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GFWC Montana Biennial Convention

April 19—21, 2024

Great Northern Hotel –Best Western, Helena

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which will be sent to Club Presidents & Chairman**

BE CERTAIN TO SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERS

CLUB PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

INTERESTING SPEAKERS

SILENT AUCTION

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SATURDAY EVENING

By

WENDY CARRIKER, GFWC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

NEW SESSION

MONTANA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

SESSION on SUNDAY MORNING

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The Montana Woman

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

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From the President

The CARE Project has been near and dear to me, I only wish that it would be more widely embraced beyond our organization, at a time when many of those who take care of “us” deserve kindness & recognition for what they do.

We are also here to help each other. We have done so by providing PDQ jewelry to club who repurpose it as a fund raiser for their club, or give to another not-for-profit organization to use as a fund raiser. The Helena Woman’s Club operates the Personal Care Pantry our of the Good Samaritan Thrift Store. The cost of providing these products has increased significantly. It would be greatly appreciated if those attending the conference would bring a full size personal item such as Shampoo, Condition, Toothpaste, etc.

The Leadership Zoom Session on Sunday was well done. I would like to acknowledge our Leads past Graduates who did an outstanding job putting it together. The session was recorded and I will let you know when it is available on the GFWC website. It really will serve as an orientation to GFWC Montana (the History) for Clubs and new members.



Thank you for all that you do for your community. Keep up the your efforts “Taking Care of Those that Take Care of us”

*In Federation & Kindness,
Lynn*

Here it is Valentine’s Day already! Hope you had a nice day! First, a shout out to all of the Clubs that submitted their Annual Reports! I am looking forward to reading your reports; and compiling the Annual Statistics for the State. I want to acknowledge our Education & Libraries CSP Chairman, Lorri Renard, GFWC Thompson Falls Woman’s Cub, who is first to submit her report (a month ahead of the deadline!).

The GFWC Montana Calendar—for 2025 is in production, and I will be distributing it to Clubs at the April Convention. Just a reminder this is a fund raiser for GFWC Montana’s General Fund, to help cover our future conference expenses. It has photo’s taken by Club Women and submitted by the three Districts. Each district has a photo for each season. The plan is for all clubs to sell calendars in their Communities.

I really would like to encourage EVERY club to send at least one person to our Convention. I acknowledge that the cost of the Hotel rooms and meals has gone up, and may be a hardship, particularly if you do not share a room. Please reach out to me if this is the reason for not being represented. The first timers who attended the Fall Meeting, were glad that they came because they were astonished to learn what other clubs are doing; they met new people and made friends, and are eager to come in April. I personally, having never been involved in a not for profit organization since I was a Girl Scout at age 12; did not realize how rewarding it is to be able to serve my Community, with the benefit of making new friends with members from all over Montana, and for the past two years, the other State Presidents, and members of the GFWC International Board.



ORDER YOUR GFWC OF MONTANA SHIRTS TODAY!



S to 2XL \$30.00 each



XS to 4XL \$25.00 each

Offered in either a short sleeve or long sleeve style, a large variety of sizes are available for this distinctive high quality Royal Blue shirt with the GFWC of Montana logo prominently displayed on the front in white.

SIMPLE TO ORDER AND SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOU
Scan the QR Code or
visit www.bonfire.com/gfwc-of-montana
to get started

Bring awareness of your affiliation with GFWC and GFWC of Montana by wearing this shirt at club events with the public! Small quantity print jobs can be expensive for clubs. Here is your opportunity to join a statewide campaign at a reasonable cost. No set-up cost to you, no minimum order size; individual orders will be mailed directly to members as they join your club and place their order.

Save on shipping by submitting a group order going to one location.



Meet the Candidates

President Elect—Kim Montag

Kim and her husband Jeff retired in 2007 and moved from Houston, Texas to McAllister, MT. Kim joined the GFWC Madison Valley Woman's Club in 2008 where she served as Treasurer from 2011 thru 2014; Recording Secretary from 2014 thru 2016; and President-Elect from 2020 thru 2022. She served as President from July 2022 thru June 2023.

Kim has previously served as Treasurer of GFWC MT and is currently serving as Vice-President for the current administration. Kim has served as Treasurer and Vice President of the Central District of GFWC MT in past administrations and is presently serving as President for the 2022-2024 administration.



Since arriving in Montana, Kim has been involved in many other charitable and civic organizations including Montana Land Reliance, the Ennis Senior Center, the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation and Henry's Fork Foundation.

Kim was born in Houston, Texas and after graduating from the University of Texas in 1975 joined the international accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche where she worked for over 30 years and was admitted to the Partnership in 1986.

Kim and Jeff Montag still live in McAllister, Montana with their Border Collie - Belle. Kim enjoys fly-fishing, photography, golf and cooking. Kim is honored to have been nominated for the position of President Elect and looks forward to serving the GFWC of Montana in this role.

Vice President —Linda Suckow

Linda Suckow was a military brat who lived much of her early life overseas. In her teens she lived with her parents at Edwards Air Force Base. When she became an adult, she continued her family's military tradition by enlisting in the Air Force, first serving on active duty and then in the reserves. After her service, she settled down in Las Vegas, Nevada where she worked for several major hotels and later, the school district. It's also where she met her husband, Reed. After 20 years of living together in the desert, but spending every summer in Montana, they decided that this was where they wanted to retire. They've never looked back.



Linda joined the Deer Lodge Women's Club in 2017. In 2019 she had the opportunity to attend the Leadership Education and Development Seminar. In the same year, she also attended her first National Convention. Both helped prepare her for service in her local club. Beyond her local club, Linda has served as a Juniors' Special Project Advocate for Children, a Nomination Committee member, a Leadership Committee member, the Western District Secretary, and Western District Vice President. Next term, she'll serve as the Western District President.

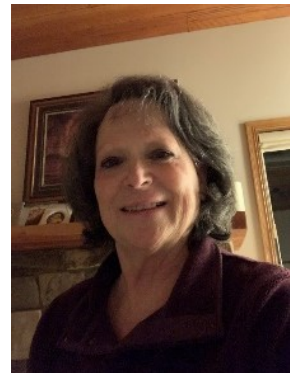
Linda is also involved in other organizations within the Deer Lodge community. She is on the Planetree Steering Committee at the Deer Lodge Medical Center, is the Treasurer of the Powell County Shooting Association, and for a few years she quilted with the Prayers and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry, which makes quilts for charity.

Linda and Reed just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have enjoyed living the past 9 years in beautiful Deer Lodge, Montana. Linda is honored to have been nominated for the position of President



Recording Secretary—Cathy Kipping

Cathy has been a member of GFWC Helena Woman's Club since May 2019. She and her husband Tony moved to Montana from Texas in 2017 after a motorhome trip sent them thru Montana on their way to Yellowstone. They fell in love with the area and decided it was going to be their retirement place to live.



They live in Clancy which is just outside of Helena. Cathy retired from her corporate job in 2018 after 37 years at Citigroup as an IT Manager in their Retail Cards Division. She currently works part-time at The Sewing Palace to help support her quilting habit. Her hobbies are cycling, kayaking, sewing, and crafting.

She has been a long-time supporter of GFWC as her mother was a long-time member of the Campbell Country Women's Club in California. She assisted her mother in many of her projects which then drove her to join GFWC in Helena, as she wants to keep the Legacy alive which keeps her close to her mother's memory. She met Sandi Conrady at a retreat with the Helena Quilt Guild, signed up as a member and dove right in working a vendor event the next month. Between her job at The Palace and being a member of the women's club keeps her busy, her husband is used to the 'see you sometime later'!

Treasurer—Sarah Fryer

Sarah is the President of the Bitterroot Women's Club. She joined the group of fun, community oriented women in 2018. She has been involved in every aspect of the club and loves helping her Club sisters and the community in various ways. She is also, co-chairman of the Montana State President's C.A.R.E. Project for President Lynn Foreman. She was also the GFWC Montana State Leads graduate in 2021. She has held numerous chairmanships and has learned something from each of them. She very much enjoys traveling to district, state, WSR and International conventions. The women present at all of these meetings are a wealth of information!



She is well versed in budgeting, development of non-profits, organizing and implementing strategies, profit and loss, tracking of dues, membership and leadership.

Sarah was born in Missouri, moved to Montana when she was two, moved to New York at eighteen and came back home in 2005 to get married and have a family. She has two wonderful boys who have tagged along to local club meetings since 2018. In her free time she enjoys her family, traveling, graphic design, cross stitch, and embroidery. She owns her own consulting business and is the Community Liaison for the Corvallis School District. She helps many different kinds of businesses with their marketing needs. She really enjoys working with school districts, political campaigns, election offices, and non-profits.

Sarah is looking forward to helping our state organization and meeting more members who love GFWC! Thank you for this opportunity.



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https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.27075.html?groupId=M20AV2P8

BE ON THE LOOKOUT - Official Call and Registration will be sent to Club Presidents and Board of Directors Chairmen by early March.



Secure the Call Cell Phone Collection **Beth Campbell, Chairman**

The success of cell phone manufacturers has resulted in placing public pay phones on the endangered species list. If you don't have a phone of your own, you're cut off from most of the world most of the time. This includes senior citizens, domestic abuse victims, and children in crisis to name a few.

The solution to this and the problem of electronic waste is support of Secure the Call! They collect old, unwanted cell phones, inspect them, and select the used phones that work well enough to be reused. They process and package them with chargers so that they can be immediately reused to acquire 911 services and ship them out to agencies, companies, and institutions across the nation that redistribute the phones to individuals who are not only in need but at a high risk for needing emergency services. Any unusable phone is sent to a recycling center who trades the unusable phone for one that does.

How many used phones can your club collect from your community to bring to our Convention in April?

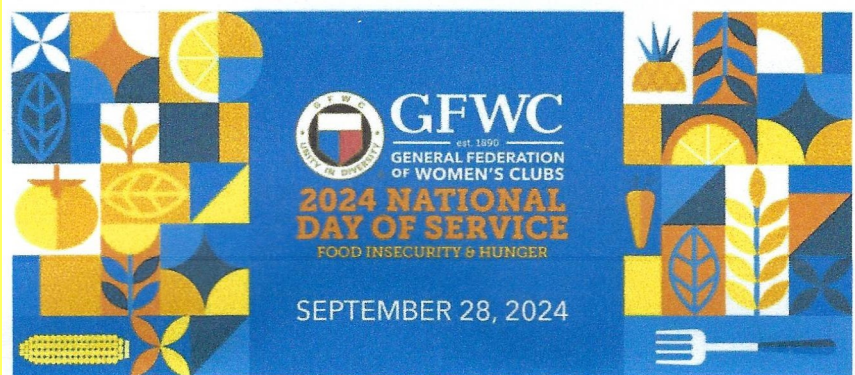
There will be a collection box at the Registration Table. Let us know how many cell phones and accessories you have collected so we can all celebrate the accomplishment!

**NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

FOOD INSECURITY & HUNGER

**LOOK FOR MORE
INFORMATION THROUGH
NEWS & NOTES**

REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY SPRING



COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

REMINDER

Please send your entries to Joyce Hooper at hooperj139@gmail.com by March 1, 2024, for judging. This award period is from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. The 4 page fillable entry form may be found on the GFWC website (gfwc.org) in the Digital Library under Resources/Club Manual/Awards and Contests/2022-2024 Fillable CIP Award.

If you have any questions, contact Joyce Hooper.

Up-Coming Dates to Remember

- Feb. 11 Leaders & Learners, 3:00 pm Zoom
- March 1 Spring Membership Recruitment Report due to GF and Karen Gustavsen
- March 1 Youth and Members Writing Contest Entries due to Jan Beekman. GFWC MT Chairman
- March 1 Community Impact Program Entries due to Joyce Hooper, GFWC MT Chairman
- March 15 Newsletter & Website Contest Entries due to Jen Nowak, GFWC Chairman, see GFWC Club Manual for details
- April 1 Photography Contest Entries due to Jo Campbell, GFWC MT Chairman
- April 19-20 GFWC MT Biennial Convention Helena, MT
- April 21-27 Volunteers in Action Week
- April 24 Federation Day
- April 30 GFWC of Montana Anniversary
- June 28 - July 2 GFWC Annual Convention Chicago, IL
- July 1 Dues submitted to GFWC MT Treasurer

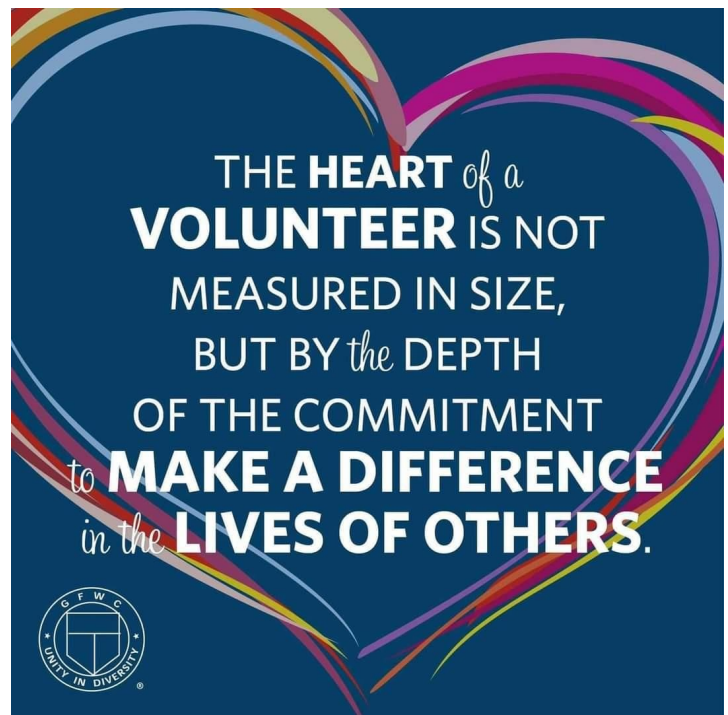
Membership Corner "Sparkle and Shine" Karen Gustavsen, Chairman

Celebrate GFWC:

- * Celebrate **GFWC Federation Day** on April 24 by organizing and conducting a fun community service project.
- * Wear GFWC emblematic apparel or wear **FEDERATION BLUE** (royal blue) so the color becomes associated with club events. The new GFWC Montana shirt is perfect!
- * Ask the mayor to designate April 24 as GFWC (insert name of your club) Day, to recognize the contributions your club has made to the local community.
- * Invite television and newspaper reporters to your club's major community service events. Be ready with stories and facts about the impact of your club.

Do you have a member who has qualified for a STAR Pin by bringing in 5 new members during her membership?

Contact this Chairman to find out how to honor her at our Biennial Convention in Helena this April.



GFWC Montana

Has someone in your club written a club history, whether a pamphlet, few pages, or a bound book? Have you ever looked at the online library of club histories to see if your club's history is included? Check out online the link www.librarycat.org/lib/GFWC and follow the simple search directions. The Women's History Resource Center, housed in the GFWC Headquarters in Washington DC, is a premier collection utilized by many scholars in their research. Let the activities and accomplishments of your club be part of their findings. Maybe there is a published work by one of your club members about the history of your community and the part that women played. WHRC Librarian Joanna Church would gladly accept your club's written history.

Before your club discards any old papers, books, or *The Montana Woman Magazine* check on the Montana Memory Project to make sure it is not one of the few missing issues or call the WHRC to see if they would like to add it to their collection. Recently the Thompson Falls Woman's Club found a 1937 issue of the *Clubwoman Magazine* by GFWC. They contacted WHRC and learned that there was only one copy in their collection and they would be excited to receive the addition. You may have a treasure stored away! Do you have a cookbook printed by your club? WHRC would love a copy!



A view of part of the WHRC collection.



WHRC Pin

As part of the 40th Anniversary of WHRC there was a major cataloging project to survey and preserve the collection thanks to monetary donations from clubwomen across the country. On March 6, 2024 there will be an in person celebration featuring GFWC Past President Installation gowns.

You too can support WHRC by purchase of this pin from the Marketplace or making a donation through the Annual Giving Program available in the digital library under Resources/A.



June 28 - July 1, 2024

Hilton in Downtown Chicago

Book your room: https://book.passkey.com/gt/219471801?gtid=5aa8f8b6645ecbcc3117e72d47c65dbb&utm_campaign

Opening of Registration will be announced in *News & Notes*

