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"WALKING WITH CONFIDENCE"



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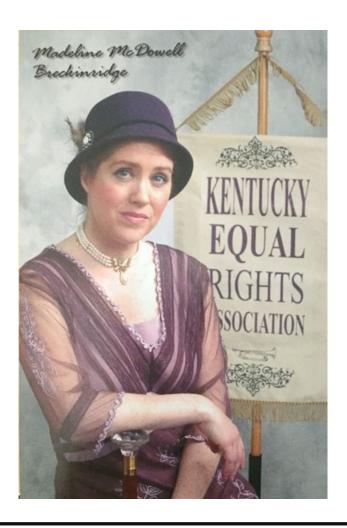
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Woman's History Program and Reception with GFWC Kentucky

Kentucky Chautauqua and GFWC Kentucky presents

Madeline McDowell Breckinridge As she speaks about "Votes for Women"

Mark your calendar today for Thursday, March 8 at 1:00 pm GFWC Kentucky Headquarters Frankfort, Kentucky

Ms. Breckinridge is played by Kelly O'Connell Brengelman and will present a 35 minute program on Ms. Breckinridge and why is was important for her to be involved in the Woman Suffrage Association. Kentucky ratified the 19th Amendment on January 6, 1920, giving women the right to vote.

Come celebrate this milestone with us!



Happy March!

When I look at my March calendar I find myself traveling the roads of Kentucky and I can't wait to come to many of your meetings and fun times. Best part of serving as your president is spending time with YOU!

I want to thank all of you who turned in reports and/or statistical sheets. I am excited to hear all about what you have done in your communities. From my point of view, the numbers and \$ signs are unbelievable.

The March of Dimes is planning their kickoff parties to promote their walks. Make sure to find out when a walk is in your area and be involved. The Bluegrass Kickoff is March 22 at the Lansdowne Signature Club with sessions at Noon and 2pm. The following clubs fall into this walk: WC of Frankfort, Berea, Irvine-Ravenna, Suburban, Lexington, Metropolitan, Bluegrass Jr., Woodford Co., Morgan Co, Owingsville and Morehead. If you are interested, attend one of the two meetings that day. The Maysville Walk is scheduled for May 5 and as we receive more information on walks, we will pass it on to you.

The spring magazine is being worked on as well as the call. Lots of info coming your way.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Susette

DATES TO KNOW!

MARCH

Spring articles/information due to magazine@gfwcky.org

CIP projects due to Donna Vaughn

GFWC International Convention Registration opens

8 WHRC Program – GFWC Kentucky Headquarters 1pm

Madeline McDowell Breckinridge – "Votes for Women"
Presented by Kelly O'Connell Brengleman; Kentucky Chautauqua program

Newsletters due to GFWC due to be considered for national awards

See club manuals from GFWC for more information

18 KET Tel-a-thon – volunteers needed 5-11pm

KET Studio Cooper Drive Lexington

APRIL

5 Legislative Day More information coming

Lunch at Frankfort Country Club followed by seating in the Gallery of the House or Senate – RSVP's will be necessary due to Security for seating

- 16 Newsletter information due newsletter@gfwcky.org
- 24 Federation Day more information to come

Plans are being made for a "work" day at the Kentucky Raptor Rehabilitation Center. We would clean some cages, weed flower beds – spring clean. Following we would be able to tour and see those that are at the center. Right now they rehabbing a snowy owl. Lunch would be before or after. More to come. Will be asking for donations that day of paper towels, Simple Green and bleach as examples. If you won't be able to join us, we will accept these donations at the Convention.

LAST DAY to make hotel reservations for the May Convention

MAY

Registration for the GFWC Kentucky Convention due

JUNE

23-26 GFWC International ConventionSt. Louis, MO





APRIL WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT! MAKE PLANS NOW

March 22 2-3:30 Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky Kick-off

State Capital, Frankfort

Help plant the pinwheel garden at

the Capital

Rain or Shine

Order your pinwheels today! Plan to plant your garden.

www.pcaky.org/pinwheels-for-prevention

Need promotion items? Stickers, posters, tattoos, brochures, pins and much more!

Contact Laura Chowning at <u>lchowning@pcaky.org</u> on how to order.

April 6 Wear blue to support Prevent Child Abuse Prevention

April 15 5K Run/Walk – Kentucky Horse Park For more information go to www.pcaky.org/5k

April 28/29 Faith Based Engagement & Blue Sabbath/Sunday

For more information go to www.bluesunday.org

THIS AND MUCH MORE AT: www.pcaky.org



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Visit <u>www.flags4vets.com</u>
Learn how your club can become involved in placing flags at veteran's graves on Memorial Day.

GFWC has endorsed the fundraiser under the JROTC drop down box on this website. Visit it and see if it is something your club may be interested in doing.



GFWC Kentucky has been contacted about the deaths of our Federation Sisters. Our thoughts go out to their families, friends and clubs.

Jackie Conner—Hikes Point
Barbara Mercer—Suburban
Nancy Myrick—Beechmont



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With recent incidents that took place at Marshall County High School here in our own state and now in Parkland, Florida, many of you have asked about sending notes of encouragement or think of you cards to each. Our Juniorettes are special to all of us and we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

You may send cards and notes to the Parkland Juniorettes through their advisor:

Parkland Juniorettes c/o Jill Crory 6677 Stratton Drive Parkland, FL 33076

If you still wish to send good wished to our Benton Juniorettes, please do so:

Molly Robinson, President

Benton Juniorettes

446 Forbing Lane



Legislative Day at the Capital

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Brunch at 11:00 am - Frankfort Country Club, will be a cost Attend the 2 pm Session of the General Assembly

More information to come but make sure to mark your calendar today



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Know someone who should be a vendor at our State Convention?

Have them contact Susette Redwine at: gfwckypresident@gmail.com

or 606-356-0910

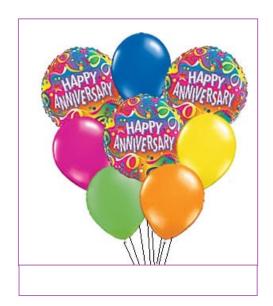
Convention Vendor Price \$30 for two days Includes two tables and two chairs One Day Show price (Friday or Saturday) \$25 Includes two tables and two chairs

If electric is needed – additional \$10 Additional tables - \$10 each



Soon many of your clubs will be voting for new officers for the 2018-2020 term.

Remember to send GFWC KY a list of who your new President and Treasurer is. Please send to PO Box 1587 Frankfort 40602



Is your club celebrating a special anniversary during 2018? Or do you have club members who will celebrate their 25th or 50th year of membership in 2018?

If so, please let President-Elect Pat Harrington know about your Clubs anniversary date or the names of these special members.

Please send information to her by April 1 at: pharrington5@gmail.com

May Silent Auction Items

Hello everyone. December, a very busy time of year!! Not to mention the weather!! AND

In your <u>spare</u> time, I'd like you to be thinking about your Silent Auction item(s) for our 2018 Annual State Convention happening in May. This time the theme is Door Decorations. Serious or wild, crazy or simple. Wherever your creativity takes you. PLUS............

I think it would be fun to have some *gently* used white elephant items. My goal is to have lots of items to show as well as share so that I can then use all the 100 silent auction bid sheets I forgot to bring last year.

The "bling table" is not bling but candles, lotions, and whatever fits into that category. I'm told lots of us receive these kinds of gifts but cannot abide the "aromas". So, let us trade and make a donation to help HQ. I'll have a basket near this table for all y'all to fill with \$\$\$.

So, until May 2018, keep busy, eat lots of cookies, and I'll see you at the Convention. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

Lois Knoll, Morehead Woman's Club, Silent Auction Chair.



Make plans to "woman" the phones at this years
Telefund 2018

Sunday, March 18 5pm - 11pm KET Studio 600 Cooper Drive Lexington

Training and a meal to be provided

Wear your club shirts - bright colors

Be festive!!!!

If you can assist, please contact:
Romanza Johnson
270-842-3416
Or
Susette Redwine
606-784-6521 (leave a message)

Happy Almost Spring!

Flowers are popping out, leaves are unfolding, and spring is almost here. March looks to be a bit choppy weather wise, but the few days of warmth and sunshine we've already enjoyed assure us that spring is on the way. So, put on your thinking caps and get outside with a fantastic project to improve your community.

March 22 is, according to the United Nations, World Water Day. It's a day to bring attention to the importance of water. Worldwide there are 21 billion people who live without safe drinking water at home! We are truly fortunate to have, as a whole, safe drinking water here in the United States. But remember Flint, Michigan? That crisis is still not resolved. We are not assured of safe water without due diligence even here in our country. So, on March 22 think about World Water Day and this year's theme of "Nature and Water, exploring nature based solutions."

Also, remember our GFWC partner in conservation: The Nature Generation. You can donate environmental books to your local library or even make a monetary donation to the organization.

Until next newsletter,

Happy Conserving,

Gay Nell and Brooke

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Hello GFWC Kentucky!!

I hope everyone is staying safe and warn across the Bluegrass! As we are gearing up for State Convention, I want to give everyone some information about upcoming events and information about our Junior Special Projects Partnerships.

March for Babies Walks:

April 28th in Somerset and Elizabethtown May 5th in Maysville May 19th in Bowling Green May 20th in Lexington September 22nd Pikeville

Become a monthly donor with St. Jude and receive this great t-shirt to show our support of

St. Jude or shop online. Get involved and do a workplace fundraiser, Fitness for St. Jude or run a race as a St. Jude Hero. There are many more ways to get involved, check out www.stjude.org for more information.



As for my Junior Special Project: JDRF, please keep donating and spreading the word to help raise awareness for a future without T1D. Check out these JDRF One Walks: May 5th in Knoxville and June 2nd in Kings Island. You can also purchase one of the JDRF shoes from many vendors to show your support.

As an early reminder, we will be collecting new baby sleepers, onesies, gowns, blankets, and beanies in preemie, newborn or 0-3 months during the State Convention to distribute to NICUs across the state.

Keep an eye out for information on the GFWC Kentucky website about any information on the Junior Special Projects. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to email me at preshus.howard@yahoo.com.

Preshus Howard GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs

GFWC KY Hollywood Walk of Stars

Governors! Have you reported to our GFWC KY State President the star or stars which will represent your district during the 2018 State Convention in May?

During your 2017 District Fall Conference you were to have selected one or more members to represent your district on the GFWC KY Hollywood Walk of Fame! Your instructions were to select a Hollywood celebrity dead or alive and have someone from your district dress as this individual (s) during the open of the 2018 GFWC KY. These individuals are to be raising funds which again will be placed into a savings for future expenses for the HVAC units at headquarters. The district raising the most money will be highlighted via your "Star" during the 2018 GFWC KY State Convention.

Last year the Queens raised in excess of \$5,000, which has been put to use in the purchase of a new HVAC unit that died shortly after our 2017 convention. We have two units in our building so with one new unit in place it is my hope that the funds raised this year will be held for the purchase of the second unit when it decides to no longer work.

Just some suggestions.

Your District Hollywood star can be one individual or a couple or group. Be creative!

Get the clubs in your district to support you with raising funds

If your Star so desires she can solicit funds from individuals or businesses outside of

Woman's Club

Have a fundraiser within your district

REACH FOR THE STARS!!!!!

Governors, please report to GFWC KY State President, Susette Redwine who your star is!

Thanks for your participation!!

Peter, Alice, and WC Membership

Who are Peter and Alice? What in the heck do they have to do with *membership* in woman's clubs?

Well, Peter and Alice are very well known, as they have been around for decades. They are colorful characters independent of each other, and its fun to read about their escapades. Often others admire them, and therefore emulate their actions, and perpetuate, even subconsciously, Peter and Alice's independent beliefs.

Oh, did I mention their last names? "So sorry", to quote Alice. As a matter of fact, you may already know them. Peter goes by the sir name of Pan, while Alice, well, she prefers to be more modern, like Cher or Beyonce, and just uses one name. You see, Alice is well known for her time spent in Wonderland. The place, not the ranch previously owned by Michael Jackson.

Now how do Peter and Alice reflect woman's club membership? I thought you would never ask!

Peter's philosophy is "never grow up", for Peter is satisfied to stay as he is, and keep things like they are.

Alice, on the other hand, took an adventure, and while there followed the sign, "Eat More Cake", not knowing exactly what eating the cake would do or where it might lead her. Alice ate the cake and grew *larger and larger*. If you want to know what happened to Alice next, it's documented in a famous book.

Now, I don't know about you and your specific club, but as for Woman's Club of St. Matthews, we have kicked Peter to the curb. A nice kid, but he has a lot to learn. However, we have petitioned Alice to join our club. Our clubwomen like her thinking of "Eat More Cake", physically, as often as possible, calories removed of course, and especially literally. To emulate Alice, our club strives continually to **grow** larger and larger.

Our efforts, so far, have grown our club's membership by 44.4 % since last June and 10.6 % since January 1, 2018.

Any plan that tells our clubwomen to "Eat More Cake" sounds like a great plan to us and the results make us happy in more ways than one. We highly recommend that your club "Eat More Cake" too!

Mary Jo Nay

Woman's Club of St. Matthews



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY

FOR THE 2018 GFWC KENTUCKY CONVENTION

Marriott Louisville East 1903 Embassy Square Blvd Louisville

Phone: 502-491-1184

THIS IS A BIG CHANGE!!!!! PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS CHANGE!!!!!

Reservations may be made now for the spring convention on May 17 -20, 2018. The cost is \$159 a night plus tax.

Reservations will ONLY be taken until Midnight on April 24, 2018.

Rooms will be released to another group at 8am on April 25, 2018. Not sure if you are attending, make a reservation and cancel is the best advice we can give you.



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GFWC Kentucky Convention

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, May 18

1:30pm Budget & Finance Thoroughbred Room

3pm Executive Committee Thoroughbred Room

5pm Vice Governor's Meeting Thoroughbred Room

7pm House Committee Thoroughbred Room

9pm Election Committee Thoroughbred Room

With Governor's

3-5pm & 7-9pm Registration Open Pre-function Area

3pm – 9pm Vendor Set up Pre-function Area

7-9pm Arts & Crafts Check in Commonwealth B

Friday, May 19

8:30am-6:30pm Vendors Open Pre-function Area

8:30am – 2pm Registration Pre-function Area

8:30-10:30am Arts & Crafts Check in Commonwealth B

9-10:30am Board of Directors Bluegrass A & B

11am Convention Opening Commonwealth C & D

Will be finished by 4pm

4-5:30pm Voting Colonel A

6:30pm Dinner Commonwealth C & D

9pm Junior Meeting Thoroughbred Room

Saturday, May 19

8:30am – 3pm Vendors Open Pre-function Area

8:30-11am Registration Open Pre-function Area

9-11:30am Concurrent Workshops Colonel A

Colonel B

Colonel C

Cardinal

11:30am-Noon Arts & Crafts Checkout Commonwealth B

Noon Luncheon Commonwealth C & D

Reconvene Meeting

Finish by 4pm

4-5pm ESO Meeting Thoroughbred Room

5:30-6:30pm Reception Pre-function Area

Sunday, May 20

8:30am Registration Opens Commonwealth C & D

9am-Noon 2018-2020 Board of Directors Commonwealth C & D

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Legislative Day at the Capital

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Brunch at 11:00 am - Frankfort Country Club, will be a cost Attend the 2 pm Session of the General Assembly

More information to come but make sure to mark your calendar today

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Federation Day Celebration on April 24, 2018

Plans are in final stages and will be released soon



Has your club come up with their runway fashion for Convention?
Using recycled tote bags (material - not plastic) - be ready to
style and smile at the May Convention!!!!!!



Dear Clubwomen,

WOW! January!! And it's almost over!!! Reports, change of officers, convention preparation, Federation Day, Legislative Day, GFWC Convention plans and people wonder what I do all day. I know you know because you are doing the same thing I am as you are making your communities better places each and every day; each and every month.

Oh, what about members who will celebrate their 25th or 50th year of membership by our May Convention. These would be members who celebrated their 25th and 50th since our state convention in 2017. We want to recognize them as well. If you would send that information to Pat also by April 1, that would be great.

I know some of you are changing officers as you follow a calendar year. Please make sure to send that information to Headquarters or email to me at gfwckypresident@gmail.com.

State Chairmen, have something you want to do during Convention in May? Let me know by March 1 what it is. Please take special note of our hotel reservation deadline for the Convention in May at the Marriott. Things have changed internally with them and they are serious about no rooms after April 24th. Do that today!

I hope January only brings you good things. I think if you each and every day and hope all we do as a state federation, community club and even an international organization makes a difference. I am confident we do.

Stay warm and get those boots out! Susette

2018 GFWC Annual Convention

Conservation Challenge

GFWC Style Project Runway!



Have you heard the news? Each GFWC State is invited to participate in this challenge.

Who will GFWC Kentucky send to represent us in this challenge????

We will have our own Project Runway during the GFWC Kentucky State Convention to select our best dressed.

Here's the challenge: To create a complete outfit using reusable TOTE BAGS. NOT plastic grocery bags but reusable bags that you can get almost anywhere. Bags used must already be owned by Club Members – so no buying new cute ones!!!!!

Bring your outfit and model to the State Convention and voting will take place during the convention on our outfit.

Rules: Your fashion entry must be a complete outfit; i.e. dress, top and skirt, top and pants, jumpsuit.

Either fabric reusable or plastic reusable bags can be used; no plastic grocery bags.

Entry must be made of at least 80% tote bags; other fabric and some clothing may be used, but the entire outfit must be at least 80% tote bags.

Entry does not have to be sewn; any way you keep it together is acceptable. However,

be aware of wardrobe malfunctions!!



Join clubs
across the nation:
fill library shelves
with books
that spark wonder in kids
and inspire them to
protect our planet.



Create a legacy of conservation! Donate to GFWC Conservation Partner *The Nature Generation* so they can fill shelves with wonder across the nation by donating award-winning environmental books to libraries, schools, community centers, military bases and pediatric hospitals.

*With your donation of \$500 or more, The Nature Generation will send your club this set of five books to donate locally:



Contact Address: ______ Phone: _____

*Clubs that contribute \$500 or more to the national initiative can donate a set of books locally. Please CHOOSE ONE:

☐ Mail our set of five books directly to this library, school, military base or youth group in our community.

(The Nature Generation will include a donor gift card with your Club's name on it.)

-OR -

☐ Mail the set of five books to our club. We'd like to personally deliver them to our chosen recipient. Club Member name: ____

Mailing Address: _____

Recipient student, school, library, military base, or youth group:

Nature

Please return this form with donation marked "GFWC" to The Nature Generation, 3434 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201. Donations can also be made online at www.NatGen.org. Questions? Visit the GFWC page on our website or contact rsieferman@natgen.org. Thank you!



Hello GFWC Kentucky!!

As we are gearing up for State Convention, I want to give everyone some information about upcoming events and information about our Junior Special Projects Partnerships.

We will have two projects going on for Junior Specials during State Convention this year and I would love if everyone could participate in one or the other or both if you want to. We will be collecting new baby sleepers, onesies, gowns, and beanies in preemie, newborn or 0-3 months to distribute to NICUs across the Commonwealth. We will also be collecting baby blankets for Blankets for Babies for March of Dimes and I will have purple ribbon and tags for everyone to sign. There is no specific size or materials that need to be used, club members can decide how they want to make the blankets. It can be new, sewn, no-sew, knitted, crocheted, etc. The Blankets for Babies project was introduced at the GFWC Region meetings this year and are listed on the GFWC website as well:

http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc-resources/ Click on "M" and you'll find resources for the March of Dimes Blankets for Babies project. You can also visit https://www.marchforbabies.org/ Registration/Events?steps=0 to look for a March for Babies Walk near you or sign up on our GFWC Kentucky Team as a member.

The GFWC Kentucky Juniors will also be selling chances to win this beautiful quilt/wall hanging that was generously made and donated by Jane Pfarner. We appreciate this so much and look forward to selling a lot of chances for this great item.



GFWC Kentucky once again has a St. Jude Walk/Run/Virtual Team for the September 15th event in Louisville. Don't hesitate and join our team today!! Become a monthly donor with St. Jude and receive a great t-shirt to show your support of St. Jude or shop online. Get involved and do a workplace fundraiser, Fitness for St. Jude or run a race as a St. Jude Hero. There are many more ways to get involved, check out www.stjude.org for more information.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to email me at preshus.howard@yahoo.com.

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MURRAY WOMAN'S CLUB VETERAN'S PROJECT, 2017

We all become so involved in the rush, rush of shopping, cooking, traveling and visiting that we sometime become so overwhelmed that we truly forget those who have helped provide us the freedom in which we so treasure. Our club members are somewhat guilty of falling into that same routine. After all, we are all club women who have the responsibility of carrying on the duties of our households and for the most part, buying gifts and seeing that they are wrapped and distributed.

However, in the back of many of our minds we do remember that we need to purchase socks, puzzles, pencils, books, and any type of games that a hospitalized person might be able to entertain themselves with on a given occasion.

We pat ourselves on the back occasionally when we realize that we had finally put together an astounding number of books, pens, puzzles, white socks for each patient, puzzle books, and playing cards. White socks were our main push as we were able to collect 395+ pair so that the 150+ patients could have at least two pairs. To top it all off over 600 Christmas cards were provided for distribution. Six stamped cards were placed in a small plastic bag with a writing pen and a hard candy treat to be given to each patient. The bag was sealed with a Merry Christmas sticker from the Murray Woman's Club.

Much love and care was shared by our 153+ members who took the time and interest to purchase and assemble these items then deliver them to the Veteran's Hospital in Nashville, TN on or about the first of December. We can especially thank Louise Pool, Pat Miller, Jean Watkins and Martha Crafton for the many hours of making sure that this project was a success. The items were collected, carefully boxed and loaded for delivery and transported to Nashville some 120 miles away.

Since 2002, the Murray Woman's Club has been involved with this project and we certainly feel blessed that we have helped provide a little ray of light to each patient in the Nashville Veteran's Hospital during the Christmas Season.

Martha Crafton, Project Chairman Murray Woman's Club

GFWC KENTUCKY FEDERATION DAY SERVICE PROJECT

APRIL 24, 2018 is Federation Day.

Madame President Susette Redwine asked me, Teresa Schmidt to find a service project in the Louisville area that we could on Federation Day April 24, 2018. And find I did.

On April 24, 2018 those of GFWC Kentucky that are able to come to Louisville will meet at Raptor Rehabilitation Of Kentucky Inc (RROKI). RROKI is located at 1025 Southern Ave, Louisville, KY 40218 at 1pm and work a few hours.

We will be cleaning out and planting bedding plants around the facility along with cleaning transport crates. After our work is done we will be given a tour of RROKI. Tour will be given by Tony Schmidt. He has been a volunteer at RROKI 8 years. Along with performing a service we can also bring things needed to help with supplies needed.

Here's a list:

gasoline cards (any amount)
forever postage stamps
Simple Green (cleaning solution)
paper towels
laundry detergent or bleach
Gerber's all-meat chicken or turkey baby food (to feed emaciated birds)
hand soap and sanitizer
more volunteers!



Here's a little about RROKI:

"Our work started in the 1980's with a group of dedicated volunteers. RROKI became incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1990. We are an all volunteer group dedicated to the rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned birds of prey. We rely solely on the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of our supporters. We take in between 250-300 sick, injured and orphaned raptors every year, and release over 60% back into the wild. We count on the public to help get injured birds to us. The birds may have been hit by cars, flown into windows, or gotten caught in barbed wire fences. Although protected by state and federal laws, we still receive raptors who have been shot and poisoned. The saddest cases are those young birds who have been "saved" by people and are now imprinted - they think they are people. Those unfortunate imprints cannot be released back into the wild although there is nothing physically wrong with them. They have a mental problem and don't know how to act like birds."

If you can't participate on April 24th you can bring items from the "want" list to the State Convention in May and the items will be delivered to RROKI.

If you are interested in participating in this service project contact me, Teresa Schmidt at nantresus@gmail.com or 502-558-1623 by APRIL 22, 2018.

Let's make this a Federation Day to remember!!!