



# *The Washington Clubwoman*

**Communication: The Key to Federation Success**

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*International Convention Attendees: First row L to R—Kathie Jorgensen, Martha Curwen, Jeanne Syverson, GFWC-WS President Cheryl Holman, GFWC President Jackie Pierce, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Jeri Lynn Cancel, GFWC First Vice President Carlene Garner, Shirley Phipps, Nancy Jones. Second row L to R—Joanne Wheeler, Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs, Linda Butcher, Marilyn Nichols, Dolores Kuykendall, Bonnie Walden, Jeanette Jester.*

## **Washington Clubwomen Attend Convention in Philadelphia**

Fourteen GFWC-WS members joined more than 1000 other GFWC clubwomen in Philadelphia for the 116th Annual GFWC International Convention. The convention started with a wonderful State Night Banquet hosted by the clubwomen of Pennsylvania. The evening was highlighted by a Mummer's Band that had the women dancing in the aisles. The Washington State delegation participated in business sessions, committee meetings and workshops. They heard a keynote address by Lisa See, author of the novel, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*. Convention attendees also heard actor, athlete, activist, and author Victor Rivas Rivers, the national spokesperson and Honorary Chair for the National Network to End Domestic Violence and Lt. Mark Wynn a twenty-year member of the Metropolitan Police Department in Nashville, Tennessee and advocate for battered women. President Cheryl picked up four awards for our work. The Western State Region Presidents did our region proud with a wonderful skit about empowering women. Look for more pictures throughout this issue.



## Cheryl's Corner

Communication: The Key To Federation Success.

To quote our wonderful International President Jackie Pierce: "We've Only Just Begun..." It is hard to believe that the first year of this administration is over and we still have so much to accomplish. One of my goals was to visit every club in the state and I am getting close to making that a reality.

Representing you at our 116<sup>th</sup> Annual GFWC International Convention in Philadelphia was such a thrill for me. I was able to accept certificates of recognition for the following: outstanding achievement in membership activities; distinguished service in the Arts in the Community Program, distinguished service in ESO and the Literacy Program, distinguished service in Community Safety Program, and distinguished service in the United Nations program.

Thank you again to our wonderful chairman who wrote such great reports. Our members are terrific,

hardworking, and are truly making a difference in our communities! We've only just begun!

In this issue of the Washington Clubwoman you will find the call to our GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting at Federation Forest State Park. This abbreviated board meeting will be packed with information and fun. Starting with the registration, you will be able to visit with department and special chairmen and receive new information for projects and programs. In addition to approving our budget, hearing from your elected officers, and district presidents, we will receive a report on our GFWC International Convention and Wendy Wheeler Jacobs will tell us about her experience as our LEADS delegate.

We are so excited that Carlene Garner, GFWC International First Vice President and Past Washington State President will be able to join us and present a program.

Lunch will be a potluck so bring your favorite covered dish, salad, or dessert and serving pieces. We will provide plates, cups, napkins, silverware, water, and soft drinks. Plan to wear comfortable shoes and your casual GFWC emblematic wear – we want some good pictures of us having fun for the GFWC Photo Contest!

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. I thank you for your commitment to our wonderful organization and to GFWC-WS. Enjoy the rest of the summer! I look forward to seeing you in the fall—and remember – We've Only Just Begun.....

In Federation Fondness,

*Cheryl Holman*, President GFWC-WS

## Fall Board At Federation Forest

A one-day Fall Board is planned at Federation Forest State Park on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Registration will take place at 10:00am. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish item, salad or dessert for a potluck lunch. Coffee and breakfast rolls will be provided. Members should also plan to wear comfortable shoes and a jacket. The meeting will take place in a covered area, however, please bring an umbrella and lawn chair, if it is convenient.

### Directions to Federation Forest State Park:

From I-5: take State Route 18 (Auburn-Enumclaw exit). Drive south to Enumclaw, turn left on State Highway 410 at the Safeway store. Follow State Highway 410 east for 18 miles. At milepost 41, turn right at interpretive center entrance. Address: 49201 Enumclaw Chinook Pass Road, Enumclaw WA 98022 (360) 663-2207

Elected Officers, Finance Committee and Fund Committee members will be meeting on Friday, September 21. These meetings will take place at the Mt. View Inn, 29405 State Route East, Buckley (on State Route 18 before Enumclaw).

Elected officers will be meeting for dinner at 6:00pm in the Mt. View Inn Restaurant. The Finance Committee will meet at 7:00pm in President Cheryl's room. The Fund Committee will meet at 8:00pm in the same room.

### Want to Stay Overnight?

Mt. View Inn  
29405 State Route East, Buckley  
(360) 829-1100 – reservations  
Rates: \$99 + tax double \$89 + tax single

Best Western Park Center Hotel  
1000 Griffin Avenue  
Enumclaw, WA 98022  
(360) 825-4490 Rate: \$72+tax

## GFWC-WS Fall Board Registration

*Everyone Welcome*

**Registration Deadline: September 1, 2007**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

### Registration fee--\$10.00

Registration fee covers plates, cups, silverware, napkins and soft drinks

Make checks payable to:  
GFWC – Washington State Fall Board

Send checks and completed form to:  
Tina Bair, GFWC-WS Treasurer  
P. O. Box 1026  
Washougal, WA 98671  
360-835-2348  
[rgbair@comcast.net](mailto:rgbair@comcast.net)

**Registration Deadline: September 1, 2007**



*Nancy Jones & Kathie Jorgensen visit with  
"Benjamin Franklin"*



*Mummer's Band Entertains*



*Jeanne Syverson, Martha Curwen & Bonnie Walden  
enjoy their Philly Cheese steak Sandwiches*



*Washington Delegates on the steps of the historic  
Philadelphia Union League*

*The Presidents of the Western States Region prove that  
they are super women....Empowering Women...  
One By One*



## 2007 LEADS Report

*By Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs*

I am happy to report I have returned to Washington a LEADS graduate! This year's Leadership Education and Development Seminar was held the day before the GFWC International Convention in Philadelphia, PA. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> annual LEADS event, with 46 attendees, the largest class yet.

It can be a bit intimidating stepping into a crowded room when you don't know a single person. But that didn't last long...we were immediately making new friends and sharing our home club activities. GFWC International President Jacquelyn Pierce gave us a nice warm welcome to kick things off. We were also introduced to Jeri Lyn Cancel, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs and Natasha Kalteis, GFWC Executive Director.

We spent the morning learning everything we needed to know about the history and workings of GFWC to get us all jazzed up about the organization. We discussed structure, governance, publications, program areas, and all the resources and benefits of belonging to GFWC. We had highly informative presentations on Public Relations and the Women's History and Resource Center.

After lunch we had 2 wonderful presentations to strengthen our leadership skills. The highlight for me was Lillian Brown, an Emmy award-winning public speaking professor at Georgetown University and guest lecturer at Yale, who conducted a workshop addressing techniques for effective public speaking. In addition, Marian St. Clair, member of the GFWC board of directors, presented us with tips and great examples for effective speech writing.

Debbie Gladstone, GFWC Membership director and LEADS program leader, certainly exceeded my expectations by coordinating this full-packed day of information, learning and networking. We also each took home a packet stuffed full of more information on topics such as conflict resolution, organization, public policy, reporting, and more.

I am very grateful that I was selected to attend the seminar this year, and would like to thank everyone who made it possible. Not only was LEADS an incredible learning experience, but then followed up by my first GFWC International Convention...Wow! Now I am eager to get back to club activities and practice my new-found skills. I am also happy to share my experience upon request, especially if you or someone in your club is interested in applying to attend this program next year. You can contact me at [wendy\\_wheeler@hotmail.com](mailto:wendy_wheeler@hotmail.com)

## Education Department News

Congratulations Ladies!!! Your work in the education programs received recognition at National Convention! Many thanks from me to you for the on-time and interesting reports. I am looking forward to reading about the many things you will be doing this year.

The Education Department includes Lifelong Learning, Literacy, and ESO. I would bet every Washington State Club does something they can report. Whether the report is short or long send it in. Let's set a record of every single club reporting an activity in the Education Department.

Here is an interesting internet sight to check out. Search for "FamilyEducation.com Site Map" From there, search for "A Parent's Guide to Understanding Online Acronyms". You will find a glossary of the acronyms and abbreviations the kids are using in their chat rooms and instant messaging.

B4N your BFF

Dorothy Ann Giesy  
GFWC-WS Education Chairman

## GFWC Montana Hosts WSR

Western State Region Conference will be held September 27-30, 2007 in Bozeman, Montana. Members of GFWC of Montana have planned a wonderful weekend. September 27 will find attendees on a day-long trip to Virginia City and Alder Gulch to relive part of Montana history. The day will end at the Pitchfork BBQ and viewing the largest collection Original Outdoor Art in Montana.

A second tour will take place on September 28 with a trip to the headwaters of the Missouri River and lunch at the restored 100-year-old Sacajawea Hotel.

Boosters will be kept busy choosing among fly-fishing, golf, fascinating Museum of the Rockies or touring with the group.

International President, Jackie Pierce and President Elect Rose Ditto will bring new workshops and training sessions.

Best Western GranTree Inn will house participants. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-624-5865. Be sure to tell them you are with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and use Group #803379 for the room rate of \$97/night + 7% tax.

Fill out the Registration Form in the next column and mail it along with a check made payable to WSR Fund. Send check and form by August 30<sup>th</sup> to:

Sandi Conrady  
3302 Baldy Drive  
Helena, MT 59602  
Phone: 406-227-0725

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

## WSR Registration Deadline—August 30, 2007

### Conference Registration

Three Days: \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
One Day: \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Tour Registration

Tour #1-Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am to 4:30pm Bozeman to Virginia City, Alder Gulch, Ennis and BBQ--\$70.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tour #2-Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am to 2:00pm Bozeman to the Missouri Headwaters, Buffalo Jump, Lewis & Clark Sites. Includes lunch At Sacajawea Hotel -- \$57.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster's activities contact:  
Cheryl Martin—406-661-6419

### Meal Registration

**Friday-Montana State Night.**  
GranTree Chicken with Mushrooms, Shrimp & Crabmeat. \$24.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Roast Beef with Bordelaise Sauce \$24.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Lunch

Walnut Chicken Apple salad \$17.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Dinner

Charbroiled Pork Tenderloin \$29.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Halibut Royale, herb encrusted, in a sour cream remoulade. \$29.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday Breakfast

French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Sausage and juice \$17.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **“FIVE More Members Would Be Heaven in October ‘07”**

You might wonder how to plan an event to promote new membership this coming fall.

1. Planning begins with the selection of a chairman and a team. Include members with various and needed talents.
2. Develop a master plan for an event that meets the needs of your community and showcases your club's activities. Refer to the pamphlet, *How to Recruit New GFWC Members* – (available for \$4.00 from GFWC), for organization and theme ideas.
3. Set the event date. Assign responsibilities.
4. Formulate a publicity plan. Decide when/how media should be contacted. Be sure to alert the media of photo and interview opportunities. Promoting a special event takes creative thinking. Brainstorm all the available media in including marquees, school newsletters, church announcements, and cable and commercial stations. Make a detailed list with names of whom to contact and when. Prepare flyer and/or individual invitations.
5. Prepare a printed program of the event and GFWC printed materials for display and/or distribution.
6. "Tie down" the details via phone or email the days before the event.
7. At the event, put your best GFWC smile on, greeting guests and distribute the printed program, so your guests will know what to expect.
8. After the event, mail the printed program with an appropriate letter to those who were unable to attend.
9. Remember to send thank-yous to everyone who attended. Send photos if possible.
10. Conduct an evaluation and it is important to remember to celebrate the event committee's efforts and your successes.

Good Luck and I look forward to hearing about your recruitment events!

*Dawn Magden, GFWC-WS Third Vice President*

## **Juniorette Club Recipe**

The following is a recipe for a great time and one that every community anywhere will love. It is inexpensive and easy to follow.

### **Recipe for a Juniorette Club**

*Price for ingredients:*

- Handbook \$5.00
- Application fee \$5.00
- Dues per girl \$19.00

*Gather the following and mix together in a home:*

- Juniorette Handbook ordered from GFWC HQ including simple bylaw sample.
- A minimum of 5 high school girls.  
This recipe will be enhanced with additional girls of any size or color.
- GFWC Sponsoring Club and Mentor
- Application from the state
- Activity Ideas

Handle with care, add warmth and enjoy. You and your community will be thrilled you took the time to experiment with this simple but very rich recipe.

You need any assistance in trying this for the first time I am here for you. I would be delighted to share how much I have enjoyed organizing and working with these delightful young ladies. It truly has been a joy.

Call me – *Trudy Wittmann 253-927-5155*

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## Dates to Remember

September 6-9	GFWC Board of Directors San Antonio, TX
September 22	GFWC-WS Fall Board at Federation Forest State Park
September 28-30	Western States Region Bozeman, Montana
October	Act in October
October 27	Make A Difference Day
November 15	Washington Clubwoman Articles Deadline
November 17	Nat'l Family Volunteer Day

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