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REMEMBER THE ROSE

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2020 Awards and Accolades



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DEAR GFWC MEMBERS,

This Awards and Accolades Book is the second part of the First Virtual GFWC Annual Convention, "Remember The Rose." All of the awards and recognitions that were announced in the Zoom sessions are recorded in this Awards and Accolades Book for you to have as a permanent record of the happenings at the First Virtual GFWC Annual Convention, "Remember The Rose."

You will be able to download and print this Book so that you will have the special remembrances for your scrapbooks. The Table of Contents will assist you in locating a particular award. The fantastic totals for the Seven Grand Initiatives and Three Brand Initiatives can be found in the pages of this International President's Farewell Address, and as you heard, they are amazing.

Hours and hours of work have gone into the production of this Awards and Accolades Book. "Thank yous" are many, but each is so well deserved. Thank you to First Vice President Deb Strahanoski and Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer for ensuring that the Charlotte Emerson Brown and Millie Crom awards for State leadership were in place. Thank you to Second Vice President Suellen Brazil and all of the chairmen for their time in judging the entries and compiling the lists of winners. Thank you to Director of Communications Carrie deGuzman and Communications and Design Coordinator Shaukeria Reese for assembling this Book and putting it online. Thank you to Director of Membership Services and Programs Melanie Gisler and Programs Manager Darrell Jones for their assistance with the special area judging and Partner Awards.

You cannot even begin to imagine all of the time spent on the Virtual Convention Zooms and the Awards and Accolades Book and the printing of the awards certificates. No one minded. Every member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and staff had one goal, to capture the celebration of a year of outstanding achievements and the excitement of a GFWC Convention for you, our members.

The biggest thank you is to each and every member of GFWC for all of your hard work this past year and during this Administration. I congratulate each and every one of you for your continued assistance to those in need, for your endless efforts to improve your communities, and for your unceasing caring of the plight of others worldwide.

In years to come, we will always remember wearing the masks. It is hoped that you will also always "Remember The Rose," the First Virtual GFWC Annual Convention.

With Federation Love,

Mary Ellen Brock
2018-2020 International President



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LEADS 2020 DELEGATES

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Betty Lamb, New York
Nicole Fleming, North Carolina
Ruty Patterson, Ohio
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Shannon Smith, South Carolina
Kimberly Overman, Tennessee
Lou Hitt, Texas
JoBeth Wampler, Virginia
Cindy Bassage, Washington
Dusty Smith, West Virginia
Melissa Kimball, Wisconsin
Heather Dodson, Wyoming
Raquel Milagros Posner, ARUBA
Carolyn Appelbe, Canada



AWARDS

ARTS CSP - PHYLLIS J. SKUBIC, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEVADA

CATEGORY 5: GFWC MONTANA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC IOWA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC MARYLAND

CATEGORY 2: GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC NEW JERSEY

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC ZEHLIANS OF THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF MANASSAS, INC., VIRGINIA

CONSERVATION CSP - ANGELA CUTRERA CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEW MEXICO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEBRASKA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC TENNESSEE

CATEGORY 2: GFWC GEORGIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC VIRGINIA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC DICKSON COINTY WOMAN'S CLUB, TENNESSEE

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC PAPILLION JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, NEBRASKA





AWARDS

EDUCATION CSP - SHARON G. SHERIDAN, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC OREGON

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

CATEGORY 4: GFWC ARIZONA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC CONNECTICUT

CATEGORY 2: GFWC WEST VIRGINIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC NORTH PINELLAS WOMAN'S CLUB, FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC NORTHBORO JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, MASSACHUSETTS

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEW MEXICO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC WASHINGTON

CATEGORY 4: GFWC OHIO

CATEGORY 3: GFWC MISSOURI

CATEGORY 2: GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC ROSWELL WOMAN'S CLUB, NEW MEXICO

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI





AWARDS

HOME LIFE CSP - CAROLYN FORBES, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC COLORADO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC LOUISIANA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC TENNESSEE

CATEGORY 2: GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC VIRGINIA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC LAMOILLE WOMEN'S CLUB, NEVADA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC JUBILEE WOMAN'S CLUB, ALABAMA

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE STATE AWARDS

STATE WINNERS

CATEGORY 6: NO WINNER

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEBRASKA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC KENTUCKY

CATEGORY 2: GFWC PENNSYLVANIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB WINNERS

CATEGORY 6: GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

CATEGORY 5: CANDIA COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CATEGORY 4: BELPRE WOMAN'S CLUB, OHIO

CATEGORY 3: GFWC BRENTWOOD-FRANKLIN WOMAN'S SERVICE CLUB, TENNESSEE

CATEGORY 2: ROYAL OAK WOMAN'S CLUB, MICHIGAN

CATEGORY 1: BONSALE WOMAN'S CLUB, CALIFORNIA





AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP - MARY BETH WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC COLORADO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

CATEGORY 4: GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC CONNECTICUT

CATEGORY 2: GFWC GEORGIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC CALIFORNIA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC VERNON TOWNSHIP WOMAN'S CLUB, NEW JERSEY

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC THE EBELL CLUB OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

TOP DONORS

GFWC FLORIDA

GFWC VIERA WOMAN'S CLUB, FLORIDA

GFWC DU MIDI WOMAN'S CLUB, ALABAMA

HEIFER HOPE AWARD

GFWC TENNESSEE

OPERATION SMILE, PAULA CUTLER AWARDS

CATEGORY 6: GFWC COLORADO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC KANSAS

CATEGORY 4: GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC ALABAMA

CATEGORY 2: GFWC PENNSYLVANIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA





AWARDS

SHOT@LIFE, REGIONAL WINNERS

CATEGORY 6: GFWC WOMAN'S CITIZENSHIP CLUB, COLORADO

**CATEGORY 5: BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, MONTANA
(TIE) SUSAN TYLER, WASHINGTON**

CATEGORY 4: BLOOMINGTON FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB, MINNESOTA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC OSSOLI CIRCLE, TENNESSEE

CATEGORY 2: GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB OF MA, INC.

CATEGORY 1: NAPERVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB, ILLINOIS

GOLD LEVEL STATE WINNERS:

GFWC ILLINOIS

GFWC FLORIDA

GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

GFWC TENNESSEE

GOLD LEVEL CLUB WINNER:

NAPERVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB, ILLINOIS

UNICEF USA - TOP TEN AWARDS

10. GFWC GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB, FLORIDA

9. GFWC THE MONDAY CLUB INC., ARIZONA

8. GFWC FUQUAY VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB, NORTH CAROLINA

7. GFWC RHINELANDER WOMAN'S CLUB, WISCONSIN

6. GFWC GLASTONBURY JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB, CONNECTICUT

5. GFWC EXETER AREA WOMEN'S CLUB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

4. GFWC JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

3. GFWC ORANGE DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

2. GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

1. GFWC NEW JERSEY





AWARDS

PUBLIC ISSUES CSP - CELENE POST, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC UTAH

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MINNESOTA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC WISCONSIN

CATEGORY 2: GFWC GEORGIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC HOLLIDAYSBURG WOMAN'S CLUB, PENNSYLVANIA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC SKOEWEHEGAN WOMAN'S CLUB, MAINE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS - PATTI POE, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC RHODE ISLAND

CATEGORY 5: GFWC MONTANA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC IOWA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC WISCONSIN

CATEGORY 2: GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

CATEGORY 1: GFWC NEW JERSEY

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC MUSKEGO WOMAN'S CLUB, WISCONSIN

NEWSLETTERS/MAGAZINES-STATE AWARDS

CATEGORY 6: GFWC OREGON

CATEGORY 5: GFWC MAINE

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC NEW YORK

CATEGORY 2: GFWC TEXAS

CATEGORY 1: GFWC CALIFORNIA





AWARDS

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS **PATTI POE, CHAIRMAN, CONTINUED**

NEWSLETTERS/MAGAZINES-CLUB AWARDS:

THIRD PLACE: GFWC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NEW YORK

SECOND PLACE: GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

FIRST PLACE: GFWC RALEIGH WOMAN'S CLUB, MISSISSIPPI

WEBSITES - STATE AWARDS

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEW MEXICO

CATEGORY 5: NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC ALABAMA

CATEGORY 2: GFWC TEXAS

CATEGORY 1: GFWC NEW JERSEY

WEBSITES - CLUB AWARDS

THIRD PLACE: GFWC THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY

SECOND PLACE: GFWC NORTH PINELLAS WOMAN'S CLUB, FLORIDA

FIRST PLACE: GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NEW YORK





AWARDS

LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA - HENRI BELCHER-STACK, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC OREGON

CATEGORY 5: GFWC MONTANA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC MISSOURI

CATEGORY 2: GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC NORTH CLACKAMAS WOMAN'S CLUB, OREGON

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC DAHLONGA WOMAN'S CLUB, GEORGIA

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT AREA - IDA DORVEE, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC SOUTH DAKOTA

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEBRASKA

CATEGORY 4: GFWC ARIZONA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC WISCONSIN

CATEGORY 2: GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC OLYMPIA WOMAN'S CLUB, WASHINGTON

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA





AWARDS

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA - JANET PRINCE, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC RHODE ISLAND

CATEGORY 5: GFWC WYOMING

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC WISCONSIN

CATEGORY 2: GFWC GEORGIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC ILLINOIS

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC ILLINOIS MORRIS WOMAN'S CLUB, ILLINOIS

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC CARTERSVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB, GEORGIA

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARDS - JANET PRINCE, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: NONE

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC ALABAMA & GFWC MISSOURI

CATEGORY 2: GFWC GEORGIA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC ILLINOIS

NATIONAL CLUB RECOGNITION

GFWC BABS' INSPIRATIONS

GFWC LEGACY WOMAN'S CLUB

GFWC MAXINES MILLLENIAL BELLES

GFWC PHYLLIS' FANTASTIC FLOCK

GFWC PIERCE ARROWS





AWARDS

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT - JUDY THOMAS MARTIN, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEVADA

CATEGORY 5: GFWC WYOMING

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC KENTUCKY

CATEGORY 2: GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC PAPILLION JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, NEBRASKA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC LARAMIE WOMANS CLUB, WYOMING

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER - JO ANNE REID, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEW MEXICO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC KANSAS

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC MISSOURI

CATEGORY 2: GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

CATEGORY 1: GFWC ILLINOIS

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF SOUTH NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC DEDHAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB, MASSACHUSETTS





AWARDS

WRITING CONTESTS - SHIRLEY HOLLY, CHAIRMAN

MEMBER SHORT STORY

Barbara Ann Boyd for "Idawanna", GFWC West Virginia, GFWC Shinnston Women's Club of West Virginia

MEMBER POETRY

Judi Biles for "Lord, Do You Take Mastercard", GFWC Tennessee, GFWC The Monday Club of Johnson City

YOUTH

Category 1, Grades K - 2

SHORT STORY

Abby Shipman for "A Camel in the Family", GFWC Pennsylvania, GFWC Banger Club

POETRY

Layton Glantz for "Owls", GFWC New York, GFWC Women's Club of Peekskill & Cortland

Category 2, Grades 3 - 5

SHORT STORY

Alana Robinson for "The Magical Kingdom", GFWC Ohio, GFWC Montgomery Women's Club

POETRY

Lily Cole for "The Things I Will Miss", GFWC Ohio, GFWC Montgomery Women's Club

Category 3, Grades 6 - 8

SHORT STORY

Mary Arengo for "The Night After Christmas", GFWC Ohio GFWC Montgomery Women's Club

POETRY

Kailyn Rominger for "Unique", GFWC Montana, GFWC Fort Benton





AWARDS

Category 4, Grades 9 - 12

SHORT STORY

Lamyaa Hamid for "Lillian". GFWC New York, GFWC Women's Club of Peekskill & Cortland

POETRY

Alden Smith for "Diamonds", GFWC West Virginia, GFWC Women's Club of Bridgeport

SIGNATURE PROGRAM- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION **- REBECCA WEBER, CHAIRMAN**

CATEGORY 6: GFWC OREGON

CATEGORY 5: GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

CATEGORY 4: GFWC IOWA

CATEGORY 3: GFWC KENTUCKY

CATEGORY 2: GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

CATEGORY 1: GFWC CALIFORNIA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

**GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA NORTH MYRTLE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB,
SOUTH CAROLINA**

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

GFWC OF CENTRAL OREGON, OREGON





AWARDS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION FUND -TOP TEN AWARDS

10. WOMAN'S CLUB OF PARSIPPANY TROY HILLS, NEW JERSEY
10. GFWC MOUNTAIN PINE WOMAN'S CLUB, COLORADO
9. GFWC MISSISSIPPI
8. GFWC OF NEW JERSEY
7. GFWC FLORIDA
6. GFWC MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION
5. GFWC COVINA WOMAN'S CLUB, CALIFORNIA
4. GFWC ILLINOIS
3. GFWC PIERCE ARROWS
2. GFWC MASSACHUSETTS
1. GFWC TEXAS

GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarships are awarded from the Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Fundraising. Chairman Weber is pleased to announce that six scholarships were awarded for \$2,500 each, as well as two special scholarships were awarded this year for \$2,500 each, in honor of Past International President Jacquelyn Pierce by a donation of \$5,000 from the GFWC Pierce Arrows. GFWC thanks all of the donors for their contributions to the Fund.





JUNIOR BANQUET AWARDS

GFWC JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP INCREASE – TRISHA SCHAFFER,
GFWC DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS

GFWC ARIZONA

GFWC INDIANNA

GFWC IOWA

GFWC LOUISIANA

GFWC NEVADA

GFWC WISCONSIN



JUNIOR BANQUET AWARDS

JUNIORETTE PARTICIPATION AWARDS - KARYN CHARVAT, CHAIRMAN

GFWC ALABAMA

GFWC Hoover Juniores
GFWC Alabama Les Belles Juniores
GFWC Pelham Juniores
GFWC Serenity Juniores
GFWC Randolph County High School Juniores
GFWC Alabama Helena High School Juniores

GFWC FLORIDA

GFWC Pinellas Juniores
GFWC Juniores Club of Jupiter
GFWC Little Women of Fernandina Beach
GFWC Little Women of Lutz
GFWC New Tampa Juniores
GFWC St. Pettersburg Juniores
GFWC Temple Terrace Juniores
GFWC Juniores of Pasco

GFWC ILLINOIS

GFWC IL South Elgin Juniores
GFWC IL Marengo Juniores
GFWC IL Tuscola Juniores

GFWC KENTUCKY

GFWC Morgan County Juniores

GFWC LOUISIANA

GFWC DeRidder High Juniores Club
GFWC Vidalia Juniores Club

GFWC MASSACHUSETTS

GFWC Girls for a Greater Good

GFWC MISSISSIPPI

GFWC Bruce Fine Arts Juniores
GFWC Pontotoc Juniores Club
GFWC MFWC Juniores Diamonds
GFWC Dixie Daisy Juniores
GFWC Ackerman Juniores
GFWC Juniores of Ellisville

GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE

GFWC Exeter Girls in Action





JUNIOR BANQUET AWARDS

GFWC NEW JERSEY

GFWC Long Valley Juniorette Club

GFWC Arlington Juniorettes

GFWC Princeton Area Juniorettes

GFWC Juniorettes - Boys Charity Group

GFWC NEW YORK

GFWC Juniorettes of the Century Club

GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC A.L. Brown Juniorette Club

GFWC OHIO

GFWC Ohio Warren Juniorettes

GFWC Warren Juniorettes

GFWC Boardman Poland Juniorettes

GFWC TEXAS

GFWC Fireside Juniorettes Club

GFWC Bluebonnet Drama Club

GFWC Harbor City Juniorette Club

GFWC VIRGINIA

GFWC JILTS Juniorettes

GFWC Dominion Juniorettes

GFWC Woodbridge Juniorettes





JUNIOR BANQUET AWARDS

JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN - HEATHER BOLICK, CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY 6: GFWC NEW MEXICO

CATEGORY 5: GFWC WASHINGTON

CATEGORY 4: GFWC MISSISSIPPI

CATEGORY 3: GFWC MICHIGAN

CATEGORY 2: GFWC NORTH CAROLINA

CATEGORY 1: GFWC FLORIDA

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION:

GFWC DECATUR WOMAN'S CLUB, TEXAS

CLUB CREATIVITY AWARD WINNER:

**GFWC KENOSHA JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB & GFWC PLEASANT PRAIRIE
WOMAN'S CLUB, WISCONSIN (JOINT PROJECT)**

MARCH OF DIMES

TOP CLUBS

GFWC SOUTH BRUNSWICK ISLAND WOMAN'S CLUB, NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC SOUTHWEST REGION WOMAN'S CLUB, COLORADO

GFWC TAMPA JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, FLORIDA

TOP INDIVIDUALS

TAMMY KESKY, NORTH CAROLINA

CHRISTINE ANGOTTI, NORTH CAROLINA

SUE O'DELL, COLORADO

JOHANNA GONZALEZ, FLORIDA

CAROL KEARNEY, COLORADO

MICHELLE CORTAZO, FLORIDA





JUNIOR BANQUET AWARDS

MILLIE CROM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JUNIOR LEADERSHIP - DIRECTOR-ELECT KRISTINA HIGBEE

BRONZE

Preshus Howard, Acting Director, Kentucky

SILVER

LeAndra N. Ratliff, North Carolina

Kendra Walker Patty, Tennessee

GOLD

Becky Bolden, Georgia

Brooke Huddleston, Louisiana

Andrea Lilly, Maryland

Diana Kleemann, New York

PLATINUM

Shannon Bailey, Florida

Cherie Sieger, Illinois

Jen Nowak, Massachusetts

Kathy Huggins, Nebraska

Esther Gartland, Ohio

Carrie Zimmerman, South Carolina

Trina Behbahani, Virginia

Michelle Munoz, Wisconsin

Dana Richardson, West Virginia





GALA BANQUET AWARDS

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FIFTH PLACE: GFWC AMERY WOMAN'S CLUB, WISCONSIN

FOURTH PLACE: GFWC PLYMOUTH, PENNSYLVANIA

THIRD PLACE: GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

SECOND PLACE: GFWC SALEM WOMAN'S CLUB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST PLACE: GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

JENNIE AWARD - ANNE REDLUS, CHAIRMAN

GREAT LAKES REGION:

DONNA CROSS, ILLINOIS

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION:

PATRICIA GREENE, NEW YORK

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION:

KATHY PALERMO, MISSOURI

NEW ENGLAND REGION:

KAREN LEACH, RHODE ISLAND

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:

BARBARA WININGHAM, TEXAS

SOUTHERN REGION:

ANN MALPASS, SOUTH CAROLINA

SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

BRIDGET MURPHY, KENTUCKY

WESTERN STATES REGION:

ALICE GLEASON, MONTANA





GALA BANQUET AWARDS

CHARLOTTE EMERSON BROWN AWARD

Great leaders are ones that have the courage to make tough decisions, even if they have to stand alone, to guide their organizations through difficult times. The Selection Committee felt that all the State Presidents exemplified excellence in leadership as they led their states through their term and especially, the past months of the pandemic. "They looked fear in the face" to quote GFWC member Eleanor Roosevelt, and then did what had to be done to ensure a bright future for their States. It is the pleasure of GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock, and the Chairman of the State Presidents Debra Strahanoski to award the Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Excellence in Leadership to:

GFWC ALABAMA: Christine Steele

GFWC ARIZONA: Doris H. Berry

GFWC CALIFORNIA: Dori Kelsey

GFWC CONNECTICUT: Leslie Apostalon

GFWC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Jessica Rigouard

GFWC GEORGIA: Tina Daniel

GFWC ILLINOIS: Shelli R. Fehr

GFWC IOWA: Eileen M. Hageman

GFWC KENTUCKY: Patricia A. Harrington

GFWC MAINE: Nancy Ames

GFWC MASSACHUSETTS: Lynne Stader

GFWC MINNESOTA: Jean Walker

GFWC MISSOURI: Susan Gettys

GFWC NEBRASKA: Louise Zimmerman

GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE: Anne Engelhardt

GFWC NEW MEXICO: Alisa Estrada

GFWC NORTH CAROLINA: Ann Hutchens Landis

GFWC OHIO: Linda Crish

GFWC OREGON: Pam Briggs

GFWC RHODE ISLAND: Karen M. Leach

GFWC SOUTH DAKOTA: Sharon Nichols

GFWC TEXAS: Carol Habgood

GFWC VERMONT: Joan Isham

GFWC WASHINGTON: Betty MacMaster

GFWC WISCONSIN: Deb Brossard

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GFWC MARYLAND: Dorothy Gregg

GFWC MICHIGAN: Sue Johnson

GFWC MISSISSIPPI: Becky C. Wright

GFWC MONTANA: Joyce DeCunzo

GFWC NEVADA: Connie Macauley

GFWC NEW JERSEY: Mary Wolfe

GFWC NEW YORK: Candace B. Edwards

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GFWC OKLAHOMA: Joan Maddox

GFWC PENNSYLVANIA: Shelly Smolnery

GFWC SOUTH CAROLINA: Juliet M. Casper

GFWC TENNESSEE: Beth Smith

GFWC UTAH: Linda Kuwana

GFWC VIRGINIA: Kelly Lane

GFWC WEST VIRGINIA: Pamela McCoy

GFWC WYOMING: Mary Lee Dixo





State of the Junior Membership

Trisha Schaefer

GFWC Director of Junior Clubs



Hello Federation Friends!

In the beginning of this Administration, I chose the theme of "Together, We Make a Difference," to represent the GFWC Junior Board this Administration.

Because, Together, we are a TEAM. T – Together E – Everyone A – Achieves M – More!

The Junior Executive Committee and State Directors develop and empower new leaders within the junior membership. We continue to make a difference in our world through the life of a child with our Juniors' Special Program: **Advocates for Children!** We added new focus on children affected by human trafficking and mental health conditions. These topics were part of the many ways our clubs Advocated for Children. In 2019, there were 811 projects recorded, which included 21,848 volunteer hours, \$473,460 dollars donated, and in-kind donations valued at \$226,609!

Throughout 2018–2020, GFWC Juniors encouraged members to take their volunteer spirit with them in their travels by carrying a "flat GFWC" with them, and to take a picture at every new place they traveled, then posting and tagging it on social media. Award winners were to be recognized at the Atlanta Convention; plans are being made on sharing those results. For these two years the State Junior Organizations have been working tirelessly on building member involvement, "Thriving Children" – with a focus on healthy eating and outdoor play, promotion of literacy, women's health with emphasis on diabetes, domestic violence and advocacy for children, conservation awareness, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and March of Dimes, being "Book Heroes" – donating books and promoting ESO, "Helping Children" by supporting Prevent Child Abuse America, "Making Magic" for Wreathes Across America, planting pinwheel gardens, hosting walks, and fundraisers, "Everyone's a Super Hero" – for Special Olympics, "Spreading Joy and Serving Others." virtual "Miles for Smiles" benefitting children's organizations and camps, teaming up for statewide projects and so much more!

It is absolutely amazing to meet and network with clubwomen from all over our country and the world! I have observed that we all encounter the same issues (membership, projects, time management, etc.) throughout my volunteer journey. I have recognized one thing that brings us all together, our "Unity in Diversity" and it's the reason I choose to serve GFWC and help empower women to be the best they can in whatever their goals are, whether that is helping their local community, or moving into higher leadership roles.

I extend my most sincere gratitude to all of you for your friendship and to the GFWC Executive Committee; Mary Ellen, Marian, Deb, Suellen, Wendy, and Jolie, for your dedication, support, and love.

Our Junior Club members continue to give their untiring service to their communities and dedicate their efforts to improve the quality of life through education and strengthening the home. I know we all want to share with the people around us, the purpose of giving back to those in need. I know that each of you display a profound passionate purpose for living the volunteer spirit. Our passion drives us to do what we love and to make a difference each day. GFWC truly "Makes the Difference" in our communities, country, and world. We know this from our history, and we've seen it in the amazing accomplishments that we celebrate at the end of each club year! GFWC Juniors, working Together will continue far into the future. The heart of each volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to Make a Difference in the lives of others.

Let us all continue to share and live our Volunteer Spirit, working together as one team on one goal, to "Make the Difference! Together!"

Trisha Schaefer
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs



Federation Address

Mary Ellen Brock

GFWC International President



Two years ago, I paraphrased lyrics from my favorite Whitney Houston song and asked you to make the 2018-2020 Administration our “One Moment in Time” when we would be more than we thought we could be, when all of our dreams were a heartbeat away, and the answers were all up to us. I shared with you my hopes, my dreams, my plans, and some of my vision. Nervously, I presented the Seven Grand Initiatives ... each with a goal of 1,000.

Last year, I shared with you more of my vision to make the GFWC name more well known, and announced the Three Brand Initiatives ... each with a goal of 1,000.

This year ... this year, I have to apologize to you for underestimating your enthusiasm, your capabilities, your openness to new ideas, and your commitment. So I now apologize to you for setting the goals so low at 1,000.

GRAND INITIATIVE – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Administration Goal: That 1,000 projects would be undertaken on MLK Day.

Reality: 1,461 projects were completed.

GRAND INITIATIVE – WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Administration Goal: That 1,000 projects would be undertaken for the Women in the Military.

Reality: 1,989 projects were accomplished.

GRAND INITIATIVE – LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER (LAC)

Administration Goal: That 1,000 members would join the LAC.

Reality: 2,776 members have joined since July 1, 2018.

BRAND INITIATIVE – MIRANDA’S LAW

Administration Goal: That 1,000 contacts would be made with United States Senators and Representatives on September 23, 2019, urging passage of Miranda’s Law.

Reality: 8,947 contacts were made with U.S. Senators and Representatives on that day urging passage of Miranda’s Law.

BRAND INITIATIVE – 3D GUN SAFETY ACT

Administration Goal: That 1,000 contacts would be made with United States Senators and Representatives on October 23, 2019, urging passage of the 3D Gun Safety Act.

Reality: 7,633 contacts were made with U.S. Senators and Representatives on that day urging passage of the 3D Gun Safety Act.

GFWC’S LEGISLATIVE BLITZ

On April 24, 2020, Federation Day, U.S. Senators and Representatives **received 8,261 contacts** from members urging passage of Miranda’s Law and the 3D Gun Safety Act. And the numbers are still coming in from States.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the impeachment hearings and pandemic legislation, we did not see the bills pass. **HOWEVER**, we made an impact and GFWC’s name became known. I received messages from several aides/assistants in the offices of U.S. Legislators that they were impressed that it was not just their office receiving the contacts but everyone they talked to on those days. **Job well done GFWC.**

Over **41,500** contacts to Congressmen regarding the 3D Gun Bill, Miranda’s Law, ERA, Woman’s History Coin Act, and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) brought the name of GFWC to the forefront and advanced our brand. We are being recognized. Your efforts have resulted in a call from U.S. Representative Barbara Lee (California) asking GFWC to endorse her centennial coin act before it was introduced; a call from Reid Maki of the Child Labor Coalition asking GFWC to endorse the Children’s Act for Responsible Employment and Farm Safety; and a request for GFWC to join the ERA Coalition.



Federation Address

Mary Ellen Brock

GWFC International President

Build on this recognition in the next Administration. Continue to contact U.S. Senators and Legislators on passage of the 3D Gun Safety Act, Miranda's Law, and other legislation that GWFC endorses. GWFC's name is out there, let's make sure we keep it there.

BRAND INITIATIVE – 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Administration Goal: That 1,000 projects would be in place to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women Winning The Right to Vote in August, 2020.

Reality 1,007 celebratory projects are in place to celebrate 100th Anniversary in August, 2020.

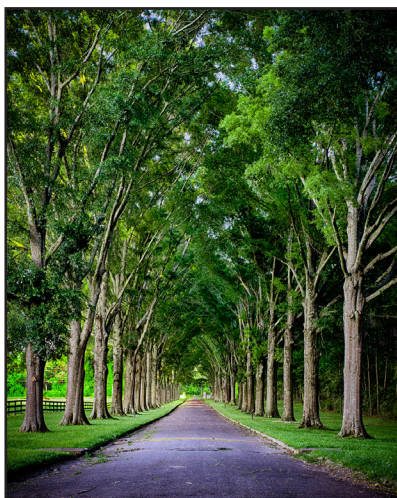
GRAND INITIATIVE – MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

Administration Goal: That 1,000 members would join the Million Dollar Club by donating \$1,000 each.

Reality, we did not reach this goal, but we did realize **\$236,134.24 through the Million Dollar Club for the Capital Campaign.**

GRAND INITIATIVE – ARBOR DAY

Administration Goal: That 1,000 trees would be planted



I want you to look at the picture of the tree-lined road and I want you to imagine driving on it for 27 1/4 miles and during that entire 27 1/4 miles you would be driving with trees lining both sides of the road. Why? Because in Reality, you planted **28,783 trees, enough to line a road on both sides for 27 1/4 MILES. Wow!**

GRAND INITIATIVE – DR. SEUSS BOOK

Administration Goal: That 1,000 Dr. Seuss books would be donated to local/state and DC children's programs.





Federation Address

Mary Ellen Brock

GFWC International President

Last year I told you that if we stacked the books, the pile would be taller than the Empire State Building. Well this year with the grand total of books stacked, the pile would be taller than the Empire State Building and any other building in the United States. The pile would be a wee bit taller than the Shanghai Twisted Tower (2,073 feet), which is pictured, and is the second tallest building in the **world**. Reality you donated **74,736 Dr. Seuss books to local/state and DC schools and children centers.** Lastly ...

GRAND INITIATIVE– SOLES4SOULS/NIKE

Administration Goal: That 1,000 pairs of shoes would be donated to Soles4Souls/Nike programs.



This is a picture of the football stadium of the University of Michigan, which is the largest stadium, collegiate, or professional, in the country. The stadium holds 107,601 people. I want you to picture the stadium packed to capacity and that in every seat is sitting a person wearing a pair of your donated shoes. Oh, and there would be over 9,759 more people wearing your donated shoes standing on line hoping to get into the filled stadium. Reality - you donated **117,360 pairs of shoes to Soles4Souls/Nike program.**

I am so very, very proud of all that you accomplished with the Initiatives and so deeply touched at how lovingly you embraced them. I am in awe of your commitment and hope you will never be underestimated in the future.

One of the opportunities that you afforded me was to distribute the Dr. Seuss books that you sent to Headquarters. The members of the Executive Committee, the President's Special Assistant, the President's Assistants, and some of the staff each had an opportunity to distribute some of the books to the schools in DC. Often, we would finish delivering the books and emptying the shelves at Headquarters, only to return and there would be more books waiting. So many times, I had the joy of distributing the books by myself with the help of our trusted taxi driver, Hank, who carried boxes and boxes of books into schools. It warms my heart every time I think of the children receiving the books you donated. My favorite three memories were of the little girl who came up to me after she had received her book and asked if she could have one for her little sister because she didn't have any books either. And the little girl who was so overwhelmed by having to choose a book and she kept going back and forth not being able to make up her mind. I finally asked her what was her favorite color and she said yellow. The decision was made by the yellow cover of "1 fish, 2 fish, red fish, blue fish." And then there was Jackson Wright. After he chose his book I took it from him, opened it, and picked up my pen. He immediately grabbed my hand and came as close as he could to my face and whispered "Don't write in the book. They'll yell at you if you do." I told him it was okay to write in this book, as it was his book to take home and keep forever. He thought for a moment and then said "Well my full name is Jackson LeBron Wright, with a W."

GFWC answered a call from the USO and donated 50 books to the USO's United Through Reading's Military Program. I visited the center and watched an about to be deployed woman soldier being videotaped as she read one of our books to her child. It was very heartwarming knowing that the DVD and our book would be sent to her child back home.



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Know that the best part of being the International President for me has always been being with you. My favorite times during these past two years, have been the times when we have been together at Convention, Region Conferences and club meetings. I loved sharing the fun and laughter with you at these events. I thank you for the many cards and emails I have received from you with lovely kind words. I will keep all of them in a special box and I will keep all of you in a special place in my heart.

As I bid you farewell, I thought it would be appropriate to quote Dr. Seuss as he was such a part of this Administration. "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened."

As I began with a Whitney Houston song, I will end with one. Know that "I will always love you, the wonderful, wonderful members of GFWC". I thank you with all my heart for making the 2018-2020 Administration, Our One Moment in Time, so much more than I ever, ever dreamed it would be.

With Federation Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ellen".

Mary Ellen Brock
2018-2020 International President



Federation Address
Marian Simmons-St.Clair
GFWC President-elect

Hello. I am Marian Simmons-St.Clair and on July 1, I will become the 53rd International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Current circumstances are not what we expected or wanted, but I am glad to have this brief opportunity to speak with you.

First, I want to thank Trisha Shaffer, Director of Junior Clubs, and Mary Ellen Brock, International President, for their dedication and service, especially over the past two years. They have each brought unique talents to their positions and I know that we have all been inspired by their leadership. Transitions like these are happy and sad, and I will certainly miss working with Trisha and Mary Ellen and I wish them all the gratitude and happiness they deserve for their efforts on our behalf.



I am tremendously excited about the opportunity ahead. Since the November Orientation Meeting, our future leaders and staff have been working to prepare the materials for the next administration. I am especially excited about the new GFWC Club Manual that will be launched on July 1 and want to thank everyone involved for the thousands of hours that have been dedicated to its creation. We have been very mindful of the information gathered from clubwomen through surveys and have carefully integrated those ideas. I hope you be excited to see the Club Manual in its final form and will find it stimulating and valuable to your efforts in the months ahead.

There are a number of other initiatives in the works and I hope, in particular, that you will be on the watch for an upcoming series of webinars that will highlight a variety of ideas and projects from our Special Programs, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Plans.

Just weeks ago, on April 24, we marked the 130th birthday of GFWC. Over the years, our members have succeeded in achieving many reforms and initiatives to support and promote the well being of women, children, and families. Even in this difficult time of illness and unrest, I know you are providing leadership and assistance in your communities as you continue your volunteer work to help others.

At the close of each club year and each administration, we have a chance to look back at our accomplishments. This year, I hope you will use this time as an opportunity to look forward too. When doing so, envision a safer world, a stronger community, a growing and more nurturing club, and a happier and more courageous you.

As GFWC member Eleanor Roosevelt said, "You must do the things you think that you cannot do."

As clubwomen, we gather strength and confidence from every volunteer experience. When we work together, no dream is too big. In the year to come, let us try to do something every day that encourages and motivates us to achieve greatness. And let us link arms with more women, sharing the learning and enrichment opportunities that being a member of GFWC provides to each of us.

The past months have brought enormous changes to our daily lives. For me, it has produced a more urgent sense of purpose. I know, working together, that we will continue to take steps, both large and small, that will result in positive and lasting change. For these reasons, and many more, I offer my thanks and warmest good wishes to each of you.

Marian Simmons-St.Clair
GFWC President-elect

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**Thank you for your invaluable leadership
and commitment to GFWC!**



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from Marian St.Clair**



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