

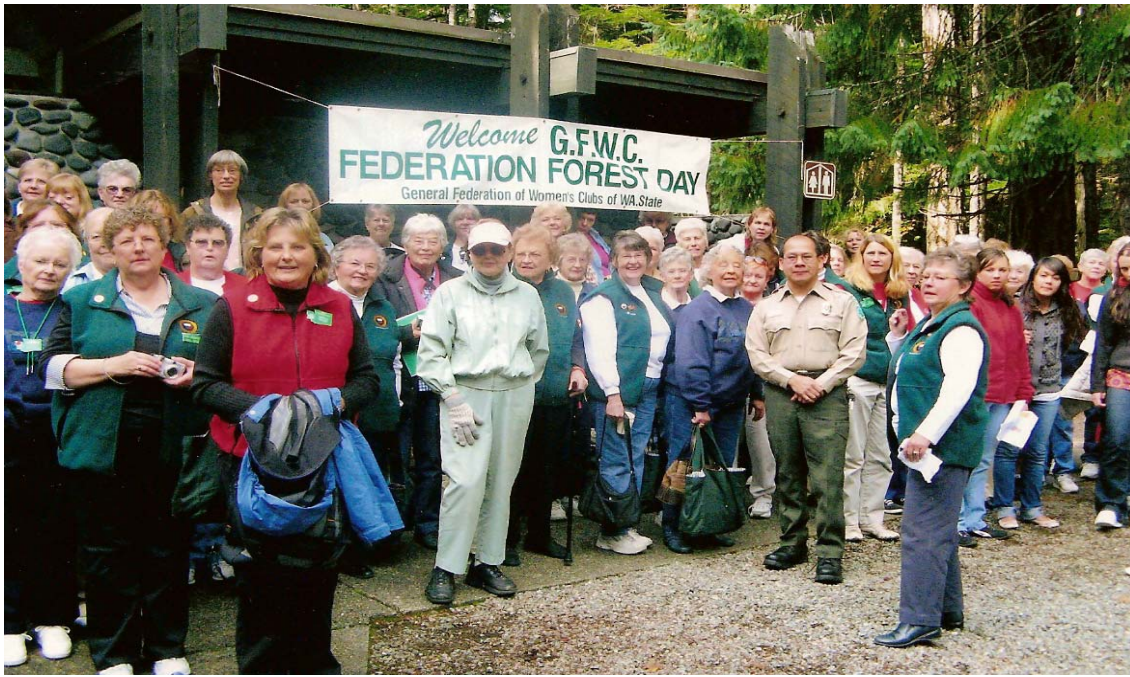


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*President Cheryl and Ranger Eric greet members*

## **Fall Board Held at Federation Forest State Park**

A unique Fall Board was held in September when 70 members gathered at Federation Forest State Park. Ranger Eric and his staff spent a great deal of time preparing the park for us. A welcome sign greeted members at the Catherine Montgomery Education Center. Aware that the weather could be iffy, Eric provided a large tent for the meeting. During the month of September, Federation Memorabilia was displayed in the Education Center for all park attendees to see.

Some committee meetings on Friday night at a nearby motel preceded the one-day Saturday meeting. Members provided a potluck lunch and enjoyed each other's company.

The land for this state park was donated by GFWC Washington State in the 1950's.





## **Cheryl's Corner**

What a wonderful time 70 members of GFWC-WS had at our Fall Board Meeting at Federation Forest State Park. Despite the weather being a little chilly, members were prepared with sturdy shoes and coats. The wonderful turnout made the tent somewhat cozy, but the extra body heat was appreciated. The potluck lunch was a highlight as members gathered and shared recipes and stories of what their clubs are doing. It took some effort to get everyone back to the meeting and back on track as everyone was having so much fun visiting. We were so pleased to discover this abbreviated board meeting was so successful. Members were well prepared with their reports. The department chairmen distributed education materials and information. Their displays were professional and well done. You have my sincere thanks for your participation.

The District Fall Conferences have all been held and all were very successful. My congratulations to those presidents for planning and conducting informative and enjoyable meetings.

The holiday season is upon us and I know plans are being made to celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays with family and friends. There is no better time to say "Thank You" for your hard work and dedication. It is also a time of Thanksgiving as we count our blessings. We are so fortunate to live in this country, to have the opportunity for achievement, and the opportunity to volunteer and to make a difference in the world around us.

May the peace and joy of the Season be yours throughout the New Year. Let us join together to improve our lives, our communities, our state, and our nation, through what we do best – reaching out with the gift of volunteerism.

My wishes for you are to have a wonderful Holiday Season full of many memories and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl A. Holman*  
President GFWC-Washington State

## Community Improvement Contest (CIC)

You have a 1 in 50 chance of winning the Community Improvement Contest.

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

Community Improvement Contest Chairman

[macmaster@harbournet.com](mailto:macmaster@harbournet.com) or 253-952-6580

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**Cheryl Holman, President**  
**GFWC-WS**

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## PR is a Snap!

Snap up every chance you can get to show GFWC to the public. It's a snap to wear a GFWC shirt to a community event. It's a snap to stick your GFWC tie-tack type pin to the lapel of your jacket. Then just wait. Someone will give you the opportunity to tell about your club! It works. The more each member shows her pride in being part of GFWC, the stronger we become as a group all over this state and beyond. If you can't remember what "GFWC" stands for, just say, "Good Friends Who Care." That leads to a great testimonial about your club's activities.

Louise Tucker  
Public Relations Chairman



*Top row L to R: Marilyn Nichols, Joann Wheeler, Carolyn Johnson, Betty MacMaster, Jane Cline, Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs, Martha Curwen, Dolores Kuykendall, Jeanette Jester, Virginia Jester. Seated L to R: Bonnie Walden, Tina Bair, Cheryl Holman, Kathie Jorgensen, Shirley Phipps, Carlene Garner.*

## **Sixteen Attend Western Region Meeting**

Washington State members enjoyed Montana hospitality during the WSR meeting in Bozeman. The conference began with tours to historic sites. GFWC President, Jackie Pierce and GFWC President-elect, Rose Ditto made presentations. Attendees were entertained with a reprise of the WSR President's Skit.

Bonnie Walden was elected Treasurer for the coming administration. Carlene Garner and Bonnie were honored as GFWC-WS Empowered Women.



## **Your club can be on the PR list!**

Clubs can sign up for GFWC public relations e-mails through GFWC Headquarters. Clubs on their mailing list receive press releases and advance news on GFWC activities and much more. You will be "in the know" about GFWC activities. To add your club to the list, send your contact information to Nikki Willoughby, Communications & Public Relations Director, or e-mail her at [nwilloughby@gfwc.org](mailto:nwilloughby@gfwc.org). Or contact her by phone: 202-347-3168, ext. 149.

## **Statewide Online Club Forming**

A new and unique GFWC club is forming, a state wide "Online Club". Since many women today don't have time to attend monthly meetings, we are organizing a computer club (GFWC Computer Women?), which would do business through email and possibly an interactive web page. We would do projects that the club decides such as collect Campbell's soup labels for schools, donating to food banks, making hats or blankets for homeless, book reports (members read a book and then tell the other members about the book), clicking online websites, and much more. Meetings will be held through email. Projects will be done online or at the convenience of the club member. Members will be encouraged to attend district and state meetings and also to support the club/s that are nearby. This club is designed for women that are homebound or cannot commit to a regular monthly meeting. If you are interested or you know someone that would be interested, please send their email address to [gfwcWASHINGTONWS@hotmail.com](mailto:gfwcWASHINGTONWS@hotmail.com) and a note stating interest in online club. It is open to any woman with email access.

## GFWC CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE

The subscription rates have been increased, effective immediately for the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine.

A special year-end promotion allows members to subscribe or renew your subscription online at the previous subscription rate of \$6.00 a year.

The new rates are as follows:

*100% All Club Subscription - \$8.00 per member*

*One-Year Subscription - \$10.00*

Each and every clubwoman should receive the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. Consider having your club be 100% in subscriptions.

If your club does subscribe 100% remember to send me a note or you may email me at [barb.murray@verizon.net](mailto:barb.murray@verizon.net) so your club can be recognized at Convention.

Barbara Murray, Clubwoman



In San Antonio for GF Board, seven Washington members wore their best cowgirl chic. From left to right are Joann Wheeler, Martha Curwen, Bonnie Walden, Cheryl Holman, Carlene Garner, Shirley Phipps, Jeanette Jester and Nancy Jones.

## LEADS .... Leadership Education And Development Seminar

Hi Washington State Clubwomen:

*Here is a perfect opportunity for you select a member of your club to attend the GFWC LEADS at the International Convention next June in Chicago!!.* This exciting program has proven its effectiveness for our states in locating and assisting in training potential leaders..... and GFWC covers the majority of the expenses! ***We need to encourage potential leaders in our clubs to apply for this opportunity!!***

Information concerning the LEADS Program, and the application, is located in the Washington State Directory, page 137, and your club president has this directory. The deadline is January 1, 2008.

You may also contact Joann Wheeler, the Leadership Chairman for Washington, or Cheryl Holman, GFWC-WS President. Washington State clubwomen cannot afford to miss this great opportunity....so look around your club members and start talking and encouraging them to consider this leadership training program.

And because the time is nearing for reports, please remember to list your statistics for your leadership events within the body of the narrative....as Leadership is not listed on the GFWC report form the same as the departments.

Wishing all a wonderful Holiday Season!!

Joann Wheeler  
GFWC Leadership Chairman

## GFWC Chambers Bay

Chambers Bay WC has this Birthday Lady circulate among club members, appearing in their yard on each of their birthdays along with a note and little gifts in the bags held on each arm. She is often embellished with accessories appropriate to the season, so for this summer birthday she wore a sundress and grass skirt with flip flops on her feet.



## GFWC-Battle Ground

Members of GFWC Battle Ground spent a busy fall. They held their annual Lady Bug Bazaar and participated in Relay for Life. The 15 team members wore their Lady Bug Boleros and carried a GFWC Banner. Their Relay team raised \$1,364.

## GFWC Tacoma

After two members toured Fisher House during GFWC Board Meeting in San Antonio, they learned that a Fisher House is located near Madigan Military Hospital. Similar to Ronald MacDonald Houses, Fisher House provides housing to military families while members of their family are in long term care. Jodi Land, the manager of the local Fisher House was speaker at the November meeting.

## GFWC Sokico



GFWC Sokico Woman's club supported two Chico's shopping events, with 10% of the proceeds going to the DAWN (Domestic Abused Women's Network) shelter. At the first event, eight GFWC members participated and at the second event, we had five GFWC members; in addition, we welcomed three guests, for a total of eight shoppers. The first event raised \$112.60; the second event raised an additional \$107.20. The total for both events was \$219.80. In the picture above Linda Butcher, Betty MacMaster and Barbara Murray deliver gift bags to the shelter director.

## Annual Reports Due Soon

It's that time of year again when each club looks back on all the work they have done in their communities and sends reports to their District and State Chairmen.

Some important things to remember:

- Club Department and Special Projects reports are due postmarked by **February 15.**
- Narrative can be as long as 2 pages, one side, single-spaced.
- All reports require the GFWC Report Form and may include a narrative\*
- The can be **NO** cross reporting: choose a where to report each project or program and report it only once.
- Report only those projects that are club sponsored and endorsed.
- Number of members should be the number of members who have paid their dues as of December 31.

The GFWC Manual and the Washington State Administrative have more instructions. The GFWC Report Form can be downloaded at [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) then go to programs and look up reporting.

If you have questions about reporting please contact Kathie Jorgensen, GFWC-WS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Dean of Chairman. She can be reached at [kjorgen@comcast.net](mailto:kjorgen@comcast.net) or at 425-898-8603.



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*As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.*  
Donald E. Westlake

## Many Thanks To...

All members who attended Fall Board and made it such a success.

Those members who sent articles and pictures to this editor.

Every Washington State Club Woman, who improve their communities and make this organization great!

## Dates to Remember

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

February 15—Washington Clubwoman deadline

April 11-13—GFWC-WS Convention Richland

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