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**FROM THE DESK OF**

# Susan Alexander, President, GFWC Kentucky



We, the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee are thrilled to offer to you the invitation to the 121st GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention. This year's convention will be held in Lexington, at the beautiful Marriott Griffin Gate Resort & Spa. The dates are May 19, 20, 21 & 22. The official call with a tentative agenda is included in this publication.

We are also very pleased to have as our guest, GFWC International Treasurer, Suellen Brazil. Suellen was with us last year and she is a delight! I know you will want the opportunity to rekindle your friendship with her.

This will be the time when all clubs across the great Commonwealth of Kentucky will be honored for their dedication and hard work to GFWC Kentucky. There will be award ceremonies highlighting "Living the Volunteer Spirit".

This convention winds down the 2014-2016 Administration where we "Unlocked Doors of Opportunity." You have honored me, as your state president, with dedication, loyalty, love and honor. You have shown to me what clubwomen can do! You are simply the best of the best. All my love and best wishes to you and I look forward to seeing each of you in Lexington.

Susan Alexander, President  
GFWC Kentucky

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### On the Cover

*The new flagpole and sign at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters in Frankfort.*

***You are invited!***

## **Backroads Festival**

**April 22 & 23, 2016**

***Check out all the amazing quilts  
& other handiwork***

**Woman's Club of Marion**

## ***Celebrating generosity***



*GFWC Kentucky Headquarters in Frankfort now has a beautiful new flagpole to accent the new yard sign. The flagpole was donated by GFWC Kentucky Eighth District. Members of the executive committee and Eighth District Governor Vickie McBrayer gathered recently to cut the celebration cake in honor of the dedication of the new sign and flagpole. Below, from left, Terri Srinivasan, Pat Harrington, Bridget Murphy, Vickie McBrayer, Susette Redwine, Beth Hill and Susan Alexander.*



### ***The Morehead Woman's Club***

**is proud to welcome  
Susette Redwine  
to the office of State President!**

### **Florence Woman's Club Inc.**

**Serving our community  
for 61 years**

# Membership Matters

## More about new members

By Susette Redwine, President-Elect

In a previous article about membership, I talked about the “Millennial” member. This is a follow-up and a little more about those members. How do we make them feel needed and welcomed into our clubs?

These ladies need the following things to make this possible. So here are some ways that clubs can enable their needs.

**MONEY** – We all need to remember as young, new professionals in the workforce or even stay at home moms, money was and to the most part, still is, an issue. Many live on a tight budget. They look for the best buy. Unfortunately, within the first five to ten years of a Millennial’s work life, a large portion of their monthly income goes to pay off student loans.

Millennials want to belong. This is where members of your club can assist. Sponsor a new member by paying her dues or a portion of her dues. These members become dedicated to the club because of the sponsorships. They become involved with that person who assist them in paying their dues. It can become a leadership or mentoring opportunity. It is a great way to get new members involved. Eventually this method will pay off. For the most part, after three years of membership with maybe some financial assistance you will see rewards. They will pay it forward. Be creative in finding ways to assist these new members.

**HEALTH** – Ok, what’s the first thing we talk about at meetings? Our health. Who has been sick, what has happened to so and so. Don’t talk the negative, talk about the positive. Start with hey, did you all know that Shelia has been watching her diet and lost 15 pounds in the past two months? Or, did you know that Ashley is walking a mile a day and has gotten her blood pressure down? All positives.

Millennials know they need to take care of their health. They have watched parents and grandparents struggle with health related issues and don’t want to end up in the same way. Research has shown that women involved in community service organizations live longer than women who do not volunteer in

some service activity. Most who are involved with community service are less likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes or smoke cigarettes.\* Look around the room at your next club meeting. Look at the age of those who are still active and able to volunteer on your club programs. See, let’s be positive about our health issues.

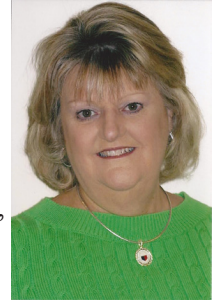
**TIME** – All of us want value when we give our time to a project. We want to ensure that it is respected and it is time well worth giving. Millennials want to be better managers of time, both professionally and personally. They don’t want to come to a meeting that isn’t organized or is just women talking about what is happening with no end results. Don’t have a meeting just to say you’re having a meeting. Make sure there is substance to your meeting. Remember, if you can’t say it in an hour, then you need to relook at what you’re saying and get it done in an hour.

**TECHNOLOGY** – We have those in our club that are technology savvy and then those who are not. Some want our newsletters by e-mail and others want it sent by mail.

For Millennials, they know nothing but technology. They have never had to function without it. It’s a huge part of their lives. This generation uses tools and apps to find out whatever it is they want to know. It’s at their fingertips at all times. Have them help your club establish technology to use to get the word out or to help publicize an event. You might be surprised how successful it could be.

Good luck working with these new members. Don’t be afraid of them. You can learn from each other.

*\* Research from the University of Pittsburgh and Optimist International*



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# Club Highlights

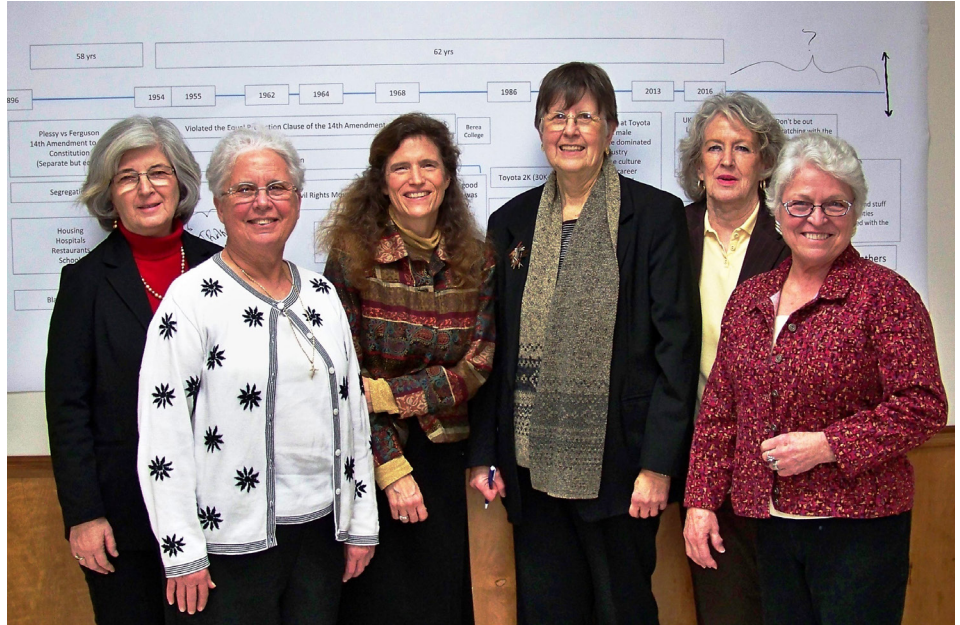
## Monticello Woman's Club

### *Unity Breakfast promotes community*

The GFWC/KFWC Monticello Woman's Club supported and participated in the first Monticello-Wayne County Unity Breakfast to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18, 2016.

Working with a diverse cross section of the county fostered a sense of fellowship, unity, and community. Unity among our diverse members and citizens is vital to our accomplishments, growth, and survival as a club and community.

A unified community can accomplish great things, and Dr. King would remind us that "Unity has never meant uniformity."



*Members attending the Unity Breakfast were, left to right, Linda Brown, Ann Fletcher, Winter Huff, Wanda Dodson, Thelma Wallen, and Charlotte Johnson.*

## Prestonsburg Woman's Club

**Celebrating 96 years  
of Federated Service**

## The GFWC Kentucky Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club

would like to congratulate  
Susan Alexander  
and Wendy Thompson  
on a wonderful administration!

**Happy 5th to our greatest  
project ... to date**

**McLean County  
Public Library**

**Livermore Woman's Club**

## Jackson Woman's Club

**committed to serving  
Breathitt County**

*One scene developing on HCTC/Lees Campus Building to highlight*

## ***“Applause on Main Street: Jackson, Kentucky”***



As part of the GFWC Kentucky State President's special project "Applause on Main Street," the GFWC Jackson Woman's Club initiated a mural project in February 2015 to reflect the cultural and historical aspects of the Jackson/Breathitt County area and to beautify the community.

Following many suggestions for the mural, meetings to iron out plans, and the creation of a scale model depicting scenes for the mural, a site and artist was chosen. The mural is on a white cinder block building near the entrance of the Hazard Community and Technical College/Lees College Campus on Main Street in Jackson.

Charles Boggs was contracted as the artist. Beginning in May 2015, using acrylic paints and brushes, he began to transform the HCTC building into picturesque log cabin scenes with completion scheduled for late fall, weather permitting.

Partnering with the Breathitt County Action Team, HCTC, the Jackson/Breathitt Chamber of Commerce, and local and county officials, the Jackson Woman's Club hopes through this project to share with the public the heritage of the area, promote tourism of Jackson/Breathitt County, and instill pride in culture and history.

**Beechmont  
Woman's Club**

**in our 76th Year  
and "Growing" Strong!!!**

**The Pikeville Woman's  
Club Inc.**

**Proudly Collecting Pop Tabs  
for Ronald McDonald  
House Charities**

## Card from Barbara Davis' family

Gratefully acknowledging  
and thanking you for  
your kind expression of sympathy  
by the family of  
Barbara Anne Davis

GFWC,

I hope you know how much  
my mother's involvement in  
the Women's Club meant to  
her.

Thank you for playing such  
an important role in her life  
and for your support during  
this difficult time.

Cindy Jones, daughter  
Jim Davis, son



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## BOWLING GREEN WOMAN'S CLUB

*IN MEMORY OF*  
**FRANCES HUDDLESTON LINK**

## Congratulations to the Okolona WOMAN'S CLUB

*For Celebrating 60 Years  
of Federated Service!!*

*Opening Doors of Opportunity*

## HAZEL WOMAN'S CLUB

## The GFWC Kentucky Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club

would like to wish  
the upcoming 2016-2018  
Administration the best!

## WOMAN'S CLUB OF SMITHS GROVE

**CELEBRATING 106 YEARS  
OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# GFWC Kentucky Convention

## GFWC Treasurer Suellen B. Brazil to be Convention Special Guest

Suellen Brazil, GFWC Treasurer, has applied the organizational perspective, financial expertise and collaborative skills that 43 years of diverse leadership experience have taught her.

From 1980-84, Suellen served first as GFWC Alabama Director of Junior Clubs and later as GFWC Junior Education Chairman. In 1985 Suellen became HOBY International Leadership Seminar National Volunteer Chairman and then Region Director. These roles led to 12 years of national service to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation.

During 40 years on the GFWC Alabama Board, Suellen served in all appointed/elected offices including GFWC Alabama State President (1998-2000) where policy improvements she

championed continue to impact Alabama today. She has organized exceptional training opportunities as State Leadership Chairman, including recent seminars at the Alabama State Capitol.

After serving as state president, Suellen led the GFWC Safety program, Credentials committee, and GFWC Southern Region as treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president. As president, she visited the Woman's Club of Aruba to welcome them to Southern Region. As chair of the GFWC Leadership Committee in 2012-14, she oversaw a 73% increase in GFWC State LEADS programs.

A native Alabamian, she and husband Billy have two sons. In 2014 Suellen retired from Baldwin County



Suellen Brazil

Schools after 44 years – her final position being Executive Elementary Administrator.

## Nominating Committee Report

On November 14, 2015, eight members of the GFWC Kentucky Nomination Committee met at Headquarters to review applications and discuss nominations for the 2016 – 2018 slate of officers. In attendance were Donna Travis, 2nd District; Anne Aubrey, 3rd District; Gaye Gardner, 4th District; Karen Claiborne, 5th District; Tina DiGouglielmo, 6th District; Margaret Arnett, 7th District; Vicki McBrayer, 8th District; and

Rita Wood, 9th District. Paula Robinson of 1st District was unable to attend. The slate as presented:

- President-Elect - Pat Harrington (Murray WC)
- 1st Vice President - Wendy Thompson (Barbourville Jrs/Ossoli Club)
- 2nd Vice President - Teresa Schmidt (St. Matthews WC)
- Treasurer - Vicki McBrayer

(Morehead WC)

- Recording Secretary - Donna Travis (WC of Madisonville)
- Director-elect of Junior Clubs - Tonya Castle (Barbourville Junior WSC)

After the meeting, Chairman Anne Aubrey, contacted state president, Susan Alexander and parliamentarian, Clara Austin, as well as the nominees and their club presidents.

**Barbourville Woman's  
Study Club**

**Enjoyed Seeing Everyone at  
the Redbud Festival  
April 8-9, 2016**

**Thanks, Lois, for all  
you've accomplished  
in District 7!!!**

**Elkhorn City Area  
Woman's Club**

# Meet the Candidates for GFWC Kentucky Offices



**Pat Harrington**  
for the office of President-Elect

Pat Harrington presently serves as First Vice President of GFWC Kentucky. She has served on the GFWC Kentucky Executive Board since 2004, Pat has served as Recording Secretary, chair of Honorary Presidents and Past Governors Breakfast, Public Affairs/Community Safety program, the President's Advisory Council, and as both Collaboration Chair and Partnership Chair of the Home Life Community Service Program.

Pat served on the Clubwomen of the 21st Century committee, and was GFWC Kentucky's LEADS Graduate in 2007. In 2006, Pat was selected Outstanding KFWC Clubwoman.

She served on the GFWC SER Fundraising Committee 2008-2010.

Pat stepped up to serve GFWC Kentucky First District as Governor for a second term in 2010. She held the office from 2008 until 2012. She then served as Governor's Aid 2012-14. She was Vice Governor 2007-08. During her tenure as Governor, they were named Outstanding District for 2008-10.

Pat Harrington has been an active member of Murray Woman's Club since 1997. She has served as the club's Parliamentarian since 2012. She has served as chairman of a number of departments, as well as serving on numerous committees. She has also served her club as President 2004-06.

The letter nominating her reads, "Pat is ready, more than willing, and quite able to step up to this next level of state leadership to continue her service to Federation, and her club and her district support her all the way...."

Pat is immersed in service to her community. She is deeply involved with many community boards. Her devotion to her community earned her the title of Citizen of the Year in 2006.

Pat earned her Bachelor of Science and her Master's degrees from Murray State University. She retired as a financial administrator in 2015.



**Wendy Thompson**  
for the office of 1st Vice President

Wendy Marie Thompson was born in Landstuhl, Germany, where she lived until age 3.

She then moved around with her parents until her dad retired from the service.

Around age 8, she came to Kentucky to live with her mother. Wendy graduated Knox Central High School and Eastern Kentucky University.

She is currently GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs, and will serve on the 2016-2018 GFWC International Strategic Planning Committee.

Wendy takes pride in all levels of Federation.

She is a member of GFWC Kentucky Ossoli Club of Corbin, and GFWC Kentucky Barbourville Junior Woman's Club.

She was the 2015 Shot@Life Champion.

She is married to David Tompson, who builds and sells houses, as well as Mayor of the City of Barbourville. They have four children, Candace, 25; Lanedon, 21; Adam, 18; and Torri, 17. They have one grandchild, Dawson Reed.

Wendy is the owner/director of Tiny Tots Child Care LLC.

Mark your calendars  
and Get your reservations made  
for the

**121st GFWC Kentucky  
Annual Convention**

**May 19 - May 22**

**Marriott  
Griffin Gate Resort & Spa  
Lexington**



**Teresa Schmidt**  
for the office of 2nd Vice President



**Vicki McBrayer**  
for the office of Treasurer

Teresa Schmidt presently serves as Governor of GFWC Kentucky Third District, and 2014-16 GFWC Kentucky State Fundraising Chairman.

She is currently a member of the GFWC Kentucky Woman's Club of St. Matthews.

Teresa joined the Woman's Club of Lyndon in 2005. She was 1st vice president 2006-2008 at which time she became president. She was president 2008-2010.

As GFWC Kentucky 3rd District chairman for Domestic Violence 2008-2010, she secured First Lady of the Commonwealth Jane Beshear as speaker for the Fall Conference. This was at the beginning of the First Lady's "Shop and Share" project.

Teresa was the 2010-2012 GFWC Kentucky State Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

She was the 2012-2014 GFWC Kentucky Third District Vice Governor.

Teresa has been a hairdresser for 46 years.

She is married to Tony and they have a four-legged child named Wyatt. They currently live in Louisville, but there's a mini farm in their future.

Vicki McBrayer has been a member of the Morehead Woman's Club since 2004.

She has served as president, president-elect, first vice president, second vice president, as well as chairman of their International Outreach, Conservation, and Public Issues Area Service programs. She has also chaired and served on various other committees.

Vicki has served GFWC Kentucky as Fundraising Chairman, Home Life Chairman, and was the 2011 recipient of the Spirit Award as Chairman of the Year.

Along with her husband, Vicki owned and operated McBrayer's Grocory. She was employed as bookkeeper for Battson Drug, Morehead Clinic Pharmacy, and Eagle Trace Golf Course where she was in charge of paying all bills, doing payroll weekly, and prepared quarterly taxes. This was prepared by using QuickBooks. She had a tax business for more than 35 years, preparing income taxes for clients.

She retired after working 10 years at Edward Jones Investments where she was employed as the Branch Office Administrator.



**The Official GFWC Mobile App** recently launched and it's no surprise that the activity feed is already buzzing with great stories, photos, and comments from clubwomen across the country. Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded the app and started posting about their GFWC activities. Be sure to the spread the word and help your fellow clubwomen download the app at your next club meeting! Remember, if you have any questions you can always reference the App Guide found on GFWC.org or email Events Coordinator Grace Soriano at [gsoriano@gfwc.org](mailto:gsoriano@gfwc.org).

If you haven't downloaded the app yet, don't miss out! While on your phone, click the links below in order to go directly to the download page:

**For iPhone users:** <http://bit.ly/1omVDQy>

**For Android users:** <http://bit.ly/1Vk6TY4>



## **Donna Travis**

for the office of Recording Secretary

Donna Travis currently serves as Governor for GFWC Kentucky's Second District.

She has been an active member of GFWC Kentucky Woman's Club of Madisonville for more than ten years, serving as secretary, treasurer, historian and president of the club.

As Education Chairman for her club, "Donna spearheaded a project to raise \$15,000 in 2015 for the local library. The project was six years in the making and required a vast amount of time and energy. Donna achieved this goal and our club proudly presented a check to the library.... Donna compiled 40 years worth of club history, wrote a booklet on the Woman's Club of Madisonville, and provided a copy to each member."

She has also served as Vice Governor of the district and on countless committees. Donna brings to the office a "knowledge of parliamentary procedure, By-Laws, programs, committees, partnerships, and history that is second to none."

Donna was selected as the 2015 LEADS candidate for Kentucky, and was the 2015 recipient of the Governor of the Year award.

According to her club's nomination letter, Donna's "organizational skills, efficiency energy and dedication will be an immense benefit to GFWC Kentucky."



## **Tonya Castle**

for the office of Junior Director-Elect

Tonya Castle has been an active member of the GFWC Kentucky Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club since joining in 2011-2012.

During that time, she received the honor of "Rookie of the Year" from her club. Tonya has served in numerous chairman positions and has been her club's treasurer for just over two years. She attends every local meeting and has attended state and national conventions as well.

Tonya has also served as Junior Chair of Committees at the state level.

Her club has this to say about their treasurer, "Tonya has encouraged our clubwomen to become more active in federation. Although we have a great club...we feel the leadership she has given us enables us to accomplish more than clubs twice or three times our size. She is continuously giving 110% to her club, family, job and community and encourages us to do the same. She shows a special interest in all of our members, taking a personal interest in our lives. Tonya's leadership has allowed us to develop and collaborate with many community partners."

Tonya is a Senior Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals.

She is married to husband Sam and they have two children, Bracken and Blakely.



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## **Leitchfield Woman's Club**

**Invites You to**

**Twin Lakes**

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**On the Courthouse Square**