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*Children are our future*



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### ***Our State President has chosen “YouthEquip” as the “President’s Project” for 2018 – 2020***

*By Kim Montag and Toni Scully,  
Special Project Fundraisers*

YouthEquip will provide duffle bags full of various supplies, information on mental and physical health, and a list of resources that can assist youth as they age out of the foster care system. It will also have room for their belongings and will provide a little boost for them as they enter the world. Our goal for the next two years will be to put together at least 200 of these bags which we estimate will cost around \$50 each. This means we need to raise \$10,000 in funds or in items to fill the bags. All items will be new, full size and reasonable quality and should be appropriate for 18 year olds.

We will be filling duffle bags at our Fall meeting. If you would like to participate, please bring items as shown on page 11. We have divided the items by District so each Club in a District could gather the same items, to avoid duplication. If your Club wants to prepare complete duffle bags that would be great as well. We will be holding raffles and other fundraising activities over the next 2 years to raise funds to complete these bags. We appreciate all your help to accomplish our goal of producing 200 bags.

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*Let's Make it a  
Date!*

**Western States Region  
September 12-16, 2018  
Las Vegas NV**

**GFWC of Montana Fall Meeting:  
October 5-6, 2018  
Copper King Hotel, Butte**

**Spring District Conventions:  
Central: April 27, 2019  
Fort Benton**

**Western:  
Eastern:**

**GFWC International Convention:  
June 29-July 1, 2019  
Austin TX**

**Western States Region  
September 11-15, 2019  
Boise ID**

**GFWC of Montana Fall meeting:  
October 11-12, 2019  
Great Northern Hotel, Helena**

**GFWC of Montana Biennial  
Convention: April 24-25, 2020,  
Billings**

**GFWC International Convention:  
June 27-30, 2020, Atlanta GA**

Our website address: check it out!  
[www.gfwcmontana.org](http://www.gfwcmontana.org)

## *The Montana Woman*

The Montana Woman is published quarterly, in August, November, February and May. The deadline for news is the first of the month preceding the publication date. We encourage GFWC of Montana clubs to share their news in the Montana Woman.

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### *A Bit of History The Story of Mary Stewart's Collect (As told by Mary Stewart)*

The Collect was written as a personal prayer for the day, and without any organization in mind. It was written at Longmont, Colorado, in 1904, where, just out of college I was entering on my first job as principal of the local high school.

The prayer was offered for publication under the title, "a Collect for Club Women," because at that time I felt that women working together with wide interest for large ends was a new thing under the sun and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of their own and distributed it throughout the Empire.

The first printing of the Collect was in an obscure paragraph in the column called "Club Notes: in the DELINEATOR, a woman's magazine no longer published, but at the time nationally popular. Later, copies were struck off by a local printer for the members of Longmont Fortnightly Club of Colorado; a federated club. About 1909 Paul Elder and Company of San Francisco printed it as a wall card. In 1924 wall cards were put out by the Armstrong Stationery Company of Cincinnati. All the earlier copies were signed by Mary Stuart, a spelling used until 1910 as a pen name. Since then the spelling Stewart has been used both for pen name and signature, and the Collect has been so signed.

The first women's organization to hear or use the Collect or to print it in its yearbooks and biennial reports was the General Federation of Women's clubs. Since then it has been reprinted in many forms in many lands.

## *From the President*



Greetings Clubwomen, Montag and Toni Scully.

What an exciting time for me! I am thrilled to be your 2018-20 President, and thank you all for your encouragement and support over the last few years. My hope for this administration is that we will grow together, will make an

impact on our communities, will improve the lives of children and will forge lasting friendships.

The theme for this administration is Our Children, Our Future.

I began my professional career as a child protective services worker. Many times, I had to remove children from their natural homes and place them in foster care. I have a special place in my heart for both those children and the wonderful people who choose to care for a child in need of a home.

It is because of this background that my special project will focus on one group of foster children – those youth who are about to exit the foster care system. Did you know that, at age 18, these kids are no longer eligible for foster care and must go out on their own? Some are ready, some are not. Age 18 and just recently graduated high school, many of these youth have no support system in the community. Some have an opportunity to continue their education, some are able to get jobs, some become homeless, surfing from one friend's place to another. When they leave their foster homes, many have their few belongings in a black plastic trash sack.

I have named my project YouthEquip. We will fill 200 duffle bags with necessary items for the youth, such as personal hygiene items, a blanket, a water bottle, towels and other things. They will have a duffle bag to carry their belongings, not a trash bag. The list of items for the duffle bags is included in another article in this issue, by the special project fundraisers, Kim

We have partners in this project. Intermountain Children's Home will develop physical and mental health information to be placed in each duffle bag. They will provide training about the needs of children who have suffered trauma in their lives. You won't want to miss this presentation at our October meeting.

The Department of Health and Human Services will provide space for the bags to be stored and will distribute them to youth as they prepare to leave foster care. Staff from this agency will also be at our October meeting to tell us about the needs of foster youth leaving the system.

The colors for this administration are green and white. Green signifies growth and hope and suggests stability and endurance. White represents a successful beginning. These are things we will wish for the youth we serve with our special project.

In addition to activity related to YouthEquip, your Executive Committee is planning fun activities. There will be "brain breaks" and "body breaks". There will be door prizes related to Butte's Copper King image. District meetings, district social gatherings – all opportunities for you to enjoy and learn from each other.

The meeting will be at the Clarion CopperKing Hotel in Butte. This hotel recently underwent a \$1.5 million renovation. I think you will truly enjoy the surroundings. I must warn you, however – the closets are only 12" wide! What was the architect thinking?? Well, we're a creative group, I know you can all work it out.

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends. Let's work hard together to make a difference in our communities. I know we can all do it!

Yours in Federation - Joyce

Our website: check it out! [www.gfwcmontana.org](http://www.gfwcmontana.org)

GENERAL FEDERATION  
Of WOMAN'S CLUBS



June 30, 2018

Dear Federation Sisters,

I am proud of GFWC. I am honored to become the 52nd GFWC International President. I am excited about the 2018-2020 administration and what we will accomplish during these two years with your hand in mine.

“Unity in Diversity”, GFWC’s motto, illustrates that our strength is in the diversity of our members and our programs. Diversity will be one of the two emphasis areas of this administration. We will enhance our diversity by broadening who we are, what we do, who we work with, and what we know. Our clubs and international affiliates are encouraged to work together on projects. We will broaden our diversity across the country and around the world, with your hand in mine.

Legislation will be the second emphasis area as legislation is a large part of our history and our past accomplishments. During this administration we will be sure that all members understand the process of how a bill becomes a law and how they can participate in the process. We will be sure that members of Congress recognize the GFWC brand by the “Recognize The Red” Campaign. All communications to legislators will be signed by members with GFWC after the signature in “RED”. Our intent will be to select two bills and work actively for them to become laws. In addition, we will select one bill and on one day all members of GFWC will call their legislator to urge action on it. We will go back to our roots, raise our voices and reclaim our role as the organization that can make things happen, with your hand in mine.

There will be 7 Grand Initiatives for this administration, grand in that they each have 1,000 as part of the goal. We seek to have 1,000 members each donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign; to have 1,000 service projects performed on Martin Luther King Day, the National day of Service; to have 1,000 members sign up for the Legislative Action Center; to have 1,000 projects completed for the women in the military; to have 1,000 trees planted by clubs on Arbor Day; to have 1,000 pairs of shoes donated by clubs to the Nike “reuse-a-shoe” or to “Soles for Souls”; and to have 1,000 Dr. Seuss books in different languages donated on his birthday to DC area and club’s local inner city kids programs. We will accomplish these Initiatives with your hand in mine.

We will remember the blessings we have received by belonging to GFWC and the work of others in GFWC on “Thank you Tuesday” by writing in a journal, or sending a note on a job well done or posting your blessing or note on the GFWC “Thank You Tuesday” Facebook page. We will remember our blessings with your hand in mine.

I am so very excited about the heights we will reach as members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs during these next two years together with your hand in mine. Take my hand. Let us begin!

With Love,

*Mary Ellen*



# OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2018 GFWC MONTANA FALL MEETING *October 5-6, 2018*



**Copper King Hotel & Convention Center**  
4655 Harrison Avenue, Butte, MT 59701  
Phone 406-565-5001

Rooms: \$119 for 1 or 2 guests, \$10.00 for each extra guest (plus taxes) maximum 4 guests per room  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HR33H3>

You may call 406-565-5001 for reservations or use the website. Refer to GFWC group.

**HOTEL REGISTRATION RATE DEADLINE: September 10, 2018**  
(NO GUARANTEE OF ROOM OR PRICE AFTER THAT DATE)

### ***'Bring the Brand to Butte' SPECIAL FALL MEETING***

*Let's show our pride in everything GFWC! Wear your T-shirts and caps, bring your club banner and whatever other items you use to advertise your affiliation, we want to see it all!*

*Attire will be business casual, wear your branded items throughout the meeting.*

### **Tentative Agenda**

Friday, October 5th

- Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Executive Committee meeting, Boardroom: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- General meeting: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- District meetings: 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner: No Host bar will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast on your own – Montana Rib & Chop House is on premises
- General Meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner: No Host bar will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

### **What to bring to meeting**

1. An auction basket or other items, with an international theme. Butte is known as the melting pot of ethnic cultures – use your imagination!
2. Your branded items
3. Youth Equip items as listed on page 11 of this issue

### **Article VI – Board of Directors**

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.

B. Appointed Personnel: Chairmen of Community 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.



# GFWC Montana Fall Meeting Registration

## October 5-6, 2018



Please send one copy for each person attending

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

GFWC Montana Position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

State, District and or Club

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: Western Central Eastern

Please note any dietary considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, October 5 Dinner**

Pasty with gravy, coleslaw, potato salad, assorted

Mini-cakes \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, October 6 Lunch**

Potato bar with all the fixings, plus green salad,  
grilled chicken and pulled pork

\$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, October 6 Dinner**

Chicken Marsala with house salad, roasted baby  
potatoes, glazed carrots, chocolate cake

\$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**All prices include gratuities**

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: Postmarked by September 8, 2018**

**NO REFUNDS will be given after September 15, 2018**

**Make checks payable to GFWC Montana**

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OFFICIAL CALL  
to the 100TH ANNUAL  
WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 14-16 2018  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Tuscany Suites and Casino

“Celebrate the Magic”  
“Magic lies in challenging what seems impossible.” Carol Moseley Braun

Dear Western States Members,

It is my honor and privilege as WSR President to personally invite all clubwomen in our region to the 100th Annual Western States Region Conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 14-17 2018, at the Tuscany Suites and Casino

We will be joined by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC President-elect Marian St. Clair to bring us important information and GFWC inspiration.

The Nevada Clubwomen have prepared a fun and exciting start to the conference with tours both Thursday and Friday. We will learn about Historic Hoover Dam. We will have the opportunity to taste Ethel M Chocolates and experience the light that made Las Vegas. We can learn about the Mob and have opportunities to shop and eat. The tours will be followed by the conference itself

If you are a L.E.A.D.S. graduate, there is an opportunity to reconnect with your fellow classmates. Please indicate your intention to attend on the registration form.

On Friday evening, September 14, 2018, the Conference will officially open with the “Welcome to the Magic of Las Vegas” State Night Banquet. Expect a magical evening of food and entertainment where GFWC Nevada will amaze us.

Saturday, September 15, WSR business sessions will be filled with valuable information about GFWC programs, State Presidents’ reports, and platform workshops. The luncheon “100 Years of WSR Magic”, will give us a chance to financially support the Harbor House Domestic violence Shelter, which serves Northern Nevada. There are no donation items to pack - just be willing to give at the luncheon. Marian St. Clair, GFWC President-elect will be our guest speaker at lunch on Saturday.

Saturday evening will be the “Celebrate the Magic” banquet. Our speaker will be Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President.

Send in your registration quickly – before August 22, 2018. I’m looking forward to a very magical 2018 WSR Conference.!

*Patty Benskin, President*  
Western States Region

GFWC 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE  
September 14 - 16, 2018  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

*The members of GFWC Nevada are excited to welcome you to Las Vegas for an educational and fun-filled conference! Come and join us for Nevada history, bright lights, shopping and more in the entertainment capital of the world. Great tours, good food, good friends, good shopping, great entertainment, and yes a little gambling are waiting for you in Las Vegas. Conference location:*

**TUSCANY SUITES AND CASINO**

**Reservation Deadline: August 13, 2018**

255 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 (702) 893-8933 or 877-887-2261, Conference code: General Federation of Women's Club Group Rate or 14V46U, [www.tuscanylv.com](http://www.tuscanylv.com), Group Code 14V46U (Registered guests must be 21 or older) Room rates are: Wed and Thurs - Single/Double – 2 double beds or king bed \$79.00 per night (plus state & local taxes); Fri and Sat - \$139.00 per night (plus state & local taxes). More than 2 people add \$20 + tax per person per night. Credit card payment for first night's room & tax will be charged to hold reservation. Cancellation at least 72hrs prior for refund. The hotel features free parking, & wi-fi, swimming pools with spas, fitness center, full service spa, business center, four restaurants, lounge, bar, nightly entertainment, laundry, gift shop; and in rooms: kitchenette with eating area, microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker; and hairdryer, iron, ironing board and safe. Each room is a spacious mini-suite.

**Airport Transportation:** Taxi, Uber and Lyft are all available. Super Shuttle offers a 10% discount for booking on the website [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com), **group code SOXPN** (The hotel does not have an airport shuttle service, but is close to both the airport and the Strip)

**TOUR INFORMATION:**

**Registration Deadline: August 22, 2018**

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am - Board Bus. Tour: 8:30am – 4:30pm. \$75.00**

See famous parts of Southern Nevada that are not in Las Vegas; history, architecture, shopping and chocolate. **Tour of Historic Hoover Dam.** Built during the Great Depression, the dam still stands as a world-renowned structure. A National Historic Landmark, it is one of America's Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders. The guided tour includes the power plant, movie and a Q & A session. Next, lunch on your own in interesting and educational **Boulder City** which began as housing for dam construction workers. BC has no gaming and the small home-town atmosphere thrives. See a wonderful small museum and learn some BC history at the Boulder Dam Hotel which also has a delightful lunch venue. Other unique shops and eateries are within easy walking distance of the hotel. Next, **Ethel M Chocolates Tasting Experience & Candy Factory / Cactus Garden Tour.** These unique chocolates are handcrafted in small batches using the freshest gourmet ingredients and no preservatives. With little automation, these fine chocolates are created and packed by hand. The tasting experience is like a wine tasting - only with chocolate! In addition to having an opportunity to see the production of the chocolates, you will also tour the delightful cactus garden. You will be able to buy chocolates to take home.

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Board Bus. Tour 7:45pm – 9:30pm. \$45.00**

**The Neon Museum.** The establishment of the Neon Museum Boneyard was the beginning of the conservation and restoration of the important Las Vegas heritage of neon lights. Seeing the historic signs coming to life again is what the **Brilliant!** experience is all about. Created by noted artist Craig Winslow, visitors are transported into Las Vegas history through sight and sound accompanied by a musical soundtrack of great performers. This tour is a sell-out daily; we will only be able to take fifty people on this tour.

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Board Bus. Tour 9:30am – 1:45pm. \$45.00**

**The Mob Museum.** The Mob Museum provides an authentic view of organized crime's impact on the world and reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the battle between the Mob and the law. Multi-sensory exhibits, hundreds of artifacts and insights from both sides of the law create a fascinating collection. The museum also has a store, cafe and "speakeasy". Only open since 2012, this is one of the most popular attractions in our city. **Las Vegas Premium Outlets North.** We will move on to one of the largest shopping venues in a city known for shopping. You will shop-till-you-drop at designer outlet stores with a special passport of coupons, and have lunch on your own before the bus returns to the hotel.

**2018 GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE  
 SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018  
 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 22, 2018  
LATE FEE FOR REGISTRATION AFTER DEADLINE: \$15.00**

(Please use a separate form for each attendee)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME ATTENDEE? (\_\_\_\_\_) YES

FEDERATION TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

(GFWC, WSR, STATE, DISTRICT, CLUB, GUEST, BOOSTER)

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE** \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Or, after 8/22/18** (\$40.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOUR REGISTRATION:**

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am - 4:30pm \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hoover Dam, Boulder City and Ethel M Chocolate Factory (Lunch on your own)

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - 9:30pm \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neon Museum - Brilliant! Experience

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am - 1:45pm \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mob Museum and Las Vegas Premium Outlets North (Lunch on your own)

Note: Boosters are invited to join the tours with members.

**MEAL REGISTRATION:**

Please indicate any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Nevada State Night: Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Welcome to the Magic of Las Vegas"

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - WSR Luncheon: Tropical Chicken Salad \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "100 Years of WSR Magic"

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - WSR Banquet: Herb Crusted Pork Loin \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Celebrate the Magic"

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast: Egg Scramble w/ Ham, Sundried Tomatoes & Spinach \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Share the Magic"

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Are you a LEADS Graduate and plan to attend the LEADS no-host dinner on Thursday? (\_\_\_\_\_) YES

Make checks payable to: GFWC NEVADA. Mail Registration Form & Check to: Joan Doubrava,  
5505 Indian Hills Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89130, Phone: (702) 656-1911 Email: smiley191122@gmail.com

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**REGISTRATION CLOSES 8/30/18 - NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 31, 2018 - TOURS & MEALS**

**Hotel Reservations: Tuscany Suites & Casino, (702) 893-8933, General Federation of Women's Club Group, by 8/13/18.**

## *Duffle Bag Item Lists*

## *From Your Treasurer*

Karen Gustavsen

Please bring only items listed, as we want all bags to be uniform. We need to know the value of what you provide so would appreciate a list and the associated costs. Here's what we need per duffle bag:

1 Duffle bag, 12"x24" – good quality

### ***Western District Items:***

- 1 Plastic soap holder
- 2 bars soap – full size
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath towel
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube toothpaste, at least 6 ounces

### ***Eastern District Items:***

- 1 fleece blanket, at least 50"x60"
- 1 water bottle
- 1 brush and comb set
- 1 deodorant
- 1 package laundry pods
- 1 5-pack disposable razors

### ***Central District Items:***

- 1 or 2 ball point pens
- 1 mechanical pencil, with lead refills
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 bottle shampoo, at least 16 ounces
- 1 bottle conditioner, at least 16 ounces
- 1 luggage tag

### ***Other Items:***

- 1 package tampons \*\*
- 1 package light pads \*\*

\*\*You may choose to prepare girl-only duffle bags with these items. Please mark these bags with a pink ribbon on the luggage tag.



## **501(c)3?**

Has your club thought about becoming an official charity by applying with the IRS to be 501(c)3? There are advantages and responsibilities when you take this step. The biggest plus is the tax advantage to your supporters for their financial donation. This is why a store may ask for your "Letter of Determination," a document from the IRS stating the club's 501(c)3 status. It opens a world of grant possibilities the club may seek to finance the charity work you do in the community.

The paramount responsibility is completing one of the 990 tax forms yearly. The versions vary from the 990N, a six-question online report for groups with gross receipts under \$50,000, a 990EZ, and the full 990 form. Most likely, the 990N is all your club would ever need to file.

Yes, to seek the status on your own is a \$300 - \$400 application fee with no guarantee that you will be approved. Lucky for us, GFWC is offering once an administration the opportunity to join their umbrella for free! This process will most likely begin in the fall of 2019, but now is the time to discuss if the club is interested and to make any bylaw changes required by GFWC to be under the umbrella. There is specific wording in the purpose article and dissolution article to meet IRS requirements and the club's fiscal year must be July 1 to June 30 to match GFWC.

For more information, contact the Montana Treasurer for a copy of the GF guidelines distributed in the past.



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# The 2018 GFWC International Convention

*They met in St. Louie, Louie . . . .*



The Mississippi River, the Famous Arch, and St. Louis skyline



Our very own Sandi was installed as Western States Secretary



Past President Joyce is delighted to get a Communications and Public Relations award. On the left is Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs and on the right is Sheila Shea, GFWC President 2016-18.



Karen Gustavsen, left, and Cheryl Martin, below, were two of several Montana women working on the Rise Against Hunger service project at convention in St. Louis.

400 Convention attendees made 40,176 packs in just under 3 hours. Each pack serves 6 people, so total meals provided amounted to over 241,056 meals.



Finalists in the GFWC recycle fashions contest

## 2018 - 2020 Officers Enjoy Planning Session



Servant/Leader Joyce cooks breakfast for the exec council, which met at Sandi Conrady's family cabin on Georgetown Lake to solidify plans for the next administration



Later, Adina and Karen pore over plans for a project

Marsha and Florence at table, anticipating the dish pictured at left with Joyce



### Helena Installs New Officers



Left to right: Terry Kockler, president; Marsha Baumeister, secretary; Anna Hoffman, treasurer; Beth Campbell, vice president; Joyce DeCunzo, installing officer

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It is with great sadness that I inform you that Bette Browning a long time member of GFWC Deer Lodge passed away. Bette fought a hard battle with cancer for quite a few years.

Those of you who were at Western District Meeting in 2013 will remember Bette and her grandchildren modeling for our "New to You" fashion show. Please remember Bette's family in your prayers and thoughts.

Respectfully,  
Joyce Hooper

# GFWC of Montana Bylaws

As amended September 10, 2017

## ARTICLE 1 - 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. **Juniorette 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 Juniorette 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 presented at the close of each fiscal year to a Certified Public Accountant, who shall prepare and file all necessary tax forms for GFWC MT, copies of which shall be on file.

Section 4.2 Dues. Dues shall be paid annually to the GFWC MT Treasurer in the specified amounts on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

A. Women's Clubs, Junior Women's Clubs and Junior ette Clubs shall pay per capita dues annually in an amount established to be sufficient to meet GFWC, GFWC MT and District dues. 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 approve the selection. The Executive Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of directing the Budget and Finance Chairman 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 three hundred dollars (\$300) and said bids shall be approved by the President, Chairman of Budget and Finance Committee and the Chairman to whom the work is germane. All contracts during a president's administration regarding meetings and conventions during her term may be signed by the President upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman. All contracts prior to a president's administration regarding meetings and conventions during her term may be signed by the President Elect upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.

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 shall include service on the Executive Committee for a minimum of four (4) years. Eligibility for the office of First Vice President shall include service on the Board of Directors for a minimum of four (4) 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 Com-

mittee.

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 sign contracts during her administration regarding meetings and conventions only upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.

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

10. 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. 11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 Contact and Information Booklet.

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

7. She shall sign contracts prior to her administration regarding meetings and conventions during her term only upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.

#### 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 communicate current GFWC and GFWC MT procedures and guidelines to GFWC MT Executive Committee, Club Presidents, District Presidents, Community 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 meetings, the Board of Directors meetings, and the Biennial Convention meetings to the Executive Committee.

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

4. 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 maintain an official list of GFWC MT clubs.

5. She shall disburse funds only upon voucher signed by the President and the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

6. She shall furnish bond in such a sum as approved by the Board of Directors, the cost to be borne by GFWC MT.

7. She shall keep in a permanent ledger, a separate record of income and expenses for each fund.

8. She shall prepare and submit a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Convention.

9. She shall serve on the Committees on Budget and Finance and Credentials.

10. She shall prepare all records at the close of each fiscal year to present to certified public accountant who shall prepare and file all necessary tax forms for GFWC MT.

#### 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.

B. Appointed Personnel: Chairmen of Community 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. Approve the budget and the financial institutions as 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 Community 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.

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 –COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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

Section 8.2 Size and term. Each program shall be administered by a chairman. The community service program chairmen shall be appointed for a term of two years.

Section 8.3 Duties. The community service program chairmen shall:

A. Be responsible for the implementation of the designated programs 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 and who would represent each of the districts not represented by the Budget and Finance Chairman. 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 (d) employ the services of a Certified Public Accountant and

(e) complete an internal audit at the end of each fiscal year with an audit committee consisting of the Budget and Finance Committee Chairman and appointed committee members.

B. 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 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 non-voting members and to furnish to the Elections Committee a list of accredited delegates entitled to vote.

E. Dean of Chairmen. The First Vice President shall be Dean of Chairmen. 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 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 December 15th of the odd 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 11.1 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 11.2 Purpose. The purpose of constituent divisions shall be to promote a better understanding of the structure, program and challenge of GFWC.

Section 11.3 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 11.4 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 Gallatin 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 and any special rules of order that GFWC MT may adopt.

# GFWC of Montana Standing Rules

*last amended on September 10, 2017*

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 here is a rate change.
3. Visible identification signifying VISITOR or DEL-EGATE 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 of \$22 to the Treasurer. She will then be known as a Member-at-large with all membership privileges.
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: **1**

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, hotel room charges, official meal functions and travel expenses not provided for by GFWC International.

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.

21. Debate for issues before the assembly shall be limited to 10 minutes. A member may speak no more than 2 minutes without consent of the assembly, nor speak a second time to the same question until all who wish to speak have been heard.