and public forums. The club organized a community protest over a multipurpose center proposed by the Council that concerned the club because of safety issues.

Legislation Day

GFWC Illinois held a "Legislation Day" at the State Capitol. Members gathered in the Illinois State Library hearing from Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence of Illinois, and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). A State Representative spoke on the state budget stalemate. At the State Capitol, members were introduced on the house floor and commended for their community service. Members had a visit from the State Governor, who spoke on the issues of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence. Members concluded the day with visits to their State Legislators. The State President, Director of Junior Clubs and Legislation Chairman were invited to tour the DCFS Hotline facility.

Town Hall Meetings

GFWC Kansas members attended Town Hall meetings held by both federal and state legislators, as well as city council meetings, advocating for public education. In each *GFWC Kansas Clubwoman News* the Legislation Chairman wrote a legislative article, kept the members updated on the latest legislation action, and listed the names, addresses, and phone numbers of Kansas' Congressional Delegation members so they could be contacted about issues.

Take Action on Legislation that Matters to You

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club (MA) promote awareness of GFWC Legislative Priorities with a "Take Action on Legislation That Matters to You" banner on the homepage of the club's website. A click on the banner leads to the club's Legislation/Public Policy page, which includes a link to the latest GFWC Priority Issues. There is also a link for members to sign up to receive the most recent alerts from GFWC.

Project "Love Letter"

Mississippi Federation of Women's Club members founded 90% of the state's libraries. The state legislature recognized the state federation and stipulated that the State's Library Commission would have a member of MFWC as a member of the commission. A member of the commission advised her club there was a plan to make a deep cut in funding essentials for the Library Commission. Project "Love Letter" was created and clubwomen sent messages, working in conjunction with local public libraries and their state legislators. The result...the legislature got the message and did not cut funding for the Library Commission.

Marsy's Law

In GFWC New Hampshire there is a proposed Constitutional Amendment for Crime Victims' Rights. The state federation plans to contact their state legislators to support and work to ensure Marsy's Law will be on the ballot in November. Currently, New Hampshire is 1 of only 15 states that does not have constitutional rights for victims.

Safety of the Residents

The Farmingdale Woman's Club (NY) decided to take on "the powers that be" to implement necessary changes for the safety of the residents after a tragic car accident claimed the life of a Farmingdale High School sophomore at a dangerous intersection. The club president contacted their State Senator and urged him to take action. He worked with the New York State Department of Transportation and secured an investigation. Due to the determination of the club members raising awareness in the community, there are now right-turn-only arrows and the speed limit has been reduced.

Important State Alerts

GFWC Oregon members contacted a local state representative about their concerns regarding human trafficking and sent the GFWC resolution to the representative. They also responded to the Take Action Advisories regarding “Keeping Guns Away from Abusers,” as well as other relevant alerts.

125 Years Strong

The GFWC Ossoli Circle (TN), a Charter Club that is 125 years strong, celebrated with a program from the Honorable Pamela L. Reeves, U.S. Eastern District Judge. She is the first woman appointed by the US President to serve in the Eastern District of Tennessee. She spoke on topics including the Federal Judiciary, what the Constitution says, the types of civil and criminal cases she hears, her background and education, her previous practice in arbitration, the work of her Magistrate, and the guidelines used for sentencing.

Meet the Candidates

The Woman’s Club of Newport News (VA) hosted its annual Legislative Forum, “Meet the Candidates” program. All candidates for the office of Virginia Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and House of Representatives were invited. They also invited two candidates for the position of Commissioner of Revenue of their city. Each candidate was allowed 5 minutes to discuss their platform, followed by a meet and greet session, at which time club members could ask specific questions.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA

Membership Tea

GFWC Woman's Club of Crestview (FL) sponsored a Membership Tea. The club spent \$25 to have 250 bright yellow door knockers made (similar to the do not disturb ones at hotels), which members then placed on the doors of friends and neighbors all over town. This unique invitation gave information about the activities of the club, as well as the date, time, and place of the Membership Tea.

Jingle Bell Rock

Woman's Club of Carlsbad (CA) members ring in the Holidays with the club's Annual Holiday Party. This year's theme was "Jingle Bell Rock." Upon arrival, everyone was "tagged" with a sign taped on their back naming a holiday person, place, or thing. Team building games were followed by a dinner. A Conga line formed to the tune of "Jingle Bell Rock."

"Best Hand" Membership Drive

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs got their members excited with a new membership drive. As stated in the newsletter, "Membership is vital to the health of our 'Club'. If we play our cards right, we will continue to grow in 'spades', and have many exciting events!"

Members were encouraged to bring a guest to an event or a meeting, with both the member and guest receiving bonus playing cards. At the end of the year the member with the "Best Hand" received a \$25 gift card.

Tea and Mocktails

The Tea and Mocktails event of GFWC Woman's Club of Greater New Milford (AL) was well publicized and well attended! Recruits were invited to learn about the club in a fun and relaxing atmosphere with "mocktails" and hors d'oeuvres. The Mayor was invited and he expressed his admiration for the club's many activities. Chairmen spoke about their positions to illustrate specific duties and spark interest in others.

Baseballween

GFWC Papillion Woman's Club (NE) club members had a fun evening hosting a Halloween event while informing the many attendees about the volunteer work they do for the community. The event was a success and provided a safe Halloween to those who came to the baseball game event. At the club's next meeting they had eight guests (potential members) in attendance.

Membership Sharing and Coaching

The Membership Team of the GFWC Portsmouth Women's City Club (NH) reviewed and revised the bylaws, mentored members on promoting the club, and taught them how to prepare agendas and more. They worked with the officers to develop interesting programs, organize socials, and write grants to obtain a new safety/fire alarm system.

Membership "Round Up"

GFWC Sedley Woman's Club (VA) held a recruitment dinner in September with invitations to prospective members. Club members were urged to follow up on the written invitations and to offer transportation to and from the event. The theme was a "Membership Round Up." Guests and members were encouraged to wear western attire, which included cowboy hats, jeans, boots, guns, and holsters. Decorations were used to reproduce a Western Saloon.

"Corks and Forks"

GFWC South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club (NC) hosted a wine dinner at a local Italian Restaurant. They used this fun event as a membership recruitment activity and to also announce a new member drive and ticket sales for an upcoming "Juleps and Jazz" fundraiser.

“Friends of the Woman’s Club”

The GFWC Spooner Woman's Club (WI) created and developed a list of "Friends of the Woman's Club" in an effort to increase their visibility in the community. As a small club, members have worked hard and succeeded in getting local individuals and businesses engaged in the club’s projects, and have gained new members in the process. They always thank those who donate and follow up with letters addressed to "Friend of the Woman's Club.”

Pull a Book Out of a Bucket

GFWC Okolona Woman’s Club (KY) implemented a book and movie night to acclimate new members and get them talking about topics that interest them. Held once every two months, the event has built a comradery that makes the club more fun and productive. Just pull a book out of a bucket and you have a membership party!

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER ADVANCEMENT AREA

Renovations and Repair Suffragette Movement Banners

After a successful fundraiser, the GFWC Needham Women's Club (MA) was looking for a project to support. Then, the Needham Historical Society requested funds for the renovation and repair of banners from the Suffragette Movement (100 years ago). The founders of GFWC were involved with this movement, so it was a win-win to support and assist them with a \$2,000 donation. The club collaborated with the Historical Society and the League of Women Voters on this project.

“Rooted in the past, Planting the seeds for the future”

The St Andrews Woman's Club (SC) started an initiative to spotlight women from the past and the role they played in GFWC, GFWC-SC, and their club. This effort was kicked off during the Installation of Officers. Each incoming officer held a portrait or name of a woman who helped shape GFWC. As each club officer was installed, information was presented on the person and why they are important to GFWC today.

Grandma's Study Club Perseveres: the next 55 Years

The history of the first 30 years of GFWC Collinsville Study Club (AL), “Your Grandmother's Study Club, 1929 – 1959,” had been written, so the club president decided her special project would be the next edition. Now the club members are compiling information on the following 55 years. Guidelines from the GFWC Women's History Resource Center have been consulted to inform the group on how to archive, donate club records, and how to research and write a club history. This continues to be a work in progress, but isn't our history also a work in progress?

#261

Marlborough Junior Woman's Club (MA) chose to celebrate and honor a great woman in history, Kathrine Switzer, and her campaign “261 Fearless.” Switzer, who was the first woman to officially complete the Boston Marathon, celebrated the 50th anniversary of her achievement in 2017. Her bib number in 1967 was 261. The mission of 261 Fearless is to “empower women through running,” helping women connect in a supportive network and take control of their lives. Members of MJWC took photos of themselves while walking, jogging, or running with 261 somewhere in the pic. They wrote 216 in the dirt, wrote it on cardboard or paper, and even on their shoes.

Porch Party

The Women's Club of Concord (NH) applied for and received a grant for \$62,000 from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment program, allowing them to continue significant rehabilitation work on their 1800's Victorian Home, the Chamberlain House. The renovations resulted in a Porch Party to celebrate the newly restored back porch and to announce plans for future improvements.

Wonder Woman was a Clubwoman

The Woman's Club of Marion (KY) celebrated their 97th anniversary. The decorations, programs, and refreshments reflected a “Wonder Woman” theme, which the club thought was fitting based the success that clubwomen achieve in reaching their goals and helping others. Photos and historical details, obtained through the assistance of their County historian, were used to create a PowerPoint program covering the club's 97-year history. The program focused on three of the club's 16 charter members and three current 50+ year members.

Game Night and Trivia

The GFWC Lawrenceville Woman's Club (GA) played a game during a club meeting asking questions about the Women's History and Resource Center. The coordinator would ask a question and the member would decide if the answer is yes or no or true or false. Those with correct answers continued to stand. The last member standing was the winner. Many members in this game were “winners” and all enjoyed playing the game, as well as their new knowledge of the WHRC.

Women's History Month

For Women's History Month, the GFWC of Tennessee State President added a post on Facebook each day that highlighted the first 31 Presidents of GFWC of Tennessee and the corresponding Director of Junior Clubs. Information included activities during their administration and information about their personal lives. If photographs were available, they were also included.

National History Day

The GFWC Brookings Club (SD) supported the South Dakota History Day contest. They sponsored an award for best entry highlighting women's history in the junior division. This is a state competition, open to all students from South Dakota Schools in grades 6 to 12. Members volunteered as judges, door monitors, and at the registration desk. It was very satisfying to see how the students incorporated women's history into their projects.

Hidden Figures

The GFWC Yorktown Woman's Club (VA), influenced by the book and film *Hidden Figures*, as well as the Langley National Aeronautics and Space Administration's pending 100th Anniversary, organized a panel of 15 former and current female employees of NASA/NACA (including some club members), to speak about their work at NASA and the discrimination of female employees (mathematicians). Michelle Ferebee, a current NASA employee, spoke to the group on the upcoming NASA anniversary.