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Cheryl Holman leads Carlene Garner and Martha Curwen in the Parade of State Flags.

Washington State Delegates Attend 115th International Convention in Denver

Twenty-four members of GFWC-WS joined over 1000 attendees in Denver, enjoying a busy, fun-filled and informative convention.

Several members participated in the tours offered prior to getting down to business, visiting Vail and Downtown Denver.

Cindy Remington represented us as our LEADS Candidate. She attended an all day seminar on June 9, 2006.

Colorado presented a spectacular State Night Banquet that same evening.

On Saturday, June 10, the business sessions began with the traditional parade of state flags and presentation of state presidents and GFWC officers.

Among the interesting speakers we heard was Alison Levine, who told about her adventure climbing Mount Everest. We passed the revised Bylaws and affirmed, deleted and passed new Resolutions.

2004-2006 State President, Martha Curwen was thrilled to accept several awards for our work in Washington State. Certificates were received for Education for Life, Immunize Now Program, Reaching Out Internationally, Fundraising, Public Policy & Legislation and Arts in the Community. We received a certificate and \$166 for Building New GFWC Clubs during the administration. Sandra Feinglas is a 2007 Calendar photo winner. Her photo, "A Tulip Close-up", will represent the month of May. Louise Tucker's poem, "Symphony of a Silver Thaw" won first place in the Member Poetry Contest.

Election of officers was held. Carlene Garner was elected and installed as GFWC First Vice President at a gala evening event.

The Gals in Green



Top Row L-R: Barbara Murray, Lois Swanstrom, Carol Larson, Carolyn Johnson, Cindy Remington, Nancy Jones

Middle Row L-R: Jeanne Syverson, Bonnie Walden, Dolores Kuykendall, Jane Cline, Betty MacMaster, Linda Butcher, Kathie Jorgensen, Joann Wheeler, Jeanette Jester, Marilyn Nichols

Bottom Row L-R: Sharon Roberts, Dawn Magden, Cheryl Holman, Martha Curwen, GFWC President Ernie Shriner, GFWC Junior Director Marta DiBenedetto, Carlene Garner, Shirley Phipps

Absent: Paulette Stinson and Linda Harms



Cheryl's Corner

Someone mentioned the "lazy days of summer" and it just made me laugh. I am finding it hard to believe this is the middle of July and there is still so much to do before we meet for our planning session in August and our Fall Board Meeting in September.

Our summer has been very busy with lots of company who enjoy the sturgeon fishing and our cool summer weather. It's been great for flying kites and building sand castles. Cliff and I spent a week in Sitka fishing for salmon and halibut in July. Unfortunately, we weren't quite as successful as last year, but we had fun and enjoyed visiting the state of Alaska and meeting new people.

Since our last issue of the Washington Clubwoman I have had the privilege of representing you and the state of Washington at the 115th Annual GFWC International Convention in Denver, Colorado. The great news is that there were 24 members from GFWC-WS in attendance. There was one evening with no scheduled dinner, so many of us were able to meet at a local restaurant. This was a very special

time for us to laugh and share our personal adventures. After dinner, we took a walk through a shopping center, and enjoyed winding down after a busy day.

The Convention was very educational as we saw parliamentary procedure at its best when a complete revision of the Bylaws was approved. Members attended tours of Vail and Denver. We listened to thought provoking speakers and marveled at the accomplishments of each. Your representatives from the state of Washington attended workshops on domestic violence, women's health, report writing, protocol and parliamentary procedure, membership, public relations, and getting connected with the web.

I am looking forward to meeting with you on August 12 as we hold our summer planning meeting in Auburn. This one-day event will be filled with lots of information as our department and special committee chairmen report to us about their plans for this administration. Those who attended the GFWC International Convention will be sharing information with us also. I want to thank each of you for taking time from your busy schedules to attend this special meeting.

In this issue of the Clubwoman you will find details and registration information about Fall Board. Here is a special hint: Hidden in this issue of the Washington Clubwoman is a "key". The first to find it and send me an e-mail or telephone will be given a prize at our Fall Board meeting

It is an honor for me to represent the members of GFWC-WS who devote themselves to our mission of community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Cheryl Holman, President GFWC-WS

A Message From International President, Jackie Pierce

Dear Federation Friends,

It is with a great sense of humility and pride that I assume the office of GFWC International President for the 2006-2008 administration. With anticipation and enthusiasm we accept the many opportunities and challenges that face our organization and we pledge to serve with dedication and commitment.

The GFWC official motto, "Unity in Diversity" reminds us that our strength is in the diversity of our members and in the diversity of our programs and projects.

In keeping with the needs of our administrative and legislative programs new chairmanships and committees have been formed: Public Policy/Legislation Committee; Public relations Committee; Web Site Chairman; 1734 Key Pin Chairman; and International Representative Chairman.

The theme for this administration will be, "GFWC...Empowering Women...One by One." Every department will be focusing on the needs of women: women's cultural and arts interest; women's health; women's financial needs; women's education' women's care and concern for their family, their neighborhood, their community and their world. Every club is urged to appoint an Empowering Women Chairman and to inform their members of the many opportunities this program will promote.

As we become empowered through our participation in GFWC, we are encouraged to empower those less fortunate. The President's Special Project for 2006-2008 will be Domestic Violence...because there is no excuse for abuse. The statistics are shocking: battering is the number one cause of injury to women in the United States; there are nearly three times as many animal shelters in the



the country as there are battered women shelters; and last year the number of women in the United States abused by their partners was greater than the number of women who got married. It is imperative that we, as women... as empowered women...become advocates to do all we can to erase this social ill.

One by one we can make a difference...one by one we can strengthen our unity and broaden our diversity.....one by one... as members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Your, in Federation,

Jacquelyn Pierce
GFWC International President

Menus

Friday Dinner

Teriyaki Chicken over rice
Fresh Garden Salad
Vegetable du jour--Dinner roll
Coffee & tea

Dessert – Cookies: available after dinner during Domestic Violence Shelter project.

Saturday Breakfast

Ham & Cheese Scramble
Seasonal Fruit
Muffin
Coffee & tea

Saturday Lunch - Buffet

Soup of the day
Build your own sandwich:
Assorted meats, cheeses and breads
Tossed Garden Greens
Fresh Fruit Salad
Coffee & tea

Saturday Dinner

Roasted Prime Rib au jus
Garden Salad
Potato & Fresh vegetables
Rolls & butter
Coffee & tea
Chocolate Mousse

Sunday Breakfast

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Bacon, Muffin
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Coffee & tea

Preliminary FALL BOARD SCHEDULE

Friday, September 22, 2006

2:00 – 5:00 pm Registration
2:00 – 3:00 pm Elected Officers Meeting
3:00 – 4:00 pm Group Meetings
Chat with the President—Cheryl & new members
Past State Presidents
District Presidents—Shirley Phipps
Department & Special Program Chairmen—
Kathie Jorgensen
Membership Committee—Dawn Magden
Bylaws Committee—Lois Swanstrom
Resolutions Committee—Marilyn Nichols
6:30 pm No host social gathering
7:00 pm Dinner
Presiding: Kathie Jorgensen-GFWC-WS 2nd Vice President
Program: Empowering Women
Domestic Violence
Music by Herb Danielson
After Dinner: Domestic Violence Shelter Project

Saturday, September 23, 2006

7:30- 9:00 am Registration
7:30 am Breakfast
Presiding: Nancy Burdick-GFWC-WS Recording Secretary
Program: Public Affairs
9:00 am Business Session
Noon Lunch
Presiding: Dawn Magden-GFWC-WS 3rd Vice President
Program: Pat Burleson, Coordinator,
New Hope Domestic Violence Center
2:00 pm Business Session resumes
4:00 pm ESO Meeting
6:30 pm No host social gathering
7:00 pm Dinner
Presiding: Shirley Phipps-GFWC-WS 1st Vice President
Program: Deb Miller, Moses Lake Trail System/Vision 20/20
9:30 pm Open House—GFWC-WS President's Suite

Sunday, September 24, 2006

8:00 am Spiritual Aims Breakfast
8:45 am Business Session reconvenes
Adjournment

Room Reservations

**Best Western Lake Inn &
Conference Center
3000 W. Marina Drive
Moses Lake, WA 98837
509-765-9211**

Room Rates:
Single--\$75.00
Double--\$75.00

All rooms subject to tax of 9.8%

Directions:

From Seattle travel east on I-90, take Exit 176 in Moses Lake. Take the first left off the exit onto Melva Lane. Continue straight ahead.
From Spokane travel west on I-90, take Exit 176 in Moses Lake. Take first left off the exit onto Melva Lane. Continue straight ahead.

**ROOM RESERVATION
DEADLINE
September 1, 2006**

Important:

No meal refunds will be made after
September 13, 2006
Registration fee is non-refundable
One registration form per person

GFWC-Washington State

Fall Board Meeting
Everyone Welcome
Registration Deadline: September 1, 2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Day _____

Telephone _____ Evening _____

E-mail _____

Federation _____

Title _____

Club _____ District _____

Yes, I have a GFWC-WS green name badge & will bring it to wear _____

No, I don't have a green name badge, please make me a name tag _____

(See Tina Bair about ordering a green name badge)

If you have special dietary needs please call

Linda Harms—360-695-4660

Friday, September 22

Dinner \$17.00 _____

Saturday, September 23

Breakfast \$13.00 _____

Lunch \$15.00 _____

Dinner \$25.00 _____

Sunday, September 24

Breakfast \$13.00 _____

Registration

\$15.00 _____

Additional registration if postmarked

\$5.00 _____

After September 1, 2006

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make checks payable to: GFWC – Washington State Fall Board

Send checks and completed form to: Tina Bair

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2005-2006 Washington State Report

This administration's theme was "GFWC—It's You and Me", emphasizing that it takes every member to accomplish the work we choose to do.

Convention 2005 was held in the Bavarian themed town of Leavenworth where we celebrated its GFWC connection as a recipient of Community Improvement Program funds. We collected 350 educational item kits that were sent to Tsunami victims and had fun with a flip-flop decorating craft night.

At our Fall 2005 Board meeting we held an all-state bazaar. Clubs brought their fundraising items and sold them to fellow members from across the state.

Members responded to the state special project, "The Big Six", by focusing on a specified project in each of the departments and then doing much more. Membership remains a top priority as we look forward to chartering a new club this spring. *(Ed note: This article was printed in the summer issue of the GF Clubwoman magazine)*

FUNd Raiser

An opportunity drawing will held at Fall Board with proceeds going to the Installation Fund. Items available will be a unique hand-made belt by Gerri Breeding, a briefcase tote filled with office type goodies, and a hand-made lace table cloth with items for a tea party. A fund raising game will also be played. Bring your wallet and join in the fun while raising funds.

Got webs?

No, not spider webs or cobwebs. Does your club have a website? It will be something new to learn how to create and it is beneficial. Clubs with websites are receiving inquiries about membership. Our story needs to be told in today's "language." Suggestion: Go to your high school principal to find out the name of a school technology teacher. Then, make an appointment to talk to him or her. Find out if there is a student who wants to earn community service credits by setting your club up with a web site. Include information from your club profile or yearbook. Tell why you are important to your community. Finally, make sure you are linked to the GFWC Washington State website and the GFWC national website. (When you get a website, include it in everything you send out.) Call on your high school principal today.

Louise Tucker
GFWC-WS Public Relations Chairman

ACT In OCT

In 2003, GFWC initiated its first nationwide membership recruiting campaign, ACT in OCT, encouraging all GFWC clubs to organize recruiting ACTivities in OCTober. Over 7,000 new members were welcomed into GFWC clubs in the past three years.

Let's keep the momentum going....Add 4 to the Mix in OCTober '06. Clubs reporting success to GFWC before December 1 will be listed in the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine.

Pass It Along
This issue deserves to be shared! Please pass it along to your friends, neighbors and prospective members after reading it,

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Break the Silence - Make the Call

“From the start of her second marriage, Jane had to choose. She could endure her husband’s violent beatings and criticism, shaking her confidence and leaving her self-doubting despite the fact that she was a successful health-care professional. Or she could admit she’d made a huge mistake by marrying him. So from 1993 until last year she tried to cover up the abuse from friends, family, and co-workers. She pretended nothing was wrong. And so did almost everyone else.”

This is the story of so many women. Alone, frightened, no self-confidence, embarrassed, and not knowing where to turn. Their abuser has taken away their financial support, driven away friends and family, convinced these women they have no worth to anyone, and they have no where to turn but back to the abuser. You might be surprised to know you may know one of these women. One of four women in the United States will be abused in their lifetime. It is time to break the silence and make the call. Take the time to learn the signs of domestic violence and where to go for help. The Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) can put you in touch with programs and services in your area that can assist victims and their children. Lend a sympathetic ear, letting your friends or family know that you care and are willing to listen. That may be the best help you can offer. Report any emergency. Domestic violence is a crime that can result in serious physical injury or death. Call the police immediately.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

I will have a list of ideas for you at Fall Board. If you want to get started early, give me a call. We will be filling bags for the local Moses Lake Shelter on Friday night. Bring personal hygiene products to share with the shelter. If you have any old cell phones bring them too. I will have mailing bags for each phone you donate. These are reprogrammed and given to victims for emergency use. Don’t forget to remove your personal information from the phone before you turn it in.

Yankee Candle Company is producing a special candle in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Some of the proceeds will go to the NCADV.

Domestic violence is a killer. It can be passed from generation to generation. Children of an abused parent are twice as likely to be abused also. It is time to stop the violence. **Break the silence; make the call.** 1-800-799-SAFE

Nancy Jones, Chairman

Western States Region Conference October 6, 7 & 8, 2006

Salt Lake City, Utah is the site for the 2006 Western Region Board Meeting. A tour October 5 aboard the Heber Valley Rail Road will take attendees to Provo Canyon and Park City. The day will conclude by attending the rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

The meeting will take place in the Downtown Marriott Hotel. The conference will include Program/Contest, Awards and Grants information, as well as a motivational speaker and workshops.

Registration information will be available at the Summer Planning meeting.

E-Mail Tip

To keep your outgoing e-mails to other GFWC members from getting lost among all the other e-mails received, start your subject title with “GFWC” followed by the subject of your message. Your recipient will immediately identify your message as club-related and NOT as possible junk mail.

Louise Tucker



GFWC-WS Public Relations Chairman

Many Thanks To...

*Those members who attended
GF Convention in Denver.*

*Linda Butcher and Family for
the use of their office
conference room for the
Summer Planning meeting.*

*Margaret Schiffner for her help
with Fall Board.*

Dates to Remember

September 7-10	GFWC Board - Washington D.C.
September 22-24	State Fall Board - Moses Lake
October	ACT in OCT
October 5-8	WSR Conference - Salt Lake City, Utah
November 1	Dues are due!
November 15	Washington Clubwoman articles due

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