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*From Vision to Reality - Make it Happen!*

## 112<sup>th</sup> GFWC-WS Convention held at Richland, WA

### **Congratulations!**



Trudy Wittmann honored  
as Washington State  
Clubwoman of the Year



*President Cheryl Holman lights the candle representing GFWC  
for installation of new officers*

### **New Officers Elected and Installed**

Sheila Shea, GFWC Treasurer was the installing officer for the ceremony. Welcome your new officers:

- Shirley Phipps, GFWC-WS President
- Kathie Jorgensen, GFWC-WS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Dawn Magden, GFWC-WS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Nancy Burdick, GFWC-WS 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President
- Tina Bair, GFWC-WS Secretary
- Paulette Stinson, GFWC-WS Treasurer

Richland's Clarion Hotel held special memories for the newly installed GFWC-WS President. She was installed there thirty years ago, when it was a Holiday Inn, as Washington's Director of Junior Clubs. Shirley's inaugural address cited technology advances since that time, things impossible then but taken for granted now. Her Northeastern District members wore purple leis and hosted a reception to honor the newly installed officers. Shirley is a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Spokane, "The Friendly Lilac City", and claims any shade of purple as her favorite color. For more pictures from the GFWC-WS Convention, see page 4.



*Sheila Shea and the newly  
installed GFWC-WS President,  
Shirley Phipps*



## Shirley's Scope

*From Vision To Reality – Make It Happen!*

GFWC-WS President Shirley Phipps' 2008-2010 Theme

Dr. Rose Ditto, our 2008-2010 GFWC International President, has chosen "A Vision of Possibilities" as a theme of her administration. Let's take it another step forward and challenge ourselves to find our vision and "Make it Happen!"

If the first month of this presidency is any indication of things to come, hang on tight because we're off and running. It's happening already!

Leadership development will be one of our GFWC-WS vision areas these next two years, and we believe it must begin at the club level. That is why our July 12<sup>th</sup> "Secrets Of Success" (SOS) Leadership Training Seminar will be open to all members who are interested in developing their leadership skills. The registration form

was emailed to those we for whom we have email addresses, was snail mailed to several more, and is in this issue of the *Washington Clubwoman* on page 3 for everyone else.

Your new Executive Committee has authorized a Membership Task Force to work to establish new clubs, which will enable our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's Membership Committee to focus on membership gain and retention within current clubs.

GFWC-WS elected officers will meet in Washougal on June 7<sup>th</sup> to envision the possibilities and formulate a new Strategic Plan/Long Range Plan for action. Their vision of a complete revision of GFWC-WS Bylaws was authorized at state convention in Richland, and a committee is being appointed. This will be a two-year process.

My vision, as your president, is to for us to continually challenge the "impossible". Let us dare to dream. Let's create our visions of possibilities, and work together to make them happen. As our own GFWC "Rosie the Riveter" would say: We Can Do It!

Yours for lots of Federation fun,  
Shirley Phipps, President 2008-2010  
GFWC-Washington State

### Membership!

Membership is very important to every club. We can never be satisfied with our membership numbers. Each and every member must work to get new members. One of the best ways to get and keep members is through **enthusiasm**. If you are enthused about your club and projects, others will want to be a part of your club. So be proud of what you do and let others know what you do. **"Act Enthusiastic, Be Enthusiastic"**.

Choose your projects wisely and have fun doing your projects. Take advantage of all publicity opportunities. Have interesting speakers at your meetings. Have a social event. Remember all work and no play makes "club" a dull club. **Be Enthusiastic** in presenting your ideas to others.

We can all use new ideas for building membership or a new projects, so if you have an idea please send it to me. Also if you know of someone that would be interested in joining that lives in another area, send me their name and address.

Nancy Burdick  
GFWC-WS 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.  
Nancy.burdick@comcast.net

# SECRETS OF SUCCESS CALL

To GFWC-Washington State's 2008 Leadership Training Seminar

Who For?: Club Officers and interested members  
District Officers & Chairmen  
State Officers, Chairmen & Committee Members

When?: Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM - 3 PM

Where?: Quality Inn & Conference Center  
1700 Canyon Road, Ellensburg WA 98926

Why?: Because we love you.  
We don't want you to drown in a sea of self doubt or frustration;  
Be calm with our Life-Saving Leadership Tips & Techniques!

- How?:
1. Send \$20 (lunch & registration) payable GFWC-WS (form below)
  2. A limited number of discounted rooms are available for Friday night. Rooms include breakfast, \$85 single or double/\$95 triple or quad. To reserve, call the hotel at 509-925-9800 & mention GFWC-WS.

Questions?: President Shirley Phipps (509-891-5420) or Nancy Jones (253-854-3684)

Deadline for special room price is Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please send \$20 and completed SOS registration form to us by Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Registration form - Cut off and mail with \$20 check payable GFWC-WS to:  
Paulette Stinson, PO Box 1178, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current GFWC-WS club, district or state positions:

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## A Note From Cheryl...

I find it very difficult to believe that two years has passed and this is my last article to you as your president. What an honor and privilege it has been for me to serve you in this capacity. I have been inspired by your energy and enthusiasm, your wonderful programs and projects, and your hard work. I am so proud of the positive difference you have made in your communities.

*Communication: The Key To Federation Success!*

Cheryl Holman  
GFWC-WS President 2006-2008

## ANNUAL REPORT GFWC WASHINGTON STATE

### Statistical Information:

Number of clubs in state: 44  
Number of members: 717  
Number of programs/projects: 1181  
Number of volunteer hours: 58,599  
Number of dollars raised/donated: \$198,287.43  
Number of clubs reporting: 31

See full annual report narrative on pages 5-6.



Installation of a new club! This is the first online club in the state, with 6 members. Others interested in joining contact Nancy Burdick.



*GFWC-WS officers enjoying dinner with Sheila Shea on the eve of the state convention.*



*GFWC Capitol Women sporting their green vests, which they sold to raise money for their scholarship fund.*



*Nancy Breza happily accepting the travelling punch bowl for the Northeastern District, this year's winner of the district with the greatest increase in membership.*

## NARRATIVE

### ANNUAL REPORT GFWC WASHINGTON STATE

One of the most exciting things I discovered upon receiving reports from our department and special projects chairmen this year was the increase in the number of reports that were sent to them. Our chairmen emphasized the importance of reporting at our GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting, and they clearly got their point across.

The Washington State President's Special Project was Women's Health. Most clubs in the state supported this project and became very involved in women's health issues. A GFWC Grant application was completed and awarded to one very small club in our state. The funds were used in partnership with their local hospital, clinic, a pharmaceutical company, and banks to provide a forum on women's health. Speakers for the event included a nurse practitioner specializing in women's health, a diabetes educator, respiratory therapist, and a nutritionist. A heart healthy luncheon was provided and attendees went home with goody bags loaded with information and a Red Dress Pin.

GFWC-Washington state members worked diligently to present programs to increase awareness of current health issues including Alzheimer's, Heart Truth, Breast Cancer, Stroke, and Shingles, Diet, and Exercise. Members walked in the Relay for Life, the Walk to Cure Diabetes, donated blood, and sewed comfort pillows for breast cancer victims.

Members approached the educational opportunity to learn about retirement planning, identity theft, social security, checking credit, and credit card fraud. Many held programs on these subjects and invited speakers.

GFWC-WS reaches out in the spirit of service to many diverse groups in need. They partnered with other service organizations to provide support on many established programs, in addition to working with such groups as the YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Community Service, Department of Social & Health Services, local food banks, and thrift stores.

As usual GFWC-WS women are taking Art IS!! to new highs for the children of our state and the world. Hats, stockings, blankets, art supplies, art teachers, art contests, sponsoring students and mentors, making cards, and giving teas. They give their talents and support in theaters, high school plays and productions, concerts, museum attendance, bazaars,

local fairs, and even building a float for their community. Our women are still serving on or volunteering for art boards, commissions, benefits for the arts and museums. They are assisting in classrooms from grade school through high school. They are still writing poetry, stories, drawing pictures, and taking pictures.

As Washington State is considered the GREEN STATE, members continued their efforts to protect our environment by recycling tons of stuff—plastic bags, newspapers, magazines, cell phones, clothes, shoes, soup labels, and eyeglasses to mention a few. One club purchased cloth bags for their members to use when buying groceries rather than using plastic. Members were encouraged to use local Farmer's Markets close to home.

Our GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting was held in our own forest—Federation Forest State Park. The Park Ranger and his staff provided every amenity. The Interpretive Center provided information about the park. GFWC-WS donated a very large display case last year to the park and it was filled with information about GFWC and our contribution to the park including the donation of the land and funds for the center. Several clubs visit the park each year and work on the trails and park areas, in addition to planting flowers and bulbs.

A majority of our clubs participated in programs to better the educational opportunities for all citizens not only at home but also in addition to other parts of the world. Books and dollars have been donated to schools, churches, libraries, and in partnership with many other service organizations. They held book sales, sewed backpacks for children's supplies, trained literacy tutors, and mentored children.

Our ESO program was expanded this year and members are reading up a storm. Scholarships were given to high school, college, and returning students. Club members expanded their own world of knowledge and interests through reading, discussions, field trips, films, speakers, and reaching out to others. One club donates packets to their hospital that includes a parenting book, bib, books about reading to their baby, their local library schedule, and a greeting card from the club.

GFWC club members spent time, money, and effort supporting the needs and rights of women across the

world. They supported such agencies as CARE, Global Health Ministries, Operation Smile, Heifer International, Samaritan's Purse, NW Medical Teams International, and Children of the Nations. Tuition was given to a woman in Uganda to continue her education. Clubs held programs on countries members visited or lived in.

Members were encouraged to vote and assisted others getting to the polls. One club purchased a popcorn popper & supplies for their fire station and provided meals to local policemen. Clubs were involved with Christmas events and other celebrations in their communities. Personal items were sent to servicemen serving in Iraq and other overseas military families.

Clubs supported community safety by attending meetings on safety, roundabouts, senior driving, speed control, and 55 ALIVE. They continued the WHALE program and donated to a Christian Ministries program.

Washington State clubwomen really got involved with our International President's Special Project – Domestic Violence this past year. Members reached out to their communities to make sure they have a working shelter, strong laws against domestic violence and are now using their voices to make a difference. Clubs had speakers from local shelters speak to their members, collected feminine hygiene products, provided purses, clothing, blankets, and supplies to local shelters. One club even held a wine tasting fundraiser to support the Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services. Clubs held many other events in support of domestic violence including holiday parties and meals, a chocolate festival, and Chico events.

Materials were distributed at the state meetings on both the "Cut It Out" and "Million Voices" campaigns. Legislative action was reported as well. Several clubs including the first GFWC-WS Juniorette Club who filled "welcome bags" for the county shelter embraced Make a Difference Day.

With the idea that change is inevitable and growth is intentional, membership workshops were held at both of our state meetings. Our membership team met with ladies in areas without GFWC clubs in an attempt to start new clubs. They were successful – we added two clubs this administration and will actually charter another in April at our state convention. Clubs reported using GFWC brochures and tri-folds and distributing the information at their Chamber of Commerce, Libraries, physician offices, churches, and other public places where women gather.

A theme throughout the club reports was the belief that volunteerism is increasing in popularity and that we need to show women that we have a special bond when joined together in an effort. Along this vein, member retention

efforts abound in Washington State with social activities, including field trips, sharing meals, sharing fun and friendship. The GFWC-WS President set a goal to visit every club in the state. This simple act of caring made a large impact on the retention of members.

A public relations presentation was given at our board and state convention. The GFWC PR Kit was displayed in addition to the "Briefing Book" and Member/Media Audiotape" for all to see with instructions to clubs on how to purchase their own. Members were encouraged to wear GFWC emblematic apparel for their projects and programs. Articles were submitted and printed in local newspapers, magazines, and GFWC publications.

GFWC-WS is definitely committed to providing a wide variety of leadership development opportunities to membership. This is considered a critical part of the responsibility of many clubs – to grow women leaders in our communities. A LEADS candidate has been supported every year and she shares her experience with the membership. Members share report writing. Covering expenses for members to attend meetings, summer training meetings, sharing information from one administration to the next, website development is encouraged, and other communication has been emphasized to strengthen the leadership skills of their members.

GFWC-WS members strive to complete the project of collecting, sorting, and archiving all club, district, and state histories. Efforts were made to contact former members, clubs, and districts to enable us to have a complete history of our state. Many clubs honored long time members and interviewed them for oral histories. Several clubs have updated their archival information by replacing their pages with special acid free paper. Many boxes of written club histories and scrapbooks were sorted, inventoried and boxed and delivered to a Library on the University of Washington campus.

Our main objective is to serve our community, but enjoy ourselves. I think GFWC-Washington State clubwomen did a very good job doing both!

Cheryl A. Holman, President, GFWC-Washington State  
[cholman@willapabay.org](mailto:cholman@willapabay.org)

## Invitation for GFWC Region Conferences 2008

Dear GFWC Club Leaders and Members:

This is your personal invitation to attend the 2008 GFWC Western States Region Conference to be held September 26-28 in Las Vegas NV at Texas Station.

It will not only be your opportunity to enjoy friends, gain new friends, and meet GFWC Officers, but also to gain knowledge on the latest GFWC Website developments.

Work Sessions that you will not want to miss are Creating Membership Tools from the Website; Parliamentary and Protocol Do's and Don'ts; Fundraising; Financial Issues; Reporting; and Department Programs & Projects Updates. Topics covered during the regular Conference schedule will be on Membership, Leadership, Communications, PR, and Strategic Planning.

There will be a Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Luncheon on Saturday with a speaker covering Teenage and Children's Issues. The optional color for Saturday will be purple. On Sunday morning a speaker will be provided by Eli Lilly & Co. who will cover the latest information on breast cancer risk factors, "Strength in Knowing."

Please mark you calendars now and plan to join us!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Phipps, GFWC-Washington State President 2008-2010  
Rose M. Ditto, Ph.D., GFWC International President 2008-2010



## Federation Forest

The highway through the park (SR410) is scheduled for upgrades by Washington State Department of Transportation.

WSDOT Environmental Specialist Joanne Wright's cover letter for the May 7, 2008 published SEPA document explains, "WSDOT is proposing a project to install bank protection next to the roadway as a sustainable solution to the flooding and erosion problems. The area we will be addressing is in the eastern edge of the park, to the east of the interpretive center and large picnic area. It's where the river flows at the base of the roadway."

Having worked closely with the state, **this plan has Federation Forest Management (Eric Lewis) and the Washington State Parks Department's support as the least impacting to the old growth trees within Federation Forest.**

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this website (click on *hand out* in the yellow Project Status Block for further information.) The Federation Forest Committee will update information as needed in future Clubwoman editions.

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR410/WhiteRiver/>

Nina Morse, GFWC-WS Federation Forest Committee Chairman

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

State Dues Payable	(\$21 each member)	July 1
GFWC LEADS Seminar	Chicago Hilton	June 27
GFWC Board Meeting	Chicago Hilton	June 27
GFWC Convention	Chicago Hilton	June 28-July 1
GFWC Installation 2008-10 Officers	Chicago Hilton	July 1
GFWC Post-Convention Board Meeting	Chicago Hilton	July 2
GFWC-WS SOS Leadership Meeting	Quality Inn, Ellensburg	July 12
Deadline for next <i>Washington Clubwoman</i>		July 15
GFWC Board Meeting	Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington VA	September 4-7
GFWC-WS Fall Conference	Quality Inn, Ellensburg	September 19-21
GFWC Western States Region Conference	Las Vegas NV-Texas Station	September 26-28
Columbia District Conference	Washougal (site TBA)	October 18
King County District Conference	Meridian Valley Golf and Country Club	October 18
North Central District Conference	Waterville, WA	October 25
Northeastern District Conference	GFWC Woman's Club of Spokane	October 4
Peninsula District Conference	University Place (site TBA)	TBA

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