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***38 Duffles Ready to be Delivered!
And that's just from one District Convention***

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A Little Foolishness From the Buddha

Drink tea and nourish life; with the first sip, joy; with the second sip, satisfaction; with the third sip, peace; with the fourth, a Danish.

Wherever you go, there you are. Your luggage is another story.

Accept misfortune as a blessing. Do not wish for perfect health, or a life without problems. What would you talk about?

Be here now. Be someplace else later. Is that so complicated?

If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?

Deep inside you are ten thousand flowers. Each flower blossoms ten thousand times. Each blossom has ten thousand petals. You might want to see a specialist.

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Let's Make it a Date!

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

Dues Due to State treasurer
Karen Gustavson
July 1

Western District Luncheon
July 13
Plains

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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Tidbits to Ponder

Sandi Conrady, Parliamentary Advisor

Let's talk about committees. There are two types of committees: Standing Committees and Special (Ad Hoc or Select).

**Standing Committees* are established in the organization's bylaws. These bylaws can include the chairman and members of the committees. The president can appoint these committees at the beginning of the term of office, if provided for in the bylaws. Alternately it can be voted on at the same time as the officers of the term are voted in. The term is generally the same as the officers' terms.

**Special Committees* are created for a special purpose. If there is a pending motion on the floor, the motion can be made to refer to a committee. Also the special committee can be created by a main motion that assigns a particular subject or matter to the committee. It is common to have the presiding officer appoint the committee members (if it is in the bylaws.) Another way is to have the names of the members included in the motion which creates the committee.

Committees are essential in getting the work of the organization done. Can you imagine the lengths of meetings of the regular meeting of the members? Well maybe you haven't been to a meeting where the scheduled one hour meeting turns into a weekend or so!



Here's some of the jewelry that was for re-sale to the jewels who belong to GFWC Montana!

Our website address: check it out!
www.gfwcmontana.org



From the President

SUMMER greetings Clubwomen! I thought summer had finally arrived last week when the temps were in the 80s. Today, well let's just say that mid 50s isn't what I had hoped for. I have confidence though that come July, warm summer days will be the norm.

I will be leaving for GFWC International convention in Austin, on June 26th. Several other MT members will be there too. As always, I really am looking forward to seeing and meeting with other state presidents, and taking in some great workshops. I will also attend a Board meeting, representing all our Montana members.

What a fun springtime, going from one District convention to another. First stop was Eastern District, held in Bridger. There was a short business meeting, a terrific lunch, and attendees got to participate in creating works of art. Also, 26 YouthEquip duffle bags were completed and later delivered to Tumbleweed, the DPHHS provider for foster youth in Eastern Montana.

Next stop was Fort Benton for the Central District convention. There was a great turnout, and once again a delicious meal. The speaker from the state Justice Department gave an outstanding presentation on human trafficking. Forty-four YouthEquip duffle bags were completed and delivered to the provider in Great Falls.

To finish out the district conventions, we met in Deer Lodge for the Western convention. All 7 clubs in the district were represented, congratulations! There was another great meal (do you see a pattern here?). The day started in the historic building that is the Deer Lodge clubhouse, where treats were served and we had a chance to meet with many of the Deer Lodge members. Deer Lodge president Jacque Lavelle gave a presentation about the evolution and preservation of the historical clubhouse. Again 26 YouthEquip duffle bags were completed and later delivered to DPHHS in Helena.

Take a look at articles in this issue to get more information and pictures about the conventions.

I know some clubs take the summer off, but other clubs continue their activities. However your club operates, I want to take this opportunity to thank all club members for the work you do. Our communities benefit so much from your efforts, you make living in Montana easier for so many.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Our next Board of Directors meeting will be in Helena at the Great Northern Hotel, October 11-12. We had a grand time at the last Fall Board meeting and I hope you all join us at this coming one. Look for the August issue of the Montana Woman, which will include the call to the meeting, the registration form and more information about the content of the meeting.

Enjoy your summer. I look forward to seeing many of you in Helena in October!

People prefer to follow those who help them, not those who intimidate them.

A just cause is not ruined by a few mistakes

Love is true when you don't see eye to eye, but can still walk hand in hand.

In Federation,
Joyce



President Joyce DeCunzo's Youth Equip Project Update

As you know, the President's project is to prepare duffle bags full of everyday needed items to give to the foster kids that age out of the Foster Care program. All three of the District Conventions allowed for a portion of the meeting to fill duffel bags.

At the Eastern District meeting in Bridger we completed 26 bags that were delivered to the Tumbleweed Youth Center in Billings. At the Central District Convention in Fort Benton we completed 44 bags and delivered them to Kairos Youth Services in Great Falls. At the Western District Convention in Deer Lodge we completed 24 bags that were added to other bags Joyce DeCunzo had completed or received for a total of 39 bags delivered to the DPHHS office in Helena. As a result, we have delivered 174 bags as of this reporting.

We have received over \$6,200 in in-kind donations and \$6,247 in cash donations and raffle ticket sales to assist with filling the duffel bags. We plan to prepare as many bags as we have the funding for. We are no longer collecting items as we think it best to purchase the items we need to avoid having too many of certain

things and not enough of others. We want to thank all the clubs for your in-kind and monetary donations to date and would appreciate future monetary donations to assist with the purchase and filling of the duffel bags.

Some of the Club Presidents still have quilt raffle tickets to sell and we will be selling any of the remaining 300 raffle tickets at the Fall Convention in Helena prior to the drawing. We are only selling 300 tickets so we can't promise they won't be sold out before then. If you would like to purchase tickets contact one of us and we will try to get some for you.

At the Fall Convention in Helena we will fill duffel bags but all the items needed to fill the bags will be on hand and organized for the process. We are so appreciative all the efforts of the clubs to make President Joyce's project a success. This has been a challenging but rewarding project for us and we are pleased to work with all of you to prepare and deliver as many duffel bags as we can to assist the youth aging out of Foster Care.

GFWC Montana President's Project Fundraisers



Photography Contest

Jo Campbell, Photography Chairman

I received three photography entries from the state of Montana for 2018 and all three were submitted to the National level for judging. The winners are:

Living Things-Sue Sherrard, Ennis

Scenes- Terry Engle, Ennis

A Year in Pictures-Terry Engle, Ennis

They were each awarded dining gift certificates from the Madison Valley Women's Club in Ennis.

Thank you to both ladies who submitted their photos, let's all keep our fingers crossed that they will be National winners!

I was disappointed that there were only three photo entrees for the entire state, maybe it's because I reminded and encouraged them every month at our meetings! They stepped up to the challenge! So, we have another year to submit photos for the year 2020. The photos must be taken in 2019 and the same rules will apply. I will once again be sending out that information to your state clubs. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me. My email address is

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Take a look at the pictures you have taken so far this year; it's very possible that you have taken an awesome picture, or get out there and take some shots of our beautiful state, animals or people..let's show those folks in Washington, DC what us Montana folks are made of, I CHALLENGE YOU!!



State Annual Report Calendar Year 2018

Montana has 26 clubs, with 589 members. Only 38% of our clubs submitted reports. We are proud to showcase the wonderful volunteer efforts this past year; and will continue to encourage clubs to report. We are working to develop easier guidelines for club and Program Chairman to follow, which you will learn more about at the Fall Meeting.

Statistical Data: There are 26 Clubs and 589 members. These members provided the following:

320 projects, 35,450 volunteer hours, \$19,549 spent (advancement areas); \$178,362 raised; \$224,840 donated, \$51,053 in-kind.

- **Program/Projects:**

Advancement Areas: 47 projects. Leadership claimed 38% of the volunteer hours and 78% of the dollars spent (members to attend meetings and for travel and other costs related to conventions,

Executive Board meetings and publications.

- Fundraising & Development: 23 projects, 12,491 volunteer hours. Clubs raised \$178,362. There many creative and varied fundraising efforts undertaken by our clubs. Two clubs in small communities operate thrift shops which have allowed them to donate \$11,972 and \$122,174.

- Special Programs: 28 projects. 1,339 volunteer hours reported by 7 clubs. \$17,392 donated and \$6,702 in-kind.

- Community Service Programs: Clubs participated in 222 programs. 13,549 volunteer hours, and \$224,840 donated, and \$51,053 in-kind. Education had the most projects at 83 with \$105,635 donated which is 46% of the total dollars in this category. Home



Jewels for Sale!

The PDQ Jewelry Sale went on the road this spring to the District Meetings. It was a great success - we raised \$363. for the President's Project. When we got to the Western District meeting - our supply was dwindling, but we were met with bountiful donations of really beautiful jewelry! We will be setting up again at the Fall meeting - we can always use more jewelry.

Life had 51 projects and was 25% of the total donated.

Highlights of some of the innovative initiatives:

*Partnership with 2 other agencies to provide personal care items to anyone in the community who needs them. Unit was open 99 days, served 778 families and gave out 12,436 personal care products.

*New book and other information for every baby born in the City's hospitals. 577 volunteer hours and \$20,063 donated. Program has provided 25,000 books for 25,000 babies since it's inception.

*Comfort pillows for hospital patients. Club partners with 2 middle schools that sew pillows and the cases. Over 300 kits were made in 2018.

*One club donated \$46,500 to provide scholarships.

*One club has partnered with 6 agencies and hundred of individual donors in a major recycling effort. 24 club members spent 549 hours working on this project. Total recycled: 50.478 tons of material in 2018

The best way to learn more about reporting and what other clubs are doing is for every club to have representation at the Fall Meeting. Our goal is to have 100% of our clubs submitting a report for 2019. If you have any questions on reporting, please contact me by email:

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*Respectfully submitted.
Lynn Foreman,
First Vice President & Dean of Departments.*

"We are proud to showcase the wonderful volunteer-efforts in 2018. Volunteerism is vibrant in Montana!"

Joyce DeCunzo, President GFWC Montana



Eastern Meets at Bridger

GFWC of Montana members from all over the state had a “jet away for a day at the beach” for the Eastern District Convention on Saturday, April 6th, at the Bridger Elementary School arriving in many “beach wear items & hats” for a comfortable and relaxing day. The day began with breakfast refreshments followed by a short business meeting. President Joyce DeCunzo gave a short explanation of how the Duffle Bag Project is coming along while Kim Montag and Toni Scully were busy shorting all of the donations for the 20+ duffle bags. The members present were busy filling the duffle bags before lunch.

Our “sip & paint” began with the introduction of Lindi O’Brien and her daughter, Markee DeRudder, both of whom are artists in the Bridger area. Lindi is also the art teacher at a local public school where she also has adult education classes in the evening. Lindi explained that ANYONE can paint anything with Markee demonstrating and/or showing pictures/styles that each



Artist Lindi O’Brien



member could choose to paint for her “sip & paint” project. Members were each given a 8x10” canvas and paints then went to “work”. Aprons designed and printed by Lindi were available for the women to wear and take if they wanted to.

We had a short break for a potato and taco bar luncheon with lots of visiting and laughter. Then it was back to painting on the “beach”. There was a multitude of different styles, colors, pictures, etc. that came to be that afternoon.

The ladies had chances throughout the day to support the PDQs by purchasing jewelry and buying raffle tickets for the raffle donations that had been brought by members/clubs while renewing friendships and making new friends.

At the end of the afternoon, over 20 duffle bags had been filled that will be taken to Billings for distribution to youth in need. Many members won raffle prizes & sported new jewelry but, best of all, were able to take



Duffle Stuffers, doing good work



How can it be a good day without a kitchen crew!

Left to right: Staci Pospisil, Lisa Price, Vicki Weiper

Getting ready for play...

GFWC Central Convenes in Fort Benton

The GFWC of Montana Central District held their Conference Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Community Bible Center in Fort Benton, Mt. The Theme for the meeting was “Spring Fiesta”, and GFWC Fort Benton hosted the activities. Joyce DeCunzo, GFWC of Montana President; several Executive Committee members and members from Fort Benton, Helena, Madison Valley and Moore attended.

A short Business meeting was held before Conference Speakers, Brian Kahn, author and ‘Home Ground’ radio host, and Bryan Lockerby, State of Montana Division Administrator, Division of Criminal Investigations, gave informative talks about Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is in Montana and we all need to know what to watch for and be aware of what is going on around us.

A Mexican Buffet lunch was served while members and guests were entertained by a style show from the local ‘Governor’s Keep’ clothing store. Following lunch, we enjoyed the music of singer-songwriters the “Luck Valentines”.

The elected officers for Central District 2020-2022 are President: Bobbie Conrady, Vice President: Kim Montag, Treasurer: Connie Ellerman and Secretary: Beth Campbell. They will be installed at the GFWC of Montana Biennial Convention in April 2020. Central District endorsed Lynn Foreman for GFWC Montana President-Elect. The Central District also endorsed Sandi Conrady who presently serves as Western State Region Secretary, as a candidate for the Western States Region Vice President.

Our State President, Joyce DeCunzo spoke of GFWC’s 129th year anniversary with our Federation day of April 24, and mentioned the Federation Dates of the

Clubs in Central District. There were 41 bags completed for delivery to the Great Falls foster program director at the end of the day for our President’s Special Project. It was reported by Kim Montag and Toni Scully, Pres-



ident’s Special Project Chairwomen, that 91 complete duffel bags have been delivered to date.

Central District Clubs’ reports were given and Fort Benton Woman’s Club’s ‘Rhoda the Roving Reporter’ (Nancy Handford) put on her Mexican Sombrero, and gave members tips about how to track reporting information. She reported in 2018 the state’s clubs had donated \$178,368 back into their communities with 83 different projects.

Just a reminder to all Clubs in Central District that there is money available in the Stipend Fund to assist members for travel expenses to Conferences or Conventions. Please contact Toni Molinario, Central District President for more information. A Great day was had making new and renewing old friendships and sharing Club news and ideas. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the GFWC of Montana Fall meeting in Helena at The Great Northern Hotel on October 11-12, 2019.



Left: Is it fair to call these women the bag ladies of Central district?

Right: Our Number One Lady peruses PDQ jewelry. Wonder what she bought!



GFWC Montana Western District Convention

The 2019 GFWC Montana Western District Spring Convention met in Deer Lodge on May 4, 2019. Registration and coffee, donuts and a video of the historic GFWC Deer Lodge Club House were held in the club house. The convention theme was “Celebrating Preservation”.

The meeting was held at the Elks Club and was called to order by President Michelle Furry. The welcome was given by GFWC Deer Lodge president Jacque Lavelle and the response by Rae Proctor of GFWC Woman’s Club of Missoula. There were 40 members present from 7 clubs. GFWC Montana President, Joyce DeCunzo gave a short talk.

Kim Montag and Toni Scully, Co-chairmen of the President’s Project gave a report on the number of completed bags, number of bags in process and dol-



lar amounts donated. They also displayed the beautiful quilt that is being raffled. The Western District then donated \$300.00 to the project.

There were 5 applicants for the district scholarship and the student chosen is a female nursing student at Flathead Valley Community College. She is a hard working, non-traditional student and will graduate with her RN in 2020. The district scholarship will be awarded once an administration and each club will still pay the scholarship fee annually.

The nominating committee reported that our district President Elect Margaret Storey is unable to continue in that office since she will be moving out of the district. Past GFWC of Montana President Adina Fox has agreed to serve as President Elect and continue on as District President. Thank you Adina!

Other officers elected are, Karen Gustavsen - Vice

President, Secretary – Linda Sukow, Treasurer – Linda Stephani.

The district happily endorsed Sandi Conrady for GFWC Western Region Vice President. Sandi was introduced by President Joyce.

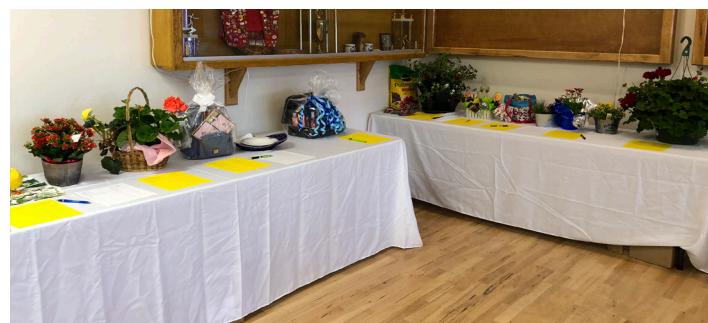
Each club president or club representative gave a review of club activities and programs. Jacque Lavelle, President of GFWC Deer Lodge Woman’s Club gave a great presentation of the history of Deer Lodge. Who knew the first college in Montana was in Deer Lodge?

There was a silent auction of spring garden supplies and raised over \$400.00 that the Deer Lodge club will use for a scholarship for a deserving female student. And, the Past District President’s jewelry sale was well received.

The meeting adjourned after the Club Collect was recited and a self tour of the New To You Shop followed. GFWC Deer Lodge Woman’s Club provided a wonderful day. Lots of blue sky, sun, friendship, information and a very tasty lunch. Thank you.



Joyce poses with Deer Lodge president Jacque Lavelle



Silent auction items raised money for Deerlodge Scholarship

From GFWC History: The Federation Forest

Do you have questions about the history of GFWC of Montana? Earlier this month I saw a post from GFWC Plains Woman's Club asking about a sign one of their members saw:

I had heard that GFWC of Montana had a 'Federation Forest' but had not done much research into it. In the early 1930s state federations were asked to help with conservation by planting and sponsoring a 'Federation Forest' or a 'Memorial Forest'. The aim was conservation and the Roadside Beautification program. Some states, such as GFWC Washington State, are still active in caring for their Federation Forest and have an annual work day at their forest site. Here is a link to information concerning a couple of other Memorial or Federation Forests: <https://www.gfwc.org/8770-2/>.

To discover more information about our Montana Federation Forest, I went to the Montana Memory Project where copies of our GFWC Montana Woman Magazine have been scanned so they can be viewed online. This is a great resource for not only our organization's history but also our state's history. Here is a link to the site: <https://mtmemory.org/digital/custom/home/#/> Once there, type Montana Woman Magazine in the search field or find Collections and scroll to Montana Woman Magazine. Copies of The Montana Woman that were scanned are from 1924-2004. I do not know if more recent copies will be added to this collection. So where did the story of our Federation Forest lead me?

I found the first mention of this project in the February 1938 issue with Fort Benton WC reporting they had approved the \$6.00 donation to plant an acre of trees. In March Glasgow, Havre, Laurel, East Helena, and Darby reported their \$6.00 donations and in the April issue



Cutbank's donation was reported. In the May issue the state chairman, Mrs. Ellen Nye, reported "During the few months your chairman has worked on this project we have collected funds to assure us of a 40-acre tract which will be located on Highway No. 2 between Columbia Falls and Glacier Park".

The May issue also lists the 49 clubs that had sent in their \$6.00 donation to forest and acre. Clubs continued to send in contributions and the November 1938 issue contained a MT Resolution to support the Federation Forest. In May of 1942 it was reported that a second Federation Forest of around 20 acres was planted near Georgetown Lake on Highway No. 10A out from Anaconda. This tract was planted with Douglas fir or spruce. In 1948 the balance of the Federation Forest fund (\$30.00) was used to replant trees in 'our forest between Coram and Belton'. Children from the town of Coram had a school picnic and followed it with the planting of 2000 ponderosa pine seedlings. The October 1948 issue had a picture of the children doing the planting on the cover:

The article on page 14 tells us:

The original Federation Forest was planted in May of 1938 but I was not able to find a photo of the dedication sign until the Jan-Feb 1989 issue:

An article by Mary Lou Borden, who was the District 1 president at the time, is titled "Pride in Being a Member". The article discussed her reading an article celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Federation Forest. This article sparked an idea that Mary Lou then took to her local club GFWC Century Club (this club was





KEEPING MONTANA GREEN

Courtesy Hungry Horse News — See Page 14

located in Kalispell). The Century Club approached the Hungry Horse Ranger District with a plan for a new planting. The article states "Both the GFWC Century Club and the Forest Service are excited about this new planting and the living memorial to the GFWC's Centennial Birthday, the GFWC Century Club and the State of Montana".

This brings us back to the start of the article, the sign the member of the GFWC Plains Woman's club had come across. It was the third Federation Forest for GFWC of Montana, not the original. From the articles I could find, the original forest was still in existence in 1989 though under risk from the mountain pine beetle and its future was not certain. In an effort to save

THE COVER PICTURE

The picture on the cover was taken last May by the editor of The Hungry Horse News. The "News" takes its name from the new government project, the Hungry Horse Dam, which is being built in Northwestern Montana.

The children of the town of Coram had a school picnic and followed it with the planting of 2000 ponderosa pine seedlings, under the direction of the district Forest Ranger.

The tiny trees, bought by the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, were placed on a burned-over plot along Highway Number 2 just outside Glacier National Park. In the background can be seen a few of the 32000 pines planted in 1938 as part of the Women's Clubs' project. The plot is marked with a large rustic sign which states that the area has been planted by the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs.

the majority of the trees, the federation planting was partially cut and appears to have made history as the first lumber produced from hand planted trees on the Flathead Forest.

I hope you have enjoyed this peek back at our history and if anyone is able to find the signs marking our other two Federation Forests – please send pictures!

Cheryl Martin
2018-2020 GFWC of Montana Historian

After much careful research it has been discovered that the artist Vincent Van Gogh had many relatives.

Among them were:

- * His obnoxious brother.....Please Gogh
- * His dizzy aunt.....Verti Gogh
- * The brother who ate prunes.....Gotta Gogh
- * The brother who worked at a convenience store.....Stop'n Gogh

* The grandfather from Yugoslavia.....U Gogh
* The brother who bleached his clothes white.....

Hue Gogh

- * The cousin from Illinois.....Chica Gogh
- * His magician uncle.....Wherediddy Gogh
- * His Mexican cousin.....Amee Gogh

* The Mexican cousin's American half brother.....
Grin Gogh

* The nephew who drove a stage coach
Wellsfar Gogh

* The constipated uncleKant Gogh

* The ballroom dancing aunt.....Tan Gogh

* The bird lover uncle.....Flamin Gogh

* His nephew psychoanalyst.....E. Gogh

* The fruit loving cousin.....Man Gogh

* An aunt who taught positive thinking.....
Wayta Gogh

* The little bouncy nephew.....Poe Gogh

* A sister who loved disco.....Go Gogh

* And his niece who travels the country.....

Winnie Bay Gogh...

Club News

Billings Junior Members Participate in Arbor Day

Four GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club members volunteered at the award-winning celebration of Arbor Day at Central Park on Thursday, May 2nd. In the morning volunteers worked on projects related to tree planting and care, as well as park improvements. Volunteers also worked with 500 elementary students from local 4th grade classes at education stations as well as work projects. Volunteers received an official t-shirt and lunch.



Getting Together!

Six members from Helena Woman's Club attended the Canton Valley Woman's Club meeting, held in Winston. We have enjoyed this annual gathering for many years.

Above: Rena Bucher, Bev Silkwood, Marsha Hotchkiss, and Michelle Breum
Right: Bev Silkwood



Plains Spruces Up Old Schoolhouse

GFWC Plains Woman's Club held an annual cleanup day at the historic old schoolhouse the club maintains in town. It was formerly one of the first country one room schools scattered about the Plains vicinity.



Madison Valley Shines

The Madison Valley Woman's club has had a wonderful, heartfelt, interesting, enlightening, productive, busy, fulfilling year! How many adjectives can I use to describe the many activities that our club is involved in and contributes to?!

We continue to support the many local entities in town including but not limited to, our school, hospital, manor, senior center, library, fire department, food bank, as well as others outside our community such as Habitat for Humanity, Intermountain, Cancer Support Community, Jack Creek Preserve and others, too numerous to list. The Madison Valley Woman's Club is especially proud to announce \$46,000 in scholarships that were awarded to HS Seniors and Alumni. Each year the club offers scholarships to seniors attending 4 yr, 2 yr colleges or trade schools in addition to alumni and Non-Traditional students.

The support mainly comes from our Nearly New Shoppe, where members of our club donate many, many hardworking hours, all volunteers with big hearts. How can we ever thank them enough for all they do to make the shop run smoothly, efficiently and productively? As of the end of April, the Nearly New Shoppe has made \$144,000 with two months still to go in our year! All of which is donated back into our community, various other deserving organizations and the Nearly New itself with repairs and maintenance. We are extremely proud



of our club and the many members who support us!

Our club convened the end of May with our last meeting having a table decorating contest. Members gather together to pick a theme important to them and decorate a table portraying the theme complete with costume! First place winners this year was "Hot Flash Faithfuls in Yellowstone" depicting summer tourists, complete with an erupting geyser on their table! They were awarded a \$1000 prize to give to an organization of their choice and all decorated tables were awarded lesser money awards to do the same. A fun time, and hats off to our very talented ladies!

Following was our installation of officers for the following year, left to right, Terry Engels-President Elect, Jo Campbell-Corresponding Secretary, Mary Sedwick-President, Cynthia Quirk-Recording Secretary, Lynn Leeming-Vice President and Sue Sherrard-Treasurer.

The executive board will be hosting a BBQ for all club members and their guests in August and we will reconvene in September with our regularly scheduled meeting.

Jo Campbell

Corresponding Secretary



Marcia and Bill Zankowski, former residents of Ennis.

Outstanding Past President Visits Madison Valley Meeting

Marcia Zankowski, Past Club President, served MValley Woman's Club in that capacity for five years. We have President Zankowski and her Executive Board to thank for securing the present location of the NEARLY NEW SHOPPE on Main Street. Because of their efforts in 2002, our thrift store, formerly Angle Hardware, and our volunteers have continued to grow and thrive. Thank you, Marcia!!

GFWC Thompson Falls Happenings in 2018-2019

Here is a quick summary of four projects completed by the Thompson Falls Woman's Club this year.

We began the club year with something new. Our Bylaws had changed to make our meetings October through June, but soon discovered we needed to make some decisions before the first meeting. The result was an informal pot-luck picnic in September.



Member Vonn Briggs reviews the vial's contents with member Janice Roberts.

The picnic gave us a chance to catch-up with each other and complete the business necessary.

Cookies for Teachers is a traditional fall project. Members bake or purchase cookies then gather to assemble four trays. These treats are delivered to the 3 schools plus the main Administrative Office for the district to say thank you for their dedication to the students.

To celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Services, the club assembled Vial of Life Kits. Each kit consists of 3 items: 1.) a medical record sheet giving allergies, medications, emergency contacts, and other pertinent information EMTs would like to have during an emergency; 2.) a baggie or repurposed medicine con-

tainer labeled with a "Vial of Life" sticker. This baggie or vial is placed on or in the refrigerator; 3.) a decal to affix to the outside of the front door letting emergency personnel know to look in/on the fridge. The first 100 kits were distributed quickly on MLK Day so 100 more were made and distributed on Valentine's Day as a part of Heart Health Month.

April 30th saw the completion of a month-long project in the elementary school called Running Start. Begun by Eileen Stone, the club has coordinated and grown this RIF project for nearly 20 years. Basically, for every log recording 21 books or chapters read by or to the child, the child's name is placed in a drawing. To begin the event the school principal gathered the children on the playground, announced the reading challenge, then lead them on a run around the yard. With financial assistance from one bank in town, each child K-6 is given a book to keep. At an ice cream party sponsored by another bank, winners are drawn for prizes provided by the local Masonic Lodge. The Kindergarten winner gets to choose a bike or scooter, the 1st - 2nd grade winner gets a Kindle Fire as does the 3rd – 4th winner and the 5th – 6th winner. As an added feature the new Superintendent awarded the 4th grade classroom recording 756 books/chapters to select one crazy thing for the superintendent to do. What a grand time was had by all!



Pictured from left to right are drawing winners Wyatt Clawson, Jeromy Fausett, Easton Deal, and Addy Deal.

GFWC Bitterroot's Very Fine Year

The Bitterroot Woman's continues in having an awesome year.

- Our membership has increased 44% and we were able to have fourteen members attend the Western District Convention in Deerlodge.
- February was an exciting month for us. We delivered cookies to the home bound and the veterans.
- In March, 30 Birthday Bags were delivered to the Darby Food Bank included in the bags were cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons and toys. Janice Brown a new member sewed 60 pillow cases to be included in the birthday bags. These bags will also be used at our 50 mile garage craft show in June.
- We were honored to have our member, Colonel (Retired) Nancy Dezell, Chaplain of the American Legion Pose 47 and Post 47 Commander Ruth Bizarro-Cook participate in four memorial day events including the Corvallis Memorial Day parade. Ruth is the first female commander of the Post in its 100 year history.
- In addition, as an RN, Nancy assisted ophthalmology doctors to perform eye surgeries in Guatemala in early April. She is also a Red Cross nurse and volunteers with Hospice.
- In April we raised over \$2,000 for scholarships at a silent auction at the Bitterroot Brewery. Our ladies out did themselves with over 30 baskets.
- At the Corvallis Memorial Day parade we have a Pie & Plant Sale. Our ladies baked homemade pies and brought starter plants from their homes. We were able to raise \$872.

- In the summer months we are looking forward to our 50 mile garage craft show, strawberry concert, and our teachers' luncheon in August.



At the Corvallis Christmas craft show: Sara Fryer, Bonnie Dye-Demott, Cathy Barth and Joyce Hooper



Pat Tibbs, Carole Steigerwalt and Linda Stephani at the Pie and Plant Sale



Rear: Carole Steigerwalt, Barbara Harrison, Joyce Hooper, Linda Sinerius.
Front - Cathy McCormick, Jody Magdos



Memorial Day in Hamilton: Ruth Bizarro Cook, Joyce Hooper and Nancy Dezell