

GFWC-W September 2016 News Blast

Bloom Where You Are Planted



From the President—Leslie Jo Gatti

Dear GFWC-W Friends,

The mornings are a bit crisper; various hunting seasons have begun. Those things mean it's also time for a new Club year to begin. It promises to be a busy and wonderful time.

I need to report a bit of sad news. Just two weeks after our State Convention in May, Past Wyoming and Utah President Janean Jolley passed away. GFWCWyoming Secretary Betty Auld and I attended her funeral in Bountiful, UT, followed by lunch with several Utah Clubwomen. In July, I was notified of the passing of Doris Small, Past Wyoming President. She had been in ill health for some time. These women served our state graciously and unselfishly and should be remembered fondly.

It has been a busy summer. Many of us are beginning new Club positions. Everyone has questions. Seven Wyoming Clubwomen attended the GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, learning about new GFWC partners, meeting new people, and having a great time.

The Fall Workshop will be in Cheyenne on Saturday, Oct.8 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The address is 218 East 19th Street, at the corner of House Ave. & 19th Street. I've been told the construction from last year has been completed, so entering the parking lot will be easier! There will be a Board meeting in the morning, from 8 am. till 11 am. The workshop will be from noon till 3 pm. Club Presidents and Board members will be receiving an agenda in the next couple weeks. Tentative plans for the workshop include a getting-to-know-you icebreaker, membership recruitment suggestions, and rating guide notes. We hope to draw the winning name for the Christmas quilt. If you have any requests for topics, let me know.

I want to remind members of two online resources: GFWCWyoming.org and GFWC.org.

I want to thank Mary Lee Dixon for her work in setting up the Fall Workshop and Nancy Kaufman for getting out the September NewsBlast. Both of these time-sensitive items snuck up on us while we were already busy.

I am looking forward to seeing about a dozen of you at the Western States Region meeting in Salt Lake City. I am anxious to learn what projects Clubs are planning for my three areas of concern: Veterans, Literacy, and Spay and Neuter programs.

Here is to a prosperous new Club Year!

Yours in Federation,

Leslie Jo Gatti,
GFWCWyoming President

International Outreach Community Service Program Chairman—Trish Peoples

Happy Fall, Everyone!!

I had the good fortune of attending the GFWC International Convention this summer. The women there were fabulous; there was even a "Gathering of the Goddesses." I decided to keep the goddess headdress, as you can see in my new photo. I was so inspired by these ladies that I decided to change my name to "The Goddess Wyobelle." You can call me GW for short. Seriously, though, I wasn't fooled by the glittery gowns. GFWC women have the hearts of lions in their drive to serve others. In the area of International Outreach, they are determined to support Operation Smile, Heifer International, Shot@Life and UNICEF. One of the biggest concerns these days for UNICEF are the kids in Syria. UNICEF has been on the ground in Syria since the conflict began, helping to mobilize the largest humanitarian operation in history and working closely with partners to provide education, physical protection, psychological support and clothing to Syrian refugee children in Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt and other countries; immunize children against disease; and provide millions of people with access to safe drinking water. As you can imagine, this is a huge task! We should support them! Do you remember Trick or Treating for UNICEF when we were kids? Let's do that again! Break out those Mason jars, decorate them with UNICEF and Halloween items, and fill them during your next general membership meeting.

Trish Peoples
International Outreach



Leadership Chairman—Carolyn Turbeville



Leadership

I am Carolyn Turbeville, Wyoming GFWC State Leadership Chairman, a member and past president of X-JWC in Cheyenne. Each month, I plan to put a Tidbit or Quote in the News Blast about leadership.

This isn't just for Presidents, but for all members. It is important that everyone participates, whether it is an officer, committee chairman, or on a committee.

Leadership from State Leadership Chairman Carolyn Turbeville

Remember: There is no “**I**” in *teamwork*, so make our organization a “**WE**” group. *Not one person should be trying to do all the work, make sure all of your committee is involved. (Members, make sure you step up to help if you have volunteered to do something, so that it can be a “WE” organization).* A good leader involves everyone in decisions!

ATTENTION: ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS

Rating Guide Advice

I would like to remind club presidents of the basic intent of the Rating Guide. It is a tool for you to make your presidency and subsequently your club a success.

The first page consists of incentives which will guide you to meeting GFWC-W responsibilities and deadlines on time. You simply need to check on your officers and chairmen to be sure deadlines are met.

The second page consists of activities you can do to boost your total points which qualify you for the ribbons at state convention... Please fill out a Rating Guide now to see where you stand point wise. If you are not at the ribbon level you desire bump up some of these activities for additional points. If you are at the purple level I challenge you to increase your points by 30 points.

Remember, this is a guide which will lead you to a satisfying tenure as president. It does you little good if the only time you look at it is when you are doing reports in 2017. This is a Wyoming document which is a win-win situation. Your club is more meaningful and successful and your GFWC-W becomes more viable and successful as well.

A copy of the Rating Guide is attached. PLEASE USE IT NOW. Remember: “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Let's succeed together.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Sue Ann Shaffer, 117 Longs Peak Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82009; sas@bailyranch.com, 307-634-2097 or 307-745-3910.- ** *Rating Guide at end of this document*

HOME LIFE- Phyllis Salzburg, GFWC-W Chairman

Looking for some inspiration or ideas for new projects this year? These are two of the Top 10 Projects reported by clubs to GFWC in the Home Life Community Service Program. Let them inspire you to make similar projects fit your club or community!

1. Lifebooks for Foster Children, The GFWC Tempe Junior Woman's Club

The club partnered with AZ Children's Association to prepare Lifebooks for foster children. Lifebooks provide foster children a visual reminder of their positive memories and experiences and give them a life story that they can share with others. The books also help foster families develop a bond and get to know the children.

A 30 page template is used as a guide. A club member reproduces the pages on colorful paper which are then glued onto scrapbook paper. Other members then add colorful and creative stickers to each page. Examples of the pages:

Welcome! As you arrive in this home, I would like to say ____

Our Home – places for photos, address and phone number

My First Day – I arrived on _____. The first thing I did was_____.

The most valuable possession I brought with me was _____, How I feel today_____ And the examples go on

2. Education and Home Life Chairmen of the GFWC Gun Lake Area Club (MI) partnered with the local Habitat for Humanity Project to provide bookcases and age appropriate books for children and parents moving into two newly built homes. Members were asked to bring age-appropriate books to fill the cases, donating 220 books.

KNOW YOUR ORGANIZATION --- A LITTLE GFWC HISTORY!

GFWC and the National Park Service

On August 25th, the National Park Service celebrated its 100th anniversary. Did you know the General Federation of Women's Clubs played a part in the establishment of the NPS 100 years ago?

GFWC President Mary Belle King Sherman, (Mrs. John Dickinson) served as the 10th international president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, for two administrations: 1924-1926 and 1926-1928. Prior to serving as international president, she served as GFWC Conservation Chairman from 1914-1920. By the end of her service as Conservation Chairman, she had helped guide the formation of six national parks, represented GFWC at the dedication of Rocky Mountain Park near her home, and advocated for the GFWC resolution supporting the National Park Service Bill. On August 25, 1916, the National Park Service was officially created when President Woodrow Wilson signed the bill creating the National Park Service.

Below: Mary Belle King Sherman of the “National Federation of Women’s Clubs”, with Colorado Congressman Edward Taylor (to her left) and Colorado Governor Ed Carlson (to her right) and other dignitaries at the dedication of Rock Mountain National Park September 4, 1915.



AND.....

Recently, for the first time in 55 years a regularly scheduled civilian flight from the United States landed in Cuba. Among the final travelers from the United States to Cuba before commercial flights were banned were GFWC clubwomen, who arrived in Cuba in 1953. First Vice President Helen Chapman was invited as an honorary guest of the Havana Women’s Club for the club’s Federation Day celebration.

ESO Challenge

“Promise me you’ll remember you are BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem and SMARTER than you think” - A.A. Milne, *Winnie the Pooh*

The above is a quote from a book I love. Each month I plan to put inspirational messages from well-known Children’s books. I encourage each of you to read these books and add them to your ESO lists. Let’s see how many books we all will read!

Just For Fun

Let's see who *really* reads the News Blast or even forwards it on to their club members. Each month I will place a trivia question in the News Blast. Send your answers to me via e-mail and I will keep track of Club responses. By the time the Wyoming Convention rolls around I will have figured out prizes for the winners.

Name a band whose name is also a State –or- Name a band whose name contains two state's names in it.

Have fun – Nancy Kaufman- npkauf@comcast.net

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GFWC of Wyoming 2016-2017 Rating Guide

NAME OF CLUB _____ PRESIDENT _____

NAME OF PERSON REPORTING _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

This guide is to be used initially as a motivational and planning document. A second copy will be used as the reporting document which will be sent to Sue Ann Shaffer, Rating Guide Chairman, 117 Longs Peak Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82009 by **MARCH 1. Reporting period includes March 1, 2016-March 1, 2017.**

Section 1.

The following items have a value of 10 points each. Fill in points at blank on left.

Points	Activity	Date Due	Send to:
	Submit dues of \$22 per general club member, \$12 per Juniorette	Nov. 30	GFWCW Treasurer
	Submit membership report with names and all contact information for members. 2 copies	Nov. 30	GFWCW Treasurer, GFWCW President, Membership Chairman
	\$5.00 assessment for State Fall Workshop	Nov. 30	GFWCW Treasurer
	\$25.00 assessment for State Convention Fund	Nov. 30	GFWCW Treasurer
	\$25.00 assessment for Dollars for Art	Nov. 30	GFWCW Treasurer
	List of club officers with mailing addresses, email addresses and telephone number.	April 30	GFWCW President, President-Elect and District President
	Yearbooks submitted. 1 copy each.	State Fall Workshop	GFWCW President, President-Elect and District President
	Submit club president report	Feb. 1	GFWCW President & President-Elect
	Increasing club membership by two or more members from March 1, 2016 to March 1, 2017.	March 15	Membership Chairman GFWCW President
	Invitation to GFWCW President to visit club.	March 1	
	Invitation to any GFWCW board member to visit club.	March 1	
	Report names of deceased members in 2016.	March 1	Spiritual Values Chairman GFWCW President
	Report names of anniversary scroll recipients recognizing each 10 years of membership.	March 1	President-Elec Membership Chairman
	Club participates in Youth Art Month	March 1	
	Club participates in Youth Art Contest	March 1	
	Club participates in Exceptional Youth Art Contest	March 1	

Section 2.

The following will have a value of dollar to point, i.e. If you contribute \$30 to a fund you will earn 30 points on that line.

Points	Activity	Date Due	Send to:
	Contribution to Ruth Clare Yonkee District Scholarship	Nov. 30	Education Fund Custodian
	Contribution to Mary Brooks Education Fund	Nov. 30	Education Fund Custodian
	Contribution to Paulina Hayes Scholarship	Nov. 30	Education Fund Custodian
	Contribution to GFWCW Endowment Operating Fund	Nov. 30	Endowment Fund Custodian
	Memorials given by clubs or members to GFWCW funds or projects	Mar. 1	Education Fund Custodian or Endowment Fund Custodian
	Contributions to GFWCW and GFWC International fund raisers.	Mar. 1	GFWCW and GFWC appropriate officers

Section 3.

The following items have a value of 20 points each. Item 1 can be 20 points multiplied by number of events.

Points	Activity	Date Due	Send to:
	Holding a membership recruiting event.	March 1	Rating Guide
	Nominating a Leads candidate.	Feb. 1	GFWCW President, President-Elect, Membership Chairman, Leadership Chairman
	Nominating a member for the Jenny Award	June 1	GFWCW President
	Submitting Community Improvement Project	March 1, 2016	CIP Chairman

Section 4.

The following item has a value of 40 points.

Points	Activity	Due Date
	Sponsoring a new GFWCW club.	March 1

Section 5.

The following items have a value of 10 points times the number of participants or action, i.e. 3 articles submitted to Wyoming Clubwoman times 10 points would yield 30 points that would be reported in left column by that subject.

Points	Activity	Explain, i.e. 10 members
	Members attending 2016 State Convention	
	Members attending 2016 State Fall Workshop	
	Members attending 2016 Western States Region Conference	
	Members attending 2016 GFWC International Convention.	
	Article submitted to Wyoming Clubwoman.	
	Article submitted to GFWC Clubwoman magazine.	
	Member joining ESO for first time.	
	Member attaining additional century in ESO	
	Each member entry in GFWCW state contests.	
	For each club member serving on a State, Regional or International level, as an officer, chairman or committee member. Attach list.	
	Each member subscribing to GFWC Clubwoman magazine	
	Participation and reporting on GFWC community service programs, special projects and advancement programs. Attach list of all projects in this category. 200 point limit.	

_____ TOTAL RATING GUIDE POINTS

_____ ADJUSTMENT POINTS Add **200 points** if Category I Club (20 or less members)

Add **100 points** if Category II Club (21-60 members)

Add **0 points** if Category III Club (62 or more members)

Your category is based on the number of members for the major part of the reporting year.

_____ **GRAND TOTAL OF RATING GUIDE POINTS AND ADJUSTMENT POINTS**

Your **GRAND TOTAL POINTS** will qualify you for one of the following categories which are awarded at State Convention. A gold seal will be added for Rating Guide submissions that are complete and submitted on time.

EXCELLENT CLUB, RED RIBBON, 400+ POINTS

SUPERIOR CLUB, BLUE RIBBON, 600+ POINTS

SUPERIOR PLUS CLUB, PURPLE RIBBON, 800+ POINTS

PLEASE NOTE:

This is not a competition between clubs. It is a guide to club goals and improvement. You are not required to attain any level. However, the more points you achieve will result in a healthier club. Your results will be recognized at the state convention.