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Front - Joyce Hooper, Cathy Jo Bryant, 2014-2016 Director of Junior Clubs, Babs Condon, 2014-2016 GFWC International President, Joyce Rogers, Montana State President 2014-2016

Back - Sandi Conrady, Dorothy Murnin, Adina Fox, Barbara Hogg, Joyce DeCunzo

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## ***The Montana Woman***

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## *From the President*



I am excited and proud to be your 2016-2018 Montana State President. I have learned a lot in the past eight years on my journey to be your president but I believe leading is learning and the moment we stop learning our organization stops growing. My goal is that we will

continue to learn and lead us through a wonderful two years and keep living the volunteer spirit.

My theme for 2016-2018 is "Soar with Eagles." Eagles spread their wings and fly high. I challenge you to fly high with me and increase our membership by a 20%. Goals for the next two years are:

1. Creative ways to bring new members.
2. Have fun with our projects, so our members will enjoy coming.

Remember that each club in Montana is unique and maintain their individuality through special projects. We are all special and that is what empowers us.

I have volunteered with children for the past 13 years and because of that involvement I have selected our "President's Project" for 2016-2018 to be the "Montana Hope Project." The Montana Hope

Project started in 1984 from the strong desire of Montana Troopers to establish a special service that would create a positive and rewarding impact both for the troopers and for the communities in which they serve. The goal of the Montana Hope Project is to make dreams come true for critically ill children in Montana. Wishes are funded by corporation and private donations. Project Hope gives laughter, smiles and cherished memories to critically-ill children.

Our goal for the next two years will be \$10,000. Let us help those critically ill children's dreams come true. The lives of children are precious and should never be cut short without wishes coming true. The Montana Troopers will be at our Fall Meeting in September and will explain more details on this excellent project. We can make this happen by each club giving of their time and effort to make dreams come true for these children.

GFWC of Montana Fall Meeting is getting close. The meeting will be held in Missoula at the Doubletree Inn on September 23 and 24th. An outstanding program has been planned. Save the date and plan on coming for a fun time together with your sister members. I look forward to seeing many of you.

Let's begin these next two years by keeping GFWC of Montana involved in your communities. We've only just begun! Fly high on those eagles' wings and continue to bring that volunteer spirit to Montana.

Yours in federation,  
*Joyce*



# General Federation of Women's Clubs



July 1, 2016

Dear GFWC Sisters:

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2016-2018 GFWC Administration. I am truly honored, privileged, and extremely humbled by the reality that I am serving as your 51st GFWC International President. In this great country and organization, we have much to be grateful for. We have a rich and storied history of success and achievement which our talented members, leaders, and staff can build upon. And as I have previously stated, "If We Build It, They Will Come." From this statement, you can see Membership Recruitment and Retention (both members and clubs) will be a major focus of this administration as well as our commitment and passion for Legislative Issues and Advocacy.

We must be committed to increasing advocacy in all facets of our GFWC programming as we try to return to our roots and our strength of advocating for legislative initiatives - this was the call to action and unifying force for our members in the past and we need to revisit what our organization was founded on - our resolutions and our passion for positive change in our communities through our members' support for passage of timely and critical legislation.



I believe the strength of this organization is in its members and clubs and the incredible work they accomplish in their individual communities every day. For over 126 years, the belief in our mission and our dedication to community improvement has never wavered or changed. We know there is strength in belonging to a national organization, where accomplishments can be shared with and duplicated by others, and the good work that we do can be multiplied by the number of clubs and members throughout our great country. Our accomplishments have received far too little recognition in recent times. But we are working on it! And it is beginning to change!

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2016–2018 GFWC International President. We are indeed all unified by our diversity and whether you are a Woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniorette, or International Affiliate Club member, we are all GFWC. Together, we are an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. We are GFWC, Living the Volunteer Spirit each and every day in our communities throughout the world. Together, we can build the organization so others will want to join us. We have a story to tell and we should shout it from every rooftop. We should be extremely proud of our membership in this organization, which has made such a significant impact in the global community over so many years. We have celebrated 126 years of service and yet, We Have Only Just Begun! Together we can accomplish great things as members of this great and strong women's organization GFWC. Please join me in making this vision a reality for all our members, clubs, state federations, regions, and GFWC!

Forever Living the Volunteer Spirit Through GFWC,

*Sheila*

Sheila E. SHEA  
2016-2018 GFWC International President

GFWC - an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

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## *Let's Make it a Date!*

September 16 - 18, 2016  
Western States Region, Red Lion Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

September 23 - 24:  
GFWC of Montana Fall Board Meeting, Doubletree, Missoula

April District Conventions - 2017  
Eastern - April 8, 2017  
Central - April 22, 2017  
Western - April 29, 2017

GFWC International Convention -  
Palm Springs, California  
June 24-26, 2017

Western States Region Conference and Montana State Fall Meeting  
Radisson - Helena, MT September 8-10, 2017

GFWC Montana Biennial Convention  
Great Northern - Helena, MT April 20-22, 2018

GFWC International Convention -  
St. Louis, MO  
June 23-26, 2018

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



### ***Your Executive Committee Plans for the Biennium***

This fine looking set of women met at President Joyce's home in Corvallis to make plans for the coming biennium. Secretary Marsha is on the left, next to Corresponding Secretary Cathy, then Financial Advisor Adina. At the head of the table is President Joyce. On the right are Treasurer Karen, VP Florence, President Elect Joyce D. and Parliamentary Advisor Vurnie Kaye.



***Because of these four women,*** the finances of GFWC of Montana are in safe hands. The picture was snapped after past treasurer Nancy Hanford turned over the books to incoming treasurer Karen Gustavsen. Budget & Finance Chairman Adina Fox looks comfortable with the change, as does President Joyce Hooper.

**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE  
2016 GFWC FALL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2016**

**Doubletree by Hilton**

100 Madison, Missoula, MT 59802

Phone 406-728-3100

Rooms: \$129.00 dbl. Queen (plus taxes)

90 Freeway – Exit 105 – Coming from the North or South

HOTEL REGISTRATION RATE DEADLINE: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  
(NO GUARANTEE OF ROOM OR PRICE AFTER THAT DATE)

**FUN FILLED SPECIAL FALL MEETING –**

This will be our first meeting of our 2016-2018 administration. LET'S HAVE FUN – ENJOY OUR FELLOW CLUBS and begin our two years with excitement, fellowship, and volunteer spirit.  
Attire will be business casual

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Registration – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - General Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast is available at the hotel.

Finn & Porter restaurant is in the hotel. Coffee/muffins are sold in the gift shop.

- Friday Night Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m. — Woman's Barbershop Quartet -
- Saturday Lunch Program — 12:00 p.m. presentation by the Montana Troopers for our 2016-2018 project “Montana Hope Project”.
- Saturday Evening Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m. — Presentation by Corvallis High School Speech and Drama Club.



***We are going to “Soar with Eagles”— fly high and enjoy being members of GFWC Montana.***

GFWC Montana Clubs and Members are asked to bring a basket or special fundraiser item for auction with colors of red, white and blue. The PDQ's are planning on a “Christmas Boutique”.

**Article VI – Board of Directors**

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.

# **Official Fall Registration**

## **GFWC Montana 2016 Fall Meeting Registration**

### **September 23 – 24, 2016**

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 \$38

**Friday, September 23**

## Dinner

## Pan Fried Chicken with Gorgonzola Cream

## Penne Pasta with Tomato and Basil

# Lemon Tart with Whipped Cream

\$28

## Saturday, September 24

## Lunch

## Turkey Bacon Croissant with Tomato, Red Onion, Sprouts and Mayonnaise, Sliced Fruit

\$20

## Dinner

Pork Loin with Rosemary Dijon Sauce  
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes and Green Beans  
Cheesecake with Fruit Sauce

\$33

**All prices include gratuities**

## **TOTAL**

**Registration Deadline: Postmarked by September 1, 2016**

**NO REFUNDS will be given after September 12, 2016**

**Make Checks payable to GFWC Montana**

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I can promise you that women working together - linked, informed and educated - can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet (Isabel Allende)

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TOGETHER, IT'S A BOND  
UNLIKE ANY OTHER**

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*One never consents to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.*

*Helen Keller -*

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**OFFICIAL CALL**  
*to the 98<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL*  
**WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE**  
SEPTEMBER 15 - 18, 2016  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
RED LION HOTEL SALT LAKE DOWNTOWN



**"WESTERN STATES STARS"**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Dear Western States Members,

It is my honor and privilege as WSR President to personally invite all clubwomen in our region to the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Western States Region Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 15-18, 2016, at the Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown.

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

The Utah Clubwomen have been hard at work to create a fun and exciting start to the conference with tours both Thursday and Friday. We will travel to beautiful Park City Utah, hear the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir, see Salt Lake City and learn about our own family trees. The tours will be followed by the conference itself, where on Friday, following the tour, a workshop is planned prior to the WSR Board Meeting and incoming leaders will have an opportunity to meet with President-elect Mary Ellen Brock.

If you are a past L.E.A.D.S. graduate, and want to join other graduates for dinner on Thursday evening, please contact: Geneal Dart, [pdart54@msn.com](mailto:pdart54@msn.com), 435-830-6770, and let her know you are planning to participate so she can make arrangements to accommodate everyone.

On Friday evening, the Conference will officially open with the "Round Up Your Volunteers and Serve" western-themed Utah State Night where we will enjoy true western hospitality. This will be a "black tie and blue jeans" evening, so this is your chance to wear your western finery.

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, is "Purple Power Saturday". Wear your purple to business sessions where the day will be filled with valuable information about GFWC programs, State Presidents' reports, and platform workshops. The luncheon will give us a chance to financially support UCASA, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Violence, a GFWC of Utah project. So, no donation items to pack - just be willing to give at the luncheon. Sunday morning will feature a motivational speaker as well as the final region business.

Our GFWC International President, Sheila Shea will be our keynote speaker on Saturday evening, and Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President-elect will be our guest speaker at lunch on Saturday. The region conference is an opportunity for our members to get to know these two very special GFWC women.

Throughout the conference there will be an opportunity to help support GFWC Partner, Sew Much Comfort, an organization that supports wounded service members from all military branches by providing free adaptive clothing that allows these wounded warriors to have both comfort and dignity while they recover. If you make a donation you could win a gift on Sunday morning.

Please join us for this exciting meeting, and remember to send in your registration quickly – before August 20, 2016. Looking forward to seeing you soon!!

Cathi Poer, President  
Western States Region

**2016 GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE**  
SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2016  
**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2016**  
**LATE FEE FOR REGISTRATION AFTER DEADLINE: \$15.00**  
(Please use a separate form for each attendee)  
**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

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FEDERATION TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
(GFWC, WSR, STATE, DISTRICT, CLUB, BOOSTER)

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

After 8/28/16 (\$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

**TOUR REGISTRATION:**

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 am - 4:15 pm \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Park City Tour Mining to Skiing Museum, 2002 Olympic Venue, Lunch on your own.

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mount Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal: Historic Temple Square. Bus from hotel.

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 am - 1:15 pm \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Salt Lake City Tour Family History Library. Lunch on your own.

\*Boosters are invited to join the tours with members.

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or  
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# GFWC International

From June 25- 29, GFWC club-women came together to celebrate a Sisterhood of Service in Baltimore, Maryland. Festivities kicked off with a red carpet event lauding the history and achievements of Junior clubwomen over the years and a crab feast.

Convention highlights included a surprise appearance by the Drum Café, a presentation by New York Times - bestselling author Eliot Schaefer, and an inspirational speech by artist and author Suzy Toronto, who brought her wonderful wacky world to life for all listening. The Convention also gave members the opportunity to learn about GFWC Partners, to recognize the achievements of fellow clubwomen, and to make new and lasting friendships.

The Montana Delegations stands to applaud as GFWC of Montana President Joyce Hooper carries the Montana flag in the opening ceremony.



*Left:* Joyce DeCunzo, Sandi Conrady, and Dorothy Murnin applaud their flag.



## ***How Do You Like Those Apples!***

Adina Fox and Sandi Conrady (and everyone else in the delegation, of course) helped assemble over 700 food bags at the Sisterhood Luncheon on Sunday, June 26 in Baltimore for the Weinberg Center to pick up. GFWC Headquarters had been collecting items for the Weinberg Center for several months. In addition to the apples, there were more food items, toiletry bags, and other useful things.

Weinburg Center serves the needy folk of Baltimore.

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

## Drumming Up Team-work!

Since 1994, Drum Cafe has held over 4000 events, team-building sessions and awe-inspiring performances around the world. They provide a drum for every individual and within minutes, Drum Cafe transforms the group into a harmonized drumming orchestra. The results are unforgettable. GFWC members walked throughout the convention floor with their drums. It was a powerful team building event.

### *Joyce H.'s Account:*

The drums were played on convention floor. Everyone was given a drum. All 700 of us. We were taught how to play it. We became pretty good drum players. 700 drums playing! The sound was extraordinarily good.



**Montana's Drum Corp** included Joyce DeCunzo, Sandi Conradi, Adina Fox, Joyce Hooper, Barbara Hogg, and Dorothy Murnin.  
*At right: Two Joyces lead off with their drums. (Two Joyces rejoicing?)*



## Receiving Awards

GFWC Montana is no slouch in the awards department. The delegation was proud to accept the following:

***Outstanding Achievement in Media Campaign Contest - Advocacy*** - GFWC Billings Jr. Woman's Club

***Youth Poetry - Writing Contest***  
- Grades K-2 Presented to Brett Evans

***Outstanding Achievement in Conservation***  
Presented to GFWC Montana-

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# Club News



The club also produced a display table informing the public about their books for babies program.

***It was an outstanding day for the Bitterroot Woman's Club.*** They entered a float in the Corvallis Memorial Day parade and won first prize in their category.

Linda Sinerius and Karen Hoyt proudly display the award. Congratulations to the Bitterroot!



Plains Woman's Club uses its flock of pink flamingos to raise funds for various causes - this year it's to support the new Arts Center in what was formerly the Paradise Grade School. Debbi Kirschbaum, Sandi Lane and Terri Henry are pictured in the act of flocking the school yard the evening before an art show opened there. Usually a flocking occurs because someone pays the club to flock a friend's yard.

Flocking usually occurs in the dark of night, and flocks disappear the following evening.

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

## ***Billings Juniors' Summer University***

Picture 1 - Symphony in the Park

Members enjoyed a wonderful evening listening to the symphony. Pictured - Barb Spoonemore, Judy Senteney, Diane Hooker



**F**or the last eight years Billings Junior Woman's Club has held classes and events called "Summer University." The goal is to retain current members and recruit new members. Our club has increased exponentially and has found a fun and creative way to keep our members involved in the summer months.

This summer members offered classes or sponsored events that are open to members and their guests. The schedule is introduced in May and members sign up for events that they are interested in attending. Sixteen events were planned from six arts events to meals, a baseball game to a Financial Literacy Class. The Communications committee sends out a reminder one week before each event. The cost for the events is not paid by the club but by the members attending.

The "Summer University" has given members time to get to know each other better and make new friends.

Picture 2 - African Fare

A member hosted African food and crafts after a month volunteering in Africa. Pictured Erin Dear, Kim White, Diane Hooker, Kathy Broyles



Picture 3 - Zoo Montana

Four different tours of five members each were planned. Karin Green, Jan Cline, Becky McGill, Bev Silkwood



# GFWC of Fort Benton's Busy Spring/Summer



## Presenting Awards

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony at Fort Benton High School GFWC of Fort Benton gave out two (\$1000.) scholarships. Pictured at left is Karen Lippert congratulating recipient Kylie Allen. The other recipient was Jamie Steers.



## Installing Officers

Pictured, from the far left are Judy Ferguson, (Treas.), Ruth Carlstrom (Sec.), Patty Paulsen (Vice Pres.), and Karen Lippert, (Pres.) **And Board Members**, Karyn Giles, Tami Good, Emy Rominger, and outgoing Pres. Toni Molinario. Not pictured is Janell Barber, also a new board member.



## And Putting on the Annual Pie Auction Fund Raiser.

This event was held at the park during the Summer Celebration, the end of June. Pictured on the far right is Ameya Smith of Fort Benton, who won the Best of Show pie which sold for \$500. She was in the 10 and under category. Her pie was called *A's Magnificent Mango Coconut Pie*.

There were 28 pies entered in several age categories. The club made \$5000. Many former alums who were home for the Celebration, as well as very generous local friends, donated by bidding on the pies.

*All pictures courtesy of The River Press*

# **GFWC of Montana Bylaws**

As amended April 23, 2016

## **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. **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 1st.

A. Women's Clubs, Junior Women's Clubs and Ju niorette 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 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 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 by-law 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**

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 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 transporta-

tion 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, 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.  
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