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GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS GREAT LAKES REGION 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 2013



GFWC Ohio Delegation from L to R front row seated: GFWC Treasurer Debbie Strahanoski; GFWC President-elect Babs Condon; Great Lakes President Linda Clark; GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister; GFWC Ohio President Corky Nosek; GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Becky Weber. Standing are the GFWC Ohio members that attended the conference in Indianapolis.



Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage held at Memorial Forest & Shrine

The annual pilgrimage was held on Sunday, September 29, 2013. More than 43 members of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs traveled to Mohican Forest to honor our fallen Ohio military personnel.

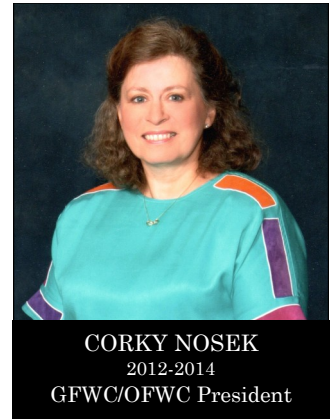
This year GFWC Ohio dedicated three benches, with three more to be dedicated in 2014.

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Message from the President

“CREATING OUR LASTING LEGACY” ***WHERE WE’VE BEEN, WHERE WE’RE GOING***



CORKY NOSEK

2012-2014

GFWC/OFWC President

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs relates our founding story in its historical literature. GFWC had its inception in 1868, when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional journalist who wrote under the name Jennie June, was denied entrance to an all-male press club reception honoring novelist Charles Dickens. Because she was a woman, Croly was unable to gain entrance to that dinner, and in turn, she formed a club for women and named it “Sorosis”.

In 1890 Croly invited women’s clubs from around the country to attend a convention in New York City. At that Ratification Convention, from April 23-25, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs was formed. It is in Croly’s pen-name that the GFWC presents the Jennie Award for outstanding clubwomen, and also the Jane Cunningham Croly prize for professional journalism. This year the prize was awarded to CNN correspondent Jessica Ravitz for “*Saving Aesha*”.

The early years saw GFWC support a resolution against child labor, support the juvenile court law which became a model for all forthcoming juvenile court laws, spearhead a letter campaign which was essential to the passage of the pure food and drug act. In 1901, the 56th congress of the United States chartered the GFWC and designated that the Federation be headquartered in Washington, DC. We found our headquarters at 1734 N Street with the help of an N Street neighbor and New York State GFWC clubwoman. As GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon mentioned in a speech several years ago, it was Eleanor Roosevelt in 1922 who told GFWC officers about an available building just up the street from her DC home...and so it was 1734 N Street that became our International Headquarters!

From the late 1800’s through the 20’s, the women’s suffrage movement was an historical motivating issue for GFWC members who turned their attentions also to the children’s bureau, maternal education, the American home and the establishment of over 75% of this nation’s libraries. In subsequent years GFWC raised enough money during WWII to buy four hundred thirty one (431) planes, participated in the conference to form the United Nations, led campaigns to promote street lights, mandatory seat belts and the white reflective lines in the middle of roads and highways, all resulting in safer communities and roadways continuing to this day!

We were instrumental in the formation of the National Park System, founded the Women’s History and Resource Center, supported the passage of the Violence Against Women Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Medical Leave Act and legislation supporting handgun safety.

Most recently we have donated over \$14 million dollars to libraries across the nation, have purchased a fully equipped emergency ambulance for the FDNY after 9/11, and have adopted Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention as the GFWC Signature Project.

Every club in every state works tirelessly in their communities to aid the poor, the undernourished, the uneducated, the victims of violence, as advocates for children, the disabled, the sick and the homeless. We do it one member at a time, one club at a time, one community at a time, one state at a time. Butthere is power in numbers....and there is progress in joining together to be bigger than just one member....bigger than just one club.....bigger than just one community! Ohio’s recognition at the 2013 GFWC Convention proved just that!

A few years ago I wrote a Buckeye article that talked about our Federation’s similarity to a patchwork quilt. In the article I wrote, “My own club was organized and federated in 1954. As with all of our clubs, there is an historical significance as to the intentions of our clubs’ founders for the future of each club. What compelled these club women to affiliate with the Ohio Federation and General Federation of Women’s Clubs? And how do we infuse the importance of that historical significance here in the 21st century? Our two Federations provide us with a myriad of resources, grants, scholarships, networks, inspirations and support for our local community projects and programs. As the women who were the founders of each of our local clubs clearly recognized, it was their intention to be a part of something larger and more encompassing than their individual organization, realizing that Federation affiliation helps to create a patchwork of ideas, support, purpose and unbelievable strength. Joined together, their (and our) clubs become an amazing array of strength, durability, identity, history and intent of purpose. The future of our clubs has been entrusted to us, the members of today, and we are mindful that our clubs were founded and federated with the intention of being a part of an amazingly complete entity. What was passed on to us, we will, in turn, pass on to those who follow us, ever mindful that we take our legacy from the past and create from it, an inheritance for the future.”

Once again, I am so proud of each of you for working in your community for children, for women, for peace, for health, for education, for culture and for every other important project that you support. It is an honor for me to work alongside each of you.....together we share a wonderful history, we continue to make history and we are weaving a legacy so much bigger than just ourselves. Thank you for your minutes, your hours and the years that you lovingly give to your communities.....your dedicated volunteerism becomes a part of the GFWC and GFWC Ohio legacy that you create for the future!

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**“Gratitude makes sense of our past,
brings peace for today and creates a
vision for tomorrow.”** *Melody Beattie*



LINDA CRISH
2012-2014
Director of Junior Clubs

Dear Dedicated Junior Club Women and Juniorette's,

(Reprint from 2013 Fall Conference Tour)

Our rich Ohio Federation history began in Springfield, Ohio on October 24, 1894 when Clementine Berry Buchwalter made her own mark in Ohio history by assembling Ohio club women. They came from all sections of the state. They were women who were prominent in literary circles, and who, as leaders, later became a galaxy of bright stars across Ohio's sky. There were ten women at that first meeting, the birth of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, all of whom later became State Presidents.

Now, you might wonder what the importance is to this statement but in this group of founding women was a Mrs. Cornelius Selover of Cleveland, OFWC President 1922-1924. Her greatest contribution to the Ohio Federation was the immeasurable service of Junior membership.

A total of 53 Junior clubs are recorded in our history in 1926 with an enrollment of approximately 1000 members.

During GFWC's Golden Jubilee in 1941, Mrs. James C. Bryant, of Canton was selected Miss General Federation, and Mrs. Mark Higginson of Youngstown, was Miss Ohio. The gavel that the Ohio Juniors still use today was presented to the Juniors on behalf of Mrs. Bryant. The gavel was made from the wood of the home of President McKinley, and as strange things weave their way through life, it was William McKinley who signed the charter of the GFWC, the last bill he signed before he was assassinated.

The role of women in our society has changed since 1890. Today's Juniors are dedicated club members that continue to provide for their families, work full time jobs and survive in this fast paced environment. Even with all that the Junior's attend to in their daily lives, they still manage to be ready and willing to lead and volunteer. You are an inspiration not only to me but to members of your community that have felt your presence with your kindness.

In these last years, you have seen progress and education, challenges and reality. This experience has embedded Federation deeply in all of our hearts. But it is also in that education of Federation and learning the true meaning of "none of us are as strong as all of us together" that has made our clubs destined to continue on in our history. So, you see that the Junior Pledge that was written in 1916 still conveys the thoughts of the women that have come before us, "By living each day, trying to accomplish something, Not merely to exist."

****Housekeeping, thoughts and a few new ideas****

We have an up and coming project that will be completed during our April convention 2014. We were challenged by our sister states at the Great Lakes Region Conference, **Emergency Pediatric bags**. This is a wonderful project that was started by the Wisconsin Federation and continued to Illinois. The bags can be purchased filled with child sized instruments and medicines or empty. Many ambulances only have adult sized items, imagine a small child terrified of not only being transported in the ambulance but having an oxygen mask that is made for an adult! Clubs can work with their local EMS and add a pediatric bag to their units; what a wonderful way to help our communities. Please contact me for pricing and ordering information. Now, for the contest rules, I have purchased an empty bag that will be raffled at Convention 2014. For each bag that a club (**General and Junior clubs**) purchase and report on the 2013 reporting pages, they will receive a ticket for a drawing to win another bag to be donated to their EMS of choice.

Advocates for Children's Week has come and gone, I hope that all of you found a way to brighten a child's life whether it was participating in our GFWC Pillowcase project or another creative club idea! Please remember to report your project.

Try an Easy Online Fundraiser

It Takes Two offers unique and meaningful cards and other paper products all created, manufactured and packaged in the U.S. Try their online fundraising program which features no minimums, prompt turn-around and free shipping on select items. Best of all, you'll earn 40% from sales! To learn more and receive an online fundraising code for your club, contact Jill at 1-800-331-9843 or Jill@ItTakesTwo.com. Start shopping today at www.ShopItTakesTwo.com.

My wish for all of you is a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. What a difference you all make!

Remember to keep a song in your heart,

Linda

**PRESIDENT'S REMINDER!
LEADS Application Date Extended**

GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs believes strongly in supporting the GFWC LEADS PROGRAM.

The application deadline has been extended and is due to the State President by February 15, 2014 along with your letters of recommendation. The Board of Directors will select the 2014 GFWC LEADS candidate and will announce the representative at the 2014 GFWC Ohio Convention in April.

Send application to: Corky Nosek, 25 Adams Street, Berea, OH 44017 or email to: corkynosek@aol.com

Please remember your pictures and stories are always welcome. We enjoy reading what each others clubs are doing successfully. Sharing this information allows others to borrow your ideas and helping them to succeed in their area. Thank you all on jobs well done.

Club members are enjoying themselves while working on the "Pillow Case Project".

**Southeast District
Fall Conference
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(continued from page 2) **“Creating our Lasting Legacy”**

Thank you to the Districts and District Presidents for their wonderful Fall Conference Meetings! Special thanks go to the Jefferson County clubs for organizing the Gold Star Mother’s Pilgrimage this year. They did a fabulous job and the ceremony was a beautifully poignant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by our Ohio service men and women to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy each day.

Congratulations and welcome to our newest club, the GFWC Ohio North Coast Junior Women’s League! We are looking forward to meeting you all at Convention in April!

I continue to encourage each club to nominate a LEADS candidate for the GFWC LEADS Program in Phoenix this summer. Please note the application deadline has been extended and is due to me by February 15th along with your letters of recommendations.

The application can be found in the Directory or on the Website and the selection will be announced at the 2014 State Convention in April.

And on one last note, I was honored to install ten new members at the Women’s Club of Bowling Green in November. As my special gift to the club, to Jim Gordon (who was in attendance) and in memory of our friend Joan Gordon, I signed “The Rainbow Connection” one last time.

Best wishes to each of you for a Happy New Year.

In Federation Friendship,

Corky

“Three New Members Installed”

The first meeting of the Madeira Woman's Club for 2013-2014 was held at St. Gertrude's parish center. The meeting began with a pot luck dinner followed by the installation of three new members. Joining the Madeira Woman's Club this year are (pictured from left to right) Gwen Sebastian, Lynn Lavy, and Margie Breen.



GLR Ohio First Time Attendees



(L to R) Janet Petrella, Sharon Cole-Isner and Roetta Lewis, all from the GFWC Woman’s Club of Mingo Junction

“Summer Stuff n’ Sew”



Pictured from left to right: Penny Speyer, Dianne Austin, Jeannie Chaney, Anita Zupich, Kathy Ganz, Esther White

Members of Hillcrest Women's Club/GFWC held a "Summer Stuff n’ Sew" event on August 1, 2013, at the home of club president, Anita Zupich. We were able to make 81 "Comfort Pillows". These are used by ill and recovering members of our community. Members purchased fabric, cut, sewed and distributed the pillows to three local hospitals. This is an ongoing project for our club. One of our members, a nurse, tells us that the pillows are very much appreciated by patients and staff as well. We are honored to be able to help our community this way.

PLAN AHEAD!
Gold Star Mother’s Pilgrimage will be
Sunday, September 28, 2014; 2 p.m.



GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Jennie Award Nominee, Mary A. Davis

By Corky Nosek, GFWC Ohio President

GFWC Ohio is honored to present Mary A. Davis as our Jennie Award nominee. Mary has served GFWC Ohio and GFWC for over 66 years, joining the Federations in 1947! She continues to carry with her the depth of historical knowledge about our Federations, her club and her community that is amazing. Among all of the offices and positions that Mary has held throughout the years on the club, district and state levels, she has ultimately distinguished herself in GFWC and GFWC Ohio as State Director of Junior Clubs from 1956-58 and as GFWC Ohio President from 1978-80. Mary is a graduate of Athens (Ohio) High School where she was inducted into both the National Honor Society and the Athletic Hall of Fame. She is a graduate of Ohio University with a BS in Commerce. She married Bill Davis on January 21, 1946. Bill passed away in 1979. Mary has two children, a son William Thomas Davis (grandson and great-grandson, William Thomas and Tommy); and her daughter, Barbara Davis Whitaker.

Barbara served as GFWC Ohio President 1998-2000 and GFWC Great Lakes President from 2006-2008.

Mary is a charter member of the Pandorian Club (Junior) of Nelsonville, member of the GFWC Hyperion Club, the Internet Service Providers Club (ISP Club), the Gold Nugget Club of Alaska, the Mary Elizabethan Club of GFWC, the GFWC Past Director of Juniors Club, the GFWC Past Presidents Club, OFWC Pioneer Workers, and is a charter member of the OFWC Trailblazers. From 1958-1966 Mary served as editor of the *Buckeye Magazine*, then as GFWC Ohio Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and GFWC Ohio President in 1978-1980.

Mary was the first woman president of the Nelsonville area Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Nelsonville Business and Professional Women's organization, Twig Seven of the local Mount St. Mary's Hospital, the Executive Committee of the Nelsonville annual "Parade of the Hills, member of the Restoration Committee of the Opera House, and member of (serving four separate terms as president) the Rotary Club. She received the Southeast Ohio Person of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce and was honored by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, under the sponsorship of State Senator Jan Michael Long. They extended special recognition to her on being named a Person of the Year and "one of Ohio's finest citizens'." The proclamation is signed by Stanley J. Aronoff, President of the Ohio Senate. Mary has also received the local VFW Citizenship Award. Mary has compiled and published a hard-bound book, "*Nelsonville in Pictures*", of which she donated part of the proceeds to Nelsonville to help pave the city's large public parking area. She has an honorary appointment to the Professional Women's Advisory Board of the American Biographical Institute.

Mary is currently in the process of compiling, researching and publishing a "*History of Nelsonville's 200 Years*". She is also serving as Editor of the "*GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, Volume V, History Book*". This book will cover the years of 1994 through 2014. Many of the articles in the book will be written by the 10 Presidents and the 10 Directors of Junior Clubs who served during these 20 years, each writing a summary of their administration. Also included will be articles written by GFWC Ohio members who are active in ESO, The Pioneer Workers, the Memorial Forest, scholarships, and various other committees. The book will include a summary of the many past administrations since the organization was founded in 1894 and a dedication to the past GFWC Ohio Presidents and Junior Directors who have passed away during the past twenty years, a list of the present clubs and a complete index. The book has a tentative publication date of August/September 2014. It is with admiration and appreciation that GFWC Ohio presents this very special woman, community volunteer and club woman extraordinaire, Mary A. Davis.

**GFWC/Ohio Federation
of Women's Clubs
116th Annual Convention**

April 25-27, 2014

Holiday Inn

Columbus/Worthington



**Northeast District
Fall Conference**

Pages are ready to help



*Passing.....*Our sympathies and condolences go out to our friends during this difficult time.

Pat Lambright, president of the Midview Women’s Club.

ATTENTION CLUB WOMEN!

By Linda Ross, GFWC Ohio President Elect

You can make a difference in the life of a woman who is trying to leave abuse and violence behind.

We are planning a “Dress for Success” hands-on workshop for Convention 2014. This will be a hands-on/interactive workshop. We are asking you to bring to Convention 2014, any clothing items, shoes, purses & scarves that are gently used but would help another woman feel confident enough in her appearance to interview for a job. We will be working together sorting and organizing these clothes to donate to either a local women’s shelter in Columbus or a Dress for Success Center.

If you are not attending Convention in 2014 but want to help, please give your items to a fellow clubwoman who is planning to attend.

Please start planning now and put some things aside to donate. Since Convention is in the spring, please bring spring and summer clothing items.

Thank you in advance for your generosity – it will mean the world to someone!

GFWC/OH Eastlake Women’s Club Were Very Busy Beavers

First they held a Summer Sale for the USO at a local Farmer’s Market which netted \$207.75.

Several members attended the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage at Memorial Forest. It was quite a moving experience participating in the “Ghost Walk” and viewing the 21 Gun Salute.

In October many of the members created scarecrows for “Scarecrow Row” which were displayed at the “Goblins in the Garden” at Holden Arboretum to promote their club and GFWC.

The club sponsored a WALK-A-THON for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and collected an unbelievable \$1,360 to help celebrate Make-A-Difference Day. Then the club sponsored a “Meet the Candidates” night for the upcoming election which was well attended by our Eastlake citizens.

November had many members attend the Veteran’s Day Ceremony at the Boulevard of 500 Flags and visited the Hillcrest Women’s Club’s Cookie Walk & Craft Auction which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The last big project of the year was the annual “Visit with Santa” which is always a huge success. It is held in the Eastlake Community Center with families attending to listen to the local High School choir singing holiday songs, choosing gently used books from the local library,

craft activities, signing cards to our soldiers, writing letters to Santa, and of course – a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus with each child receiving a gift donated by the famous visiting couple.

Eastlake Women’s Club may be small in number (20-22 members), but we are proud of what we have accomplished this past year!

Certificate of Appreciation

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League President Melanie Cann accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Angela Brittain, Support Coordinator for the Survivor Outreach Services during the November membership meeting. Brittain spoke on How We Can Get Involved and Help Families of the Fallen.



Newly Chartered:

GFWC Ohio North Coast Junior Women’s League

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44th Annual Champagne Luncheon and Style Show

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League celebrated their 44th Annual Champagne Luncheon and Style Show, on November 22nd at the W.D. Packard Music Hall in Warren. This year's theme "Silent Night", had over 500 women attending the event with the proceeds going to the Children's Rehabilitation Center Scholarship Fund so no child will be turned away because of their inability to pay for physical, developmental or speech therapy. Children from the Children's Rehabilitation Center "The House That Love Built" shined brightly as the stars of the event modeling holiday outfits during the fashion show.



Pictured with the children are: (seated) Karen Margala Luncheon Chairman; standing L-R: Julie Vugrinovich GFWC Ohio Secretary, Northeast District President Stephanie Furano, Esther Gartland Northeast District Junior Director, and GFWC Ohio WJWL President Melanie Cann.

JOHN BRYAN STATE PARK Yellow Springs, Ohio

In 1896, John Bryan, an ambitious businessman purchased 335 acres along the Clifton Gorge area and called these acres "Riverside Farm". Some of the first people to see this area's beauty were the Mound builders and later, the Shawnee Indians. Five miles south of Yellow Springs, approximately where the town of Oldtown is now, was the site of Old Chillicothe, one of the leading Shawnee settlements in Ohio. The great Shawnee warrior, Tecumseh, was a frequent visitor to this area.

This portion of the Little Miami River was a vital, economical source of power for the early settlers in the 1800s. The Cincinnati-Pittsburg stagecoach road served the area and several enterprising settlers began establishing water-powered industries in the gorge. The town of Clifton prospered from the textile mill, grist mills and sawmills located there.

By the late 1800s, most of the industrial activity in the area ceased. Water was no longer an economical source of power and many mills were abandoned. The Clifton Mill located in the village of Clifton is still in operation and is open to visitors.

John Bryan had a great respect for the natural world and in 1918, he bequeathed Riverside Farm to the state of Ohio, to be cultivated by the state as a forestry, botanic and wildlife preserve park and experi-

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GFWC Belpre Woman's Club Members Set Wreaths



Back Row L-R Rose Logston, Bea Corra, Rhonda Elder, Joyce Lorentz. Front row L-R: Marion Metz, Freda Hedge, Judy Drake.

Members of GFWC Belpre Woman's Club gathered at the Bandstand at Civitan Park on Friday, December 13, 2013, to lay two wreaths purchased through "Wreaths Across America" (WAA), a program founded in 2007 to remember and honor fallen veterans.

The mission of "Wreaths Across America" is to Remember, Honor and Teach and is carried out in part by placing wreaths on veterans' graves and having simultaneous ceremonies during the holiday season at locations all over the country and beyond. In 2008 and every year since, Congress has issued a proclamation officially recognizing "Wreaths Across America Day" each December. This year it was held on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

Club member, Jackie Cassady, a volunteer participant in WAA's laying of wreaths at Arlington Cemetery in 2012 and 2013, introduced the project to club members in November. The club is planning to participate again in 2014.

(continued from left column John Bryan State Park)

ment station. In 1949, the John Bryan State Park was transferred to the newly created ODNr Division of Parks and Recreation.

The Park and the adjoining Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve overlook the beautiful Little Miami River gorge that has been designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior.¹

¹ <http://www.johnbryan.org/history1.htm>

The 1954-1974 Volume III history book of the Ohio Federation has the following article: 'it was brought to our attention by a Dayton newspaper that near Yellow Springs there was a grove of oak trees with a few bronze markers bearing the names of the women who had served as presidents of the Ohio Federation Women's Clubs. There were many broken markers lying around, the grove was completely overgrown and was anything but beautiful. The

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Have Pride In Your Federation Membership?

By Rose Logston, Chairman GFWC/Ohio Membership

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is an international nonprofit organization established in 1890 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1901. One of the world's oldest nonpartisan, secular women's volunteer service organizations, GFWC is now in its third century of volunteer service in communities throughout the United States and the world. As part of GFWC's mission to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service, by providing community education and by empowering women in all areas of their lives, GFWC has a long history of philanthropy, social and political advocacy, community leadership and participation in civic outreach.

GFWC has a distinguished record of activity on issues of historical importance, beginning with the establishment of a national model for juvenile courts and was of service in the forefront of the conservation movement, resulting in the establishment of the Forest Reserve in 1899. In 1906, GFWC turned the tide for passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act. GFWC also supported legislation for the eight-hour workday and the first child labor law. In 1944, GFWC endorsed a resolution supporting equal rights and responsibilities for women. The American Library Association credits women's clubs with establishing 75 percent of the country's public libraries in the first quarter of the 20th century. In response to the loss of equipment suffered during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, GFWC members raised \$180,000 for a fully equipped ambulance for the New York City Fire Department. On November 16, 2006, GFWC was recognized on the floor of the United States Senate as "a gem among our midst" by then-Senator Joseph Biden (Del.), for bringing hope to victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse.

In 1984, GFWC created the Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) to collect, preserve, interpret and promote the history of GFWC and all women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC's members from 1890 to the present and holds a significant archival, literary and decorative arts collection including print media, photographs, audiovisual materials and memorabilia detailing the historic social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen dating back to 1890, as well as the history of women volunteers. The WHRC supports research on a broad range of topics within and related to women's history.

In thousands of clubs in every state and across the globe, almost 100,000 GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement and work toward world peace and understanding. Members also enhance their own lives through leadership development.

Aren't you proud you are a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs -

Won't you consider sharing that pride?

When you do, don't forget, to enter your new members for the GFWC/Ohio Membership Initiative by filling out the STAR Recruitment Form and send in the GFWC Seasonal Recruitment Campaign.

Meaningful Contributions



As a way to make a more meaningful contribution this year, to our local domestic violence shelter, the GFWC Belpre Woman's Club implemented an idea from Deidra DeVore.... Thank you Deidra.

The Home Life and Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Committees joined together and the Club has focused on collecting one item each month that the local shelter needs on a recurring basis.

In September club members donated forty two rolls of paper towels; in October, forty three boxes of cereal; and in November, fifty seven boxes of macaroni and cheese. We also filled stockings and gift bags for five boys, five girls and five adult women. In addition, we delivered fifteen extra bottles of shampoo, conditioner, toys, juice boxes and childrens clothing outfits. Concentrating on one specific item per month has allowed us to make a more significant contribution.

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Board of Directors decided to find out more and President Marion Roth appointed a committee to investigate. They learned from records the following information. The information was printed in Volume 5 of the OFWC history books and is quoted here.

"On May 14, 1926, at the close of the 30th annual convention of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, the delegates gathered at the John Bryan State Park to dedicate a grove of oak trees to honor the first sixteen presidents of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs....it was a convention of memories and we bade farewell to Springfield in a nearby beautiful spot, Bryan Park. There, through the efforts of the Conservation Division, a tree had been planted for every president of the Federation and a concrete block with a bronze marker placed beneath it."

The John Bryan State Park is located between Clifton and Yellow Springs on State Route 370, just off State Route 343, south of Springfield. The president's grove is located at the side of the campground behind the main office.

**LEADS Application deadline has been extended to:
FEBRUARY 15, 2014**

Annual Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage at Mohican Memorial Forest Shrine

September 29, 2013



Northwest District Members attend the Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage and bench dedication. Pictured L-R: Lin Wilkens, Corky Nosek, Mary Lou Butterworth, Barbara Hilton and Evelyn Bachman.



This bench was dedicated to American Gold Star Mothers and in the memory of Shirley Mitchell. Pictured L-R: Rose Logston, Beth Rupert-Warren and Marjean Sizemore.



Northeast District Members attend the Gold Star Mother's Pilgrimage and bench dedication. Pictured are members from the Boardman Poland Junior Women's League, Warren Junior Women's League and Warren City Federation.

Convention Corner

Convention news, evaluation comments, important information

- Vendor invitations are being sent now– do you have one to recommend?
- Loved that everything at convention was on time!
- Great membership ideas – hope all of the clubs are trying to get new members with these ideas! Thanks.
- Mary Davis was chosen Ohio's Jennie June, Come to a state meeting to meet her and ask questions. She remembers it all!
- Loved the Skyping. Show us how - and how to have an on line meeting.
- Are you talking to your members now about convention plans? Get it on the club calendar and make plans for covering part of the expenses. **April 25-27, 2014**
- Ohio will choose a new LEADS candidate – club nominations due by February 15, 2014 to GFWC Ohio President Corky Nosek

Thank you for all of the surprises – the great goody bags, membership ideas and the Sunday snack bag.

**DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR CONVENTION OR VENDORS?
SEND INFORMATION TO JRVAL@FRONTIER.COM**

Lisa Hedrick, 2nd Vice President and Convention Chairman

Newly Chartered: GFWC Ohio North Coast Junior Women's League



Linda Crish performing the Charter ceremony for the new club the North Coast Junior Women's League at the Fall Conference in front of the NED members. Pictured L-R: club member Bonnie Christopher and Club President, Stephanie Canzonetta.



WJWL President Melanie Cann the sponsoring club presenting North Coast Junior Women's League President Stephanie Canzonetta and Bonnie Christopher with a gift.

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2012 - 2014 GFWC/OHIO President, Corky Nosek and Director of Junior Clubs, Linda Crish are pictured to the left at the Flag Ceremony and to the right making an entrance at the Grand Promenade Ceremony.



Pictured from left to right, OFWC President-elect, Linda Ross; Sharon Cole-Isner; Int'l President, Mary Ellen Laister; Int'l President-elect, Babs Condon;



OFWC Second Vice President Lisa Hedrick; SED President, Marjean Sizemore and OFWC President, Corky Nosek.



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