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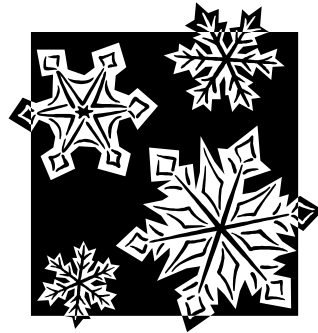
## **Communication: The Key to Federation Success**

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*Happy Holidays from your GFWC-Washington Board Members!*

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### **Six Members Attend GFWC Board**

In September six Washington State members attended the GFWC Board in Washington D.C. Highlights of this meeting included a trip to Capitol Hill to meet with our senators advocating for funding of the Violence Against Women Act and passage of the Elder Justice Act.

A tour of GF Headquarters included seeing the President's apartment and the officer's quarters. These areas have not been included in previous tours. A reception was also held in our lovely Federation home.

Business sessions, informative speakers and delightful entertainment filled out the weekend.



*Left to right front row: Cheryl Holman, GFWC President Jackie Pierce, Carlene Garner. Top row: Martha Curwen, Nancy Jones, Bonnie Walden, Shirley Phipps. We missed Jeanette Jester who was unable to attend.*



## Cheryl's Corner

Since the last issue of our Washington Clubwoman I have been busy touring our state and visiting with members of clubs and districts. What a wonderful group of women you are. I can't thank you enough for inviting me to your meetings and into your homes.

*Communication: The Key to Federation Success* is the theme I have chosen for Washington State this administration. As I read our latest Clubwoman Magazine I am so proud that we are following the lead of our great organization by putting strong emphasis on communication. Continue to communicate by reading our state and international newsletters and magazines. Continue to communicate with partner organizations. Continue to communicate with your local and state government officials. Continue to communicate with you officers face to face. Continue to invite us to your meetings and into your homes. We are here to serve you and spread the word about The General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting in Moses Lake was well attended and so far a highlight of this administration. After dinner on Friday night, we were able to fill cloth bags provided by GFWC-Moses Lake Women's Club with approximately \$600 of personal items to be donated to the New Hope Domestic Violence Shelter. Their advocate was our luncheon speaker and was really pleased to receive the items.

Our department and special projects chairman did an outstanding job of displaying and distributing materials for our members. They each reported on their special area and had those in attendance filled with enthusiasm. Everyone agreed this was a very positive process.

Our speaker on Saturday night was representative of Moses Lake and Vision 20/20. They are creating a series of walking trails around their city with an emphasis on women's health. Her power point presentation was informative and of great interest. This is just one example of what good you can do by partnering with other groups in your community.

In October, I was able to represent you at the Western State Region Conference in Salt Lake City. We had thirteen GFWC-WS members in attendance—pretty impressive I would say.

The speakers and entertainment were outstanding, the workshops informative and tours well planned and fun. We were completely drenched during the tour of Thanksgiving Point, but that only added to the fun and adventure. We were able to attend a rehearsal of the Mormon tabernacle Choir – wow-what a breathtaking experience.

As I continue my tour of Washington, I am still amazed at the beauty and diversity of this wonderful state we call home. I thank you again for inviting me to join you in your communities.

Love and God Bless,  
*Cheryl Holman, President GFWC-WS*

## **LEADS.....LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

There are tremendous opportunities and resources available to clubwomen as members of GFWC. One of the most exciting opportunities is called **LEADS!**

This is a chance for a clubwoman from Washington State to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia, PA. with the majority of the expenses covered, and to participate with other state clubwomen in a full day of leadership activities. The agenda is full, and past LEADS participants from Washington have returned with enthusiasm, inspiration and new GFWC friends from all over the United States, and a deeper understanding of leadership roles in their communities.

*Now.... we need to encourage potential leaders in our clubs to apply for this opportunity!!*

Information is available to you concerning the LEADS Program on the GFWC Website ([www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)) or the application and information is located in the Washington State Administrative Handbook...pages 133-139. The application is due January 1, 2007 to State President, Cheryl Holman. It is a simple one page form.... take time to look at it and fill it out!!

Should you have additional questions, please contact me, Joann Wheeler, [jwii@msn.com](mailto:jwii@msn.com) and I will be happy to share more information about this program.

Washington State clubwomen cannot afford to miss this opportunity to broaden your knowledge of GFWC and educate yourself in leadership skills through this leadership training program.

Joann Wheeler  
GFWC Leadership Chairman  
Washington State Leadership Chairman  
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## **Community Improvement Contest (CIC)**

*The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. Quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson*

All of our clubs have an opportunity to make a difference in our community. Please plan on participating in the contest that benefits clubs by increasing membership opportunities, developing leadership skills and creating public awareness of club activities and GFWC. This is a two-year program. Projects must be accomplished during the contest period: March 1, 2006 to April 30, 2008. All reports for GFWC-WS must be submitted by February 15, 2008.

Good luck and I'm looking forward to hearing from all the clubs.

Betty MacMaster, Chairman

[macmaster@harbornet.com](mailto:macmaster@harbornet.com) or 253-952-65808.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hope everything is going well for everyone and that you're in full swing for club projects. The administration handbook is a great source of information as well as the department folders. Two major events have come and gone - but not forgotten. I know everyone voted. It is your right as a citizen and a woman. November 11 is designated as Veterans Day. Celebrations happened far and wide with school assemblies, parades and ceremonies. Please don't forget our veterans year round. Plus, remember our current service men and women. No matter what your personal views are of the war in Iraq, please support our forces. Also work on the safety projects. Encourage use of safety seats for our very young and promote elder driving safety.

Beth Juvik, Chairman

## Break the Silence

With school in session we need to talk about teen dating violence. Growing up should be an exciting time for everyone. It is a time of growing, experiencing, and learning about life. But for some it is a bitter lesson. Teen dating violence is becoming a serious problem. Those young boys that see violence in the home grow up feeling this is the way to handle their girlfriends. Girls that live in an abusive home think this is proper behavior and become an enabler for the abuser.

I wanted to let you know about a new campaign targeting teens and dating violence. This new campaign is called **Choose Respect** and is geared to kids 11-14. It is a brainchild of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and the website address is: <http://www.chooserespect.com>. There are interactive games, quizzes and other useful information. Take a few minutes and look at the website. Pass the site location on to the friends and family, neighbors, scout groups, and school groups. We need to work hard to stop the violence at an early age and break the cycle.

As the Holiday Season approaches, remember your shelters. Unfortunately this is a stressful time for many families. Domestic violence rises during the Holidays. Check with your local Domestic Violence Centers and see if they have any special needs you can help fill.

My best wishes to each of you for a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. Remember, "Break the Silence, Make the Call" and give someone else a bright and safer new year.

Domestic Violence  
GFWC President's Special Project  
Nancy Jones, GFWC-WS Chairman

## Gifts from the Heart

### Be an Angel This Holiday Season Chico's \$100,000 Promise Campaign to support the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Chico's will donate \$100,000 to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) and various local shelters, kicking off Chico's *Gifts From the Heart* holiday campaign. As a public outreach to join NCADV's mission, Chico's invites customers to be an angel this holiday season. Chico's Promise Pin, valued at \$10, is a symbol of support available on Chico's website [www.chicos.com](http://www.chicos.com) and in all frontline stores nationwide.

### Domestic Violence Awareness Program

GFWC Chewelah Woman's club featured a Domestic Violence Awareness program at their October meeting. Linda Norris and Linnie Smith from Stevens County Family Support Center with assistance from members presented an all too familiar scenario of the difficulties of leaving an abusive relationship. Ms Norris was pleased to learn that the Chewelah club was a member of GFWC. She had just received notification at her office that GFWC was listed as a sponsor for 2006-2008. She was quite impressed with the two-year special project sponsorship.

### Know our website

If you meet someone who wants to know more about GFWC and you don't have time to go into detail, just tell them "you can go to [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)" and find out all about us. Be sure your speakers or special guests are given the website before they present a program at your club.

Louise Tucker  
Public Relations Chairman

## **Dogwood Society Formed**


Those who attended the Fall Board Meeting in Moses Lake were privileged to learn about the Dogwood Society for the very first time. The Society is a new organization within our state federation. Its sole purpose is to raise funds for the 2010 GFWC Installation. Those who had already contributed to The Installation Fund via a pledge were presented with a membership pin.

Nancy Jones, a member of The Installation Fund Committee, spearheaded this exciting new Society, finding just the right pin to be given to individuals who contribute to The Installation Fund, and thereby becoming a member of the Dogwood Society. The committee wanted to recognize those persons who give directly to The Installation Fund without expecting anything in return as opposed to taking part in raffles or bidding on baskets, decorated purses, etc. To receive a pin the contribution must be \$50 or more. Those contributing \$250 or more will receive a pin with a small stone on one petal. Pledges can still be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Checks need to be sent to Tina Bair, GFWC Washington State Treasurer.

Carlene was installed GFWC First Vice-President last June in Denver. In two more years it is our fervent hope, prayer and expectation that she will be elected GFWC President-Elect so that two years after that she will become GFWC President. At that time the members of Washington State will have the distinct honor of providing a reception and other amenities that go with this wonderful occasion. (Should these plans, for any reason, not be fulfilled, the Funds would go into the Washington State Endowment Fund.)

The Installation Fund committee members are very excited about the Dogwood Society. We hope that all club members throughout the State will want to belong. We look forward to exciting times ahead, and YOU will definitely want to be a part!

Although I wasn't able to attend Fall Board, Nancy and Carlene presented a pin to Carolyn Nash of Utah, Kathie Janssen of Alaska and myself at GFWC Western States Region in Salt Lake City.

Dolores Kuykendall, Chairman 

## **Looking Ahead to Spring Convention**

Plans for our Annual April Convention are well underway. President Cheryl has been arranging exciting things for us to do in Olympia. On Friday, April 20 a tour of the Executive Mansion where we can meet the Governor and share tea with her. If Governor Gregoire is tied up in the legislature, we'll meet with the First Gentleman! The tour is being scheduled for 3:00pm.

GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mary Ellen Laister will be our special guest for the weekend.

The Fund Committee is planning an evening of Glitz and Glamour and oral auction after dinner on Saturday night. This will be a major fundraiser for their committee. Members, Clubs or Districts are asked to provide items for the auction. What to bring? The committee is looking for items such as scarves, candy dishes, candles, jewelry and picture frames. Items can be gently used but something you know a fellow clubwoman would like. At the Saturday evening dinner wear your glamorous glitz and join in the fun. Be sure to invite someone from your club who has never been to convention to join you. More details will be in The Washington Clubwoman and in the Call to Convention.

## Great Description

The following description was on a partner organization's website. It is succinct and covers all the work we do in Federation. Use it in your profiles, letters to speakers, and other publicity.

**The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a volunteer service organization that supports the arts, preserves natural resources, promotes education, encourages healthy life styles, stresses civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding.**

## Got Profiles?

No, not a side view photo of you. Does your club have a simple folder that explains your community service? Meeting times? Opportunities? Mission? If you do, use them at every opportunity--display them at your Chamber of Commerce, library, beauty shops, medical officers--wherever people are. Even if you don't get members from these contacts, you will become better known for what you do.

Louise Tucker  
GFWC-WS Public Relations Chairman

## Editor's Wish List

This Editor would love to tell about your special projects or share a picture with all state members. When sending photos, be sure to tell me who is in the picture.

Save a tree and some postage and receive The Washington Clubwoman via email. Send an email to [mcurwen@hotmail.com](mailto:mcurwen@hotmail.com) and the next issue will be sent to you electronically.

## Administrative Handbook Corrections

Please make the following corrections to the Administrative Handbook and Directory:

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9. **Add** to "The Fund" Committee: Jeanette Jester
10. **Add:** to Nominating Committee:  
Julie Thompson, Peninsula District

# Washington Photo Album

*Thirteen GFWC-WS members attend Western Region Conference in Salt Lake City.*



*In June, Akitsa Club member Irene Underhill completed her 5,000th mile in the local swimming pool. Underhill says it has taken years as she only does about a mile a day. It is good exercise and pretty easy on the body.*



*Eva Allen was selected at Grand Marshal for the Oakville 4th of July Parade this year. She taught school in Oakville and their family farmer near there as well. Eva is a past Rainier Pacific District President as well as past Akitsa President. She is still very active for her 95 years and most of the rest of the members are pressed to keep up with her.*



*Cheryl Holman and Kathie Jorgensen spend a very damp day at Thanksgiving Point, Utah*



## Many Thanks To...

The following GFWC-WS Fall Board Presenters:

**Kathie Jorgensen** led a very fun and informative Empowering Women demonstration.

**Louise Tucker** provided much information to help us with our public relations.

**Dawn Magden** entertained us as always with a wonderful workshop on membership.

**Cindy Remington** actually led us around the room during her LEADS report.

**Carlene Garner, GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** for her words of wisdom and sharing her enthusiasm for GFWC

**GFWC-Moses Lake** for all their help.

## Dates to Remember

January 10—Proposed resolutions are due to Marilyn Nichols

February 15—Club reports due to District, State & GFWC

February 15—Washington Clubwoman deadline

March 15—State reports from Dept. Chairmen due to GFWC

April 19-22—GFWC-WS Convention Olympia

September 22—GFWC-WS Fall Board at Federation Forest

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