

the Montana Woman



Hats & Hearts
2014 - 2016



GFWC- Dedicated to Community Improvement
by Enhancing the Lives of Others through Volunteer Service



Calling All Club Women!
Fall Meeting
October 2-3 in Bozeman
Registration on page 6

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On the cover ~

Front row: Joyce Rogers, International President Babs Condon, International Jr. Director Cathy Jo Canterbury, Joyce Hooper
Back Row: Marsha Price, Joyce DeCunzo, Adina Fox, Cheryl Martin, Marsha Hotchkiss, Nancy Hanford, Sandi Conrady, Sheri Porter

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Ten GFWC of Montana Women

helped celebrate GFWC's 125th Birthday in Memphis last June. See pages 11 & 12 for the story and more pix!





From the President

Do you have a new hat handy? The Hats & Heart Lunch is included in the GFWC of Montana Fall Board Meeting on October 2-3 at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman, MT. WSR President Bonnie Walden will be attending our Fall Board Meeting in October as a speaker and guest.

Registration forms are in this issue. It would be wonderful to have Club Presidents and members from every club attend, share ideas, and learn more about GFWC programs. District, TOPPS, and PDQ's meetings are scheduled for Friday.

It is so very special to be a GFWC Volunteer in 2015. At the International Convention in Memphis, International President Babs Condon surprised us at dinner with birthday cake in honor of GFWC's 125 years of service. Saturday night in Bozeman we will continue the celebration. I don't know if the cake will be quite as good but we will try. Party hats anyone?

Check out the September Western States Region

(WSR) meeting registration information in this issue too. WSR is always a fun meeting and San Jose, CA. has the welcome mat out.

Page 4 includes upcoming dates to put on your calendars. Think about nominating a member in your club to attend the Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS) program. LEADS is an intensely amazing one day seminar coming again in 2016 in Baltimore, MD. More information and the application can be found on the gfwcmontana.org website.

Thank you to the clubs who have sent articles and pictures with names for publication in the Montana Woman. Keep them coming. There are a couple that we have received that will be in the next issue for special reasons.

At the Fall Board meeting we will fight over "Show your Heart Some Love" baskets, shop till we drop at the PDQ jewelry sale and 50/50 knowing that this time it will be our turn to win. Bring any spare or no longer needed gently used bras for the Eastern District "Free the Girls" project.

I look forward to seeing old friends, and making some new ones in Bozeman in October. In the mean time, I know you are committed as GFWC of Montana members to "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Joyce

"Free the Girls" Challenge issued

At the GFWC of Montana Eastern District meeting in Billings, Montana, members and clubs donated gently used bras to donate to Free the Girls. Free The Girls is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides job opportunities to survivors of sex trafficking in developing countries. The women in the programs receive their starting inventory as a donation and buy additional inventory at below wholesale value to maintain a competitive edge in their marketplace.

Eastern District challenges themselves, Central, and Western District members to bring your gently used bras to the Fall Board meeting to donate to the project. Check out the graveyard side of your underwear drawer and bring any bras that you don't wear or need.

Your donations will be packed up and sent to Third World countries where organization partners in aftercare facilities will provide the opportunity for sex-trafficking survivors to build their own business selling second-hand clothing while going to school, building a house, and caring for their families.

The survivors learn business skills and ultimately achieve freedom and their dreams for a better life.



Eastern members Dorothy Murnin, Florence Diede, and Marsha Price show some of the bras collected at their convention





Let's Make it a Date!

September 16 - 20, 2015

Western States Region Conference
San Jose, California

October 2 - 3, 2015

State Fall Meeting
GranTree Inn, Bozeman, MT

October 18-24, 2015

Advocates for Children week

January 15, 2016

LEADS applications due to GFWC of MT President
Joyce Rogers

February 5, 2016

Reports due to Joyce DeCunzo, Dean of Departments

February 28, 2016

Writing Contest entries due to Mary Lou Hermes

April 22 - 23, 2016

GFWC Montana Biennial Convention
Best Western Premier Great Northern Hotel
Helena, MT

June 25 - 29, 2016

GFWC 126th International Convention
Baltimore, Maryland

GFWC Moore Women's Club Turns



Dixie Hertel reports that the Moore Women's Club turned 100 in 2015. She is hoping to have a celebration at the October 8th club meeting.

Happy Birthday, Moore!

Please Note These Changes!



Marsha Price, Billings Jr. Club President's email should be askmap@gmail.com

New Madison Valley Club President

Lynn Leeming
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Ennis, MT 59729
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New Spiritual Advisor

Mary Lou Hermes has been chosen as the Spiritual Advisor for GFWC of Montana. She replaces Sigrid Laird, who passed away in February, 2015.

Hearts & Hats



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*GFWC of Montana
State Project:*

Home Heart Monitors

International Heart Institute



Official Call:
GFWC OF MONTANA 2015 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
October 2-3, 2015
Loving our Hats & Hearts

Best Western Plus GranTree Inn, 1325 N. 7th Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715-2511
Phone 406-587-5261 or 800-624-5865 Fax 406-587-9437
E-mail: grantree@grantreeinn.com
Rooms: \$139.00 **mention General Federation of Women's Clubs
Hotel Registration Rate Deadline: September 1, 2015

The 2014-2016 board members and ALL GFWC Club Members are invited and encouraged to attend the Fall Board of Directors Meeting. We will hear from Bonnie Walden, Western States Region President on membership; from Marsha Hotchkiss, 2015 LEADS graduate; and from Fran Albrecht, Executive Director of the Providence Montana Health Foundation about the President's "Helping Hearts Special Project".

Workshops and awards are planned. Time will be allocated for District, TOPPS and PDQ meetings on Friday afternoon. Friday night will be casual dress. Remember to attend your Eastern, Central and Western District get-togethers after dinner.

Bring your favorite hat to show it off at the Saturday luncheon. On Saturday night let's "Dress for Dinner" and celebrate 125 years of GFWC service.

GFWC Montana Clubs are asked to bring a fundraising basket with the theme "SHOW YOUR HEART SOME LOVE".

The PDQ's are planning a jewelry sale – jewelry contributions from attendees appreciated.

GFWC MT bylaws: 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.

Section 6.4, Duties. The Board of Directors shall:

A. Transact business of GFWC MT between biennial conventions.

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

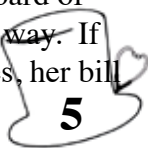
C. Adopt the budget and decide upon investments of funds recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

D. Adopt standing rules. Such rules may be adopted by a majority vote at any meeting without previous notice, may be suspended by a majority vote, amended or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

E. Authorize contracts when necessary for the business of GFWC MT

Standing rule #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.



GFWC of Montana 2015 Fall Meeting Registration

October 2-3, 2015

All GFWC MT members invited to attend
Please send one copy for each person attending

Name _____ phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

GFWC of Montana Position (s) State _____

District _____ Club _____

Club Name _____ District: Western __ Central__ Eastern__

Please note any dietary considerations _____

Registration Fee: -----\$35.00 _____

Friday, October 2:

Dinner: The Trail Ride buffet -----\$32.00 _____

Mesquite chicken, barbecued pork, baked beans, potato salad
apple slaw, brioche rolls

Saturday, October 3:

Breakfast: Palisade Falls-----\$15.00 _____

French toast, scrambled eggs & bacon

Lunch: soup & salad bar buffet-----\$21.00 _____

Soup & salad bar with tossed salad, ham, turkey, cheddar cheese,
bacon bits, veggies, dressings and rolls

Dinner: Chicken Cordon Bleu-----\$32.00 _____

Baked Chicken breast stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese,
garden salad, maple-honey carrots, bacon/cheddar potatoes

TOTAL _____

All prices include gratuities

Make Checks Payable to: GFWC of Montana

Mail Registration form and check to :

Shirley Weisgerber, Corresponding Secretary

Box 314, Bridger, MT 59014

406-662-3738

Email: swgfwc1979@gmail.com

Registration must be postmarked by September 10, 2015

NO REFUNDS will be given after September 20, 2015



WSR President to Visit



Bonnie Walden, GFWC Western States Region President, will be the special guest at the GFWC Montana Fall Meeting October 2-3, 2015. She has graciously volunteered to present a Membership workshop and give WSR greetings and information.

President Bonnie has been a member of GFWC for over 50 years. She joined as a junior and has served in many positions including GFWC Washington State President in 1992-94. After her term as state president, she was named chairman of the Membership Committee at the national level. She has served continuously on the GFWC Board of Directors since that time. When Carlene Garner served as GFWC International President, Bonnie was named her Special Assistant. This appointment required many trips to GFWC Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Bonnie earned a B.A. degree from Western Washington University and a Master degree from the University of Portland. A former teacher, Bonnie ended her career as the manager of a Public Relations Coop at Educational Service District 112.

Bonnie and her husband, Paul, have been married for 54 years and have two grown sons and three grandchildren. Volunteering, quilting, reading and traveling to Europe are some of her favorite pastimes

Tenatative Agenda *FALL 2015 BOARD MEETING*

Friday October 2

9 AM - Executive Committee Pre-Board Meeting
9 AM to 1 PM - Registration
1 PM – Official opening of General Session
Reports, fundraising, workshops,
District, TOPPS, PDQ meetings
6:30 PM - Dinner
After Dinner District gatherings

Saturday, October 3

8:30 AM – Inspirational Breakfast
9:30 AM - General Session
Workshops, reports
12 PM – Loving Hearts Luncheon
Special Speaker Fran Albrecht,
ProvidenceMontana Health Foundation
1:30 PM – General Session
Membership awards, workshops,
Presentations

Saturday, continued

6 PM - Club President Social
7 PM - Dinner - 125yr celebration
Speaker Bonnie Walden WSR

Sunday October 4

8:30 AM – Executive Committee Post-Board Meeting

Things to bring:

- * Club's fundraising basket "Show your Heart some Love"
- * Jewelry to donate to the Past District Queens Club fundraising project
- * Bras for the "Free the Girls" project
- * As many club members as possible!
- * A favorite hat





A Note from Anne



Hello Friends and fellow GFWC Clubwomen,

I am in awe at the support you have already given to the GFWC Montana President's Special Project. Many clubs have already sent donations along with their raffle ticket stubs and checks. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this important cause. The Helping Hearts Campaign is so important to everyone in Montana, as heart disease is everywhere. April will be here soon and GFWC Montana will offer our donation to Providence Montana Health Foundation, but the goal has not been reached yet.

I ask that everyone push forward and sell raffle tickets like they are hot chocolate on a cold day. If your club president has not yet received their packet, or distributed said packet, of tickets, envelopes, flyers, and other information please let me know via email @ alovelessgfwc@gmail.com. I will make sure to get something out to you in the mail ASAP. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and there are 5 amazing prizes. I will tell you that a club member from the Bitterroot, not giving names but her initials are LS, refused to sell tickets for \$5.00. She told them that they just need to hand over the \$20.00 and support a good cause. I have received requests for more tickets from that club and a few others. With that said go forth and sell to everyone you know. This is not a club member only raffle so sell to your friends; get a booth at your local fair or booth at back to school night. Sell at local farmers markets. You can go door to door in residential and business neighborhoods. Sell tickets at your local Christmas Bazaar or at your church. Everyone needs an opportunity to win one of these prizes. Remind people of how heart issues affect everyone and these monitors are going to help improve the lives of people throughout Montana.

The Fall Board Meeting in October is coming up quickly and I ask that once again every club provide a basket to raffle and the proceeds will go towards the Helping Hearts Project. The basket theme is "Show your Heart some Love!" Immediately everyone thinks of healthy eating, exercise, and/or meditation. I personally think of cuddling with my husband on a cold evening in front of a fire; or sitting with my children

reading a book. The interpretation for the basket theme is whatever you want it to be, and is wide open. Use your imagination and come up with amazing baskets. I am excited to see what you come up with. Remember, baskets can be big or small. Everyone needs a basket to bid on, and everyone has a different financial ability to bid with. A variety of sizes is wonderful and encourages everyone to bid and help this cause. I will share one little secret, I will have wine in my basket! I know it's not much of a secret but hey wine is good for the heart too. Oh and a quick note... stress balls are not for throwing at people that stress you out. I got into a bit of trouble for that one!

I would like to invite EVERY CLUB MEMBER to attend the Fall Board Meeting in October. This will be an exciting time with many new faces, including the new CEO of the Providence Montana Health Foundation, who is looking forward to meeting everyone and enjoying a meal with club members. With a little luck and encouragement she might be a new member of the Missoula club? Everyone is a potential member!

Thanks for all that you are and all that you do. Each step taken is a step closer to our goal and I am excited to take those steps with you.

Anne

Federation Tips - FUNDRAISING - The more you know

Does your club need ideas for successful fundraisers? Do you want to try something new this year, but are worried about how a new project will do? Fundraising requires energetic and enthusiastic leaders and clubwomen, and a good deal of planning.

The short list of requirements to be successful includes:

1. Appointment of a chairwoman who is organized, experienced at setting goals and skilled at delegation;
2. Analyzing of the club's financial needs to support its goals;
3. Building a strong committee that includes clubwomen with skills necessary for development of the project;
4. Motivation for and commitment from club members to reach goals.

For more detailed information, go to www.GFWC.org/ClubManual. The manual has information that will save you time and get you on the way to building your club's financial stability.

*Submitted by Joyce DeCunzo,
GFWC Montana 1st Vice President*





2015 GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 17 – 20, 2015
CROWN PLAZA OF SAN JOSE-SILICON VALLEY
MILPITAS, CA

Conference Registration Deadline – August 24, 2015

Please use a separate form for each attendee - \$15.00 late fee after deadline

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

Federation Title(s) _____

Please list your current position (GFWC, WSR, State, District, Club, Booster)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE \$25.00 \$ _____

TOUR REGISTRATION:

Thursday, September 17, (Monterey/Cannery Row/17 Mile Dr/Carmel) \$75.00 \$ _____

Friday, September 18, (Winchester House/Santana Row) \$75.00 \$ _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Indicate any special dietary needs: _____

Friday, September 18 State Night “California Wine & Roses” \$62.00 \$ _____

(Select one of the following)

Tri-Tip _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Vegetarian _____

Dessert is Strawberry Vanilla Cake

Saturday, September 19 - Lunch (Select one of the following) \$36.00 \$ _____

Moroccan Chicken Salad _____ Vegetarian _____

Dessert is Fresh Apple Tart

Saturday, September 19 – Dinner (Select one of the following) \$62.00 \$ _____

Pan Seared Salmon _____ Grilled Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Dessert is Chocolate Mousse Cake

Sunday Breakfast \$26.00 \$ _____

French Toast with all the goodies

TOTAL \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: GFWC California

Send Check & Form to: Joan Reed, 1199 Blue Lake Way, Concord, CA 94521-4737

Phone: 925-672-2471; email: jreed@astound.net

NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 (Meals & Tours)

2015 GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 17 – 20, 2015
CROWN PLAZA OF SAN JOSE-SILICON VALLEY
MILPITAS, CA



HOTEL INFORMATION:

Silicon Valley Crown Plaza – 777 Bellew Drive – Milpitas, CA 95035

RESERVATIONS:

By PASSKEY – Your Code is: California Federation of Women’s Clubs

Phone: 888-233-9527

Deadline for Reservations: September 2, 2015

Price: \$139.00 (single/double occupancy) plus tax

AMENITIES:

Free Transportation from San Jose Airport

Free Parking

Complimentary High Speed Wireless Internet

Complimentary Transportation within a 5-mile radius

Thursday, Sept. 17 board our coach to visit historic Monterey & Cannery Row—shop & dine at the Wharf; then experience the world famous 17 mi. Coast Drive south to Pebble Beach Golf Course & charming Carmel with upscale stores and possible Clint Eastwood sighting.

Friday, Sept. 18 Stroll thru the legendary Winchester Mystery House, and enjoy a selection of restaurants or shopping at Santana Row.

Friday State Night: This is your special invitation to California hospitality—the tables are set, the program is planned...we are waiting for YOU with Music, Wine and Roses.

Under the direction of WSR President Bonnie Walden, a full conference is planned featuring selected GFWC Chairmen, and the opportunity to meet and get updates from keynote speaker GFWC President Babs Condon and President-elect Sheila Shea.

So make your reservations, pack your pearls—we want to see you at WSR in San Jose!

WHAT TO BRING TO WSR – NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Please bring with you a new book(s) for children. These books will be the centerpiece for each table at the Saturday Luncheon. These books will be given to foster children in Santa Clara County.

When you check in at the Registration Desk, please leave your book or books at the desk so that the members of Mount Diablo will have them to place on the tables prior to the Saturday luncheon. These books will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Tours: Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Bring a jacket, it could be breezy.

Opening Session: Business Casual Dress

Friday Night Dinner: “California Wine and Roses” Cocktail Attire

Saturday Night Dinner: “String of Pearls” Cocktail Attire

Sunday Morning: Casual Dress for travel home, we suggest GFWC emblem shirts

For Further Information:

Contact Carol Lopez at 925-785-3395 or cartom3247@att.net



The 2015 National GFWC Convention

Catching the Volunteer Spirit

The June, 2015, 125th Convention in Memphis, Tennessee included some new twists, including auditorium seating and a “spontaneous” flash dance planned and kept secret for several months. The United States, State, and GFWC flags were impressively posted on stage behind the podium.

Montana voting delegates included Joyce Rogers, Joyce Hooper, Joyce DeCunzo, Nancy Hanford, Adina Fox, Sandi Conrady, Cheryl Martin, Sheri Porter, Marsha Price, and Marsha Hotchkiss. Marsha Hotchkiss attended the annual GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS) on Friday and is our latest LEADS graduate. GFWC of Montana received awards for Membership and for our Conservation Community Service Programs.

Delegates visited the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and were fortunate to be present when President Condon signed the Partnership agreement with GFWC and St. Jude. The work of this facility is truly amazing. All services are free to the patient and their family and research results are shared free of charge to any other medical facility in need of information.

The workshops and speakers were both helpful and humorous. We were motivated by speaker, humorist and author Ron Culbertson. He reminded us to always seek excellence and to make it fun while we do so. Nationally syndicated cartoonist John McPherson shared his cartoons and stories behind their inception during the History in Pictures luncheon. Dr. Janet Lintala spoke about the natural ways to support vibrant health on the Autism spectrum.

The Partner Luncheon was a high point. Each GFWC Partner presented a short presentation about their organization, almost always with a video with the people and work they do on site. GFWC has partnered with some phenomenal organizations working in the United States and throughout the world to make things better for others.

The 15th Anniversary Celebration Gala dinner on Monday night included some yummy red velvet and

coconut cake, a champagne toast, entertainment, and a huge mess of confetti as you can see from the pictures.

GFWC International Conventions are inspiring, informative, and a place to see and share friendship and knowledge with others. If you have never attended, think seriously about making it a future adventure in “Living the Volunteer Spirit”



Top: President Babs Condon
toasts GFWC
Left: Opening ceremony
flag posting



Joyce Rogers and Joyce Hooper, lined up to present our state flag during the opening ceremony at International.

Joyce Decunzo, Sandi Conrady and Nancy Hanford smile during an International session



The Montana Delegation: Nancy Hanford, Adina Fox, Marsha Price, Joyce DeCunzo, Sandi Conrady, Marsha Hotchkiss, Joyce Hooper, Joyce Rogers, Sheri Porter, and Cheryl Martin



Left: Joyce Rogers receives certificate for Montana from Cathy Jo Canterbury, Jr Director, and International President Babs Condon

Right: A LEADS graduate presents a Birthday Cake at 125th Anniversary Gala night



GFWC on Parade!

Two First Place Floats

Fairfield Junior Women's Club: 80 Years And Counting



They may have turned 80 in 2014, but the GFWC Fairfield Women's Club is still going strong.

The club started a Gertrude Weishaar Memorial Scholarship and gave out the first one in May, 2014. They lost Gertrude in February. She was the club treasurer and mentor and is missed deeply.

They reported that in 2014 they kept busy with events such as: Swim Day Breakfast; helped the Lion's club with a dinner fundraiser for the community hall; the Chamber Christmas Stroll Bazaar management; Rudolph Run Event to collect gifts for children in need; treats and a raffle at the Community Choir Christmas

Fairfield: Teaming Up for 80 Years

concert; kept the gazebo in the park looking good (they put it there in 1987); ran the annual Easter Egg Hunt; donated to fundraisers for people who have medical problems; did a Valentine Raffle at our February meeting.

In addition to working with the local library, helping fund the swimming pool and park playground equipment, the Fairfield ladies participate in the local parades as shown in the adjoining pictures.

Editor note—this report was received in the fall of 2014. It was inadvertently misfiled so we will share it now. Names of ladies on floats were not sent.

Summer Celebration In Fort Benton

GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club continued its year-long celebration of 100 years of service by participating in Fort Benton's annual summer Celebration parade the last weekend in June. Members partnered with volunteer-minded community members to create an award-winning BEST OF SHOW "Walkin' the Volunteer Trail" float entry...in keeping with the weekend theme of Footprints through Time.

Friends of the group provided cowboy music on the float, granddaughters held "Future Volunteer" signs, other members created beautifully artistic signs. It was a celebration of what GFWC women and their friends

have done and can do working together for a common cause! Fort Benton club members say they are "Walkin' on towards our next 100 years of community service."



Our Clubs at Work

Helena Makes Dolls For Operation Smile

30 dolls, 30 smile bags, and 30 *no-no* arm bands were made by seven Helena Club members in Sandi Conrady's sewing room aka "Sandi's Sweatshop" on July 16th. Each bag will contain a toothbrush, a small toothpaste, a small shampoo, a beany baby, 8 crayons and a coloring book, a small bar of soap, and other items. The *no-no* arm bands are wrapped around a child's arm at the elbow to keep them from bending their arm and touching the surgical sites. "This is our first year but most likely won't be our last."

Operation Smile is an international medical charity with a global network of thousands of credentialed medical volunteers from more than 80 countries. They are dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children in more than 60 countries. Operation Smile doctors have provided more than 220,000 free surgical procedures for children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial deformities. They also train doctors and local medical professionals in partner countries to treat their communities and donate medical equipment and supplies to provide year-round medical treatments their worldwide centers.

Operation Smile has been a GFWC International partner for many years. For more information on a project you club might do, go to gfwc.org or to www.operation smile.org.



Sandi Conrady holding a dressed doll made for Operation Smile. The picture was taken in Sandi's sewing room where several club members gathered to make the dolls.



Left to Right: Barb Smith, Anna Hoffman, Mina Erickson, Ardis Loberg, members of GFWC Helena Woman's Club, working in Sandi's Sweatshop. It's her sewing room where club members have completed many sewing projects.

Still Serving, Still Having Fun

This year when Plains Woman's Club parade chairman suggested four wheelers for the annual Plains Day parade, a record number of enthusiastic members volunteered to participate. A dozen women showed up wearing red shirts and driving four wheelers, golf carts and dune buggies. The four wheeler ladies made like the Shriners in their little cars, zigging and zagging down the street. It looked like so much fun that one of the women parade spectators decided to join the club.



Most of the vehicles sported Plains Woman's Club signs like the one in the picture at left, driven by prospective member Marge Kohm, who participated in the parade and paid her dues shortly after that.

Ronan Club Special Project Fund Raising



GFWC Ronan Woman's Club had a Baked Potato feed in November, 2014, as a fundraiser for the GFWC Montana Heart Monitor project. Potatoes and a variety of toppings including stroganoff, chili, cheese, sour cream, cheese, broccoli, and butter were served. Over \$500.00 was raised.



In Memorium

GFWC Fairfield Woman's Club and GFWC of Montana mourn the passing of faithful member and retired teacher Gertrude Weishaar, who passed away last year. She was a member of Fairfield Woma's Club for 59 years. Her club has established a scholarship in her name to be given to a graduating senior each year.



CHANGE OF OFFICER FORM

Please complete and mail to GFWC of Montana President as soon as new officers are elected each administration. Club Presidents names must be submitted to GFWC by May 15th of each year.

Club – GFWC _____ District _____

Incoming President _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____ - _____

Email address _____

Day & Time of Meetings _____

- ✓ Mail 1 copy to GFWC of Montana President
- ✓ Mail 1 copy to your District President

September 2006

A Few More Peeks at the Conventon



Left: Montana's LEADS graduate, Marsha Hotchkiss, enjoys a bit of free time in Memphis

Right: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital welcomed GFWC members. What a great facility!!



Adina Fox and Sheri Porter pose for the camera before dinner