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Mark your calendars!

The official Call to Convention will be out in March
but ...

Dates: Friday April 25 and Saturday April 26

Meeting Location: Longview Senior Center

Hotel Location: Best Western Aladdin Inn, Longview

Agenda will include:

Financial reports

Proposed Bylaw revisions

Resolutions review

2025 Scholarship winners

Emergency Preparedness program/speaker

Club awards & reports

Clubwoman of the Year

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Start making plans now to join us and watch for the Call coming to inboxes
soon!



Kimberly Skagen
GFWC Washington State
President
2024-2026



Hello!

Happy 2025! I trust your New Year's celebrations were safe and sane; ours were very quiet. Homemade nachos and Netflix movies were on our agenda—we leave anything crazier to more adventurous types. We gifted ourselves a week in Yellowstone for Christmas this year and spent the week before Christmas exploring the park. It's magical in winter! We found bison, a moose, elk and best of all—the wolf pack! I'll share a few pictures here in this newsletter!

It's report writing season. By the time this edition hits your inbox, you should be ready to file them or possibly already have. Thank you for all your efforts. I still write reports for two clubs and I completely understand what a big job it is. We work as a team to prepare, but the final compiling and sending out usually is easier for one person to manage. Following the receipt of all your reports, I get to spend the next few weeks writing my state entry highlighting and bragging about all the good you have done for the last year so I can have my submission to GFWC by March 15. So, again, THANK YOU!!

In anticipation of our Spring Convention in April, I've selected our venue and worked with Suzanne to also select our hotel. I have a good idea about lunches but dinner is just a plan at the moment. Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26.

District plans for Spring Conferences are also coming together. I will miss my own Peninsula District conference due to being out of the country, but have penciled in attending Northeastern in mid-May. I really enjoy district conferences, there's just something special about them.

I'd like to give a mention to our tried-and-true webmasters! I really overhauled a couple of the key pages we use the most, and Dale has been a trooper getting everything set up to my inputs. Please, please, please stop by and take a look—<https://www.gfwcws.org/>. **Use the forms posted.** One page is everything you need to run your business—dues, endowment, LEADS, scholarship, name badges. And another is all about report writing—the forms you need, the statistical and all the various special awards you should be putting your club's name in for. The State clubs and contact page has been updated with current info. As always, there are many years work of Washington Clubwoman posted, you can get inspired for new projects or look back to see historically what or how you did something. There are pages just waiting to be filled with pictures of your club and district events or newsletter, anything you would like to share can be posted. And all of #flatMABELs adventures are posted! Just drop them an email and Dale and Rita will take it from there. Next up I will be getting the Federation Forest pages updated and adding a new "Significant Impacts" by Washington Clubwomen document posted. We need to keep our website fresh and newsworthy or really ask ourselves why we have it. You know how frustrating it can be when you try to look something up and a website is out of date. We do not want that to be our website!

I am issuing a BIG challenge to all clubs with this newsletter. Look further inside for the **March of Diapers Challenge. And start counting...**

Thank you for your continued support of our mission! GFWC-Washington State is a pretty special group and we are very lucky to be here.

—xo Kim

"Living the Volunteer Spirit"

Winter in Yellowstone

Most Christmases, Jose and I plan something fun instead of buying stuff... just easier overall. This year he suggested we plan a winter visit to one of our favorite places... Yellowstone! We've discussed heading there in the winter for many years, and Xanterra has put together a great package we couldn't resist! We spent three nights at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and two at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. The daytime hours were spent exploring various locations in the park. On day two, we traveled by shuttle bus and visited Lamar Valley, where the bison roam, and Cooke City, MT. On days three and four, we traveled by snow coach and saw multiple thermal pools, Fountain Paint Pots and Upper Geyser Basin, Old Faithful, and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. Day five we snowshoed the back area from the Snow Lodge before returning to Mammoth for our final night.

The final tally is that we saw quantities of bison, coyote, elk, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, lots of waterfowl, pronghorn, and wolves!! And one lone moose! It was a truly fantastic experience!



Iconic Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

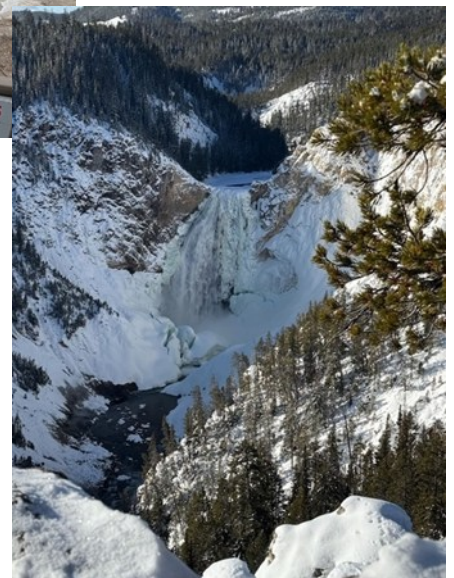


Bison in Lamar Valley



Above: at Fountain Paint Pots

Right: Upper Falls, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone



"Living the Volunteer Spirit"



Lone moose had already lost his antlers.



The wolves were down on the road near us (we had to stay in the coach) and then up on the hill. We could hear them howling to each other, our driver said he almost never hears that. We counted a total of 23 that day, so amazing!!

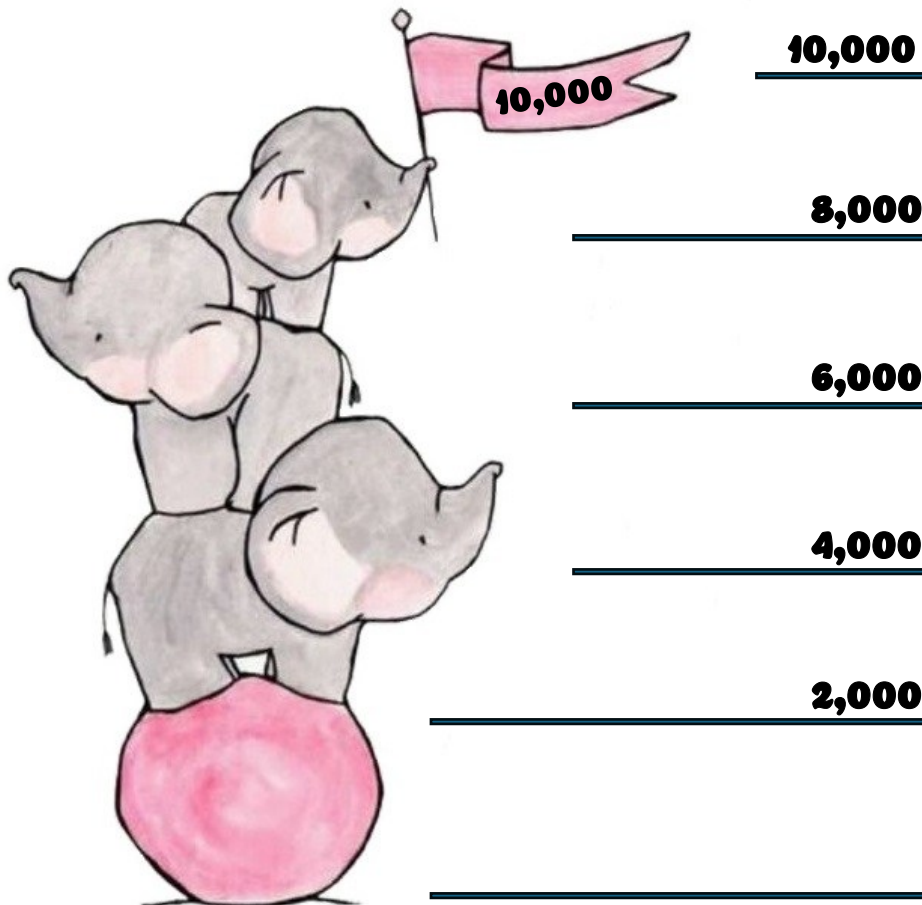
March of Diapers

Every Spring, GFWC Valley Volunteers makes a large donation of baby items – including diapers and wipes – to Step by Step. I thought it would be fun to extend a challenge to every member of our state...

From now until April 25 (Spring Convention!), purchase diapers (and wipes) and donate them to the organizations you already support. Or even possibly new ones, in your own club areas.

Once you make delivery, send me an email (daiziedot@yahoo.com) with the total number of diapers you donated and let's see if we can hit that flag at the top of this stack of baby elephants!
(Count of diapers, not packs... 1 box of 192, etc.)

We can have a fun competition but the ones who will benefit are the mamas and babies in our own communities!!



Membership

Nancy Burdick
GFWC-Washington State Membership Chairman

While we are struggling with membership, so are most organizations. However, I believe we can turn our membership around. It will take a little work on everyone's part. I cannot do it by myself, I need your help! Since the beginning of this administration, we have held meetings in Moses Lake, Covington, and Toledo. We have a meeting scheduled in Maple Valley in February and are looking forward to holding meetings in Gig Harbor and Longview. We also hope to find more locations in Eastern Washington to hold meetings. We are putting information on Facebook about these meetings, so if you are on Facebook, please share it with your friends. Invite friends, spread the word about GFWC! It only takes a post on social media asking if there are women interested in volunteering and making friends. Let them know what a great organization GFWC is. Be proud! Make sure your club is welcoming and actively doing things.

Let me know if you would like help in building your club or maybe starting a new club.

Nancy Burdick
GFWC-WS Membership Chairman

Turn a Guest into A Member

1. Prepare name badges for everyone – guests and members.
2. Let members know about the program in advance so they can plan to attend. Encourage members to arrive early so they can welcome the guests and make them comfortable.
3. **Remind members to thank the guests for attending and to invite them to join or attend another meeting.**
4. Provide a meaningful introduction for each guest.
5. Arrange a quality program.
6. **Make the meeting a positive experience.** Don't ask them to purchase raffle tickets, etc.
7. Explain the procedures to the guests in advance so they are comfortable with the format of the meeting.
8. **Run an efficient meeting** by having the room set prior to the guests' arrival, starting and ending on time and leaving adequate time for the program.
9. Advise the presenters of the program in advance about the allotted amount of time for the program.
10. Avoid "federation" lingo during the meeting so that guests will understand what is happening during the meeting. Perhaps have a key person sit next to each member in case questions arise.
11. **Have membership information packets available for guests after the meeting.**
12. **Make follow-up calls to guests** within a few days after the meeting.

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Membership

Nancy Burdick
 GFWC-Washington State Membership Chairman

What is Federation doing for me Now?

- Published the GFWC Club Manual that has information on GFWC, how it operates, the staff, our programs and projects, membership tips, leadership ideas and more.
- Sends me a quarterly Clubwoman Newsletter that informs me about upcoming events and gives me ideas on programs and projects.
- Sends me News & Notes weekly with information about GFWC.
- Sends Legislative Alerts with information about legislation in the U.S. Legislature.
- Arranges free workshops and speakers at national, regional, state, districts, and club functions on a variety of subjects.
- Keeps me aware of important national, state, and local issues affecting my family and my community.
- Opens the door to new and exciting experiences.

What can I do for Federation

- Attend meetings at the national, state, district, and club level.
- Actively participate in programs and projects.
- Volunteer to be an officer or chairman.
- Offer suggestions for activities.
- Listen with an open mind to views different from mine.
- Accept graciously, majority decisions.
- Do not act negatively before, after, or during a meeting.
- Read and share information to me.
- Raise my awareness of national, state and local issues
- Avail myself of the opportunity to learn to grow.
- Give my time, my energy and myself without complaint
- Work for the good of the group, not just for me.

GFWC-WS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (LEADS)

Contact Cindy Bassage, 253-564-3304 or clbassage@comcast.net
2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual
See pages 145 through 156

GFWC-WS Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

NEW DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 21, 2025

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the local level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in our State Federation and/or GFWC beyond our state. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. GFWC Washington State selects one LEADS attendee each year. GFWC LEADS is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. The program may include an overview of various leadership skills; an explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance; an outline of GFWC policies, procedure, and protocol; and discussions of tips and techniques for pursuing personal growth and developing leadership opportunities. Criteria for LEADS Participation: LEADS candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in GFWC-WS and try to attend and share at the Fall GFWC WSR region conference.
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level
- Is a current dues paying member and has not attended a previous LEADS program.

LEADS attendees are expected to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment and are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

LEADS attendees receive:

- Transportation and lodging stipend of \$325.00 from GFWC, checks are distributed to attendees at the completion of the seminar.
- Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required) Additional travel stipend of \$250 from GFWC-WS.

Name		
2002	Lois Swanstrom	GFWC Amalak
2003	Lori Dawson	GFWC Kitsap Peninsula
2004	Betty MacMaster	GFWC Sokico
2005	Tina Bair	GFWC Camas-Washougal
2006	Cindy Remington	GFWC Valley Volunteers
2007	Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs	GFWC Cascade
2008	Ginger Bowman-Rape	GFWC Woman's Club of Spokane
2009	Sherry Porter	GFWC Evergreen
2010	Helen Barr	GFWC Capital
2011	Elisha Heath	GFWC Woman's Club of Spokane
2012	Susan Tyler	GFWC Sokico
2013	Kimberly Skagen	GFWC Valley Volunteers
2014	Cindy Jorgensen	GFWC Cascade
2015	Carol Styles	GFWC Camas-Washougal
2016	Linda Hartung	GFWC Cathlamet
2017	Renee Kuehn	GFWC Cascade
2018	Dorothy Crowder	GFWC Capital
2019	Sandra Groves	GFWC Olympia
2020	No Convention	
2021	Cindy Bassage	GFWC Chambers Bay
2022	Anna McKinney Knowles	GFWC Olympia
2023	Suzanne Bagdon	GFWC Sokico
2024	No candidate	

GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) APPLICATION FORM

If you desire to further your contributions to our District or State, LEADS training is for you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:
(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:

List all District offices and/or chairmanships held:

List GFWC club/District programs/projects in which involved:

List positions at the District, State Federation, and/or national level in which you are interested:

Are you willing to:

Cover costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes ___ No ___

Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? Yes ___ No ___

Share what you have learned at LEADS at your Region Conference? Yes ___ No ___

Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to Cindy Bassage **by February 21, 2025**

Outstanding Clubwoman of the Year

The award, GFWC-WS Clubwoman of the Year, is to honor and recognize the state club woman and volunteer who demonstrates the GFWC philosophy of community improvement through volunteer service;” Living the Volunteer Spirit.”

Each club may select one member to be honored. A report must be submitted no later than March 1, 2025, describing the candidates activities from January 1st through December 31st of 2024.

Cindy Bassage
 9626 57th ST CT W
 University Place, WA 98467
clbassage@comcast.net

The report must include the following:

Cover Page:
 Candidates Name
 Club
 District
 Club President’s Signature

Narrative containing no more than two pages typed should include:

- Brief description of Federation activities prior to last year
- Detailed description of current GFWC activities
- Brief description of State, District, and club activities
- Brief description of community activities outside of club
- Brief description of family and professional life

Eligibility:

The candidate must be a dues-paying member of the GFWC-WS to be considered. Currently elected GFWC-WS Officers and past GFWC-WS Presidents are not eligible for this award.

2024 GFWC Holiday Open House

Every December, GFWC throws open the doors of Headquarters for the annual Holiday Open House. All members are welcome to attend, Washington State this year was very well represented by Carlene Garner, International Past President, Washington State Past President, and current serving Parliamentarian as well as Nancy Jones, Washington State Past President and current serving Washington State Secretary.

Eash State Federation is invited to contribute, this year we were requested to send large ornaments. We were asked to send within the following parameters: 4-5 inches in size, silver/gold/white/clear/or mixed in color, and be shimmery or sparkly.

All photos of the event were posted in the Member Portal, so fun to see. Someday I hope to attend in person but for now, a few pictures below will have to suffice!



Shannon Bailey, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs; Carlene Garner; Suellen Brazil, GFWC International President; Nancy Jones.



Doorway where our ornament was hanging.



Our Washington ornament.

“Living the Volunteer Spirit”



APRIL is
**Child Abuse
Prevention Month**



Plant your blue pinwheel garden and post a picture on social media.

Make the safety and wellbeing of children and families a priority.

Visit <https://childwelfare.gov> for the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Outreach toolkit to find ideas and resources.

Save the Date



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**2025 INTERNATIONAL
 DAY OF SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

GFWC Day of Service Going International

Save the Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

The **GFWC International Day of Service** highlights the significant contributions made by each GFWC club, both in the United States and around the world, within their local communities. By incorporating "International" into the name, we honor the valuable contributions of both our domestic and international affiliate clubs while showcasing the global reach of GFWC's efforts.

Mark your calendar now for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service, formerly known as National Day of Service (NDS), on Saturday, September 27.

Project ideas and resources will be available soon as you begin to develop your plan for the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service.

Join us as we highlight GFWC's unwavering commitment to empowering and supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Your participation can make the difference

—From News & Notes, November 15, 2024

National Day of Service will be the same day as GFWC-WS Fall Board. We plan to meet in the morning and project in the afternoon! Plan to attend!

Community Service Programs



ENVIRONMENT

Sally Larson, Chair

Washington Women Club members, you have an opportunity to become citizen scientists with as little as 15 minutes of time invested.. The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is happening on February 14-17. So what is the GBBC? It is an annual global event for beginning to expert birders. Each participant tallies birds seen, both species and number of species seen, and then reports their sightings on a bird recording app. This is a very important activity because the data gathered is used by scientists to monitor bird populations and distribution globally.

How to get involved:

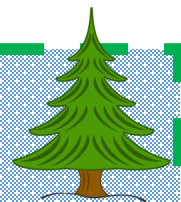
- Chose a location to observe the birds—backyard, local park, water
- Observe the area for at least 15 minutes on one or more of the 4 days
- Record your observations
- Submit your data to either
 - Merlin Bird ID app: easiest to use
 - E bird app or website: more for advanced birders.



So get out your bird book, look on-line for identification help, binoculars, paper and pencil and join this very important conservation program. And keep planting those native trees.

FEDERATION FOREST WORKDAY—JUNE 21, 2025

More info to come via email.



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Legislation/Public Policy

Martha Curwen, Chair

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Members have an easy way to contact their U.S. Representatives and Senators through the GFWC Legislative Action Center also known as LAC.

GFWC and GFWC-WS Resolutions are actions voted on by the membership reflecting our non-partisan views on causes we support and becomes the policy of our organization.

Through the Legislative Action Center members can encourage their Senators and Representatives to vote for upcoming bills that reflect our Resolutions.



When a bill is up for a vote and is determined to reflect GFWC Resolutions, GFWC LAC sends an email to a LAC participant regarding the action to take. They even provide a prewritten letter and a way to email it directly to appropriate Congressional members.

In 2024, members of LAC sent letters concerning the following:

- Funding for programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
- Support of Shot @ Life.
- Protect children and stop online child sexual exploitation.
- Advocate for monument to woman's suffrage.
- Urged Congress support access to vaccines for all children.
- Urged Congress to enact the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act.
- Urged Congress to reauthorize programs and increase federal research funding to ensure that individuals living with Alzheimer and other dementia, and their caregivers, have access to better quality care a support services.
- Protect Victims of Crimes Fund
- Eliminate out-of-pocket cost for supplemental breast cancer screenings.

Currently, 68 GFWC-WS members are signed up for LAC. Sign up and let your voice be heard! Here's how:

- 1) Sign up to receive emails from the Legislative Action Center through the GFWC Member Portal at <https://gfwc.org>. **You don't have to login as a member to sign up!!!!**
- 2) Click on the **Advocacy tab**, which brings up a dropdown box, click on **Get Involved**.
- 3) You will see a screen that starts with **Act Now: Use our Legislative Alerts**.
- 4) Scroll down slightly and look to the right and you will see **Sign up for Alerts** where you enter your email and zip code.

Clubs in our State

GFWC Battle Ground



Left: Northwest Battle Buddies organization in Battle Ground had female veteran Christine graduate with her dog recently. GFWC Battle Ground is proud to give her a check for \$100 to help pay for the program! Good luck Christine!
Below: At a recent meeting, members wore red in recognition of Go Red for Women's Heart Health during the month of February.



GFWC Battle Ground celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9th by delivering a cake to our fine police station. The decorator was asked if she had a police car to add. A young officer greeted us and was happy to agree to a photo. And the chief, who is new here, for about ten months, had been the speaker at our November club meeting! He shared with us that the car was his favorite part!!

Picture above the cake shows: Johanna Hyatt, the police officer, Gloria Walck, Shannon Wyman and Louise Tucker, and Linda Wyman.



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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Chambers Bay

Chambers Bay Women began the holiday session participating in the Faith Southern Craft Fair with two tables. All of the crafters and bakers produced very sellable products, and we once again exceeded our goal for money raised. The best part for us is the fun and comradery we have working together.

For Thanksgiving we purchased dinner for three needy families whose names were given to us by local school counselors and at Christmas we provided meals and presents for two of the Thanksgiving families. For the first time we bought toys for Toys for Tots since our third family was getting help from another charitable group.

We had a wonderful Holiday Party, and our games committee produced the best game ever. Previously we had an ornament exchange at the party but this year we decided to do a sock, hat, and scarf collection for the Rescue Mission. Additionally, five of our members volunteered at the YWCA and wrapped presents for the Y's clients. We organized and did an ornament craft party for a disadvantaged daycare in Tacoma, and five of our members worked at a charity shopping extravaganza at Caring for Kids. Shopping for over 850 families in a gymnasium is a lot of work, and all of us went home exhausted.

A director from the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, a Court affiliated agency to help both men and women suffering from domestic violence, came to our meeting in October and explained the goals and actions the Center. Our membership has decided to support this agency. Their first request was for us to develop art/craft projects for their clients on a once-a-month basis. We have a chair, projects, and volunteers ready to start in February. We are busy and enjoy helping our community.



Items collected and donated to Crystal Judson Family Justice Center.

Clubs in Our State

GFWC Cathlamet



Aloha from the Cathlamet Woman's Club!

I just returned from Hawaii and "Aloha" is more than just a greeting—it's a Hawaiian word that embodies love, affection, peace, compassion, mercy, and respect for our global family.

Our last club meeting was on November 5, followed by a spectacular Christmas party on Thursday, December 12. As we step into the new year, our first meeting will be

February 4, with a full agenda ahead.

Mark your calendars for some exiting events! On Thursday, April 24, we will celebrate GFWC Federation Day while also marking an incredible milestone—95 years of community service. Our Annual Pie Sale fundraiser is set for Friday, May 11 at Tsuga Gallery. On June 14, we will honor Julia Butler Hansen's birthday and recognize our Citizen of the Year at the Julia Butler Hansen Rose Garden.

Here's to a fantastic year of service, celebration, and community!

Pearl Blackburn, President

GFWC Chewelah

GFWC Chewelah Woman's Club members enjoyed the holiday season by attending all the local theater had to offer: children's theater production, musical performances and even participating in a downtown Christmas caroling event.

We took a meeting break in January and our February meeting will find us making plans for our spring fundraising projects.

Ah, SPRING, it really does exist!

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.

—Muhammad Ali

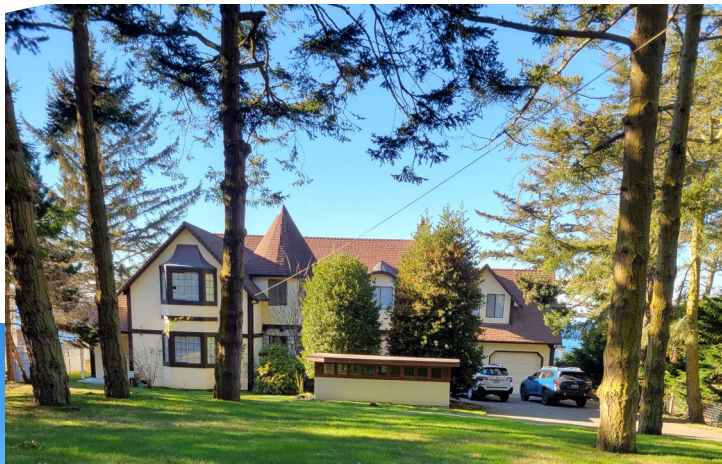
Bonnie Rail, President

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GFWC Keystone



Eight members traveled to Whidbey Island January 23-26 for our annual retreat. Calm wind and clear blue skies prevailed throughout the weekend. Our large house, on the shores of Puget Sound, was a perfect venue for a weekend of fun, firsts and friendship!!!



GFWC Kitsap Peninsula

GFWC Kitsap Peninsula filled Ziplock bags with food for homeless people. The bags contained soup, oatmeal, beverage, granola bars, fruit snacks and other items. Members took 3 or 4 bags to hand out to those in need.

At our December meeting, we enjoyed playing Christmas games and sharing holiday snacks.

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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Moses Lake



GFWC Moses Lake is growing with seven new members in 2024! Special thanks to GFWC-WS Membership Chair Nancy Burdick and GFWC Chambers Bay member Nancy Gladstone for the roles they played in the recent membership drive.

At the club's January meeting, guest speaker Elsa Borrego from New Hope—Kids Hope, local domestic violence intervention and children's advocacy centers, shares the value of continued involvement in their programs that support women, children and families. She provided statistics about local domestic violence occurrences, child advocacy needs and current educational programs available.

Flat Mabel is seen in the picture above with Elsa Borrego, club members and the many personal hygiene items donated to the New Hope Women and Children's Shelter. Member in attendance included Jackie Theis-Chmela, Margaret Schliffner, Jessica Myrick, Beth Lee, Nichol Welch-Davis, Kaye Ward, Mary Steele and Beth Gienger (missing from photo).

Expect more updates from Moses Lake as the club continues to discover new opportunities for "Living the Volunteer Spirit" in the beautiful Columbia Basin!

Clubs in Our State

GFWC Sokico

Somewhere over the rainbow

It's Bunco time!

Find your pot of gold with GFWC Sokico Woman's Club

Saturday, March 15

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Les Gove Park Multi-Purpose Building

1020 Deal's Way SE. Auburn WA 98002

(Small standalone building adjacent to Auburn Library)

EVENT SPONSORED BY GFWC-Sokico Woman's Club

\$10 admission: includes snacks and Bunco prizes

Attendees are asked to bring diapers, diaper wipes or a cash donation in support of the Pediatric Care Unit in Kent



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Clubs in Our State

GFWC Sokico



GFWC Sokico members held a membership tea. Seven members and four guest attended. GFWC information was shared. We all enjoyed sandwiches, fruit and cookies. We collected **133 diapers** for PICCU (Pediatric Interim Care Center).

Pictured are Diane Taylor, Susan Tyler, Carolyn Johnson, Betty MacMaster, Suzanne Bagdon, Linda Butcher and Kathie Jorgensen.

Submitted by Betty MacMaster



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Clubs in Our State

Woman's Club of Olympia

The Woman's Club of Olympia has monthly Bunco games on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We have several fundraising and educational events planned throughout the year and we invite everyone to attend. Our club has initiated six new members into our group since September, so our membership is growing and diversifying. It's great to add new members who are willing to step up and volunteer to make a difference in our community.

Our next event is an author night at the clubhouse. (See flyer below.) Two Pacific Northwest authors will talk about their work. Each author represents a different genre—one science fiction and the other historical fiction. Books will be available for sale and the authors for book signing.

Spend an evening with 2 Northwest Authors



AARON RYAN

Aaron Ryan is the author of the bestselling series, *Dissonance*, a sci-fi post-apocalyptic saga and his latest sci-fi thriller "[Forecast](#)" as well as the business reference books [The Superhero Anomaly](#) and [How to Successfully Self-Publish & Promote Your Independent Book](#).



STACY KEAN

Stacy Kean is the author of the historical fiction novel, "[The Nazi Housewife of Queens, New York](#)," based in part on the true story of the first Nazi war criminal who lost her U.S. citizenship and was extradited to Germany in one of the longest war crime trials in German history in the 1970's.

March 19, 2025 - 7 to 9 p.m.
The Woman's Club of Olympia
1002 Washington Street SE – Olympia
\$10 per person

OLYMPIA CLUB JOINS WASHINGTON 250



The Washington State Legislature established the Semi quincennial Committee via [Senate Bill 5756](#) to coordinate and provide guidance for Washington's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The committee is chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and supported administratively by the Washington State Historical Society.

Washington's framework for the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States creates ways for all communities to get involved in public history and commemorative activities. We ask Washingtonians to consider the Semi quincennial around three themes: We the People, Power of Place, and Sharing History. Why these themes? To inspire Washingtonians to ask themselves and their communities the following questions:

SHARING HISTORY:

How can we tell a more inclusive history? How can more inclusive histories help us better understand the past and build stronger, more connected communities in the future?

How can we support local and regional history organizations to be sustainable and better serve their communities?

What new approaches can we use to improve history and civics education in our state?

How can the study of history help diverse Washingtonians find common ground?

How can we engage all generations in learning about and appreciating history?

The Woman's Club of Olympia has signed up as a partner with Washington 250. This group is planning events. Olympia has a history in Washington with Women's Suffrage and women's history and we are proud to partner with this group. You can visit their website at <https://america250wa.org>.



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GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Washington Clubwoman

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Events & Special Days

Feb 15	Reports Due
Feb 17	Presidents' Day
April 24	Federation Day
Apr 25 & 26	GFWC-WS Convention—Longview
May 1	WA Clubwoman articles due
June 7-9	GFWC Convention—Atlanta
June 21	Federation Forest Workday
Sept 11-14	Western States Region—California
Sept 27	2025 International Day of Service GFWC-WS Fall Board (one day)

2024-2026 GFWC-WS Executive Committee:

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Our GFWC-WS website:

<https://www.gfwcws.org>

Our email for website submissions:

webmasters@gfwcws.org

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