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Chapel Project Completed!

The Chapel at Warm Springs which GFWC Montana helped build was finished and dedicated this fall. Our efforts have paid off, and will continue to do so for a long time in the future.

Family Cancer Network Project now in Process

This biennium's official GFWC Montana project, the Cancer Family Network, has already made a difference to one cancer victim and his family, whom we were able to sponsor for a week at Camp on the Boulder. To date, \$4004 has been collected, including \$500 from fund raising at Fall Boards, and an individual donation of \$110. \$900 has been spent on last summer's camp for one family. How many families can we send next summer? Want to know more? Contact Terry Kockler, Chairman at 406-439-3005, TGKockler@gmail.com or VKB(that's our prez - contact info on pg. 2)



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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

When is the Montana Woman coming out? Why hasn't it been published more often? These are some of the many questions you've all had about the magazine. In answer to those questions I can honestly tell you it has not been being published on a regular basis because GFWC of Montana cannot continue to subsidize what is not being funded by the amount collected annually from the membership. We are not the only state with this problem, either. Most other states publish their magazine on-line. I also know many of you could not receive the magazine in this manner. These are questions I have pondered and I'd ask you to consider the following options:

1. Raise the cost of the magazine to an amount that would cover the cost of publishing four times a year.
2. Publish the magazine on-line. Those members who do not have this option would be mailed a copy. (This would mean those people who receive the magazine on-line would subsidize those people who do not.)
3. Publish the magazine on-line with each club printing copies for those members who cannot print their own.
4. Continue with the status quo and subsidize the magazine from other funds thus running the risk of having to dig into the reserves we have set aside.

If you have other options you feel we should consider, please put them in writing and either e-mail me or send me a letter. At the present time I can't guarantee you will be able to reach me by phone and I'd like to be able to take everyone's comments to the Board of Directors for an open discussion of this important issue.

Mary Lou Hermes has graciously offered to edit the magazine so she will be taking over that duty.

On a lighter note, I'd like to thank Fern Johnson, Western District President, Joyce DeCunzo, Central District President and Bonnie Conner, Eastern District President for the wonderful jobs they did in putting together their respective District Conventions. Also, thanks to all of the club members who attended. It was wonderful to see so many new faces at those meetings, too.

The Montana Special Project, Montana Cancer Family Network, benefitted from the generosity of the Districts and because of those gifts we were able to send not just one child to camp, but an entire family. I had the opportunity to visit the camp this summer and what a wonderful experience!

I look forward to hearing from you with any suggestions you may have.

Vurnie

Autumn Gatherings Attract Awesome Assemblies

Eleven Montana GFWC members had a great time representing Montana at the **Western States Region Conference** the last weekend in September. The official part of the conference was kicked off by a gala banquet, to which everyone was asked to wear something red, creating a very colorful evening. Prior to the banquet, everyone gathered in the upstairs lobby of the Sheraton Denver West where they posed for state delegation pictures with visiting dignitaries from GFWC International.



International President Carlene Garner was guest of honor and featured speaker at the meeting. Also speaking was International President Elect Mary Ellen Laister. Both were eloquent, challenging and interesting.

One of the interesting things about the conference was that table decorations for each of the group meals, although very festive, were made up of things that would later be given to the Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter. The Friday evening dinner decorations were colorful boxes of cookies. At the Saturday luncheon there were coffee, teas, cups, sugar, creamers and snacks and Saturday night a copy of "Coach Broyles Playbook," a resource for Alzheimer's caregivers was on each table, with candles and with attractive silver envelopes in which diners could put money or checks to purchase additional copies to be given to the Alzheimer's Association. We were proud of our own Sigrid Laird as she opened every session with a thought for the day and a prayer.

In addition to the usual reports from State Presidents and Committee Chairs (our Cheryl Martin was one of them) there were several workshops and an outstanding set of skits to be used as teaching tools for what not to do in meetings.

Prior to the business part of the meeting, several Montanans went on official tours of the Denver area, which included the Coors plant and Celestial Seasonings Tea Factory, as well as government buildings in Denver. Other Montanans were entertained by tour guide and hostess Susan Macartney, past GFWC Montana President and now a resident of the Denver area. Susan has maintained her membership in Billings Junior Woman's Club since she moved, but while at the Western States Convention she joined a more local club as well.

In the group picture standing are Susan Macartney, Cheryl Martin, Joyce Rogers, Mary Lou Hermes, Adina Fox, Dorothy Murnin, Florence Diede, Nancy Hanford, Sigrid Laird, and Judy Senteney. Seated are Vurnie Kaye Barnett, Carol Lopez, Western States President, GFWC International President Carlene Garner and GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Laister.

One week after the Western Region Conference, nine of those delegates met again in Missoula, along with 41 other wonderful GFWC Montana women for two days of conferencing, reporting, fund raising, feasting and dancing at the annual **Fall Board Meeting**. Some highlights from that conference:

* Mary Katharine Miller, past International GFWC President came to part of the opening meeting and was serenaded with Happy Birthday, celebrating her 98th.

* Montana won three first place awards at the International Convention in Milwaukee. President Vurnie Kaye presented the following First Prize awards:

Education Collaboration Award, for the best

summary report of Education Collaboration. Kathleen Nelson, GFWC of MT Education Collaboration Project Chairman accepted the award.

Publicity Book Award for the best public relations book went to Billings Junior Woman's Club. Florence Deide, President of that club, accepted the award.

Youth Poetry Award for a poem in her category by Stephanie Skorupa of Bridger. Contest chair Mary Lou Hermes accepted that award.

Membership longevity certificates were presented for members who had passed the 10 and 20 year marks, and every 5th year following. Three fifty year members were honored: Shirley Thomas, Deerlodge GFWC, and Scoby GFWC members Helena Darchuk, and Jean Fitz. One 60 year certificate was awarded to Catherine Owens of Deerlodge GFWC.

Guest speaker Lisa Dunster, Cancer Family Network Camp Director, told about the successful camp with cancer victims and their families. She presented a brief slide show about the week. A group of ladies from Big Timber Woman's Club, who had attended the week as helpers, talked about their experiences and showed a second slide presentation of their pictures. Both slide shows are available for loan. Contact Vurnie Kaye for details.

Gee Whiz

The newest club in the Montana Federation is GFWC Polson Woman's Club, 5 years old.

There are 4 clubs at 107: the GFWCs of Billings, Deer Lodge, Helena, and Missoula!



Warm Springs Chapel Dedicated

Remember the Chapel Challenge? GFWC Montana raised over \$13,000 toward the building of a new chapel at Montana State Hospital. Joyce De Cunzo and Sandi Conrady, co-chairs of the Chapel Challenge, (pictured at right standing in the entryway) attended the dedication on October 5. Almost 100 people attended, including many hospital patients. The chapel is beautiful and serene, and is very welcomed by patients and families. Keynote speakers noted how important spiritual health is to mental health. All donors were publicly thanked, without mentioning donors by name. The chapel committee felt that every dollar donated was important, small or large, and contributed equally to the realization of this goal. Visitors are always welcomed at the hospital - all GFWC members are encouraged to visit the new chapel.

by Joyce DeCunzo



Brainstorming Leadership, Membership, & Fund Raising

At the recent Fall Board meeting in Missoula, President Vurnie Kaye divided the assembly into 6 small groups and asked them to discuss one of three topics for half an hour. At the end of that time, the following reports were made:

On Leadership,

Lynn Foreman of Madison Valley Woman's Club: An outstanding issue is that leadership is often held by very few. Solutions: mentors within the club to encourage new members; appoint program or activity co-chairs, one with experience, one new; have a project that brings people together, utilizing people's strengths. Learn where the skills are and make use of that knowledge. Have leaders take a back-up role to encourage others to grow. As an ice breaker at a meeting, ask each person to tell three things about herself, one of which is a lie.. Always give positive feedback and encouragement.

Debbi Kirschbaum, Plains Woman's Club, said a good leader makes personal contact with members, rather than by e-mail, and makes contacts well in advance of activities. "If you're president, she said, take the time to be the president. If you don't have time, get the executive board to help. Follow through with your duties. Delegate, don't micro-manage.

Organize meetings so they only last an hour. Have an agenda without too much on it. Leave them laughing. If you don't have an effective president, communication within the exec board is the answer, and be ready to step in president's place if she can't/doesn't come.

On Membership,

Lorrie Hardy of Fort Benton Woman's Club talked about the importance of advertising to let people know what projects are being done. Some people want to join a club that is doing things for others. Discuss the history of the club as well as of the Federation. Make meetings interesting and not too repetitive. Do projects and activities at the meetings – bonds people together. Provide day care for young mothers.

Have a meal with the meeting. More people show up when there is a meal. Advertise that volunteers are needed. Ask people to join; ask them to participate in projects - we all want to feel welcome.

Penny Cope, Helena Woman's club mentioned the problem that some clubs have a core group of old timers, active leaders who group up. The challenge is to have both leaders & followers step into another role. She suggested maintaining four separate e-mail lists - one for chair persons with business items, a **members** list, a list of *friends* who have attended but not joined, for sending out newsletters and meeting notices and a list of *acquaintances*, who would receive notices of events. Some clubs have co-officers to give experience and confidence. Her group also suggested
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On Fund Raising,

Cherie Reich, Bitterroot Woman's Club listed a few fund raising projects which have worked for clubs. Mentioned were sale of Christmas wrap, a soup & cookies sale, a flea market/silent auction, a silent auction of used jewelry, a pie, coffee, & plant sale, a box social, a nearly new shop (two clubs maintain such shops year around).

Problems may arise around any of these projects. When people aren't enthusiastic any more, change projects to a new one that you can be all fired up about. Instead of trying to sell things to every member, look for other people not in the club. If holding a flea market, it is necessary to collect objects year round, not just before the event, to insure a good array of desirable objects to sell. One club made big money on a box social, which worked because it was held when the community was already together for another community project.

Barb Smith, of the Helena club pointed out that timing a fund raising event in the community is very important. Know what else is on the calendar; don't cross compete with other organizations or downtown businesses.

Let the customers know what the
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EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

“Creativity” was the theme for the Eastern District convention in Big Timber on April 16th at the community room of the Carnegie library. Bonnie Conner, Eastern District chairman, promised the twenty-seven club members that attended a lively day of fellowship and fun. An art and quilt show greeted members as they arrived, and the rooms were filled with color and design. Roll call was answered by, “What is your creativity?” Members who declared themselves as volunteers received door prizes.

Big Timber Woman’s Club President, Barb Teachout, welcomed the group to Big Timber and invited them to

tour the remodeled library and the 1000 Hands Playground, both projects that involved sponsorship by the local club. MT GFWC President, Vurnie Barnett, Ennis, greeted everyone and together with Terry Kockler, Helena, presented her State Project, the Cancer Family Network of Montana. She asked for help from clubs in raising awareness and funds to support this worthy cause. Eastern District voted to donate \$300.00 to the project and issued a challenge to other districts in the state to meet this amount. The Cancer Family Network sponsors a free family camp each July at ***Camp on the Boulder*** church camp south of Big Timber.

The art show was judged by popular vote, and winners of paintings included Kathy Agnew, Joan Hansen, Bonnie Polzin, Linda Johnson and Bonnie Conner. Winners of the photography category included Lisa Wagner, Kathy Agnew, Grayce Sivigny and Bonnie Polzin.

Club presidents reported on activities and service projects that members are involved with in their communities. District and state officers also had time to promote projects of the GFWC. The Spring Fling Bazaar was going on at the Civic Center next door and members were given the opportunity at noon to view that show. During the afternoon break, members were treated to an Easter tea with group singing and an inspirational story. A slate of officers for the next biennium was voted on, and a silent auction was conducted with proceeds going to the district scholarship fund.

by Eastern District President Bonnie Connor

and CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The GFWC Central District Convention was held on Saturday, April 23, 2011 in Helena. There were 26 members present, representing four clubs. We had 5 guests attending this meeting. They were Adina Fox, Fern Johnson, Joyce Rogers, Joyce Hooper and Debbie Kirschbaum. We are fortunate to have both GFWC MT President Vurnie Kay Barnett and President Elect Nancy Hanford, as members of the Central District, also in attendance.

The convention theme was “It’s A Federation Celebration”, to celebrate Federation Day which was April 24th – and the 121st birthday of GFWC. This theme was carried out with birthday decorations, including tiny birthday cakes with ice cream for dessert. Our guest speaker Hilary Hoffman, daughter of one of our members, gave a great presentation on successful journaling. Other speakers included Vurnie Kaye, who delivered President’s remarks, and Terry Kockler with Vurnie Kaye, who presented information on the Cancer Family Network. The Eastern District challenged us to meet their donation to the Cancer Family Network, so of course we did! We also heard club reports from members, which really show how much wonderful work is

being done across the district.

Our business session included the presentation of 2 certificates for the short story and poetry contest, development of a scholarship fund, changes to our standing rules, a decision to review the district bylaws and an endorsement of Joyce De Cunzo as a candidate for the State Treasurer 2012-2014.

It was a fun and busy day, with lots of opportunities to renew old friendships and build new ones.

by Central District President Joyce DeCunzo



WESTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION



by Fern Johnson,
GFWC of Montana
Western District
President.

Neither rain, nor snow, nor wind, nor detours, nor marathon runners could keep the “jewels” of Western District from attending the GFWC of Montana Western District Convention. On April 30, 2011, 28 clubwomen gathered at the Woman’s Club of Missoula clubhouse located on the University of Montana for a “gem” of a convention. Fern Johnson, President of GFWC of MT Western District, presided over the gathering and expounded on the facts and folklore of the different birthstones for each month. The members were then separated into groups based on their birth months and asked to make collages to represent how belonging to GFWC of Montana can enhance each person and every community.

GFWC of Montana President, Vurnie Kaye Barnett, aided by Chairman Terry Kockler, spoke about the Montana Special Project – Cancer Family Network. Everyone was encouraged to make this project a success. The members of the Western District donated \$350.00 to the project to match the other GFWC of Montana Districts. With the final donation from the Western District, GFWC of Montana could send not only a child to the summer camp, but an entire family.

GFWC of Montana President-elect, Nancy Hanford gave a presentation about maintaining membership and possible ways to increase membership.

Special thanks go to the Woman’s Club of Missoula for the use of their clubhouse and the delicious luncheon they prepared. Also, to the Bitterroot Woman’s Club who provided the table decorations and favors.

A Blast from the Past

This most interesting request came with a very dim attachment which showed that the State President at the time was Minnie R. Tennis of Butte. The person who had sent the prize of \$20 was District II President Mrs. J.A. Gordon, of Hamilton. Does anybody remember her?

Greetings to All,

As you will notice I have addressed this email to several of you of the GFWC of Montana because 1st and foremost I don’t know who I should address the following request to, and 2nd I am hopeful one of you might be the one to have the interest and capability to find what my Mother is looking for.

Recently my Mother, Vivian Grazier Weedman, who is now 94 ½ and residing in Annapolis, MD, found a 1930 letter (attached) from the Montana Federation of Women’s Clubs awarding her 1st prize for writing something when she was 14. [she was] Born near Geraldine but at the time she wrote this piece, she was living on the family’s cattle ranch in Dixon, MT west of Missoula, east of Plains, south of St. Ignatius/Ronan. (Her brother Don Grazier now living in Ronan ranched in Dixon.)

She would like to find what it was she wrote about then –

she believes it may have been something about pending or proposed legislation, perhaps of concern to women’s rights. Given that she has since written quite a bit over the last 15 years about her life experiences, I believe she is curious about what her thoughts were or how she expressed them 80 years ago!!

I believe this prize encouraged her future achievements—going on to Montana State (the first in her family to go to college), becoming a Home Economics teacher (first teaching in Helena) etc. Mom has lived away for a long time but she has never lost her Montana roots.

I am hoping your organization has its roots in the Montana Federation of Women’s Clubs and/or would know how her prize-winning piece might be located. I would much appreciate your help in trying to locate the long ago piece of writing. My Mom would be immensely surprised and pleased if it could be miraculously retrieved somehow.

Thank you so much,
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GFWC Bitterroot Sponsors Ravalli Rodeo Queen – 2011

The Bitterroot Woman's Club is happy to announce that their candidate for 2011 Rodeo Queen, Amber Powell, was selected for the Miss Ravalli County 2011 Rodeo Queen. Amber swept all three category awards including Horsemanship, Speech, and Style Show. Amber is the daughter of member Mickey Powell and the granddaughter of Joyce Hooper. She will be a junior at Hamilton High School.

The Woman's club sponsors a pie and plant booth at the Memorial Day festival. It was fun day for all of us.

Pictured below with Queen Amber are as follows right to left: Joyce Hooper, Linda Sinerius, Barbara Harrison, Payne Tingle, Roberta Burruss, Karen Hoyt, Queen Amber, Trystan Capp, Cathy McCormick, Mickey Powell, Queen Runner-Up, Alyssa Johnson



The More the Merrier Helena/Canton Hold Joint Meeting

Tradition has it that the Canton Valley Woman's Club and the Helena Woman's Club have joint meetings each year. On October 19, three Helena club members went to Winston MT for lunch at the newly remodeled Winston Bar, joining 14 Townsend club members. Guest speaker Gay Ann Masolo entertained everyone with her story about traveling to Germany and Italy with her two sisters. GFWC Helena Woman's Club will host Canton Valley Woman's Club in February.

Fun and Busy Summer for GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club (BJWC)

June 11 at the Strawberry Festival, GFWC/BJWC Cancer Camp Committee had a



table to raise money for GFWC of Montana President's special project. The committee's goal was to fund as many families and children as possible to attend Montana Cancer Family Network's camp, near Big Timber. The committee sold baked goods and crafts donated by our members and raised over \$450.

In July seventeen GFWC/BJWC members and families of

members attended the summer concert at St John's. The group enjoyed a picnic dinner and fabulous music by the Mid-life Chryslers. Members met in **August** at the Copper Colander and learned to make a salad, two gourmet pizzas, and a wonderful frozen dessert made from a variety of fresh fruit and white grape juice.



Members of GFWC/BJWC **ESO** met once a month during the summer to share books that they had read. Members visited during dinner and shared parts of the books with the group.

Two potential new members joined at the August meeting. After each meeting Chairwoman, Karen Durfey sent to the participants a list of the books that were shared. We also traded books with one another as interested is piqued.

Pictured are Judy Senteney, Karen Durfey, Shelley Ostermiller, Linda Altwine

What has your club been doing?

Send a story, with or without pictures for the next issue of Montana Woman!

Send to Mary Lou Hermes, Box 133, Paradise, MT 59856 or by e-mail to pln3392@blackfoot.net (that second letter is an l, as in letter, not an i)





Prize Pie Sets Record

At the Fort Benton Woman's Club Pie Auction Friday night in OldFort Park, the junior best of show pie made by Ava Scardapane sold for the highest price of any pie in the history of Fort Benton. Pie maker

Ava is the granddaughter of Donna Albers.

Pictured, from left are Howard Hanford with the chocolate almond pie he bought for \$775, pie maker, Ava Scardapane, and Howard's wife Nancy Hanford."

from from the 6-29-2011 issue of the River Press in FortBenton. article and photo by Tim Burmeister

Calling All PDQ Members

Dues are due!

We had a good meeting at this fall board meeting in Missoula and collected dues for this year. They are \$20.00 and we need yours! Please send them to me as soon as you can along with your e-mail address or street address for the minutes to: Sandi Conrady, 3302 Baldy Drive, Helena, Mt 59602.

Contest Time!

It isn't too early to contact teachers and home school associations and encourage them to set aside stories and poems that could be entered in the annual **Short Story and Poetry contest**. Or you could ask them to dedicate a unit to story and/or poetry writing and select their best stories to enter in your local contest. Then you'd be ready to send your entries, one in each category, to the state contest. For rules and details, contact chair person Mary Lou Hermes, Don't forget there's a club member contest as well! Get your pencil -or boot up your computer and start writing!

There's a Woman's Club member **photography contest** as well, and chair person Fern Johnson wishes more of you would enter. Here are the categories:

The World in Pictures encourages members to capture the beauty of the world and people around us in three categories:

Feature, Natural History, and Scenic

GFWC Volunteers in Action provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities during the year through photography.

A Year in Pictures—also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest—allows members to showcase their talents while supporting GFWC through the fundraising calendar.

Complete rules for the photography contest will appear in the next issue of Montana Woman.

At left, Memories from Fall Boards: Fearless line dance leader Jackie Shirley; Not so fearless followers; Saturday night Halloween spooks from Plains; Mary Katharine Miller on her 98th birthday (with Sigrid Laird, left)

The National Prize Poem

The Night of the Wolves

by Stephanie Skorupa

Tonight

on the top of my enchanted mountain,
as I watched the Northern Lights
in the star struck sky,
I could feel the wind blowing through my fur.
The snow crunched under my frostbitten feet,
and I lifted my head high
to let out the howl that started it all.

Then I heard my pack
howl from the woods,
and that's how the night
of the wolves began.

Plains Woman's Club Ladies Don Hats for an Evening of Fun

Nineteen club members and ten guests, including three from Thompson Falls GFWC, attended Plains Woman's Club's annual Membership Party, which in the past has netted two or three new members each October.

This year's theme was *Club Women Wear Many Hats*, and everyone was required to wear a hat for the occasion. Anyone coming without a hat was outfitted from a basket of lovely and not so lovely vintage hats.



GFWC of Montana Says Goodbye

**GFWC of Montana lost four remarkable women this year.
These women were long-time GFWC members,
community, state and region leaders,
and dedicated to their families, friends and neighbors.
GFWC of Montana mourns the loss of these wonderful ladies.**



ELLA RIVENES

Ella Marie (Crane) Rivenes, 95 of Miles City died in the presence of her three daughters, family and close friends at her home on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Ella is survived by her daughters Sigrid Laird, Sue Kuehl and Jen Jensen, eight grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. She was

preceded in death by her husband, David Rivenes.

Ella was GFWC of Montana President 1980-1982 and Western States Region President 1992-1994. She first joined GFWC as a Junior in 1940 and was honored as a 60 year member in 2010. Ella was also very active with the Montana Woman, acting as circulation manager for a number of years.

ELLA MAE CROMER

Ella Mae (Mandeville) Cromer passed away in Butte on May 9, 2011. Ella is survived by her sons Ed, Don and Dick Cromer, six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Cromer.

Ella Mae was GFWC of Montana President from 1958-1960. Ella Mae taught physical fitness for 35 years at the YMCA.

MADGE BUCK

Madge Katherine (Chaffin) Buck passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Hamilton's Discovery Care Center at the age of 97. Madge is survived by daughters Rae Swainson and Joan Nicholson, seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Edwin H. Buck, Jr.

Madge was a 71 year member of the Bitterroot (aka Corvallis) Woman's Club.

VIRGINIA BAILEY

Virginia Bailey was a charter member of the Fort Benton Junior Woman's Club which was formed in 1937. She served her club in every position, including serving as Treasurer on more than one occasion, plus as chairman for many committees. Virginia was also District III President from 1956-1958.



Virginia was a consummate club woman; even after she moved in to a Nursing Home she made sure that her dues were paid.

GFWC Livingston Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Montana also mourns the loss of a club from the Federation. With regret, the Fall Board assembly accepted the following letter: *It is the decision of the Livingston Junior Womens Club to withdraw from the General Federation of Womens Clubs of Montana. . . We have been a very active Club since our organization in 1940 and federated in June 1940. We have won many, many awards but three members can not do it.*

The Livingston Junior Woman's Club was founded in 1940 and federated in 1941. Over the years, as their Community Improvement Projects, they have purchased books for the library, placed the lion fountain in Sacajawea Park, the bathrooms in Sacajawea, three benches in the park, trees and plants. They put the kitchen and bathroom plus furnished the kitchen in the Livingston Depot Center. They refurbished M Street Park and worked with the Community trust and the Baseball Asso-

ciation to build the baseball complex. The Livingston Community Trust also helped with the bathrooms and the Livingston Depot Center. They purchased furniture for the waiting room at the hospital and won 2nd place in the nation for the helicopter pad they built in 1982-84. They bought a defibrillator with a child's defibrillator for the fire trucks. Over the years they have won many awards. One of the best projects was We Have a Little Emergency which is ID to be put on a child's car seat and car window in case of an accident. These are passed out at the hospital and all emergency personnel have been notified so they know what you look for. Seventy one years of service to their community.

Several state presidents have brought their state conventions to Livingston. They love Livingston. The "Last Hurrah" of the Livingston Junior Womens Club was held Saturday October 29th from 8 pm to midnight at the Livingston Elks Lodge. Admission was one can of food for the Living Food Pantry.

On the following pages, you will find copies of GFWC bylaws and standing rules, with proposed changes is presented for member perusal, prior to a vote on the changes which will be conducted at the Spring, 2012 Convention. Proposed changes are underlined, and in bold italics.

GFWC Montana Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Montana also known as GFWC of Montana (hereinafter referred to as GFWC MT)

ARTICLE II – OBJECT AND PURPOSE

OBJECT-The object of GFWC MT shall be to promote the GFWC mission while uniting women's clubs throughout Montana for the purpose of mutual benefit, and for the promotion of their common interest in volunteer service.

PURPOSE-This Corporation is a public benefit, charitable corporation established to promote and support the charitable works of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in the State of Montana, and any other related activities. The GFWC MT is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Eligibility. Montana women's clubs whose work is germane to the mission of GFWC are eligible for Membership in GFWC MT. Each application for membership shall show that the organization requires no partisan political test for membership, that it is not a secret society and that it does not tolerate, either by practice or teaching, any violation of state or national laws.

Section 3.2 Types of members. Active membership shall be the only type of membership. Active members shall be categorized as follows:

1. Women's Clubs: local clubs that have met the requirements for membership shall hold active membership and shall participate in the regular program of GFWC.
2. Junior Women's Clubs: local clubs whose membership is composed of young women, shall hold active membership and participate in the regular program of GFWC.
3. Juniorsette Clubs: are sponsored by Women's Clubs or Junior Women's Clubs and whose membership is composed entirely of middle school/junior high and high school age students.

All clubs within GFWC MT shall automatically become members of GFWC International and of the District Federation in which the club is located, with the exception of statewide clubs.

Section 3.3 Application for membership. Application for active membership by Women's Clubs, Junior Women's Clubs and Juniorsette Clubs shall be accompanied by a written application, a copy of the bylaws of the club, a list of officers and members and payment of GFWC, GFWC MT and District per capita dues and sent to GFWC MT President. GFWC shall precede the name of all clubs applying for active membership.

Section 3.4 Termination of Membership. Any club desiring to withdraw from GFWC MT must:

1. Receive a 2/3 affirmative vote from that club's members to terminate membership.
2. Announce and publish to club members, GFWC MT President and GFWC MT Membership Chairman that a vote will take place at a designated club meeting. This must occur 30 days prior to meeting.
3. Vote by ballot with each member signing her ballot. A vote by mail shall be allowed for those members physically unable to attend the meeting at which the vote will take place.
4. Shall submit a written resignation to GFWC MT President accompanied by the minutes of the meeting at which the vote to withdraw took place showing that 2/3 vote was taken and include the numbers listed in the minutes both for and against.
If 5 or more members choose to remain a federated club, and they are willing to be the basic responsible officers of the club, they shall retain all the rights and privileges to the name and property of the club including funds.
5. Upon acceptance of resignation, all rights and privileges of membership cease.

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FINANCE

Section 4.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30. The accounts of GFWC MT shall be reviewed at the close of each fiscal year by a Certified Public Accountant or another with similar credentials. The current review report shall be available to the membership upon request.

Section 4.2 Dues. Dues shall be paid annually to the GFWC MT Treasurer in the specified amounts on or before **December 31st. July 1st.**

Rationale: GFWC MT's fiscal year is July 1 – June 30. Receiving dues at the beginning of the year provides the state the finances to continually operate without an income gap as is the current situation. Also, having membership rosters earlier will provide GFWC MT an accurate membership list for mailing the summer and fall issues of the Montana Woman and up-to-date club officers to list in the directory.

A. Women's Clubs, Junior Women's Clubs and Juniorsette Clubs shall pay per capita dues annually in an amount established to be sufficient to meet GFWC, GFWC MT and District dues and The Montana Woman subscription costs. The annual dues shall be established by vote at a Board of Directors Meeting or the GFWC MT Convention.

Section 4.3 Investments. All monies held by GFWC MT shall be placed in accredited financial institutions selected by the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall be apprised of the selection. The Board of Directors shall be charged with the responsibility of directing the Treasurer **and/or President** on investing funds in accordance with GFWC MT objectives. The financial institutions will report directly to the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Treasurer.

Section 4.4 Disbursements. Disbursement of funds of GFWC MT shall be made by order of vouchers signed by the President and Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. Checks shall be signed by the Treasurer. **The President and Budget & Finance Chairman shall also be signers on accounts in substitution for treasurer if needed.**

Section 4.5 Expenditures. Bids shall be secured on all purchases in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) and said bids shall be approved by the President, Chairman of Budget and Finance Committee and the Chairman to whom the work is germane.

Section 4.6 Dissolution. If GFWC MT should dissolve, its net assets shall be distributed to another organization(s) qualified under the Internal Revenue Code to be charitable.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Titles. The elected officers of GFWC MT shall be President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President. No person may hold more than one office. No officer shall receive any salary or other compensation for services rendered to the Federation.

Section 5.2 Eligibility. Eligibility for all offices shall include membership in a club which is in active membership in GFWC MT. Eligibility for the office of President shall include service on the Executive Committee for a minimum of four (4) years. Eligibility for the office of President-elect or First Vice-President shall include service on the Executive Committee for a minimum of two (2) years. Eligibility for the office of Treasurer or Recording Secretary shall include service on the Board of Directors for a minimum of two (2) years.

Section 5.3 Term. The term of office shall be two years or until such a time as a successor assumes office. Officers shall serve from the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, following the adjournment of the Convention at which the officers are elected to the close of the following fiscal year, June 30

Section 5.4 Vacancies in Office. A vacancy in office shall be filled as provided in this section.

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-elect shall become President and serve the remainder of the term. If the President-elect is unable to serve then the First Vice President may assume the office of President.

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-elect, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer the Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint a person meeting the eligibility requirements of Section 5.2 to fill the office. Any such appointment shall be approved by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

C. If an officer is incapacitated or unable to perform her duties for a period of three months, the office is declared vacant.

Section 5.5 Duties of Officers.

Each officer shall send to her successor all property in her custody, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee within 30 days after expiration of her term of office.

PRESIDENT

1. The President shall be the official representative of GFWC MT.

2. She shall supervise the work of GFWC MT.

3. She shall preside at all meetings of GFWC MT, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

4. She shall serve as the Dean of District Presidents.

5. She shall be an ex-officio member of all departments and committees except the Elections Committees.

6. She shall sign all contracts and vouchers upon the treasury for the payment of all bills as authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

7. She shall authorize expenditures within the budget allocations.

8. She shall appoint a Corresponding Secretary, a Budget and Finance Chairman, a Bylaws Committee, and members of special committees.

9. She shall present to the Executive Committee names of persons for appointment as Parliamentary Advisor, Chairmen of Committees and Department Programs and fill vacancies of appointees.

10. She shall serve on the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and attend all GFWC meetings and report for her administration.

11. She shall prepare and issue, with the Corresponding Secretary, the Call to the convention and to all regular and special meetings of the GFWC MT Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

12. She shall supervise the publication of "The Montana Woman".

PRESIDENT-ELECT

1. In the absence of the President she shall perform the duties of the President.

2. She shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Board of Directors.

3. She shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

4. She shall serve as coordinator of activities of the District Presidents and the District Conventions.

5. She shall be responsible for compiling the GFWC MT Procedure Manual.

6. She shall plan and prepare for the program of work for her administration.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

1. She shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Board of Directors.

2. She shall serve as Dean of Departments.

3. She shall distribute the GFWC MT Procedure Manuals and Supplements to GFWC MT Executive Committee, Club Presidents, District Presidents, **Department Service** Program Chairmen and Special Projects Chairmen.

RECORDING SECRETARY

1. She shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of GFWC MT, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

2. Within six weeks, she shall send the minutes of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to the Executive Committee.

3. She shall compile and keep up to date a catalog of all resolutions adopted.

5. She shall send a complete set of minutes of the administration to the President within 30 days after expiration of her term of office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

1. She shall assist with the correspondence of GFWC MT as directed by the President.

2. She shall send out all notices of meetings and issue with the President the Call to the Convention.

3. She shall maintain an official list of GFWC MT clubs.
4. She shall serve as Chairman for the Committees on Credentials, Nominations and Elections.

TREASURER

1. She shall receive all dues from clubs.
2. She shall remit per capita dues to the General Federation of Women's Clubs by February 15.
3. She shall remit per capita dues to each District in the state by February 15.
4. She shall allocate the designated amount per member to the "Montana Woman" publication fund.
5. She shall maintain an official list of GFWC MT clubs.
6. She shall disburse funds only upon voucher signed by the President and the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.
7. She shall furnish bond in such a sum as approved by the Board of Directors, the cost to be borne by GFWC MT.
8. She shall keep in a permanent ledger, a separate record of income and expenses for each fund.
9. She shall prepare and submit a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Convention.
10. She shall serve on the Committees on Budget and Finance and Credentials.
11. She shall prepare all records at the close of each fiscal year for review by a certified public accountant or another with similar credentials.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6.1 Eligibility. Only members of clubs in active membership shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, either by election or appointment.

Section 6.2 Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. Elected Personnel: GFWC MT Officers, District Presidents, Club Presidents, Past State Presidents, Past State Directors of Junior Clubs and Honorary Vice-Presidents. **Districts and clubs shall be allowed one (1) vote each by their respective presidents so named at the beginning of each administration. Representation on the Board of Directors by districts and clubs shall be limited to one (1) although after electing a president and secretary they may elect any such additional officers or directors as provided for in their bylaws**
- B. Appointed Personnel: Chairmen of **Department Service** Programs, Chairmen **and committee members** of Special Projects, Special Assignments and Standing Committees, Parliamentary Advisor, Corresponding Secretary, Chairman of Budget & Finance Committee, and The Montana Woman staff.

Section 6.3 Vacancies. Vacancies among appointed members of the board shall be filled by appointment by the President. When a vacancy occurs among elected members of the board, the person selected by the appropriate district or club shall become by virtue of her office, the person to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors. When a vacancy occurs in the office of GFWC MT then Article 5.4 of the GFWC MT Bylaws will be in effect.

Section 6.4 Duties. The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Transact business of GFWC MT between biennial conventions.
- B. Delegate to the Executive Committee such power as it deems necessary, provided that such power does not entail expenditure of more than what is within the limits of the budget and policy of GFWC MT.

- C. Adopt the budget and decide upon investments of funds recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.
- D. Adopt standing rules. Such rules may be adopted by a majority vote at any meeting without previous notice, may be suspended by a majority vote, amended or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- E. Authorize contracts when necessary for the business of GFWC MT

Section 6.5 Meetings. The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Meet in the fall of each year.
- B. Other meetings shall be held at the call of the President or upon written request of three members of the Executive Committee.
- C. All Board of Directors and club members shall pay a registration fee.

Section 6.6 Quorum. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 7.1 Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- A. Elected Personnel - President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. Appointed Personnel: Corresponding Secretary, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, and Parliamentary Advisor.

Section 7.2 Duties. The Executive Committee shall:

- A. Transact business of GFWC MT between meetings of the Board of Directors.
- B. Approve all appointments for Chairman of **Department Service** Programs and Standing Committees, Parliamentary Advisor and Budget & Finance Chairman made by the President except Convention Program Chairman, and Corresponding Secretary.
- C. Authorize contracts when necessary for the business of GFWC MT.
- D. Approve the sites and dates for the Board of Directors meetings and the biennial convention.
- E. Select financial institution(s) in whose custody securities shall be placed.
- F. Report to each meeting of the Board of Directors.
- G. Approve a certified public accountant or other with similar credentials and adopt the annual review.
- H. Review and approve the budget recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee; to present said budget to the Board of Directors for final action.
- I. Approve the registration fees for the convention.
- J. Create and dissolve special committees.
- K. Prepare and submit standing rules to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- L. Review proposed amendments to the bylaws and resolutions.
- M. Approve the program of the current administration.

Section 7.3 Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the Board of Directors meetings and Convention. Other meetings shall be held at the call of the President or upon written request of any three members of the Executive Committee. Emergency business may be conducted by mail, telephone, fax or e-mail.

Section 7.4 Quorum. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII – **DEPARTMENTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

This amendment is to change all language pertaining to DEPARTMENTS to COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS to reflect the change made to GFWC's bylaws.

Section 8.1 Definition. The departments community service programs shall correspond to those of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Section 8.2 Size and term. Departments may vary in size. Each program within the departments shall be administered by a chairman. The service program chairmen shall be appointed for a term of two years.

Section 8.3 Duties. The department service program chairmen shall:

- A. Be responsible for the implementation of the designated programs within the department, consulting with the President or President-elect to plan, outline and promote programs of work and study.
- B. Work with their corresponding General Federation of Women's Clubs Chairmen.
- C. Submit reports as required.
- D. Keep a complete record of work done and turn it over to their successors at the close of the administration.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 9.1 Standing Committees. The members of the standing committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee for a term of two years.

A. Budget and Finance This committee shall be composed of five members: The Chairman, the President and Treasurer as ex-officio members and two appointed members who shall not be members of the Executive Committee. The remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be invited to attend meetings without vote. It shall be the duty of this committee to: (a) prepare a budget and submit it with recommendations to the Executive Committee for presentation to the Board of Directors and to report thereafter as requested as to the status of the budget; (b) review the financial affairs of GFWC MT, making recommendations regarding dues and investments as necessary; (c) consider and make recommendations for expenditures not provided for in the budget and (d) employ the services of a Certified Public Accountant or another with similar credentials to make a compilation of the books of the Treasurer.

B. Constitution and Bylaws This committee shall number not more than seven members with at least one member representing each district in the state. The Parliamentary Advisor shall serve as an advisor to the committee. This committee shall submit proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as provided in Article XIII (amendments). It shall submit proposed bylaw amendments to the Executive Committee for review. The committee shall submit standing rules to the Executive Committee for consideration.

C. Convention and Meetings It shall be the duty of the chairman to coordinate the work of the various committees necessary for the proper conduct of the biennial convention.

D. Credentials It shall be the duty of the committee to certify the eligibility of delegates and nonvoting members and to furnish to the Elections Committee a list of accredited delegates entitled to vote.

E. Dean of Departments The First Vice President shall be Dean of Departments. Her duties shall be to notify local clubs of the GFWC MT reporting guidelines and the importance of submitting reports. Once reports have been submitted to her, she shall distribute reports to corresponding GFWC MT Department Program Chairmen, and GFWC

MT President for their compilation and submission to GFWC.

F. Elections This committee shall be composed of one member from each district and the Corresponding Secretary who will serve as Chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to notify local clubs of the procedures to be followed in submitting an endorsement of a candidate for GFWC MT office. The chairman shall receive nominations of candidates for office and notify the President of receipt of the endorsements and submit the names of the candidates to The Montana Woman, to be published prior to the GFWC MT Convention. The names of all candidates who meet the requirements for eligibility shall be placed on the ballot. The committee shall conduct the election.

G. Legislation / Public Policy There shall be a Chairman of Legislation/Public Policy working directly under the President. Her duties shall be to implement the legislative program of GFWC, keep the members informed of the status of pending legislation, develop and promote an educational program concerning legislation and serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee.

H. Membership The President-elect shall be Chairman of Membership. Her duties are to promote membership.

I. Resolutions This committee shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be the chairman of Legislation/Public Policy. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive and consider resolutions pertinent to the work and objectives of GFWC MT and to determine when the purpose of the resolution has been accomplished. Resolutions suggested by clubs or districts shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee Chairman on or before February 1 of even numbered years. Proposed resolutions shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for review and presented to the convention for action. Standing rules governing resolutions shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

J. Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the preservation and compilation of the history of women. The mission and focus of the WHRC shall be governed by its mission statement and collections policy, which shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.

Section 9.2 Special Committees. Other committees shall be created as deemed necessary by the President, Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors. Appointments to these committees shall be made by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X – NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Section 10.1 Nominations. Nominations for the office of President-elect, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be made by endorsements and must be for a specific office.

Section 10.2 Endorsements. Endorsements shall be obtained from three clubs in separate cities of the District or from the Board of Directors of the District in which the candidate resides. Documentation of such endorsement shall include the page(s) of minutes of the meeting endorsing the candidate or when polling by mail, email or phone a statement regarding the outcome of such poll. Endorsements shall be verified by signatures of the presidents and secretaries of the three clubs or the District and be sent to the GFWC MT Elections Chairman, by January 10 of the even numbered years.

Section 10.3 Nominations from the floor. Nominations may be made from the floor following the report of the Elections Committee. Candidates so nominated shall have consented to be nominees; shall have provided 25 signatures of delegates at the convention and shall meet the bylaws requirements of eligibility, as provided in Section 5.2.

Section 10.4 Elections. Candidates' names and the offices they seek shall be announced in The Montana Woman in the even numbered years. A plurality vote shall elect. The President-elect shall automatically accede to her respective office without standing for election.

ARTICLE XI – CONSTITUENT DIVISIONS

Section 4.1 Names. The constituent divisions of GFWC MT should include General Federation of Women's Clubs or GFWC in their name to show their relationship to the international organization.

Section 4.2 Purpose. The purpose of constituent divisions shall be to promote a better understanding of the structure, program and challenge of GFWC.

Section 4.3 Clubs. Women's Clubs in Montana may join together to form the State Federation. In order to be recognized by GFWC MT, clubs shall elect a president and secretary and such additional officers or directors as the club may provide in its bylaws; and hold at least one meeting per two year administration.

Section 4.4 Districts. Women's Clubs shall be grouped into Districts by geographical divisions, determined by the Board of Directors and listed herein. In order to be recognized by GFWC MT, districts shall elect a president and secretary and such additional officers or directors as the district may provide in its bylaws. Each District shall hold at least one convention during an administration; the dates to be determined by the GFWC MT Executive Committee, in consultation with the GFWC President and the District President.

Western District

Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Granite, Ravalli, Deer Lodge, and Beaverhead Counties.

Central District

Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Pondera, Teton, Chouteau, Lewis and Clark, Cascade, Judith Basin, Fergus, Silver Bow, Jefferson, Broadwater, Meagher, Wheatland, Madison and Galatin Counties

Eastern District

Philips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Petroleum, Garfield, McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, Wibaux, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Rosebud, Custer, Fallon, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Yellowstone, Carbon, Big Horn, Treasure, Powder River and Carter Counties.

ARTICLE XII – CONVENTIONS

Section 12.1 Biennial Convention. GFWC MT shall hold a biennial convention in the even numbered years. That place and date shall be determined by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. The call to Convention shall be issued at least six weeks prior to the convention to all active members.

Section 12.2 Representation. The voting body shall be accredited delegates or alternates from clubs in active membership.

A. One delegate from each club of 10 members or fewer; one additional delegate for each additional 10 members, or major fraction thereof, based on per capita dues paid by March 20.

B. In addition, the Board of Directors, as defined in Article 6, Section

6.2, shall be entitled to vote by virtue of their office.

Section 12.3 Voting Members. All delegates, including the Executive Committee, shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote. Though entitled to vote in several capacities, a voting member shall have but one vote. There shall be no absentee or proxy voting allowed.

Section 12.4 Non-voting Members. Any member in active membership in GFWC may attend the biennial convention as a visitor. These members shall be required to pay the registration fee although they have no vote.

Section 12.5 Registration. The Executive Committee shall determine the biennial convention registration fees which shall be used to finance the convention. All in attendance shall pay registration fee. All election credentials shall be claimed by 6:00 PM on the day preceding the election.

Section 12.6 Quorum. The quorum for a convention shall be 30 delegates representing at least 1/3rd of active clubs.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any board of directors meeting or biennial convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been published 30 days prior to meeting. Amendments of an emergency nature may be considered at these same meetings by unanimous vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE XIV – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern GFWC MT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws

GFWC of Montana Standing Rules

1. Members shall not use their position to endorse enterprises, and shall not receive pay for the use of their names and federation titles, nor shall they exploit GFWC MT in furthering partisan politics or circularize the membership of GFWC MT or of the clubs for anything other than GFWC MT projects.

2. Dues for Women's Clubs and Junior Women's Clubs will be twenty-two dollars (\$22) per capita with the exception of TOPP's and PDQ's clubs whose dues will be twenty (\$20) per capita as they do not pay for a subscription to the Montana Woman and dues for Juniorette Clubs will be seventeen dollars (\$17) per capita until such a time when there is a rate change.

3. Visible identification signifying VISITOR or DELEGATE shall be worn at all official meetings.

4. The first Board of Directors meeting of each administration may be held in Helena in October. The second Board of Directors meeting is to be held at a site selected by the President and the Board of Directors.

5. To comply with GFWC International and Western States Region (WSR) rules and regulations, nominations and elections for GFWC and WSR offices may be held at the GFWC MT Board of Directors meetings or at the biennial conventions.

6. Any GFWC MT member whose local club is no longer federated may retain her membership in GFWC MT by paying dues to the Treasurer. She will then be known as a Member-at-large with all membership privileges. **Dues amount needs to be listed. District?**

7. GFWC MT shall reimburse the Hostess Club, upon presentation of proper documentation, up to \$500 for GFWC MT Biennial Convention expenses.

8. Members of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed traveling expenses for attending GFWC MT Board of Directors meetings. Her claim for transportation shall be based on actual rate of 25 cents per mile one way. If she gives transportation to other members of the Board of Directors, also eligible for traveling expenses, her bill for transportation shall be construed as covering the traveling expenses of all her passengers.

9. Any member of the Board of Directors with approved expenses must submit a request for expenses to the president for payment within 60 days of incurring expense.

10. All members of the Executive Committee may be reimbursed for official meal functions, housing and mileage - based on actual rate of 25 cents per mile one way - when attending GFWC MT Executive Committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and Biennial Convention. All requests for expenses must be presented to the president for payment within 60 days of the approved expenses.

11. The GFWC MT President may be reimbursed for attending the General Federation of Women's Clubs Conventions, Board of Directors meetings and Western States Region Conferences during her term of office: registration, housing, official meal functions, and travel expenses not provided for by GFWC International. She may also be reimbursed for attending GFWC MT District meetings outside of her district during her term of office: registration, housing, official meal functions and travel expenses. All requests for expenses must be presented for payment within 60 days of the approved expenses.

12. The GFWC MT President-elect may be reimbursed for attending the General Federation of Women's clubs GFWC Incoming Leaders Training Seminar (ILTS) and Orientation meeting for in-coming state presidents. She may also be reimbursed for the General Federation of Women's Clubs Convention in the second year of her term; registration, housing expenses of the Convention Hotel room charge, official meal functions and travel expenses not provided for by GFWC International. **(note: The underline section of this bylaw was approved at the 2011 Fall Board meeting.)**

13. GFWC MT shall be responsible for meals, housing expenses and local transportation of the invited GFWC International officer to any GFWC MT meeting.

14. GFWC MT shall publish in the Fall issue of The Montana Woman at the beginning of each administration: GFWC MT Bylaws, GFWC MT and GFWC International officers, GFWC MT Department Program Chairmen, Special and Standing Committees, District Officers and a listing of active clubs and their presidents.

15. No portion of The Montana Woman's mailing list shall be given or sold to be used for commercial purposes.

16. No GFWC MT meeting shall be used as an advertising medium for commercial purposes, except for articles advertised in The Montana Woman, without approval of the Executive Committee.

17. No selling shall take place in the meeting room and/or registration area at GFWC MT meetings unless such sales have prior approval of the GFWC MT Executive Committee.

18. Each candidate for office will be presented to the convention body prior to the day of voting.

19. At least one opportunity to meet the candidates will be provided prior to the day of the election, with specific time and location to be announced.

20. There shall be no campaigning of any kind at GFWC MT meetings except at time(s) designated.

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April 19, 2008

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new membership parties.

One club has a banquet. Some send out letters to a list provided by members, explaining the club/projects and listing meeting times; one club holds an orientation that happens before initiations when new women receive name tags and their mentors; the mentor is someone different from the person who brought the new person to a meeting. One club has federation liaison, who reports at each meeting.

One club has a pamphlet, *Now I am a Member; Now What?* The pamphlet includes a hierarchy chart showing how committee, club and district are connected, club protocol, a member list, and rules for use of e-mail list. Another club puts out an agenda that contains all the committee reports. To encourage members to read the reports, prizes are given at the meeting for correct quiz answers from the agenda. The meetings are then cleared to include a project and a presentation. Several clubs have lunch meetings. It is recommended to throw in one or more fun parties, social events, such as a Cabin Fever party in February. Sale of raffle tickets @.25 each all year raises money toward the party.

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purpose of the sale is, how the money will go back into the community. Perhaps items being sold could include a tag, which tells things the club does. Club members could wear tee shirts with club insignia when doing a fund raising project. It is a good idea to keep a history about events, what happened, what worked, what didn't work. This group pointed out that often it takes money to raise money. Clubs must approach fund raising from a business sense - a return on investments. Another idea is to partner with another organization for fund raising.

Gee Whiz

Have you been wondering where to send ESO reports? ESO is now under the Education umbrella, and reports should go to Kathleen Nelson, Box 501, Fort Benton, MT 59442
cknelson@fortbenton.com

Dates to Remember

January 1: Dues are delinquent

January 15 Deadline for articles for Spring edition of Montana Woman

February 5 Reports are due to Joyce Rogers, Dean of Departments

February 28 Story and poetry contest entries due to

Mary Lou Hermes, P.O. Box 133, Paradise, Montana

April 16 Entries in GFWC Photography contest due to

Fern Johnson, 38 Henry Creek Road, Plains MT 59859

April 24 Federation Day

May 18-19 GFWC Montana Convention, Northern Pacific Hotel, Helena

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