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• **OHIO REPRESENTATIVES** at Great Lakes Region Conference – Thirteen OFWC members traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in October to participate in the Conference – (seated, left to right) Lin Wilken, Lisa Hedrick, Rose Logston, Evelyn Bachman, Corky Nosek, Barbara Whitaker; (standing, left to right) Patrice Booze, Carolyn Adams, Camille Harris, Pam Vines, Mary Lou Jarrett, Linda Ross, and Joan Gordon. More photos from the Conference on page 5.

Marianne Nave receives Keep America Beautiful award

Marianne Nave, a member of the Springfield City Federation of Women's Clubs and the TRIAD Club, received a national award for her efforts in conservation. She was presented the 2009 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Award from Keep American Beautiful, Inc., for her commitment to the upkeep and beautification of her community. Marianne received the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., December 4.

The award, which commemorates Lady Bird Johnson's dedication to litter prevention and beautification activities, is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer woman for exceptional beautification leadership. Marianne was nominated for the award by Debra Shaw, director



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Convention workshop to benefit domestic violence shelters

By PENNY SPEYER
Lake Erie District

Remember the fun we all had at the Hands-On Workshops at last year's GFWC/OFWC Convention?

We thought we would do it again. We are aiming to make about 100 Personal Care Bags for Domestic Violence Shelters to be divided among the districts in the state.

To make this work, we will need donations from each district. We have tried to be realistic in assigning items to the districts in accordance with how many clubs they have. We will supply the plastic bags, markers and other decorating items.

The following is the list of items needed (they can be sample sizes):

LED	Toothbrushes and toothpaste
WORD	Journals and pencils or pens
CORD	Feminine products
EORD	Washcloths and soaps
NED	Shampoos, brushes, combs and deodorants
NWD	Floss
WCD	Mouthwash

Our Wish List: Candy and any other items that would give pleasure to a woman like hand cream or body lotions, lip glosses, sample perfumes, and etc.

Please plan to bring your items to your Legislation Day so we can get a count of the items before Convention. You can shop around for bargains. Be sure to sign up for this workshop on your OFWC Convention Registration Form!

If you have any questions you can email me at alpen511@sbcglobal.net, Penny Speyer, Hillcrest Women's Club/GFWC, Lake Erie District.

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Enthusiastic hearts & hands are everywhere in Ohio



ROSE LOGSTON
GFWC/OFWC
President

THANKSGIVING is past and Christmas is fast approaching as I write this message to you – Ohio's most enthusiastic and caring hearts. By the time you read this, the holidays will be but memories and you will be diligently working on reporting all the programs and projects you did to help make those holidays and many other days easier to bear for the less fortunate in your communities. Thank you for all you have done; you are appreciated.

As for reporting – it is the only way we have to know what a difference you have made in the lives of many. Most of the time you do things and don't make an issue of telling about them but in this instance we want to add all of your contributions to the contributions of all the members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs so others know the power of "enthusiastic hearts and hands" in local communities. Did you know in 2008 with just the clubs reporting, GFWC clubwomen volunteered nearly 7 million hours and donated more than \$38 million dollars through more than 100,000 projects? Were your contributions in those figures? If not, report and your gifts will be part of the worldwide family of GFWC members. Be sure to go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xqavRxZdf8> and watch the GFWC 2008 Year in Review video. Feel the pride and imagine the possibilities!

In late August Julie and I were privileged to represent you at the GFWC Board of Directors meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. We received

special training with the new GFWC membership database. I shared some of the information on the fall conference tour, but remember a database is only as good as the entries it contains. If you don't go online and update your personal information, you will not receive mailings and/or information in a timely and efficient manner. Appoint someone in your club to make sure your club's database is kept up to date and accurate. Eventually this could be a great tool for all club presidents, newsletter chairmen, and district and state officers, but you must participate.

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The Fall Conference tour was a huge success due to the dedication and planning of all the district presidents, district directors, secretaries, and chairmen. District presidents of the consolidated districts made a concerted effort to include everyone in their plans. Congratulations to all the newly elected district presidents and directors in our new districts. The officers-elect will be busy preparing for the 2010-2012 administration so please consider letting them know you are willing to share some of the district responsibilities by being a chairman. There will be some major changes in our federated service programs (formerly referred to as departments and divisions). All the details will be forthcoming. I



• **AT GREAT LAKES** – Rose Logston, GFWC/OFWC president, and Lisa Hedrick, Director-elect of junior clubs, wait to process with the Ohio flag at one of the region programs.



think reporting will be easier.

The 62nd commemoration of the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage to the Memo-

rial Shrine was so well attended the American Legion Post 257 is ordering a larger tent for attendees next year. The Post and Auxiliary members do a fantastic job. It would be a great thing if you would assist the veteran organizations in your community. The "Memorial Walkway" is beautiful, and Tim Humphrey and his assistants have done a wonderful job. The "Friends Walkway" is well on its way to the President's Grove. An engraved brick or paver would make a wonderful gift for anybody. Engraved benches are also available and one is planned to honor our founder – Clementine Berry Buckwalter – and will be donated by the GFWC Springfield Federation.

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Thirteen members (and two husbands) attended the Great Lakes Region Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in October and invited the members to come to the "Birthplace of Flight" Dayton next October to share in the "Bountiful Harvest of Ohio." Our duties will be much the same as they were in Cleveland but on a smaller scale. If you know something in particular you would like to do for the conference, let me know as soon as possible.

Two very special events (actually there were more but these two warrant a special note) took place during the conference. Our own Joan Gordon was an honoree at the Saturday night banquet because she is the JENNIE award winner from Ohio, and if I had read just half of her many accomplishments and honors – we would still be there! Congratulations, Joan – you certainly are

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Notes from The Soda Shoppe

By JULIE VUGRINOVICH, 2008-2010 Director of Junior Clubs

Wishing each of you a Blessed and Happy New Year! Here's to a Prosperous and Healthy 2010 full of Meaning, Memories, and Much to Be Happy About!

Where does the time go? I am truly amazed how quickly the past year and a half has gone by serving in my State position. I am always excited to have the opportunity to travel to our various districts on the Fall Conference Tour. I would like to personally thank each hostess club, officer, district president, district director of juniors, chairmen, and all members of the Ohio Districts that I traveled to this year. Thank you for inviting me and for hosting such wonderful and informative Fall Conference events. Your hospitality, kindness, great food, fellowship, and friendship are truly appreciated.

I am sad and somber, but humbled, that this was my last official Fall Conference Tour, and it is with much OFWC passion and pride, that I thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving in this Federation leadership position. Federation has opened many avenues to me. I feel so fortunate to be a part of the bigger picture. Federation has also blessed me in the fact that I have received leadership training and skills, attended many informative workshops, and have had the opportunity to travel to meetings and seminars around the country that are always held in beautiful "big city" destinations. I have met some very

astute and honorable individuals including Jenna Bush, Robin Givens, Victoria Rowell, and Miss Alabama 2009 Liz Cochran, to name a few, all because I am a GFWC clubwoman!

What does Federation mean to you and why did you join a Federated Club in your community? The definition "to federate" means to unite as a group and come together for a common purpose or meaning. Isn't that what we strive to do each day as individuals and as clubwomen? As I always say, it doesn't get any better than the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. Our overall focus and emphasis on programs and projects, covers all the bases when it comes to community service and volunteering, as well as having fun and friendship along the way.

There are so many venues to jump into and participate in, as well as to advocate for. And I truly believe you get out of Federation what you put into it. You can be as active as you want to be



JULIE
VUGRINOVICH

and reach for the sky in developing and serving in a leadership position. Please take advantage of the advantages Federation offers you!

Just think about what your community and our world would be without us, by this I mean all GFWC and OFWC clubwomen. No backpacks and school supplies for children, no food in the cupboards or at the mission for the needy, no distribution of books to schools, libraries, or literacy centers, no voice or advocates for women in Washington, D.C. and in our communities, no Books for Babies, no beautification projects or highway clean ups, no educating the public about women's health issues, no support for Operation Smile or Heifer International, no items to send to the men and women serving our country, no educating or awareness to help children living in foster care and awaiting adoption, and what if fewer scholarships were offered to area students, what if there were fewer volunteers in schools, fewer mentors for our next generation of Junioresettes, less support for special art programs, less advocating for children, or fewer people voting...

Aside from these things and much more, we would not have the great friendships and support systems we have come to know and love through GFWC and The Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. The friendships I have developed throughout the years on all levels of Federation are the BEST and I am so thankful that back in 1991 I became a member of the Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC.

Julie

Warren Junioresettes sponsor food drives

The GFWC/OFWC Warren Junioresette girls held food drives in their schools in recognition of World Food Day and donated hundreds of canned food and non-perishable items to The Women and Children's Warren Family Mission. The challenge was sent out and students in the Lordstown and Labrae Schools collected the most donations. Junioresette members Makayla Kovach and Lacey Caparanis from Lordstown High School and Gabby Borawiec from Labrae High School brought in the most food items and donations. Participants include (front row, from left) Alexis Seitz, Jamie Fellows, Warren Family Mission, Julie Vugrinovich, Vanessa Koper; (standing, from left) Alex Hayford, Lacey Caparanis, Makayla Kovach, Gabby Borawiec, Stephanie Utterback, Kay Bahrey, and Audrey Evans. The Junioresettes also had a very successful Act in Oct campaign, with 12 new members recruited.



Enthusiastic hearts and hands of Ohio members

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our shining star and best wishes for the future judging. We will have to wait until the international convention in Omaha to see if Joan is the GFWC Great Lakes Region honoree as one clubwoman from each region is chosen by the region and a national JENNIE Awards Committee at GFWC Headquarters for their outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. As far as we are concerned – Ohio is already a winner for we benefit daily from her many talents.

Lin Wilken was elected to the position of treasurer on the GFWC/GLR executive committee. We are certainly proud of her and her desire to serve the GFWC Great Lakes Region. Congratulations, Lin.

I hope all clubs had successful ACT in OCT campaigns and reported them! Consider having a special event in February in recognition of Heart Month like "YOU Are the Heart of Federation" and focus on your current members and their contributions.

Make plans now to "Celebrate the Volunteer" April 23-25, 2010, at the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs annual convention. We will be looking back at all the accomplishments of the past and celebrating YOU – our future. If you have any pictures of projects or activities of your club members over the past two years and can send them electronically – they will be presented at a special time during the convention. Please send directly to Stephanie Furano at mermaid157@aol.com.

You will not want to miss the much-requested "Basic Protocol for Members" which will be a platform workshop on Friday afternoon conducted by Joan Gordon.

The President's Tea will be held Saturday afternoon and all presidents – incoming and outgoing are invited to attend – just mark your registration form in the next edition of the Buckeye.

The big event for Saturday night will be the installation of the officers of the 2010-2012 administration followed by a reception for all attendees.

Congratulations to all the members of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs – you are all so special and so generous with your "enthusiastic hearts and hands."

**Mark Your Calendars For
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OFWC members active at region conference



• **HATS OFF TO GREAT LAKES!** – Lin Wilken (left), GFWC/OFWC secretary, was elected to serve as treasurer of the Great Lakes Region for 2010-2012. She was elected at the annual region conference in October, held in Grand Rapids, Mich. Chatting before the Saturday banquet are Sandra Pecha, Wisconsin, GLR president for 2008-2010, and Mary Kaye Ernest, Wisconsin.



• **SHALL WE TAKE A CHANCE?** – Scoping out the raffle of baskets at the Great Lakes are Rose Logston and Evelyn Bachman, OFWC. Drawings for the baskets were held at the end of the conference. Proceeds from this project totaled more than \$640. Attendees also heard from Dr. Rose M. Ditto, GFWC International President, and Carlene Garner, GFWC President-Elect.

Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs
will host the
**2010 GREAT LAKES
REGION CONFERENCE**
Dayton Marriott Hotel, Dayton, Ohio
October 15-17, 2010

*OFWC members will be able
to volunteer for a number of committees,
similar to our Cleveland assignments.*

GREAT LAKES REGION INCLUDES
ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN,
OHIO, AND WISCONSIN



• **OHIO CLUBWOMAN**, Patrice Booze, (above), GFWC membership chairman, led a workshop on "Tools for the Successful Club Leader." Camille Harris (right), Bowling Green Woman's Club, worked at Ohio's fund-raising table. Proceeds will help Ohio fund its hosting of the Great Lakes Region Conference in 2010.



Correct procedures lead to efficient and effective meetings

RECOMMENDATIONS of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. The secretary will read any report which is submitted by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. Each recommendation should be acted upon individually. No second is necessary as the recommendation comes from a group.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. The president should ascertain before the meeting which committees have reports to give to avoid wasting time. No action is taken unless a recommendation is made. The order of reports is as follows: Department Reports. Standing Committees. Special committees

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (not "Old" Business). The chair-

man does not ask for "unfinished business" but proceeds to the first items of unfinished business. The president and secretary should have a record of unfinished business on the agenda, and it should be presented for consideration at this time. Unfinished business includes 1. Business postponed from the previous meeting or 2. Business on which action was not completed at the previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS. Before new business can be acted upon, it must be presented to the group in the form of a motion, resolution, or recommendation, with appropriate second when required.

— Submitted by Jo Holder, Parliamentary Adviser

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of Clark County Waste Management District and the Keep Clark County Beautiful Committee.

Marianne serves as chairman of the Springfield Community Beautification Committee, with her involvement dating back to 1965. She helped start the Clark County Park District in 1977 and was the first president of the district's Board of Commissioners.

She was instrumental in raising more than \$100,000 for Ohio Federation's founder Clementine Berry Buckwalter's statue project in Springfield. That project was recently completed with the addition of plaques commemorating Buckwalter's place in the history of OFWC and listing donors.

Marianne is currently serving OFWC as West Central District president and a member of the OFWC Scholarship Trustees.

Marianne is the 53rd recipient of the Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Award.

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**PHOTOS – Top right.** A road in George Rogers Clark Park was named for Marianne about 10 years ago in honor of her efforts to start the Clark County Park District and her service as president for nine years. **Bottom right.** Nearly a full page in the December-January issue of GFWC Clubwoman magazine was devoted to Marianne's award.



## Identity Theft still here; continue precautions

Brenda Duffett, Northeast District, recently sent along a message about Identity Theft. She is on a list which receives Alert Notices and Information from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. The Alert is titled "Protecting yourself from identity thieves."

It reads: Ohioans filed more than 8,000 identity theft complaints in 2008, and it seems clear that many others who did not file reports also were affected by this growing crime. Identity theft is when someone uses another person's personal identifying information to open a credit card account, take out a loan or even commit a crime. These thieves can ruin their victims' credit and send them into debt.

It is important to recognize the dangers posed by identity theft to protect yourself from scammers or, in the event of being targeted, to know where to go for help.

For information about identity theft, visit this web site [www.OhioAttorney-General.gov/IDTheft](http://www.OhioAttorney-General.gov/IDTheft)

OFWC members may recall that in 2001 OFWC convention assembly approved the passage of a resolution dealing with Identity Theft. It is Resolution 1-04. In fact, the Resolution was sent to GFWC and passed by the convention assembly.

Identity theft hasn't gone away, and, indeed, because of the economic times, may be increasing.

Just a few tips: Don't carry unnecessary information in wallets or purses. Don't give account information over the phone. Don't throw away sensitive material; destroy it. Shred all personal information.

## Creative Arts has new copyright waiver

Entrants in the writing and photography contest need to be aware of a new requirement for the 2010 GFWC Creative Arts contests. All writing and photography entries to the GFWC contests must complete a Creative Arts Copyright Waiver form attached to the entry.

Members over 18 must sign the entry. All entries of those under the age of 18 must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Signing this waiver does not give up ownership rights of works, it merely gives GFWC a perpetual, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, or sell the work. Authors and photographers of the contest entries may still sell or use their works.

The waiver was requested by several state affiliates, according to Kay Bashem, GFWC Creative Arts Program chairman. It is designed to protect both GFWC and the writing and photo participants. The members can still use the writing entry or photo, it just means that GFWC can use it as well

The waiver should be signed and attached to each entry sent to GFWC for entry in the writing and photography contests.

Information on the Creative Arts Program is available by going to the web site of GFWC, then programs, and then the Creative Arts Bulletin.

You can print a PDF of the Copyright Waiver by clicking on the words Creative Arts Copyright Waiver in the third paragraph. It is a one-page document, easy to complete.

Copies also will be available at district and state meetings.

Special contests for photographs include Great State Update, The World in Pictures, Volunteers in Action, and A Year in Pictures (the contest that provides the photos for the GFWC calendar).

Be sure to check the OFWC Directory, Arts Department, for all the deadlines and rules relating to entries.

Information is also available from the OFWC State Arts Chairman. Names and e-mails are in the OFWC Directory.

**OFWC**  
**INFORMATION DAY**  
Saturday,  
July 10, 2010  
Columbus

# Fall Conferences show diversity of districts



• **CONFERENCE IN NED** – The Northeast District Fall Conference was hosted by The Junior Women's League of Canfield. GFWC/OFWC officers traveled to Boardman to give their reports and updates. Fall Conferences were also held in West Ohio River District, Lake Erie District, Central Ohio and East Ohio districts (joint conference), and Northwest and West Central districts (Joint conference). At the NED meeting were (seated, left to right) Linda Crish, NED President; Julie Vugrinovich, GFWC/Ohio Director of Juniors; Rose Logston, GFWC/Ohio State President; Evelyn Bachman, GFWC/Ohio President Elect, and Lisa Hedrick, GFWC/Ohio Director of Juniors Elect; (standing, left to right) Sandi Saluga, chairman, GFWC Junior Special Project Advocates for Children; Mary Lou Jarrett, Warren Junior Women's League President; Shelby McElravy, NED International Affairs chairman; Peggy Boyd, OFWC Junior Special Project Adoption & Foster Care; Pam Vines, NED Leadership chairman; Deana Tareshawty, NED Director of Juniors, and Yvonne Ford, NED secretary and president, Boardman-Poland Junior Women's League.



• **GFWC PUZZLE** – At the Northwest District/West Central District Fall Conference, members got to test their knowledge about GFWC. Joan Gordon NWD president, prepared a timeline of GFWC achievements and events, gave each of 10 players one of the items, and asked them to put them in chronological order. Here Carolyn Hylton (from left), Camille Harris, and Mary Etta Hemmerly study to try to figure out the date of their event. They were asked to stand in a line, beginning with the founding date of GFWC. Many were surprised to learn how the chronology went together. A fun way to learn! Northwest and West Central districts met together as the first part of a transition for the joining of the two districts beginning in April 2010.



**NEW AWARDS IN LED** – Debi D'Apice, Lake Erie District membership chairman, presented the first ever LEDDIE LADY awards at the Lake Erie District Fall Conference, hosted by the Eastlake Women's Club in September. Debi thanked members for their work on membership for the past two years. She opened the envelope that named the recipient of the award. And the winner was...EVERYBODY! And everybody received a trophy. Past recognition gifts included: A clock- It's time for membership. A feather duster-Dust off the cobwebs, get to work on membership. She said these tokens of appreciation were a small GIFT (Growing In Federation Together) for the efforts the clubwomen exhibited throughout the year. Also at the Conference, the Mayor of Eastlake, Ted Andrzejewski, presented GFWC/Ohio President Rose Logston, with a key to the City.



## 119th GFWC Annual International Convention

Omaha, Nebraska  
June 12-15, 2010



# OFWC Clubs Making a Difference in Ohio



## Warren Junior Women's League

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC submitted many news releases about their activities. Here is a brief summary of some of them.*

Warren Junior's Women's League sponsored an aluminum recycling drive to benefit Newton Falls teen burn survivor, Douglas Coward, November 14 at Sorrento's Restaurant in Warren. In 2004, Douglas suffered third degree burns over 70 per cent of his body in a garage fire and has endured many surgeries. All proceeds went towards his ongoing medical expenses. Since the collection began in 2005, more than 9,714 pounds of aluminum cans have been recycled. The next recycling event is planned for July 2010.

Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC co-hosted with the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, the Upton Association and the Warren Civic League in celebrating Women's Equality Day in August.

Make a Difference Day, October 24, turned out to be a successful project with 36 Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC members, Juniores and other volunteers going out to the Warren Family Mission's Women & Children's Center in Vienna for the WJWL's annual Community Improvement project. A vegetable garden was built and prepared for spring planting. The landscape was beautified by weeding and edging flowerbeds, raking leaves, planting herbs and spring flower bulbs.

The Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC held its 33rd Annual Champagne Luncheon in November. The event benefits the Children's Rehabilitation Center. More than 600 women attend the luncheon followed by a fashion show partnering vintage clothing with today's current fashions. The highlight of the event is always the children of the Children's Rehabilitation Center who participate in the fashion show and benefit from all proceeds of the afternoon.

The Pink Ribbon Run/Walk for breast cancer in Warren received help from the Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC in September. This year's event featured a 5K and 1 mile run/walk sponsored by Trumbull Memorial Hospital, with proceeds benefitting University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center at TMH. All participants received goodie bags with a Pink Ribbon Walk/Run T-shirt and other items prepared by Warren Junior Women's League members.

Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC joined in the City of Warren's annual Halloween Parade October 25, along with other community organizations and high school bands.

Members of the Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC held their "Getting to Know You" reception held at Spring Run Condominium Club House in August, welcoming 12 new members. Margaret Petrosky is membership chairman.



• **SAFETY PROJECT** — The Home Life Committee of Warren Junior Women's League/GFWC joined Home Depot in Howland to promote safety for children and parents. The community came out to meet the Howland Fire Department, who displayed their vehicles and equipment. Members of WJWL distributed materials on carbon monoxide, fire and bike safety, a fire safety checklist to assist parents' teaching their children how to be prepared and react in a fire. Goodie bags were made and distributed by the committee along with refreshments provided by Home Depot. WJWL members working the project are (from left) Molly Halliday, Patti Padovant, Vicki Koss, Shelby McElvray, and Brenda Duffett.



• **BG BOUTIQUE**—Norma Stickler (left) and Sharon Franklin volunteer at the sales table for the Woman's Club of Bowling Green. The boutique was part of the Club's sixth Home Tour. The total project yields about \$6,000 in gross proceeds and attracts about 200 visitors to the homes and boutique. The Club sold homemade Buckeye candies and special sparkly flashlights. Carla Blinn has chaired the event for all six years.



# OFWC Clubs Making a Difference in Ohio



## Operation Christmas Stocking

By CAROLYN ADAMS AND PATRICE BOOZE  
GFWC/Sharonville Federated Woman's Club

"There's No Place like Home for the Holidays," so the song says. Many of our men and women serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan are unable to be home for the holidays so GFWC/Sharonville Federated Woman's Club decided to bring a little home to them. Once again our Club joined forces with Boatsie's Boxes (Gail Vranken) for "Operation Christmas Stocking" and helped her reach her request for 20,000 stockings. Gail reports that through the generosity of many across our nation she was able to send a grand total of 20,541 stockings!

This is the Club's third year working with Boatsie's Boxes. Members begin in late summer cutting out red and then white material to make stockings with a white cuff. We hold several workshops to get this job accomplished. In early September local businesses and schools are contacted for donations from Boatsie's list of approved items. Our goal is to make and fill at least 150 stockings. This year we made 154 stockings and collected enough items to fill 300 stockings. The grand total of donated items was \$7,000.

The school children make cards and write notes and the club buys additional cards and includes the club's contact information in each stocking. Club members gather to sort, inventory, fill the stockings, add the cards, sew the stockings shut and box them.

Items that do not fit into the stockings we box up and take



• SHARONVILLE club members work to organize and pack stockings for Boatsie's Boxes.

to Boatsie to use to fill the thousands of empty stockings she receives. Members of the club personally delivered the stockings and extra goodies in November to West Virginia. Boatsie then takes over and the stockings continue on their journey to our troops.

The Club loves this hands-on project as it brings our Club, school children, and members of the community closer as we all support the heroes that help protect us. This rewarding project became very real and personal when we started to receive thank you notes and e-mails from the recipients. Our "Operation Christmas Stocking" chairman Joan Finan does a superb job putting this all together from cutting to sewing, to stuffing and delivery.



• **HELPING GIRLS**—West Central District President Marianne L. Nave presented WCD's \$500 contribution from the GFWC Convention to Gracehaven representative Roxy Wilt. The Bellefontaine haven is being established for young women under 18 years who have been abducted from their families. Elaine Altstaetter (right) WCD Domestic Violence Awareness chairman, made the contacts with this agency and established the need to help Gracehaven.



• **NORTHWEST DISTRICT** presented its \$500 check to the Cocoon, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Joan Gordon, NWD president, presented the check to Michelle Clossick (center), shelter executive director, with Evelyn Bachman and Linda Kuhn, Woman's Club of Bowling Green looking on. BG members support the shelter on an on-going basis all year long. They collect items each month according to the Cocoon's wish list.



• **TWO PROJECTS** in Lake Erie District received donations from the service project of the GFWC Convention—\$100 to the Playground of Possibilities South Euclid, and \$400 to the Cleveland Foodbank. The Mayfield Women's Club helped to build the playground. Mayfield member Chris Ticknor joined Norma Adams in presenting the check to South Euclid Mayor Georgene Welo.

# Passings . . .

- **PATRICIA GIESIGE**, 82, long-time member of the Celina History Club, died August 23. She had been an active member who served in most of the Club offices. In 2007, she was named Senior Citizen of the Year by the Mercer County Council on Aging. She is survived by 10 children, 36 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.
- **LEE PAPPAS SPENCE**, a member of the Chagrin Valley Woman's Club, died in August. Although she had only been in the Club for two years, it was said that she brought enthusiasm to the programs. She was a member of the membership committee.
- **KATHERINE K. "KATIE" SCHWEIZER**, 90, Celina, a member of the Celina History Club, died October 21 at her residence. She is survived by two sons, three daughters, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.
- **LINDA A. CULL**, treasurer of the Mayfield Women's Club for 2007-2009, died on August 7. She was an active member of the club, serving on several committees and participating in various projects over the years. She is survived by three children and seven grandchildren
- **WILLIAM ADAMS**, Cincinnati, husband of Carolyn Adams, OFWC's 2008 Leadership graduate and member of the Sharonville Federated Women's Club, died December 23. He is also survived by three children and four grandchildren.
- **ORABELLE JACKSON**, mother of Harriett Jackson Groh, OFWC's leadership co-chairman, died September 17 in Ripley.



• **50th ANNIVERSARY**—The Eastgate Women's Club celebrated its 50th year with a reception in September. Vera Craig (center), who has been a member of the club for all of its 50 years, was recognized. Vera's many years of service include the presidencies of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs and the Great Lakes Region. Attending the reception were Carol Stivers (left), West Ohio River District president, and Patrice Booze, GFWC Membership chairman.

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# Memorial Shrine pilgrimage—A treasured tradition



• **INSIDE THE SHRINE** – Few photographs have shown the inside of the treasured Shrine. The large seal of the State of Ohio faces visitors as they enter. The table in front has all the books laid out so that the visitors may look for names county by county. The original books are kept under lock in the cases at the back wall as they are too fragile to be used.

## Update: Caring for the Great Books

By SHIRLEY MITCHELL  
Chairman, Memorial Shrine Trustees

The Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs was very proud this past June when we hosted the 118th International Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Cleveland.

Before the Convention started, a trip was sponsored to the Shrine. Although it was raining quite hard, most of the ladies came into the Shrine. There were two busloads of members from all over the country. The General Federation of Women's Clubs Executive Committee members were presented with engraved bricks on the Friendship Walk.

Last year I took the second of the Great Books home and Gina Judy put the names of our KIA veterans from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan in the books in calligraphy. I received 10 more names this summer, so of course, they are not in the book yet.

When Tim Humphrey, Forest manager, came to pick up that book, I asked him to bring the other book to see if we could clean it up, too. We were really hesitant to start, so we took the book to our local librarian. He was very impressed with the book and the story behind it, but he did not want to touch the pages. He did clean up the outside of the book and it really looks quite nice. Again, my husband cleaned the glue and residue from some of the pages. Some of the pages you can hardly touch because of their age and condition.

Last week in our local newspaper it was reported that the remains of a WWII pilot had been returned to his family. His B24 bomber was shot down in Germany. His family members say they have closure now that his remains are home. About 50 people attended the burial service for Army 1st Lt. Alden Hershiser in Akron. The 24-

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• **TRADITION** – Dorothy Locker, president, Gold Star Mothers, and Rose Logston, GFWC/OFWC president, place a wreath in front of the Shrine.



• **VOLUNTEER** – Merl Burkhart (right), who lives down the road from the Shrine, opens and closes the building 24/7. He arrives at 7 a.m. to open and closes about 9 or 10 p.m. Shirley Mitchell met the Burkharths at the Shrine program in September.

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• **CLUB MEMBERS** from all over Ohio attended the Pilgrimage program, including (front row, from left) Joan Gordon, Sharon Pervo, Lin Wilken, Lisa Hedrick, Evelyn Bachman, Rose Logston, Shirley Mitchell, Mary Lou Jarrett, Marsha Hubbard, Janet Petrella, Stephanie Rouse; (second row,

from left) Penny Speyer, Martha Allogia, Margaret Resar, Linda Rogaliner, Linda Nolf, Linda Kuhn, Carolyn Adams, Peggy Boyd, Pam Vines, Dorothy Sideroplis, Judy Daykin, Jean Lanning, Marjean Sizemore, Linda McCoy.

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year-old bailed out of his flaming aircraft in 1945, but did not survive the fall. He was buried in an anonymous grave until exhumed in 2007 and identified in July of this year. I was unable to find his name anywhere in our books, so I inserted his name in Book VI as MIA in States-at-Large, Air Force, and noted his remains had been returned to the United States of America, with the date.

Last year when we were together, there were 187 names in our books from this current conflict. Today I am adding 10 new names for a total of 197, plus the correction for the WWII veteran.

We know that the work force at the Shrine and the Forest has been reduced. We appreciate all that they do. We thank Tim and his crew for all the work that they have done for us on the walkways and throughout the Forest.