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Communication: The Key to Federation Success

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Convention Memories



**President Cheryl with special guest GFWC
Second Vice President, Mary Ellen Laister**



Memorial Service



Julie Thompson and her posse give a report



Early morning walk around Heritage Park. GFWC-
WS donated to the project.

More photos inside



Cheryl's Corner

Communication—The Key to Federation Success was the theme for the 111th Annual Convention of GFWC-Washington State held in Olympia, our state capitol.

I am so proud of all of you. The projects and programs you did in 2006 were outstanding—what an impact you have made in your communities. Awards were presented for all departments and special projects, scholarships awarded, and more memories were made.

It is with pride that we have a GFWC International Officer from Washington State. Formal endorsement of Carlene Garner for the office of GFWC President Elect was approved. Endorsement was also made for Bonnie Walden who is running for the office of Western States Region Treasurer.

Our special guest was GFWC 2nd Vice President Mary Ellen Laister who brought greetings from GFWC Headquarters in addition to a very motivating and inspiring talk on Saturday night.

Shanna Stevenson from the Women's History Consortium was our keynote speaker on Friday night. Her power point presentation on Women's Suffrage was

informative and educational. Washington State was the first state in the 20th century and the 5th state in the Union to permanently enact women's suffrage after Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho.

Our tour of the Governor's Mansion on Friday afternoon made the weekend very special. The docents had done their homework and had several items on display that the Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs had donated over the years. Of special interest were an English black leather chair, a ladder chair used in the library, and a French oval sauce tureen and attached tray. The items were circa 1810 and donated after 1975. The tea they served in the dining room was lovely in addition to being tasty. Unfortunately Governor Gregoire was unable to join us; however, her husband, "First Mike", entertained us. There was some friendly banter between us and he seemed pleased to receive our GFWC-WS Cookbook. He said he does most of the cooking and enjoys trying new recipes.

The Resolutions were amended, rescinded and reaffirmed. The proposed amendments to the GFWC-W Article of Incorporation and Bylaws were debated and amended. Copies of these Resolutions and Bylaws will be distributed at a later date.

A real highlight of our convention was the chartering of two new clubs, GFWC Emerald Peaks and GFWC Stadium Junioresettes. This is the first Junioresettes Club in the state of Washington and we are hoping more General Clubs will work in your communities to encourage more young women to join in our volunteer efforts.

Serving as your President has indeed renewed my enthusiasm of all that we continue to accomplish. To visit within your clubs and districts has been a pleasure. Please continue to invite me, the other elected officers, and department and special chairmen to your clubs as workshop presenters and speakers. Your chairmen are outstanding and committed to bringing you ideas and new projects. Don't forget to have fun!

*In Federation Fondness,
Cheryl Holman
GFWC-WS President*



Flag from Iraq presented to Jeanette Jester from Betty MacMaster

Special Flag for a Friend

While Betty MacMaster's husband was serving in Iraq, fellow clubwoman Jeanette Jester sent encouraging messages and care packages to him. He brought back an American flag that had flown in Iraq was presented to Jeanette for her kindnesses.

Glitz and Glamour Auction a Success!

"What an exciting convention in Olympia! It was wonderful to see everyone and to share in the Glamour and Glitz excitement of Saturday night.

A VERY BIG THANK-YOU to Nancy Jones and Bonnie Walden for spearheading the auction. Another BIG THANK-YOU to the members of the Sokico Woman's Club for their untiring help both before and during the auction. Of course, for our very own auctioneer, Martha Curwen, a SPECIAL THANK-YOU for making the auction fun, for keeping the interest up and the prices climbing to very healthy heights! The enthusiasm of everyone was contagious! Also to all those wonderful members who contributed the fabulous items that made the auction such a success, we all add our grateful thanks! And, did you notice Bonnie over in the front corner relaying the bids on the pearls by cell phone to Carlene who was the special guest of

the Oklahoma Federation and couldn't be with us to bid in person. The bids kept climbing but she persevered and won the pearls. Enjoy - Carlene!!

Our auction brought in \$2,665.50. We sold four more license plate holders. (We have only a very small number of these left - check with Jeanette if you need, want, hopefully have to have one.) Fourteen members joined the Dogwood Society with a contribution of \$50.00 or more, and nine other contributions were made to The Fund. OUR WEEKEND TOTAL NETTED US \$4,355.50!

It's important for all members to realize that small amounts can be sent to our State Treasurer, Tina Bair, at any time. Small amounts add up and when that magic \$50 is reached - presto - the member then becomes a member of the Dogwood Society! It's that easy!"

Dolores Kuykendall
Chairman, The Fund



Great items for the auction

Washington State's First Juniorette Club Chartered.



How excited were we all to have four of the charter members of GFWC Stadium Junioettes attend the convention and participate in the charter ceremony. GFWC Sokico sponsors the club and the advisor is Trudy Wittmann who says she has had so much fun working with this group of young ladies. Stadium High School is located in Tacoma and the Junioettes have projects to do over the summer months.

GFWC Emerald Peaks Also Chartered



Wearing special handcrafted scarves, the members of the new GFWC Emerald Peaks Club lit candles and signed their charter. Most of the members of this club were originally members of GFWC-Sokico and decided that they wanted to meet during the day so they formed a new club.

Looking for the Owner

An Avon tennis bracelet was found at Convention in Olympia. If it's yours please contact Linda Harms at harms360@pacifier.com and give her a more detailed description.



A Seascape theme for the tables at Friday Night's Convention Banquet

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

Morgan Green Named GFWC-WS Youth Volunteer

Thomas Jefferson High School sophomore, Morgan Green was named Youth Volunteer of the Year at the State Convention. GFWC Sokico sponsored her. Ms. Green was speaker at the club's March meeting. The club donated \$25.00 in her name to Step-by-Step Family Support Center in Milton where Green has volunteered many hours. Her name was then submitted to GFWC-WS for consideration for the award.

Lazy Days of Summer: A Vacation from Membership Recruitment – NO WAY

Our ladies devoted to increasing membership view the lazy days of summer as the perfect opportunity to share, in casual conversation, the benefits of being a GFWC clubwoman. Sharing a deck or lounging in a chair on a cruise ship, by a pool or by a lake are all excellent settings to share the joy of federation. The savvy clubwoman always packs her trifold in her book or beach bag; maybe even using one as a bookmark on the off chance someone will ask about it.

Our top membership award-winning club, receiving the Helen Sutton Award, GFWC Kitsap Peninsula, always holds a summer social, inviting members, their friends and friends of friends to enjoy a potluck or barbecue by the water.

So, pack your bags with GFWC emblematic clothing and tri-folds or organize a summer social. YOU GO, GIRL!

*Dawn Magden
GFWC-WS Third Vice President*

Educational Scholarships Awarded

\$3,300.00 was awarded to those applying for scholarships this year. The following lists the amount, the recipient and the sponsoring club.

\$500 Kathy Estep Scholarship plus \$900 to Mershon Steggal—GFWC Chewelah.
\$800 to Rebeca Lewis—GFWC Moses Lake
\$600 to Mackenzie Strong—GFWC Battle Ground
\$500 to Kayla Griffin—GFWC Evergreen
1st Alternate Rebecca Pham—GFWC-Sokico
2nd Alternate—Emma Mayberry—GFWC Woman's Club of Olympia.

Money for these scholarships comes from donations made by clubs throughout the state and from interest from invested funds. Interest from the Kathy Estep Scholarship Fund is given annually to the top winner to the state scholarship. Give to honor someone special or a special club event or in memory of a club member. See page 23 in the administrative handbook.

Club and District Newsletters Wanted

Does your Club or District produce a newsletter? This editor would love to see it. Its one way to tell the rest of the state about what you are doing. I receive the King County Connection via email. Their newsletter is filled with projects to try, club activities, a message from the District President and much more. Let me hear from you!

Martha Curwen
mcurwen@hotmail.com

Look What You Did!!

During 2006 Washington State members participated in 997 programs and projects. This represented 34,047 hours of community service. \$167,841.15 was donated or spent. WOW!!



L to R: Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs and her proud mom, Joann Wheeler

Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs Named 2007 LEADS Candidate

GFWC-Cascade member Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs was chosen as this year's representative to the LEADS program in Philadelphia. LEADS is designed to give leadership training to one clubwoman from each state. As GFWC Leadership Committee Chairman, her mom, Joann Wheeler, was especially pleased.

Federation Forest News

In September the State Fall Board meeting will be held at Federation Forest. To honor GFWC-WS there will be GFWC items in a display case this organization donated. If you have items you are willing to share for the month of September, please let Cheryl know so that she can arrange to have to the Rangers by the first of September.

GFWC-WS won't be making another donation to the forest until July 2008. If your club would like to help here is the Rangers wish list:
\$1400 - 9 guest speakers for 2007 - this primarily helps with their travel expenses
\$700 - reprint of park brochure

- \$1500 Catherine Montgomery cedar sign rock base - to be placed at the highway
- \$4000 WA. Trails Assoc. trail group - partners with this group to get trails safer.
- \$300 environmental education program supplies
- \$400 new floor buffer - park staff could clean the floor rather than hiring a business
- DVD made professionally for environmental education
- Custom wood base to display the mounted Cougar
- Trail maps on signs
- Trail kiosks
- Landscaping, new sidewalks, underground irrigation
- Repair picnic lawn area, reseeding & minor landscaping
- Installation of GFWC donated benches on trails
- Renovation of amphitheater seating and ADA accessibility

You can contact Eric Lewis directly: (360) 663 2207

GFWC Valley Volunteers Restore Sign

On May 3, 1930 a sign donated by (GFWC) Garden Division of The Women's Civic Club installed a wrought iron sign proclaiming Sumner the Bulb Capital of the West. A few years ago the Sumner Arts Commission decided to put up a new sign and the old one was stored away. Valley Volunteers worked with several agencies to have the sign restored. State President Cheryl attended the rededication of the sign on the 77th anniversary of its original placement.



Joyce Lewis with her terrific silk scarf door prize

Federation Alphabet Soup

Are you confused by all the acronyms used in our great organization? Here is a recipe to help you decipher them.

GFWC—General Federation of Women’s Clubs.
We add WS for Washington State.

WSR—Western States Region

ESO—Epsilon Sigma Omicron educational reading/study program

LEADS—Leadership Education Development Seminar

ILTS—Incoming Leaders Training Seminar

WHRC—Women’s History and Resource Center

1734 Society—funding source for the maintenance of headquarters (okay, so it isn’t an acronym. You still wanted to know what it is, right?)



Donna Cresap wins both the popular and juried wearable art contest with her beaded jacket. Others in the photo are Pat LaCroix who entered Tahitian Peal jewelry and Bonnie Walden who entered a photo of her granddaughters



Our gorgeous state capitol in Olympia Washington

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THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

Dates to Remember

June 9-11	116 th GFWC Convention in Philadelphia
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

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