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## PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

As we begin the second year of this administration, I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing all the wonderful things your clubs will be doing in your communities as you continue to improve the quality of life through your volunteer efforts. I have enjoyed traveling and visiting many clubs and counties and do hope that you will extend an invitation for me to visit your club meeting or event.

You have proved that **WE CAN HELP** in the many areas of Federation. However, only 54 clubs of 108 clubs reported, so we do not have a true picture of all the wonderful works clubs performed. The reports showed 1,764 programs/projects, 168,405 volunteer hours, \$597,877 dollars raised/donated and \$446,423 "in kind" donations. If all clubs had reported, it is possible those figures would be almost double.

I am thrilled with the outpouring of support for the Pennsylvania State President's Project, Food Banks/Pantries. There is such a great need in our state to help especially since budgets have been cut. Don't forget to participate in the Can Can Contest as there will be cash awards given at the 2012 Convention. These awards will be based on the two year totals.

Ten GFWC Pennsylvania club members and one Booster attended the GFWC Convention in Milwaukee, WI. We were thrilled to bring home the Membership and WHRC Awards in our category. Congratulations to:

- the GFWC Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. for obtaining the Conservation Collaboration Award
- Lynn Sheffer, GFWC Red Land Area Women's Club, for A Year in Pictures: October
- Pat Mackes, GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club, First Place, Volunteers in Action

The 2011 GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference provided new thought provoking workshops and emphasized what team work can do. Sixty-nine jars of peanut butter (88 pounds) were donated and a member of the Warrington Woman's Club was the lucky winner to take them back to her local food bank.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the following District Meetings:

- September 30, 2011 – Northwestern District – Clearfield Co. Career & Technology Ctr.
- October 1, 2011 – Southwestern District – Butler Country Club
- October 21, 2011 – Southeastern District – Downingtown Country Club
- October 22, 2011 – Northeastern District – East Mountain Inn & Suites, Wilkes Barre
- October 27, 2011 – South Central District – Doc Holliday's Restaurant, New Cumberland
- October 29, 2011 – North Central District – GFWC State College Woman's Club

It is important that each club member understands these meetings (District, County, Summer Leadership Conferences, GFWC PA Conventions, GFWC Conventions and Middle Atlantic Region Conferences) are for everyone and not just the officers or chairmen of your clubs.

*Carolyn Selders*  
*2010-2012 President*



# Summer Leadership Conference

With temperatures soaring to a record 103, the **2011 GFWC Pennsylvania Summer Leadership Conference** got off to a blazing start at Toftrees Resort in State College. The Community Service Program Chairmen updated the group on their projects for the coming year followed by Vicky Trimmer's thought-provoking workshop on "Concepts of Leadership." The evening picnic buffet preceded an hour of fun as seventeen teams attempted to construct an egg protector to keep the egg from being broken when dropped from the veranda onto the driveway below. We do have a great bunch of engineers as only two eggs broke! The reward for all of that work was ice cream from the Penn State Creamery dipped expertly by the six District Directors and entertainment from strolling magician, Richard Benninghoff.



Saturday was packed full with nine outstanding workshops in the morning and concluded in the afternoon with a workshop by GFWC Pennsylvania Parliamentarian Marie Sofianek. President Carolyn Sellers and Second Vice President Vicky Trimmer presented the GFWC awards given to Pennsylvania Clubs and Clubwomen at the recent GFWC Convention. Eppie Rigney, GFWC Pennsylvania State President's Project Chairman drew the name of the lucky winner of the 69 jars of peanut butter donated by the clubwomen when they arrived which will then be given to her local food bank.

My heart felt thanks to the many workshop presenters, the District Directors, the GFWC State College Woman's Club for their assistance, the Executive Committee who did the planning and especially to the Clubwomen in attendance who made the Conference so rewarding.

Linda Frye,  
Summer Leadership Conference Chairman



## GFWC International Convention

The 120<sup>th</sup> GFWC Annual International Convention, held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with the theme “Living the Vision: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond,” convened Saturday, June 18, 2011. During pre-convention activities, the ladies enjoyed tours seeing “Milwaukee’s Finest” and hearing about the City of Festivals; conducted business at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings; and enjoyed receptions hosted by International President Carlene Garner. The 10<sup>th</sup> Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) was held. There are now 500 graduates from this program. Pam Fleck, sponsored by our GFWC Pennsylvania, had a great experience with the other forty-nine attendees.



Friday night, GFWC Wisconsin members hosted the “Wisconsin-Our Heritage” State Night Banquet highlighting their varied ethnic heritage as we were entertained by various ethnic musicians and dancers.



Pennsylvania President Carolyn Selders participated in the convention opening processional of state and international presidents and flags. Second Vice President Vicky Ann Trimmer carried the State Flag. GFWC International President Carlene Garner presided as we moved through business sessions with reports from: GFWC officers, region presidents, the Executive Director, Constitution and Bylaws Committee with proposed amendments and the Resolutions Committee with proposed changes. The awards were presented at strategic points throughout the convention.

Region luncheons and meetings gave us time with our own region members. Jane Lee Nosal, GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Past President and now a resident of Wisconsin, was our Wisconsin hostess for the meeting. Motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to GFWC for the restoration and upkeep of the grave site of Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of GFWC. Invitation to the 2011 GFWC MAR Conference, September 15-18 at New Brunswick, NJ was extended.

The theme of the convention was carried throughout by featured speakers, lunch & learn, workshops, LEADS and state showcase. Invitation to the 121<sup>st</sup> GFWC Annual International Convention (June 13-17, 2012) was extended by GFWC North Carolina. The final credentials report showed 492 voting members present and a grand total, including guests and boosters, of 645 attendees.



Monday evening’s “Celebrating the Vision Together” Banquet concluded the first half of this administration. The Jane Cunningham Croly Award and other contest awards were presented. Hypnotist Wayne Lee, with “Achieving Self-Potential,” was a great entertainer and gave everyone a “high note” for the adjournment and closing of the Convention.

Dotti Zimmerman, Chairman  
GFWC CSP Conservation Collaboration



GFWC International President Carlene Garner and GFWC International Director of Junior Clubs Kathleen Ferrara are pictured with many of the GFWC Pennsylvania members attending the 120<sup>th</sup> GFWC Annual International Convention in Milwaukee.

## Conservation Community

### Service Program



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Now that we have everyone COMPOSTING, then mulching their gardens, and watering from their RAIN-BARRELS, we would like to introduce to you various options to "partner" with the GFWC Conservation Partners.

Information on **THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES** can be obtained by googling The Humane Society of the United States. Take **ACTION** through one of their Campaigns:

- Animal Cruelty and Fighting
- Stop Puppy Mills
- Farm Animal Protection
- Wildlife Abuses
- Fur Free
- Chimps Deserve Better
- Animal Rescue

**KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL** is the nation's largest volunteer based Community Action and Educational Organization. (See [www.KAB.org](http://www.KAB.org) or google Keep America Beautiful.) It encourages people to take **ACTION** to improve their Community Environment.

We are also encouraging everyone to plant a **BUTTERFLY GARDEN** and help our country with pollination. Butterfly Gardens can be part of your Keep America Beautiful project. They will give you sources to get plans to build a Butterfly Garden. You can also get plans from the [Penn State Master Gardeners](#).

Start Conservation in your own backyard with very little effort and expense and you will be helping our nation's environment. Good Luck on you endeavors.

## International Outreach



### Community Service Program

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**UNICEF Mosquito Net Project:** Every 45 seconds a child will die of malaria. Join GFWC in the fight to end malaria deaths and help bring the number of preventable child deaths to zero. For just \$18.18, three life-saving mosquito nets can be purchased – enough to protect an entire family of six!

**HEIFER International:** Are you ready to become a Wild Woman? If so, join GFWC by supporting Heifer International's Women in Livestock Development (WiLD) program. We can help women overcome discrimination and strengthen their positions within their communities by providing women with livestock and training. For every \$50 donation, you or your club will receive a membership card designating you as an official "Wild Woman." For more information visit: [www.heifer.org/wild](http://www.heifer.org/wild).

**CARE: Help Her Earn.** Did you know that women produce half the world's food, but only own one percent of the world's farmland? A woman will, on average, reinvest 90 percent of her income back into her family. We can help by donating to CARE's Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs). CARE provides training and tools which allows women in even very poor communities to start small businesses and lift their families and communities out of poverty.

To ensure that your donation supports any of the above program areas, please be sure to mark this emphasis area on your check.

**Important Dates:** September 8 – International Literacy Day. September 21 – International Day of Peace. October 1 – International Day of Older Persons. October 10 – World Food Day. November 20 – Universal Children's Day.

## **GFWC PENNSYLVANIA 115TH CONVENTION**

**May 4-6, 2012**

**Best Western Premier Eden Resort**

**Lancaster, PA**

Now is the time to make your reservation to attend your state convention. This is a beautiful facility and very busy. We have a block of rooms but unless you book early, there is no guarantee and you may end up in another hotel in the area. If at any time, you are told the block is full please let Carolyn Selders know and she will work to negotiate more space.

Conference sleeping room rate is available three days prior to and three days after the convention dates. Standard rooms/\$119.95 per night plus 11% tax, Suites/\$139.95 per night plus 11% tax (standard rooms and suite rates based on 2 people per room, \$10.00 per each additional person). Reservations may be made by calling 717-569-6444 (General Federation of Women's Clubs PA) or by e-mail: [www.EdenResort.com](http://www.EdenResort.com) and enter Group ID #28450.

## Leadership

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### Sharing Leadership



Let's check out what you packed in your suitcase for the Summer Leadership Conference.

Did you bring snacks? Did you think about our STATE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT when you packed your snack, ate it, or shared it with someone? **WE CAN HELP**

What colors did you pack? Do colors make you think of ART? Do you know what the colors are for GFWC?

Did you bring clean clothes? Remember, for CONSERVATION, washing in cold water is the best. What have you recycled lately?

Did you pack something to read, or did you read the materials at Conference? EDUCATION is important. Reading is important. How would we learn what packs best in our suitcase if we didn't read?

Did you remember to wear your best underwear just in case you were injured and needed taken to a hospital? HOME LIFE reminds us to take care of our health and to share our healthy tips with others.

Did you give someone information about a special club project? Have you done an INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH project that your club really enjoyed? Tell other clubs in and out of Pennsylvania what you are doing.

Did you room with someone from your club? Did you talk about your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews? The JUNIOR'S special project is Advocates for Children.

Did you drive to the Leadership Conference? You did not use your cell phone while driving, did you? PUBLIC ISSUES reminds us to drive sober, non-aggressive, and no texting.

Yes, all of these projects are part of Leadership.

### **REMINDER:**

Recommendations for proposed amendments to the bylaws may be made by any club holding active membership and must be forwarded to Ginnie Anderson Kane, GFWC Pennsylvania Bylaws Chairman, before October 15th

## Legislation/Public Policy

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GFWC members should familiarize themselves with Congressional legislative procedure. Through educating ourselves regarding legislative terms and helpful websites, a foundation of knowledge will be acquired.

Legislative Terms:

1. Bill - proposal or draft of a new law presented to a legislature for enactment.
2. Resolution - legislative proposal that does not require action by the governor if adopted by the Legislature. Three types of resolutions: joint, concurrent and simple.
3. Sponsor - legislator or legislative committee introducing a bill. A bill may have more than one sponsor with the names of each sponsor appearing on the legislation.
4. House of Origin - Congressional body in which bill or resolution is introduced.
5. Chambers - two areas set aside for meetings of the entire membership of the House and Senate for conducting legislative sessions.
6. Calendar - an organized list of legislation which has been reported out of committees and is ready for floor action.

Abbreviations Used to Identify Legislation:

- HB - House of Representatives Bill
- SB - Senate Bill
- HR - House of Representatives Resolution
- SR - Senate Resolution

Helpful Hints:

Bill Number stays the same throughout the legislative session. Senate Bills are numbered from 1-5000. House Bills are numbered from 5001-9999.

Effective Date of the Bill:

All public acts are effective on October 1, unless they state otherwise. Budget related bills and bills containing appropriations are effective July 1.

Helpful websites:

1. [webmaster@legis.stat](mailto:webmaster@legis.stat) for information on pending bills in the Pennsylvania Congress.
2. [Thomas.gov](http://Thomas.gov) is for information on pending bills in the United States Congress.

With this understanding of legislative terminology, GFWC members have fundamental resources to search for legislative issues that directly impact their daily lives. Seek the knowledge on GFWC Pennsylvania legislative goals and VOTE!!



## Communications and Identity



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The July Summer Leadership Conference included the first “Electronic Age” workshop. We covered definitions, “what’s in it for me?”, what to put on your website, getting an e-mail address, setting up a website and touched on Facebook. Many thanks to Tina Warholic, Community Improvement Program Chairman, for presenting the workshop with me.

How are you doing with setting up your sites? Copies of the detailed instructions to set up a separate e-mail address, a Tripod website and a Facebook site are still available. They can be e-mailed to you if you e-mail a request to me.

Things to remember about “free” websites are: they are “free” so they may not be perfect, they may have some glitches and they may contain ads (that pay for your free use). The ideal thing to do is to take some time to study the site, check on what is available and how to use it. The more you know, the more you can do. Also, check out the websites of other GFWC Pennsylvania clubs as well as other state’s club websites to get ideas. Virginia has a very well designed site where there were articles by Janice Sadler GFWC Virginia Web Designer. One article titled “Common Mistakes Found on Club Websites” lists some of the items this chairman has also mentioned such as keeping your information up to date. It’s worth a few minutes of your time to read. If you enter “GFWC” into Google, you get 355,000 results! That’s a lot of GFWC Clubs to choose from.



## Home Life Community Service Program

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**Jump Ahead!** Yes, let’s jump forward to the months of January and February when we will all be doing those dreaded reports. The words **Collaborations** and **Partners** have been baffling to say the least. Our GFWC Manual states: “ Help clubs meet the needs of communities with partnerships that promote contests, highlight beneficial projects, and educate members to use those resources available and as a go-between with other groups and community members.” Who are these GFWC partners? They are the **Alzheimer’s Association, Canine Companions for Independence, Easter Seals, Habitat for Humanity International, March of Dimes Birth Foundation, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, National Osteoporosis Foundation and the Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement.** A \$50 award will be given annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing an effective Home Life Partnership Program. **So let’s get busy, be inventive, and bring this \$50 award home to a Pennsylvania Club.** I know many of you work very hard when it comes to doing your reports and I have been most impressed. So, please ladies, continue to do the outstanding job you have done in the past; but remember the partnerships that I have listed above and try to include them when doing your reports.

## Central PA HOBY



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It is HOBY time again!! Thanks to all the clubs who contributed to the HOBY seminar in 2011. Your donations came to \$3,125 and were greatly appreciated.

Remember to invite the 2011 seminar student from your high school to attend a club meeting to talk about the HOBY experience. This is a way for the clubwomen to learn about the seminar activities and how the student has been impacted. They love talking about HOBY.

The high school guidance counselors will be receiving their information in September or October for the 2012 seminar. Please contact them and encourage them to send a student this year.

If your club has not contributed to HOBY in the past, please consider it for this year. There are people available to make a presentation to your club if the women feel they would like to know more about HOBY in order to make a decision. Contact this chairman at any time.

## Western PA HOBY

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Thanks to the clubs who contributed to HOBY in 2011 as your donations were greatly appreciated. It is hoped that more clubs will contribute next year. The seminar is in the process of rebuilding and would like to regain the clubs they lost a few years ago. So please consider making HOBY part of your club budget this year. It would be wonderful to increase the number of clubs who donate in 2012.

## President's Project: Food Banks

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As we begin the second year of President Carolyn Selders's administration, let us continue to support the President's Project by supporting our local and regional food pantries and food banks. Let us strive to ease hunger and food insecurity in Pennsylvania.

Surely we have all experienced the feeling of being hungry for a short time when our food is served late or our busy schedule forces us to delay a meal. We know how unpleasant that is; however, the consequences of frequent hunger and poor nutrition also have a huge affect on one's health and well being. Adequate nutrition is essential during pregnancy. The health of the mother, development of the fetus and ability to adequately breast feed is affected by the mother's diet. A healthy diet during a child's first few years is important to good health and development. Studies have shown that children from food insecure households are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and 30% more likely to be hospitalized than children from food secure households. Research has also shown that lack of adequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Children from food insecure households are more likely to experience irritability, fatigue and difficulty concentrating compared to other children. It has been shown that food insecurity has been associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor math scores and difficulty with social interaction among 6-12 year olds. Adequate nutrition is necessary for healing from surgery or accidents. Proper diet is necessary to control chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

During the first year of this project Pennsylvania Clubwomen have donated more than 6000 items, 435 hours and \$8,300 to Pennsylvania Food banks and food pantries!!! Let's continue the good work and do our best to make all Pennsylvania families food secure!!!



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## Reporting

Dawn Himler, Reporting Chairman

Leaves are changing, the nights are cooler and the children are back in school. This must mean fall is approaching and it is not too soon to be thinking about the year-end reports. There are a few procedural items that have been revised to make your reporting easier:

- Deadline to GFWC Pennsylvania Reporting Chairman is **POSTMARKED** by February 1, 2012.
- Remember that the state reports must be **snail-mailed** to me only. They are not e-mailed to me or to the individual state chairmen. They can however be e-mailed to GFWC Headquarters.
- Narratives are a **MAXIMUM** of 2 (two) typed single spaced pages.
- Only one club member should be responsible for mailing the report form and all narratives to the GFWC Pennsylvania chairman and to GFWC Headquarters.
- Double check the club's name in the GFWC Pennsylvania directory so the proper name appears on the report form/narratives.
- The heading as described on the Revised Narrative Checklist is to be used again and appear in the upper right hand corner of page one.
- A revised heading should be used on page 2 as follows:  
GFWC Pennsylvania—Arts Collaboration—Name of Club—Page 2. This should appear in the upper right hand corner and will extend to the center.

Please check the GFWC Pennsylvania website for all revised and updated reporting information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 724-836-3764 or e-mail me at [dhimler@comcast.net](mailto:dhimler@comcast.net).



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Several NEW ITEMS have been created to make a deliberate, planned and conscious effort to communicate the visual identity of GFWC. These will help raise much-needed public awareness of our group and also be utilized as vital recruitment tools.

The full-color, updated general **GFWC brochure** includes a brief history of the Federation and details of our members, program areas and mission. This brochure is done in a tri-fold format. *There is a place on the back where a printed label could be placed with your local club contact information.* GFWC Pennsylvania members should be especially proud since the Volunteers In Action photograph of the *GFWC Western Pocono Women's Club* is featured on the inside page. This photograph taken by Pat Mackes won First Place in the GFWC 2011 contest. These brochures are sold in packets of 25 for \$2.00. The business card sized **GFWC Mini Tri-fold** provides a summary of GFWC. This handy tri-fold fits right into your wallet. It can easily be distributed to anyone who asks about GFWC. *A printed label can also be placed on the back of this mini tri-fold for club contact information.* The Mini Tri-folds are sold in packets of 25 for \$1.00. Both items are available for purchase through the GFWC Marketplace at [www.GFWC.org/Marketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/Marketplace) or call the Marketplace directly at 202-347-3168.

*WHILE YOU ARE SHOPPING WITH GFWC...* Your club might also consider purchasing the 20 minute GFWC DVD, the *NEW GFWC Sgnature Project Pin*, *NEW T-Shirt*, *NEW Apron* and *NEW jewelry items*.

## Fundraising

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Your club has just identified a serious need in your community. The club decides that it has to help. Now comes the big question – Where does the money come from to help? Fundraising seems to be taking more and more time for clubs with less satisfying results. Times are tough and our donors are being asked to give more by more organizations. Fundraising is critical to our success at the club level.

Successful fundraising organizations know that the community must trust you if it is going to give you money and support what you do. Build trust by marketing your club. Let the public know about all the wonderful things that you have accomplished.

You must also plan and be prepared. Know what you are trying to accomplish. Understand and be able to communicate the need and how your project will help.

Make the community your friends. It is much easier to ask a friend for help than a complete stranger. This means do not wait until you have a need to tell the community about your club. Develop a brochure explaining who you are and what you have done in the community. Make sure they know you exist.

Fundraising is selling. You have to ask to receive. No one just wakes up in the morning and decides to send money to an organization. The organization at some point made a sales pitch. It could have been a brochure, a newsletter, an article in the paper or even a conversation in line at the grocery store.

The more compelling your story, the more likely people will be willing to help. Become a great story teller.



## News Across the State!

**GFWC The New Century Club of West Chester** presented \$1,000 scholarships to three seniors at their local high schools. Deborah Lee of East High School will study writing at UNC Chapel Hill, Sara Savage from Bayard Rustin High School will attend Moore College of Art in Philadelphia and Lorraine Best of Henderson High School will study Music at James Madison University.



Marie Erickson and Melissa Somerville of the **GFWC Saxonburg District Woman's Club** spent Saturday, June 11, at Washington & Jefferson University in Washington, PA visiting with the HOBY student they sponsored — Jonah

Wirginis. They were invited to visit the campus by the 2011 HOBY PA-West Leadership Seminar Chair, Vicky Ferrence Ray. The clubwomen enjoyed breakfast with the group, then followed them as they did a scavenger hunt. Members sat in on a Leadership for Service panel and then toured the different student service projects. The HOBY team put the two women to work stuffing envelopes and the clubwomen finished their day by having dinner with the group.

**GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Milton** welcomed 4 new members at a dinner earlier this year. Pictured from left to right are: President Melinda Overdoff, Marly Artley, Tanya Snyder, Cathy Reynolds, and Denise Ulmer. Each new member was presented with a bouquet of daisies as the daisy is the club flower.



**GFWC Aston** had a busy 2010-2011 year. Members were very active in the community delivering Treat or Treat bags to kindergarteners; hats, scarves and gloves to the Domestic Abuse Center; food to Meals on Wheels, Mount Hope Food Pantry and St. Timothy's Food Bank and toiletries to the Coatsville Veterans Home. They also held a Welcome Back Tea and hosted a Fashion Show fundraiser. They awarded three scholarships to high school students. The club thanks their dedicated members.

Members of **GFWC The Junior Woman's Club of Boyertown** remained committed to the President's Project as they joined together to volunteer at the Greater Berks Food Bank. Working along side other community volunteers the women packed 1200 boxes of food for those in Reading and the surrounding communities.



On July 27, **GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club** President Diane Lane and Chairman Andrea Hauck presented checks totaling \$3,960.46 to two local Food Banks: Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Food Pantry and Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry. The club sold raffle tickets to local restaurants in their area to help raise the funds.



**GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township** celebrated its 50th Anniversary at a Jubilee Luncheon on April 4th. There were 45 in attendance including 3 charter members. The club was Federated on June 6, 1961 as the Woman's Club of Whitfield. There were 102 members and Carol Fehling was the first President. They sponsored a Junior Woman's Club in 1971. The two clubs merged in 1985 and changed their name to GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township in 1998. Pictured are: Georgianne Jones, 50th Anniversary Co-Chairman and charter member; Carol Witman, Club President; Carolyn Selders, GFWC Pennsylvania President; Harriett Ziegenfuss, Berks County President; Myrtle Council, Honorary State President and Susan Durand, 50th Anniversary Co-Chairman.



In Memoriam:

**GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Township** has lost a dedicated member of 43 years. After a long, courageous battle with cancer, Suzanne Rose past away. She is missed by her fellow clubwomen.

**Mid Valley Woman's Club of Lackawanna County** collected items for Marley's Mission as a Domestic Violence Project. The Marley's Mission is a non-profit organization



providing equine based therapy to children who are victims of trauma. The therapy is free of charge. The Mission seeks monetary donations as well as various supplies such as those donated by the club.

**GFWC State College Woman's Club** packed boxes for Operation Smile in June. The club shipped 9 boxes of supplies for 2010-2011. Included in the shipments were Smile Bags and the items to fill them, quilts, hospital gowns, toys, office supplies and other items. Sorting the supplies are from left to right: Dorothy Bordner, Mimi Edwards and Barbara Hiller.



The **Federated Women's Club of Hershey** is very active in their community. They recently completed their 28th year of preparing and serving a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner to over 400 people. The profits go into three \$1,000 student scholarships. The members provided clothing valued at over \$3,000 to the "Dress for Success" organization in Harrisburg. Members also supported Operation Smile making and filling 137 Smile Bags. The club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in May, 2012.

The **Warrington Woman's Club** held a tea at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Warrington with approximately 60 women attending. The Tea Committee provided a wonderful afternoon with delicious sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea. New members Nancy Brownlow, Ronnie Howells and Joan Amos were inducted into the club. Afterwards, a "spoof" fashion show was held. Pictured from left to right are members of the Tea Committee: Eileen Hansen, Joyce Lenz, Julia Bizon, Pat Paul, Louise Davidson, Josephine Tesoriero, Janet Bryant and Laura Keene.



**GFWC West Side Woman's Club** filled gift boxes with items and donated them to the Bureau of Aging. Pictured in the front row is Nancy Dietterick. In the second row from left to right are: Theresa Rallo; Beverly Kerestes; Rita Cecconi, Home Life Chairman; Jackie Corbett, President; Debra Ganz, Flo Dougherty and Shelly Russin.



Members of **GFWC Woman's Club of Hellertown** hold a workshop twice a year to prepare their famous Bean Soup Mix. The club has been making the mix for around 20 years. It is a combination of ten types of beans. The mix is sold throughout the year at various venues and is one of the club's biggest fundraisers.



The **GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler** held their annual event, Twilight Magic with over 250 people attendance. This dinner dance included a Specialty Raffle, Chinese Raffle and Silent Auction. Club members worked with over 200 local businesses and individuals to collect donations to make this event a success. It raised almost \$20,000 which was donated to the Butler Historical Society, Butler County Special Olympics, Butler Meals on Wheels, Community Health Clinic, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Project Hope. This is the tenth year for the event and the theme this year was Twilight in Paris. In addition to the Parisian themed decorations, appetizers and dinner, the local Vo-Tech school created a large Eiffel Tower. Pictured are members Bobbie Wick, Lynn McKinney and Stacy Panei.



### **FLASHLIGHTS ARE BACK!!!**

Do you need a birthday gift for a friend or relative? Maybe you would like to start your Christmas shopping. Our flashlights are just the perfect gift. Contact Susie Gibbs, Fundraising Chairman at 610-282-1266 or [susieg403@yahoo.com](mailto:susieg403@yahoo.com) to get yours today.



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**Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention**

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The official partner of GFWC for the signature project, **Prevent Child Abuse America**, focuses on prevention through public awareness and advocating for children, families and their communities. How can GFWC and Prevent Child Abuse America coordinate our efforts? For starters we can stay informed on this subject by going to [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org) and entering our e-mail addresses to receive their free newsletter.



Next, support their **Pinwheels for Prevention** program by planting a pinwheel garden during Child Abuse prevention month in April, helping to introduce the pinwheel as the new symbol for child abuse prevention nationwide. Pinwheels may be purchased from our state chapter located in Media, Pa. (484-446-3033).

Participating in **House Party Weekend** in October provides another partner opportunity. The official date for this event is October 14 - 16; however, you may hold your event at any time with donations sent by the end of October. An online tool kit can be found at <http://www.housepartyweekend.org>. Some suggestions to get you started include a game night, a casual dinner party, a fall picnic, or a cosmetic, kitchen or home party where a percentage of the proceeds are donated to Prevent Child Abuse America. Too busy for a party? No problem! Have a virtual house party! Register your party, invite friends from across the county and ask for donations via your personal party page.

As always I am willing to answer your questions concerning these projects.

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Before you realize, it will be time to meet deadlines to submit your CIP entries. If you have not kept an ongoing record of information, it is time to start pulling that information together so you are not scrambling at the last minute. Guidelines and deadline dates can be found in the GFWC Club Manual