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MARY ELLEN LAISTER TO BE GUEST OF GFWC-WS

The 111th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Washington State will be held April 19-22, 2007 in Olympia Washington. Our special guest will be Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC Second Vice President.

Mary Ellen Laister has successfully blended a 20-year career in the insurance business with her Federation volunteer activities. In past years she was President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Arizona and

the GFWC Arizona Central District. As a member of the GFWC Board, Mary Ellen served as Treasurer during 2002-2004, Recording Secretary during 2004-2006 and previously held positions on the GFWC International Hostess Committee and the GFWC Membership Committee.

A wonderful tour and tea at the Governor's mansion has been planned for Friday, April 20. The cost for the tour is \$6.00. Members taking the tour will be required to have picture identification with them for security purposes. If her schedule permits, Governor Christine Gregoire will be there to greet us. Members can show their GFWC-WS pride at the Mansion by wearing our "uniform"—navy skirt or slacks, white top and green jacket or sweater.

Shanna Stephenson from the Women's History Consortium will be our speaker on Friday evening. We will also hear an update on Heritage Park on Capitol Lake. GFWC-WS made a contribution to the park when it was being constructed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday morning, acknowledging the passing of Washington State clubwomen during the past two years.

Throughout the weekend we will hear chairman reports and receive awards for our work in our communities.

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Cheryl's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As with every new year I wonder where the past year went and I look forward with anticipation (and a little trepidation) to the new year to come. It has been my privilege and joy to get to know many of you, work with you, and forge ahead to the future with you. We are working hard to spread the good works of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

My news year's resolution is to continue the work we are doing and MORE! Communication is the Key to Federation success. Please continue to communicate with your members, your communities, and your family.

Since our last issue of The Washington Clubwoman I have been enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. What a joy it is to have a grandchild to share the wonderment of the season.

The month of January my husband and I took a trip to the southwest and experienced unseasonably cold, wet, windy weather. We were fortunate in that we took warm coats, gloves, and hats in anticipation of walking our dog in the early morning or late at night. The coats proved very comforting almost every day of the trip. We were thankful to be in our new Arctic Fox 5th wheel with lots more room than the camper. We were able to travel with the laptop and communicate with many of

you via e-mail and cell phone. I appreciate your patience, as service was not available to us in many of our locations.

It is starting to feel like spring on the Washington coast – we are having mixed rain with some sunshine. Our spring bulbs are starting to poke out of the ground, and the early rhododendrons and camellias are blooming. We're looking forward to spending some time touring around our wonderful state of Washington. Please contact me as soon as possible, so we can get some dates set for visits from me and from your other elected officers. We want to visit!

Plans are coming together nicely for our 111th GFWC-WS Annual Convention to be held in Olympia April 19-22, 2007. The call to convention is included in this issue.

We are pleased to announce that in addition to a special greeting from the Mayor of Olympia, we will be having a tour of the Executive Mansion and share tea with Governor Gregoire. The GFWC Women's Club of Olympia has arranged for a special color guard for our opening ceremonies. Our special guest will be Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC Second Vice President.

One of our speakers will be Shanna Stephenson, Coordinator Women's History Consortium. She has been instrumental in getting our book "The First 100 Years" added to their website.

In 2000 we donated \$1160.00 to the Heritage Park Arc of Statehood Wall on Capitol Lake. The walkway around the lake is within walking distance of our hotel, and this will be our first opportunity to visit as a group to see what has been accomplished since that date.

Communicate with all your club members and friends. Invite everyone you know, as this will be a wonderful, educational, interesting, and fun convention.

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

Women in History Moment

Erma Bombeck

February 21, 1927-April 22, 1996

Eleven years after becoming a journalist Erma Bombeck began a weekly humor column, focusing on the life of a suburban family. It soon became twice weekly, later three times; by 1968 it was syndicated in 200 newspapers and by the late 1970s in over 800.

What's Up for Auction Block

GLAMOUR AND GLITZ

DINNER AUCTION - April 21, 2007

GFWC - WS CONVENTION - OLYMPIA

Plan to attend the Saturday night dinner at the Annual GFWC-WS Convention in Olympia, April 21st. Wear your "glitz" and be part of the "glamour" of the evening. We have an exciting event planned for you, with lots of beautiful items for you auction pleasure. Invite all you members to join us for fun and fellowship, and some friendly rivalry when the bidding starts. Monies raised will benefit The Fund.

Wear you Glitz, Bring your \$\$\$\$\$
Join the fun Saturday, April 21st

Women in History Moment

Clara Barton

December 25, 1821-April 12, 1912

Civil War nurse Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. Barton was a teacher and a U.S. Patent Office clerk before devoting herself to nursing in the American Civil War (1861-65). She earned the nickname "the angel of the battlefield" and in 1964 was named superintendent of all Union nurses.

In order to make the Evening of Glamour and Glitz a success, items are needed for the auction. Members are asked to bring new or gently used articles that we might offer as auction items. The can range from baskets, collector items, household items, clothing, to family treasures. All we ask is that they be something you would want to share with a friend or family member. No white elephant items, please.

Bring the items to Convention and give them to Martha Curwen. The Fund Committee will select some items for the silent auction and others for the verbal portion of the auction. If possible it would be helpful if you would contact Martha Curwen (mcurwen@hotmail.com or 253-752-2599) or Nancy Jones (mcnrjones@comcast.net or 253-854-3684) in advance so we might list your items on an Auction catalog sheet. This will also give us an idea of how many items to expect.

We have already received a set of GFWC Bicentennial Commemorative Decorative Plates, heavy gold teardrop retro art glass vase with design of multicolored squares, a Kate Landry gold straw handbag and a tea party basket. A very special item will be White House Collection pearls. These pearls are replicas of the pearls made famous by Jackie Kennedy. They are valued at over \$800.

We look forward to receiving your items and seeing you all at the event.

Women in History Moment

Harriet Beecher Stowe

June 14, 1811-July 1, 1896

Harriet Beecher Stowe is best known for writing Uncle Tom's Cabin in which she expresses her moral outrage at the institution of slavery and its destructive effects on both whites and blacks.

Preliminary Agenda Convention 2007

Thursday, April 19

- 2:30 – 5:00 Registration
- 3:00 Finance Committee Meeting – President’s Suite
- 4:00 Elected officers meeting – President’s Suite
Past President’s Meeting – Nancy Jones’s room
- 4:30 Executive Committee meeting
- 5:00 Group meetings
 - District Presidents – Shirley Phipp’s room
 - Dept. & Special Program Ch. –
Kathie Jorgenson’s room
 - Membership – Dawn Magden’s room
 - By-laws – Lois Swanstrom’s room
 - Resolutions – Marilyn Nichol’s room
- 5:30 Dinner on your own
- 8:00 Board of Director’s Meeting –

Friday, April 20—Uniform Day

- 7:30 Registration
- 7:30 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Convention Opening
 - Invocation – Joanne Prestegard
Spiritual Aims Chairman
 - Presentation of Colors
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United
States of America
 - Welcome to Olympia- Mayor Mark Foutch
 - Business Session
- 12:00 Lunch
 - Leadership & Membership reports and awards
 - New club charter ceremony
- 1:30 Business Session Reconvenes
- 2:30 Tour – Executive Mansion and tea with
Governor Christine Gregoire
- 6:30 No host social gathering
- 7:00 Dinner –History & Resource report and awards
 - Speaker- Shanna Stephenson
Women’s History Consortium
 - Update – Heritage Park on Capitol Lake
- 9:00 Reception
 - Honoring Mary Ellen Laister – GFWC 2nd V.P.

Saturday, April 21

- 7:30 Walk with the president- Heritage Park
- 7:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 Business Session Reconvenes
 - By-laws

- Awards
- Memorial Service
- 12:00 Lunch – District Presidents Reports
Art Awards

- 2:00 Business Session Reconvenes
 - Awards
- 4:30 ESO Meeting
- 6:30 No Host social gathering
- 7:00 Dinner
 - Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC 2nd V.P.
 - Glitz and Glamour Oral and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 22

- 7:30-8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 Prayer Service – Joanne Prestegard, Spiritual
Aims Chairman
- 8:30 Business Session Reconvenes

Menu

Breakfast: ** Continental Breakfast is on your own.
and is free to hotel guests.

Friday Lunch: Deli sandwich buffet includes deli
turkey & swiss, roast beef and cheddar, ham and
provolone with assortment of breads. Buffet
includes all condiments and choice of chips and
garden salad. Cookies for dessert.

Friday Dinner: Baked salmon with pesto butter.
Wild rice, fresh corn and rolls.
Garden salad with choice of dressing.
Cheesecake for dessert.

Saturday Lunch: Quiche
Garden salad with choice of dressing.
Rolls. Brownies for dessert

Saturday Dinner: Roasted herbal chicken
Fresh string beans, Garlic mashed potatoes.
Walnut, grape, and apple salad. Rolls.
Mississippi Mud Pie for dessert.

Address Correction

Please note a new address for Tina Bair,
GFWC-WS Financial Secretary. Her new address
is P.O. Box 1026, Washougal, WA 98671.

Room Reservations

Ramada Governor House
621 South Capitol Way
Olympia, WA 98501
Toll Free: 1-877-352-7701
360-352-7700

Room Rates:
Single: \$79.00
Double: \$89.00
Taxes: 10.4% or prevailing

Directions

From I-5 North or South

Take Exit 105 and follow the signs to the State Capitol through the East Campus Tunnel. At the light, turn right on Capitol Way. The Governor House Hotel is six blocks down on the left across from Sylvester Park, which marks the end of the Oregon Trail.

Room Reservation Deadline

April 2, 2007

Important:

No meal refunds will be made after April 9, 2007.
Registration fee is non-refundable. One registration form per person, please.

Special Tour Instructions: Please bring picture identification for the guided tour of the Governor's Mansion and tea.

GFWC-Washington State 2007 Convention Everyone Welcome

Registration Deadline: April 9, 2007

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone-
Day _____ Evening _____

Federation
Title _____

Club _____ District _____

Yes, I have a GFWC-WS green name badge and will bring it to wear _____

No, I do not have a GFWC-WS green name badge, please make me a name tag _____

Friday, April 20

Continental Breakfast \$.00
Included in room rental fee

Lunch \$ 13.50 _____

Dinner \$ 25.00 _____

Saturday, April 21

Continental Breakfast \$.00

Lunch \$ 12.00 _____

Dinner \$ 25.00 _____

Sunday, April 22

Continental Breakfast \$.00

Registration \$ 25.00

Additional Registration after April 9 \$ 5.00

Tour \$ 6.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to GFWC-Washington State Convention

Send checks and form to: Tina Bair
P.O. Box 1026
Washougal, WA 98671

Domestic Violence Project Updates

Nancy Jones, Domestic Violence Program
Chairman

It is this chairman's hope that you have recovered from the Holidays, dug out of snow for the last time and are looking forward to a warmer Spring!

GFWC DV Grant Applications for \$100 are available from the GFWC Program Dept. There have been 36 requests, representing 16 states. I did not see one from a GFWC-WS Club. I would encourage each of our clubs to apply through the GFWC Program Department. The money needs to be used and it can help you further your local DV program

GFWC Run for Your Life – In the past 6 months, GFWC has received recognition for its domestic violence work and increased our organization's identity. GFWC would like to maintain the momentum and have all clubs participate in a "GFWC Run for Your Life" event during Federation Week, April 22-28th. Host an indoor or outdoor Run/Walk, a motorcycle, bicycle, or tricycle "GFWC Run for your Life" event to increase awareness and to raise funds for your projects. April 24th would be a great day to celebrate a successful event the previous weekend, or to Kick-Off an event prior to the next weekend. The important thing is GFWC is asking all clubs to do something with regard to domestic violence during Federation Week.

GFWC will host a luncheon, June 11th at the GFWC Convention in Philadelphia featuring the actor, athlete, activist and now author, Victor Rivas Rivers who will be signing his book, *A Private Matter*. Later that afternoon, Lt. Mark Wynn, the nation's top DV cop, will present a one-hour workshop. All of you attending the Convention please plan to hear both of these outstanding presenters. Check out their websites at www.victorrivers.com and www.markwynn.com.

Start planning now for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October

The Arts—Take Part!

The opportunity for Washington Clubwomen to show their artistic talent is still available. The photography, craft, fiber and wearable art contests will take place at State Convention. Contest rules are in the administrative handbook on pages 152-157.

GFWC Convention 2007

This year's International Convention will be held in Philadelphia June 9-11, 2007. The Philadelphia Marriott is the convention site. Tours include sightseeing in Amish Country and a visit to the Franklin Institute to view the "Mysteries of Tut" exhibit. Consider attending and joining clubwomen across the world in "Empowering Women...One by One."

Conservation Question

Here's a question you have probably never asked yourself. How many trees would it take to offset your carbon footprint? To find the answer go to this site www.americanforests.org. American Forests is the nation's oldest nonprofit conservation organization and a world leader in planting trees for environmental restoration.

Women in History Moment

Anne Frank

June 12, 1929-March 1945

A young Jewish girl whose diary of her family's two year in hiding during the German occupation of The Netherlands became a classic of war literature. The diary has been translated into more than 50 languages and is the most widely read diary of the Holocaust, and Anne is probably the best known of Holocaust victims.



Juanita Paulson, Bantram Family and Tina George

Christmas Stocking Stuffer

The women of GFWC-Bremerton annually sew Christmas stockings large enough to hold an infant. The stockings are donated to Harrison Hospital. When a family has their baby at Christmas, they take the child home “in a stocking.” Hats for the baby are also included. This project has been on going for over 20 years.

On the Road

Carlene Garner, Nancy Jones, Bonnie Walden and Martha Current spent time this winter in Washington D.C.

Carlene, GFWC 1st Vice President, was at headquarters several times for Executive Committee meetings. As we went to press, Carlene was on her way to China with the GF tour.

Nancy, GFWC Reaching Out Internationally Chairman, traveled to the Dominican Republic with GF President, Jackie Pierce for a site visit for Plan US.

Bonnie was at headquarters the first part of December for the Resolutions Committee meeting.

She was able to see our headquarters decorated for the holidays.

Martha had a weekend stay in D.C. for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee meeting.



Members of GFWC Bremerton. Front row, right to left: Ann Womac, Joy Bonnington, Tina George, Margaret Lunden. Back row, right to left: Pat Garrett, Eileen Kluver, Gert Thompspon, Jan Kasson.

This year the GFWC-Bremerton club celebrated it’s 50th anniversary. Over the years they have provided transportation for polio patients, sewed hospital gowns, installed drinking fountains in city parks, worn POW bracelets and walked in March of Dimes Walk-a-thons. Their favorite project is creating Christmas stockings for newborn infants. See the adjacent article.

****Please bring your copy of the State bylaws to convention.**

Thanks To...

All the clubs who have invited President Cheryl for a visit.

GFWC Bremerton for 50 years of volunteering.

Women in History Moment

Julia Ward Howe—author of the poem, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”.

Ellen Domoret—helped revolutionize the fashion industry with the invention of mass-production of paper dress making patterns.

Jane Addams—recipient of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize.

Nellie Taloe Ross—the first female governor when she was inaugurated in Wyoming in 1924.

Eleanor Roosevelt—First Lady, social reformer, teacher and political activist.

Bertha Ethel Knight Landes—elected the first woman mayo or a major city—Seattle—in 1926

ALL WERE GFWC CLUBWOMEN!!

Dates to Remember

March—Women’s History Month

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

April 19-22—GFWC-WS Convention Olympia

June 9-11—GFWC Convention Philadelphia

September 22—GFWC-WS Fall Board at Federation Forest

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