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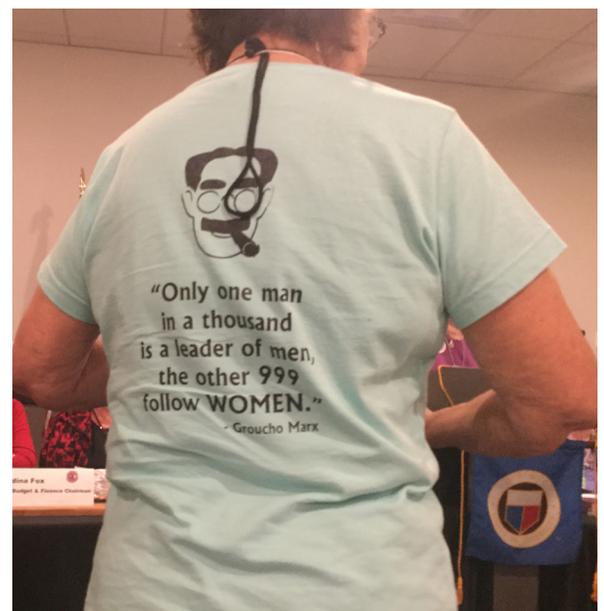
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On the Cover

Guest speaker, Jazmyn Saunders, just after having been presented with the first duffle bag.

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Bobbi Conrady models her LEADS Tshirt

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*Let's Make it a
Date!*

Spring District Conventions:

Central: April 27, 2019

Fort Benton

Western: May 4, 2019

Deerlodge

Eastern: April 6, 2019

place to be announced

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

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Dear GFWC MT Club Presidents:

On page 10 you will find a letter and updated Duffel bag contents list for our YouthEquip bags. As the letter will indicate – we are hoping clubs can gather the contents for complete bags and place them in large garbage bags and bring these to the District meetings in Spring 2019. Our goal is to complete at least 35 bags at each district meeting. We will bring the duffel bags to the meetings and the members can assemble them at the meetings.

We also want to know what you spend to gather the contents so please email me with your costs. We are tracking all in-kind and monetary donations by Club. We would also appreciate any monetary donation your club can make to help purchase the duffel bags.

Also – If you have raffle tickets to sell – please send the ticket stubs and proceeds back as soon as they are sold so we can use the funds to purchase duffel bags.

If you have any questions, please reply to this email or call me at the contact information below or Toni Scully at ascscully406@gmail.com or 406-548-1090 .

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www.gfwcmontana.org

From the President



Hello Clubwomen,
Happy Autumn!
Today, November 16,
weather at my house
has included heavy
dark clouds, high
winds, some snow –
and now sunshine. A
typical Montana fall
day.

This weather reminds
me that winter is on its
way. That makes me
think about making soup, creating quilts, reading good
books and just snuggling in. I hope you have many
plans for how you will enjoy this season, either indoors
or out.

Since our last issue, so many things have happened.
I had a wonderful opportunity to attend a GFWC Board
of Director's meeting in Richmond VA. It is so uplift-
ing to meet with our international officers, and also to
spend time with all the other state presidents. Then
in September, a large group of us attended the Western
States Regional conference in Las Vegas.

In October, we had a great attendance at the first
Board of Directors meeting for this administration. For
those of you unable to attend, I can tell you that you
missed a wonderful time. Hopefully, you will want to
attend the rest of the meetings scheduled, we would
love to have your participation.

We had terrific speakers, including Jim Fitzgerald
from Intermountain Children's Home who taught us
about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE); Erin
Kintop from the Department of Health and Human Ser-
vices foster care program, and Jazmyn, a young wom-
an recently "graduated" out of the foster care system.
Molly Plummer, Montana author who lives in Polson,
entertained us at dinner and she sold out of all the books
she had with her. I've read both of her books and en-
joyed them very much.

Our own members led workshops and gave presen-
tations. There was hands-on work that included signing
up for legislative alerts, making a braided edge fleece
blanket and learning how to navigate our new website.
Those who are good at crossword puzzles earned priz-
es. We all took a terrific stretch break. We have so
many talented members who are willing to share their

knowledge and skills with us.

In this issue, there is information about our duffle
bag stuffing project. I can't describe what a good time
we had putting those bags together. The first duffle bag
went to our guest Jasmyn – her picture on the front of
this issue gives you a good idea of how happy she was
to get it.

We are off to a wonderful start for this administration.
I look forward to the district meetings in the spring,
and hope to see many of you there. I wish each of you
healthy and happy holidays.

Yours in Federation,
Joyce

A Titbit To Ponder

Protocol is a special word. It is the practice of eti-
quette and ceremony. It is the practice of social graces,
simple amenities, common courtesy, tact and diplo-
macy that will create a positive and lasting impres-
sion. Although things have become more casual in our
work places, our organizations and our lives. Just as
Parliamentary Procedure is important in conducting a
meeting, protocol has its place in promoting orderly
procedure and good relations among members. No
matter how casual we become good manners never go
out of style. Guests and your officers should be treat-
ed with the good manners of respect. Protocol gives
you the rules necessary to accomplish this.

The above information came from the GFWC
Membership Quarterly sent to your club presidents.
In practice at our formal meetings where there is a
head table conducting business or a head table at meal
functions, I am reminded of something I learned years
ago. You should never approach the head table during
the meeting or dinner and never immediately upon an
announced recess. Just think, those seated at the head
table have been sitting for a long time and perhaps
need to go to the rest room. You should always give
a note to the aide for your requests as they know to
only approach those seated at each end of the table
with your note.

Sandi Conrady

Membership is striving to Recruit, Retain and Report

Report due to GFWC December 1

by Florence Diede

Have you had a club activity? Tied a quilt, stuffed bags, helped at an open house, held a club meeting

Have you had a club party? Bingo, Bunko, Cards, Crafts

Have you made holiday club plans? Parade, Tree Decorating, Shopping for children

What has been happening in your club to let others know of the great opportunities to improve your community through club work? GFWC MT wants to celebrate your success as you increase your membership by bringing back former members, retaining current members and securing new members.

Yes, NOW, it is time to report on your club fall recruitment activities.

Who: Designate someone ...Membership Chairman-Club President, Treasurer

What: Complete the Seasonal Recruitment Form

Where: Use the form GFWCMontana.org Resources Seasonal Recruitment Form

<https://gfwcmontana.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Recruitment-Form.pdf>

Seasonal Report in Red

September, October, November

When: Due December 1 to GFWC and one copy to Florence Diede. Even though Dec 1 has passed, you can still send in your report for the Fall quarter.

Why: So we here in Montana can increase our membership to improve our communities, state and country.

*Report each quarter as GFWC requests.

*Don't wait until the end of the club year.

*Write a narrative about your activities.

*Send a copy to Florence so we have a record of great ideas to share on our state website.

See sample.

One club recently had a Bunko Membership Party with 14 members attending but not one potential new member. Was it a flop? Absolutely NOT! RETAIN! Newest members bonded with long time members. People thought of others who might like to come so will be more apt to reach out to them for the next activity. Everyone had a great time. Remember it is RECRUIT, RETAIN and REPORT!

A Few Corrections to the Contact Book

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GFWC's Seven Grand Initiatives

“BECAUSE TOGETHER WE’LL MAKE SOME LASTING MARKS”

by Karen Gustavson

The 2018-2020 GFWC Administration is going to focus on diversity and legislation. It will feature Seven “Grand” Initiatives to guide volunteering. Here’s a brief overview. Report to Joyce DeCunzo, by end of March about projects you club has completed or plan to complete between July 1 2018 and June 30, 2019.

Because ** BOOKS –GFWC’ goal is to collect 1,000 new Dr. Seuss books (in English and different languages) to distribute 500 to Washington, D.C. schools, hospitals, and shelters and 500 to clubs’ local schools, hospitals, and shelters on Dr. Seuss’ birthday, Mach 2, 2020.

Together ** TREES –Goal is to plant 1,000 trees GFWC-wide on April 24th Arbor Day/Federation Day

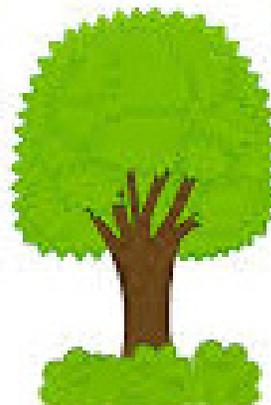
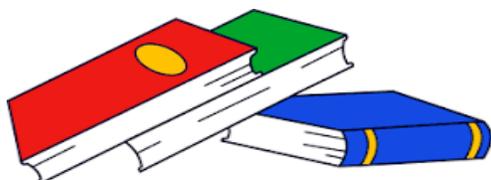
We’ll ** WOMEN IN THE MILITARY – Our goal is participation from 1,000 clubs to include one project devoted to women in the military. Check the Public Issues outline for several project ideas on page 3, <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-20-CSP-Public-Issues.pdf>.

Make ** MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE - Goal is to have 1,000 club projects performed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, 2019 and January 20, 2020. Every issue of News & Notes has a project idea.

Some ** SOLES 4 SOUL - Goal is for 1,000 pairs of shoes to be donated by clubs to Soles 4 Souls or Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe program. Nike “Reuse-A-Shoe” program takes worn out sneakers and makes Nike Grind, a material used in sports surfaces and playgrounds. See https://www.nike.com/us/en_us/c/better-world/reuse-a-shoe.%20 for a drop off site near you. Soles 4 Souls donates gently worn shoes for distribution to individuals in need. Check the Zappos website for details, to print a postage-paid shipping label, or to find a drop off locations, <https://www.zappos.com/about/soles4souls-haiti>.

Lasting ** LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER – The goal is that 1,000 members join the Legislative Action Center, <https://www.gfwc.org/legislative-action-center/>, with the “Recognize the Red” campaign. Every email from the LAC will have the sender’s name in red, and members are encouraged to sign hand written letters in red, have a red return address, and red check mark on the front of the envelope. Remember, you may only identify yourself as a GFWC member if you are writing to support the GFWC stand based on current GFWC Resolutions.

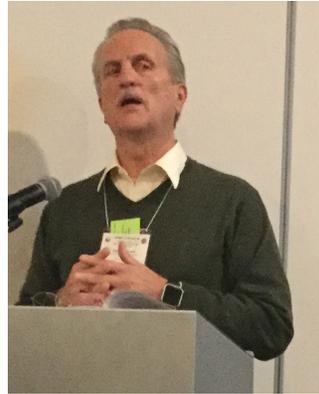
Marks ** MILLION DOLLAR CLUB - Goal is for 1,000 clubwomen to donate \$1,000 to the GFWC Capital Campaign during the 2018-2020 Administration. This could also be a club or a District. Here is a link with further details about the Capital Campaign and a donation form <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-20-Capital-Campaign.pdf>. Million Dollar Club donations must be received between June 26, 2018 and June 30, 2020.



It Was Another Fabulous Fall Board Meeting at Butte!



Registration desk at the Butte meeting: Patty Paulson, Ruth Carlstrom, and Mary Sedwick



Guest speaker, Jim Fitzgerald, CEO of Intermountain Children's home, presented information about the impact of adverse childhood experiences on children.

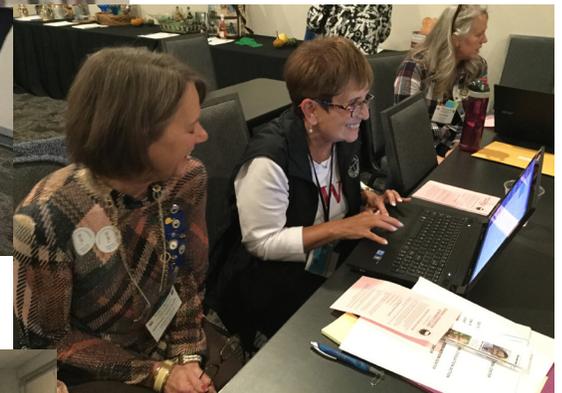
This year's LEADS recipient, Bobbie Conrady reports on her experience at International.



Kim Montag, left, and Toni Scully, hiding at right, show the raffle quilt for this year's project.. 300 (only) tickets are to be sold for \$5 each, or 5 for \$20.



Cheryl Martin, left, described GFWC's legislative initiatives and resolutions, and below, Joyce Hooper helps Toni Scully sign up for legislative alerts



Lorrie Hardy leads the group in a little stretching. Dixie Hertel and Marion Hertel open wide!

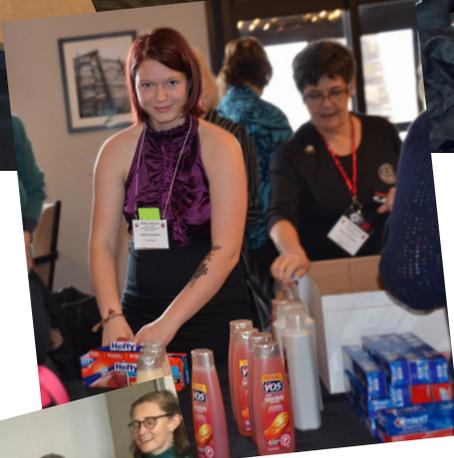


The Project: Filling Nineteen Duffle Bags to be Distributed



Left to right: the Prep, the Filling, the product

Western District Prez, Michele Furry, gets a hug from Jazmyn



Below middle, Terry Kockler, fund raising chair, holds the jar which will be filled with candy, but with a real treasure hidden inside and raffled off. Right, Beth Campbell of the Helena club finds the treasure among the candy



President Joyce, keeping her eye on the business



GFWC Montana
President's Project Fundraisers

October 22, 2018

GFWC MT Club Presidents

Re: President's Project **YouthEquip**

Dear GFWC Club President:

Thanks so much for your support at the Fall Board Meeting in Butte to complete YouthEquip bags to deliver to the Foster care kids. Attached is an updated YouthEquip contents organization and checklist.

Previously we had divided up the items by District, but now think it is easier to manage if we purchase the duffel bags and the clubs put together the complete contents in medium sized trash bags to bring/deliver to the District meetings in spring 2019. If you are not attending your District meeting in the spring of 2019, please contact one of us to see what we might be able to arrange to obtain your items. Please mark the bags as to whether they are for boys or girls with a B or G on the outside. We also need to keep track of the in-kind donation so let us know how much you spent putting the contents together.

If you took duffel bags to complete at the Fall Board meeting in Butte, please let us know when you have them completed and we will arrange to get them to Joyce for delivery. We would also appreciate any monetary donations to go toward purchase of the duffel bags and other items we may need to complete 200 bags by spring 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Toni Scully or Kim Montag, fundraisers for YouthEquip. Our contact information is below. Thank you for your help and support to complete the YouthEquip duffel bags.

Yours truly,

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Toni Scully
406-548-1090
acscully406@gmail.com

Attachment

YouthEquip Bag Contents Organization and Checklist

Item	X if Included
1 - wash cloth	_____
1 - bath towel	_____
1 - fleece blanket, at least 50"x60"	_____
1 - water bottle	_____
1 - package laundry pods (8-12) (secure in baggie if might leak)	_____
<u>Combine the following in ziplock type bag:</u>	
1 - toothbrush	_____
1 - tube toothpaste, at least 6 ounces - not travel size	_____
1 - Plastic soap holder	_____
2 - bars soap – full size	_____
<u>Combine the following in a ziplock type bag:</u>	
1 - comb	_____
1 - brush	_____
1 - deodorant- regular size - not travel size	_____
1 - 5-pack disposable razors	_____
<u>Combine the following in a ziplock type bag:</u>	
1 - luggage tag	_____
2 - ball point pens	_____
1 - mechanical pencil, with lead refills	_____
1 - spiral notebook – 8 ½" X 11"	_____
<u>Combine the following in a ziplock to prevent leaking:</u>	
1 - bottle shampoo, at least 12 ounces (no more than 20 oz)	_____
1 - bottle conditioner, at least 12 ounces (no more than 20 oz)	_____
<u>Other Items: (tag with pink ribbon)</u>	
1 - package tampons **	_____
1 - package light pads **	_____

The Board meeting drew a room full of delegates....



The GFWC Reading Program *ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron)*

By *Bobbie Conrady, State ESO
Chairman*



The motto of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, hereinafter ESO, is appropriately Enlighten Your Own Pathway. And what better way than a structural reading program which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. The ESO Handbook sets out the introduction to ESO,

the history of the past and today's ESO policies have changed through the years, membership information, the State ESO Chairmen responsibilities, fun tidbits of facts, confirmation Montana is an established Chapter and the Pledge Application and Book Report forms. To review the Handbook, go to GFWC.org and search ESO.

Now that winter is approaching, this is a good time to pick a book and curl up in your chair and read. Then read another book possibly choosing a different category so as to broaden your knowledge of history, biographies, conservation and fiction which could include historical novels to mysteries to classics. So many categories to choose from you might need to hire a housekeeper so you have more time to read.

The ESO State Chairman will keep a record of what you have read and will report to National how many

hours the members have participated in ESO, the number of books and number of member participation. Also the State ESO Chairman will keep track of the pledge applications and book report forms. The latter can be used for awards through the Educational Program. These forms are on pages 17 and 18 of the Handbook. For guidance, a 300 page book may take 3 to 6 hours to read, a 400 page book could be 14 hours or 2 minutes a page. Also, on the book report form you will need add the category as you want to complete 4 books in 4 categories to start with. It is my plan to visit with each Club President to explain this process.

As State ESO Chairman, I will be meeting with the State President and State Educational Chairman to update and personalize our ESO program, create our own reading lists and more applicable categories list. Also, each Club can create their own reading lists and categories list. The Club would send this to the ESO Chairman who would then get approval from our State President.

To start this off though, send me your pledge applications and book report forms so that we can participate in the educational awards, and report to me the number of hours and books you read. Send to barbaraconrady@gmail.com.

This news article is written in the hopes many of you want to read, learn and continue to pursue self-improvement. Enjoy...Aspire

GFWC LEGISLATION/PUBLIC ISSUES

Joyce Hooper, Chairman, Legislative/Public Policy

As Legislation Chairman it is with great pleasure that I announce what one of the main goals of the 2018-2020 administration which is for GFWC members to use legislative action to become a network of advocates working together to improve the lives of club members and their communities. Our efforts are practical and not political.

Goals of Legislation Policy During This Administration

- Educating members – How Legislative Process and GFWC priorities
- Members raise a voice for those priorities
- Rebuilding GFWC name so we are recognized

How are we going to do this? The tool is the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Members who sign up for Legislative Action Center will receive updates on specific legislation GFWC is supporting. These updates will let you know when you should contact your national legislators about a particular bill. To use this tool to its potential, you must sign up on the internet. The GFWC Legislative Action Center is an incredible tool to educate our members on important issues. Not only can we send legislative alerts, we can also send updates to keep our members informed.

Here are the six easy steps to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center:

1. Click on “What We Do”.
2. Click on “Legislative Action Center”
3. Scroll down the page to the words “Legislative Action Center” in the picture of the dome and click on the picture.
4. On the right side scroll down to “Subscribe to our mailing list” and click on the word “GO” in the blue square.
5. Type in the requested information and click on the word REGISTER in the blue square.
6. Check the “Remember Me” and “Email Opt-in blocks”.

You are all set. Check on the current issues and send your opinions directly to your own legislators. Any time a GFWC member engages in written correspondence with her legislator, she should use the color “RED”, the color of GFWC official flower, the red rose for her signature.

Eventually when a legislator or his aide sees a red signature or red return address, they will recognize that they are hearing from a GFWC member.

Educate Members on the Legislative Process and How to Advocate

- Present a club program (You Tube has the video “I’m just a bill”)
- Encourage club members to contact Senators and Representatives. Tips for communicating are found in the Club Manual.
- Draft sample letters
 - Present a program to teach members about various city county state national levels of government

GFWC recognizes outstanding and creative work in implementing the Legislative/Public Policy program as follows:

- Certificate to one State Federation in each membership category
- \$50 award to a single club for most creative and effective project



Recognize A Shining Star

There are many women in Montana who deserve the Jennie Award, the only national honor recognizing individual members of THE General Federation of Women’s Clubs. Please take the time to nominate a GFWC Montana club woman for this honor.

Each club can nominate one member who has demonstrated commitment to Club, Community and Family. A copy of the judging criteria, nomination form, and award rules were sent to each club president in October. Information can be found on the gfwc.org website under member services/club manual/contests and awards/Jennie award tabs.

This nomination may be, but does not have to be kept a secret from the member. Her information can be invaluable and can help with your research. As a service organization, we are loath to toot our own horns. We should let our STARS SHINE and honor our membership.

The deadline for submission is June 1, 2019. Send them to:

Joyce Rogers
104 Judith Court
Polson, MT 59860
phone: 406.253.3355
email: joycerogers.gfwc@gmail.com

The Montana winner will be announced in Helena at the Fall Meeting on October 11-12, 2019

Joyce Rogers
2018-2020 GFWC MT Jennie Award
Chairman

YOUTH WRITING CONTESTS ***(sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs)***

What: an opportunity for students grades K-12 to express their creativity, compete with other students, be recognized for their work and possibly win awards.

How: the writing students normally do as part of their curricula would work well; there is no need for extra projects on the part of teachers or students. Parents sign a simple creative arts waiver and type the entry.

When: Teachers gather entries until the December holiday break, contact me and I collect them. They are then submitted to a panel of judges to determine state winners for first, second and third place for both poetry and short story, for grade groups K-2, 3-5, 6-9 and 10-12. Those winners will receive recognition as well as small monetary awards. The first place winners will be forwarded to GFWC/international in Washington; DC to compete with writings from students across the U.S.

Who: contest sponsored by GFWC/Helena (a philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the lives of members of our community through volunteer service).

GFWC State Chair/Youth Writing Contest:
Marsha Baumeister
sagemesa@msn.com
505-681-1912 (cell)

LEADS – GFWC of Montana Wants You!

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grass-roots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.

It is highly recommended that each State Federation LEADS candidate meet the following criteria:

*Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman

*Exhibits a commitment to the Federation

*Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved

*Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility

*Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC

*Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state federation

*Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation

*Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level (this criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply)

*Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once

GFWC will cover a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:

*Stipend of \$250 for travel

*Lodging allowance of half of the double room rate for two nights at the Convention hotel

*Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program

*Checks will be distributed to candidates upon attendance and completion of the seminar.

GFWC of Montana contributes \$500 toward expenses. Some clubs also contribute to expenses.

Send applications to Joyce DeCunzo by March 4, 2019.

***GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar
(LEADS) Application Form***

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club _____ District _____

Above information should be concealed during judging process

List all local club officers and/or chairmanships held* _____

List all district officers and/or chairmanships held* _____

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved* _____

List positions at district/state/national level in which you are interested* _____

Are you willing to

Defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or State? Yes___ No___

Return to the state and share what you learned at LEADS? Yes___ No___

*If more space is needed, please complete answers on reverse side of this form. Return copy of this form and two letters of support from active GFWC club members by March 1, 2019 to:

GFWC of MONTANA STATE PRESIDENT
Joyce DeCunzo
5420 Peaks View Drive, Helena, MT 59602

Express Yourself With Photographs!

It is my pleasure to serve as the GFWC MT Photography Chairman for this administration. I had planned to attend the Fall Meeting in Butte in October to talk and meet with all of you, however circumstances prevented my presence.

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage artistic expression, while recognizing achievement on photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests;

The World in Pictures Contest

These photographs and images capture the beauty of the world and people around us in three categories:

Living Things--adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife

Scenes—city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, water

Still Life—abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, Monuments

GFWC Volunteers in Action

Provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography.

A Year in Pictures

Also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest—features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year, providing members the opportunity to showcase their talents while supporting GFWC through the fundraising calendar.

The Photography Contest Rules

- *Photos may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- *All entries for The World in Pictures Photography Contest and the GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography Contest must be submitted by State Chairman Jo Campbell to be eligible.
- *The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest.
- *All photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- *Photos must be taken during the contest year (January 1-December 31)
- *Contestants must be an amateur photographer-earnings from photography must not exceed \$500 annually.
- *Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- *Each submission must be an 8 x 10 inch print. Digital submissions alone will not be considered, but a high-resolution digital copy of the submission is encouraged.
- *All photos must be mounted on a rigid 8 x 10 inch mounted board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. NO mattes, frames, or hangers!
- *Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.
- *Photos may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- *Photos will not be returned.
- *Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
 - Contest name
 - Name and State of sponsoring
 - Photographer's name, email address, mailing address, & phone number
 - Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo
 - Arrow indicating top of photo

DEADLINES: Clubs must send entries to the State Chairman no later than APRIL 1, 2019 to
Jo Campbell 27 Raghorn Court Ennis MT 59729-9199

Contest Awards to be presented at the GFWC Annual Convention to the top three national entrees:

The World in Pictures:

Living Things, Scenes, Still Life	for each category:	First Place	\$100
		Second Place	\$75
		Third Place	\$50

GWFC Volunteers in Action		First Place	\$100
		Second Place	\$75
		Third Place	\$50

I know that we have many talented photographers within GFWC and we want to showcase your work while helping to promote GFWC. Remember, our pictures certainly tell a story and help to maintain a record of our rich history of dedicated volunteer service. So get out there and take pictures before the end of December or submit that special photo that you have taken earlier in the year 2018! I look forward to seeing your works of art!

Jo Campbell
2018-2020 GFWC MT Photography Chairman
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Et Cetera



Mary Ellen Brock, International president, asked each state to send a Christmas tree to headquarters, to be displayed during the holidays. Sandi Conrady made this one to represent GFWC MT. It has over 450,000 stitches.



Eleanor Wallis is the proud recipient of a certificate honoring her 10 years of service as a GFWC member.

Club News

Installation of officers was the focus of the October 23, 2018 GFWC Ronan Woman's Club meeting. Special guests attending and officiating at the installation were State President Joyce DeCunzo and sidekick / State Parliamentary Advisor Sandi Conrady.

President DeCunzo charged new officers Joyce Rogers, Cheri Houle, Caitlin Romero, and Adina Fox with being the Heart of their club and with being their leaders in their duties. Cloth Heart cozies were presented to the officers.

After the business meeting, the club surprised their guests with a duffel bag workshop. Four duffel bags (pink) were filled and presented to Joyce and Sandi for their trip back to Helena.

Pictured are Joyce Rogers, Alice Gleason, Patti Mocabee, Adina Fox, and Connie Romero.

Ronan Installs New Officers



Madison Valley Honors Golden Girls

The Madison Valley Womans Club is proud to have several Golden Girls in its Membership. To be a Golden Girl, one must have reached her 80th birthday. We consider them our Honorary Members!

These volunteers serve as Greeters at our General Meetings, serve on Hostess Committees, and at the Nearly New Shoppe they work in the Marking Room or as Cashiers and Greeters at the front desk.

Golden Girls are an invaluable part of our club and we are always grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment to MVWC.



Joyce Visits Deer Lodge



Deer Lodge President Jacque Lavelle presented Joyce with a large check for YouthEquip, after Joyce was featured speaker at their club meeting.

Golden Girls pictured are as follows:
Front Row: Anita Ames, Joan Clark, Elaine Forsberg, Eileen Walters and Bobby Klatt.
Second Row: Pat Hale, Phyllis Wasick, Beverly Claassen, Virginia Black and Shirley Storey

Submitted by Antoinette Scully

Gains in Plains

Remember the administration when all clubs were urged to “Act in Oct” by making an effort to recruit new members? Plains Woman’s Club jumped on that idea, and have been having successful membership parties every year.

This year’s meeting was a Doggy Mystery party. Members were invited to come dressed in a furry or doggy print item. The entertainment was a participation mystery, and snacks were advertised to be puppy chow and dog bones.

The party was well attended, and netted three new members, as well providing an occasion for long time members to pay their yearly dues.



above: members Marlene Gerhartstein, Margaret Storoy, a party guest, Anita Mitchell, and Deb Cleveland’s s back.
The cute doggie at right is Dayna Dickerson



The Western States Meeting, September



There were some great tours in Las Vegas at the WSR conference, including this one at the Mob Museum. Nefarious characters from Montana, Joyce Decunzo, Bobbie Conrady, Sandi Conrady, Cheryl Martin, and Dorothy Murnim pose as a line of suspects.

Each state was asked to provide a purse for auction at the Western States Regional conference in Las Vegas. This one was made by Joyce DeCunzo. It contained donated jewelry from a friend of Marsha Hotchkiss, a scarf made by Linda Peterson of GFWC Helena Woman’s Club, a \$50 gift certificate and other items. Our own Nancy Hanford won this purse.

