GFWC KENTUCKY NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE TREE HOUSE

GFWC Kentucky President Pat Harrington

If you were not at convention, the above title doesn't make any sense to you. If you were there during the installation and/or Post-Convention Board meeting, it should.

The symbol for the 2018-2020 administration is a tree. Sometimes it will be the Circle of Life tree, sometimes a tree that gives really good advice, sometimes a tree that was drawn by my grand-daughter, sometimes a tree showing its roots and with birds flying, sometimes more than one tree – well, you get the picture. It's trees.

And what has been my dream ever since childhood? To have a tree house. As I sit on the upper floor of my tri-level home at my desk and look out at the tree tops, it is almost as good. I'm putting that want on my bucket list. What's on yours?

Speaking of trees, Marketplace will be called **The Squirrel's Nest** for the next two years. David, my husband, liked squirrels. He would throw them peanuts in the shell, and they would run to the driveway when they heard his truck and whenever the kitchen door opened.

Ever have a line of squirrels standing on their back legs advance on you? Frightening!

Nothing scary about **The Squirrel's Nest.** We'll have regular items such as pins, revamped items such as shirts, and entirely new items. Should there be something you want us to carry, make it known to Fundraising Chairman Diane Taylor or The Squirrel Nest Chairman Susette Redwine.

We are in for a lively, worthy, exciting, educational adventure. Thank you for coming along.

GFWC Kentucky Summer Workshops

Both are open to entire state but you need only attend one.

July 14, 2018
10 AM—4:45 PM
Boone Tavern Event Center, Berea
Pre-Register by July 11

July 28, 2018
10 AM—5:15 PM
First Baptist Church, Madisonville
Pre-Register by July 24

Contact your Club President or Governor for more information.

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Officers being installed at convention by Presidents' Emeritus Pat Geveden and Susan Alexander.

The Murray Woman's Club Chorus performed twice at convention.

PHOTOS FROM GFWC KY CONVENTION

2016-2018 GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea (R) attended our convention and led an informative breakout session.

Susette and Pat exchanging their GFWC Kentucky President pins.

New President-Elect Teresa Schmidt.

Marketplace was a busy spot!

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky President-Elect*

Teresa Schmidt

I look forward to working with all GFWC Kentucky club women. As GFWC Kentucky President-Elect it's my responsibility to work with our club presidents, which I'm excited to do! If you are a GFWC Kentucky club president, please send me your contact information (club name, your name, your address, your email address and your phone number(s). Feel free to contact me with any comments, concerns and or questions regarding GFWC Kentucky via email: nantresus@gmail.com or by phone 502-558-1623. Thanks in advance for all you do for the betterment of GFWC Kentucky and now ***LET THE FUN BEGIN!!!***

Past President Susette Redwine presenting preemie items collected at the May State Convention to the Labor and Delivery floor at St. Claire Regional Hospital. The floor was excited as two outfits were immediately presented to one family of a preemie preparing to go home. **Thank you GFWC Kentucky!**

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky 2nd Vice President*

Sherri Hammons

Can't believe I'm getting ready to serve on the executive committee for GFWC KY! When I began with federation 25 years ago I certainly did not think I'd be serving in such a lead role but here I am! I have served in many roles within my club and at my district, just finishing my term as Governor for ninth district and currently serving as parliamentarian for my club the GFWC KY Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club, Kentucky's first federated junior club.

When I joined club I began with the desire to better my small community of Barbourville. What I inevitably found out is that what we do locally actually makes an impact not just nationally but internationally. Every small thing we do from recycling for conservation to supporting our libraries and literacy for education makes a powerful statement for our hopes for improving our future for our communities.

I am looking forward to serving as second Vice President and working closely with the district governors to team up to make GFWC KY and our districts the very best they can be. We will be diligently serving our communities making a difference one activity at a time.

2019 GFWC Annual Convention

June 29—July 1

Austin, Texas

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 Newsletter Chairman*

Nancy Hunt

Since I am on my third day of proofing this newsletter I don't know whether I should thank Pat for appointing me to this position or run while I can. I will try my best but I will need members to support me with news. I am a retiree which I believe is the best "job" a person can have. My husband Charlie and I have 4 grandchildren. Russell-4, Beckett-2, Charlotte-20 months and Bennett-11 months. It is exciting when we are together! We live in Crittenden County in the country. We have a cabin we built down on our pond. We relax there and we rent it out. A couple from Florida spent 5 days there this week. I plan to be at the summer workshop in Madisonville. Hope to see some of you there.

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky 1st Vice President*

Donna Travis

Hope this finds each of you enjoying the wonderful days of summer and some time of relaxation. I have been babysitting my two precious grand babies in Colorado. Owen Patrick is two and a half and Joanna Freda is five months old.

Please support President Harrington by attending one of the two GFWC Kentucky State Summer Workshops she has planned for Berea (July 14) and Madisonville (July 28). Everyone is invited but we especially want club officers, district officers, GFWC Kentucky officers and chairs to attend to learn more about what is happening at state and GFWC. If you haven't registered, please do. For further information contact any state officer, District Governor or club president.

I am looking forward to working with you and hope to see you at Summer Workshop. Until then, be safe and God bless!

Past President Susette Redwine paid a visit to the DOVES Shelter in Morehead and presented their director with children's slippers collected by the 2016-2018 Executive Committee. The slippers served as centerpieces for the May State Convention promoting that we all should rest our tired feet at the end of the administration. Kelly, DOVES Director was tickled to receive the gift from GFWC Kentucky. The shelter is one of the domestic violence shelters that also receives the benefits of the annual Shop-n-Share program.

District 7 will hold their fall conference September 22, 2018. The Magoffin County Woman's Club, Salyersville will host the event at the Salyersville Renaissance on Main, 315 W. Main St. Registration begins at 9 AM. Highlights will be hearing from GFWC Kentucky President, Pat Harrington as well as the Arts and Crafts contest.

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky Treasurer*

Darla Doss

Hello to all my fellow GFWC Kentucky Club Women! For those of you who might not know me, my name is Darla Doss and I am your new State Treasurer. I am a member of the Benton Woman's Club and hail from the 1st District. I am looking forward to serving as a State Officer for the 2018/2020 Administration. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. I am thoroughly enjoying it, but have been super busy since State convention. We had lots of out of town guests stay with us over Memorial Day weekend (We are lucky to get to live on KY Lake so people like to come visit us). Then a few weeks ago I traveled to Waco, TX to visit all things Magnolia with my Bunco group. We looked everywhere for Chip and Joanna while we were there, but never did find them. Tomorrow, my family and I are traveling to Rome and then to Greece to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary, our daughter's College Graduation, and our son's High School Graduation. We are so excited!! But I will make it back to town in time to see many of you at the Summer Workshop in Berea on July 14th.

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky Recording Secretary*

Cynthia Barnes

I am happy to say that many of you already know me, at least somewhat, because I have been privileged to attend state conventions for several years now and have met so many wonderful clubwomen from all across this great Commonwealth of ours. As I now have been honored, through your collective vote at this year's convention, to be the recording secretary for the 2018-2020 administration, I thought you might be interested in knowing a bit more about me.

I have been a member of Murray Woman's Club since 2006, joining, in large part, to be in the fabulous chorus that is part of the Music Department. Following retirement from Murray State University, I also joined the Garden and Delta Departments (Delta focus is health and living well). I have served as president of MWC, managed the clubhouse rentals and maintenance for two years, and update our website. I was named Outstanding KFWC Clubwoman for 2008 and Outstanding Governor and Outstanding District for 2013, serving as First District Governor 2012-14. As governor, I got to plan First District's 100th Fall Conference, producing a Celebration Program featuring photos and information from our history. I have also served as a state program chairman a few times. An absolute high point in my club career was being chosen as GFWC Kentucky's 2016 LEADS candidate and attending the GFWC convention in Baltimore to be in the day-long LEADS class – an amazing experience! And now, as state secretary, I am on the Executive Committee and responsible for keeping minutes for all state meetings. What an honor and a privilege ... and plenty of work ahead!

Now that you know all about my club participation, let me tell you a bit about me personally. I was born and raised in Murray, one of 4 children, lived away for a few years, then returned to continue my life's journey with my husband (since 1972) and our two sweet daughters Effie and Holly. Our girls have grown into lovely women who have blessed us with 4 grandchildren: Noah, Gavin, Lucien, and Mattie – all wonderful, of course! My oldest brother lives in Cub Run, KY; my sister lives in Tullahoma, TN; and my younger brother lives in California. Both my parents and their parents before them all lived in Calloway County, so I have a heartfelt fondness for Kentucky and especially western Kentucky.

I have been retired since 2013 and am busier than ever with club work accounting for a lot of that, but I have a couple of fun things about me that I want to tell you. I was asked a few months ago if I would like to work on a GFWC Conservation Challenge called Project Runway. Well, I have been sewing since I was in high school, so I said "sure." How hard could it be? The "challenge" was to create a dress or two-piece outfit from reusable cloth or plastic bags donated by members. Now when I decide to do something like that, I jump in with both feet. I began getting ideas that grew and evolved into the spectacular dress you see me wearing in the photo. LOL It took me about 2 weeks, working many hours every day, to do all the cutting and sewing and fitting of the "fashion-wear" you see before you. It was a ridiculous amount of time and effort, but I was quite pleased with the outcome. Then when I saw all the seriously creative outfits at the GFWC convention in St. Louis last week, I realized there were LOTS of clubwomen around the country who had also been working on this project! It was a really fun way to bring attention to conservation and I was glad I had participated.

I also wanted to have a dress for the "Roaring 20s" night during convention but didn't want to put a lot of money into it. Of course, I really didn't save that much, but I had a lot of fun putting together components from 2 long formal dresses from Goodwill, some fringe I ordered, some sparkly fabric from Hobby Lobby, and some feathers (also Hobby Lobby). Again, I was pleased with the resulting dress you see me wearing in the other photo, and I had a fabulous time at the casino night event.

I thought these examples might give you some idea of who I am, and, if you haven't noticed yet, conventions can be a lot of fun, especially when you're with your besties from your club. I highly recommend trying it out. Most of all I plan to give you my best as your state secretary and hope to see you at our next state convention in 2019!

LEADS stands for the GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar program. It is intended to identify GFWC members at the grass-roots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club.

Dear GFWC Clubwomen,

Thank you for the confidence you have in me by selecting me as your 2018 LEADS candidate. The experience I had at convention was rewarding. Learning many more tools to use in leadership. I hope to continue to develop as a leader and serve our federation now and in the future. I look forward to sharing my experience with many of you. LEADS can and does make out future more promising. I encourage anyone interested to apply for the program and take advantage of the LEADS workshop and state convention.

In Service Together, *Donna Vaughan*

Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky Chaplin*

Joetta Harlow Kelly

I will be serving as Chaplain this year, as well as Chair of the Suicide Awareness committee. I live in Murray with my husband Jim who is a farmer and we have three children. Benji who works at Campbellsville University, Abby who works at Murray Calloway County Hospital and Joseph who is also a farmer in Calloway County. We have several beautiful granddaughters and fur babies. I am a Counselor at There's HOPE Counseling at Hardin Baptist Church and I also teach as an adjunct professor at both Murray State and Campbellsville Universities.

My goal as Chaplain is to provide encouragement and inspiration at our meetings. My goal as Chair of the Suicide Awareness committee is to draw up and provide a brochure of information for those that struggle and also for those that love, work with, and seek to help those who struggle.

District 1...SAVE-the-DATE - First District Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Murray Woman's Club House. The Arts, Crafts, Needlework & Photography Contest will be held the day before. More details on both events will be coming soon from Governor Gale Vinson.

Greetings from *2016-2018 GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs*

Preshus Howard

Hello ladies of GFWC Kentucky!

Ashley and I are super excited about the GFWC Kentucky President and Director of Junior Clubs Joint Project: Raising Awareness and Removing Barriers: Organ and Tissue Donations. As many of you know, Ashley underwent a double-transplant surgery, receiving a kidney and pancreas, on January 22 of this year and is doing absolutely wonderful. She has been given a new outlook on life because of a decision her donor or donors' family made to donate life and help others. We look forward to sharing her experience and more information with each of you throughout the 2018-2020 Administration.

"Today I shall behave as if this is the day I will be remembered" – Dr. Seuss.

GFWC Kentucky Awards at 2018 International Convention

Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Leadership: Immediate Past President Susette Redwine

Millie Crum Award for Excellence Silver Level: Preshus Howard, Immediate Past Director of Junior Clubs

Club Creativity Award in Women's History and Resource Center: Woman's Club of Marion for their anniversary program "Wonder Woman was a Clubwoman".

Club Creativity Award in Conservation: Woman's Club of Madisonville for "Bikes in Bloom".

Photography Contest: Shayla Ring of the Morehead Woman's Club won in "A Year in Pictures". Photo will be featured for May in the 2019 GFWC calendar.

Prevent Child Abuse America Club Award: Bluegrass Junior Woman's Club

Recognition of financial support for 2017 Canine Companion for Independent Living:
Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club
Bowling Green Woman's Club

Projects and programs in the area of Advocates for Children: First Place

Benton Juniorettes recognized for submitting participation reports

Fundraising nationally for the Signature Event - Domestic Violence: 8th Place

Shot@Life Silver Award Level of Giving by Kentucky

Dates for all District Fall Conferences were included in the May 2018 GFWC/KY Newsletter. Contact your club president or Governor if you need more information.

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Greetings from your new *2018-2020 GFWC Kentucky Conservation Community Service Chairman*

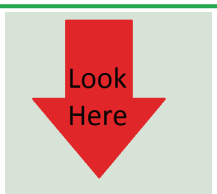
Kitty Davis

Serving as the chairman of the Kentucky Conservation Community Service Program for 2018-2020, I am Kitty Davis, a proud KY Clubwoman from the Woman's Club of Madisonville. I am looking forward to working with your Conservation Committee chairmen in your local clubs.

The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program is designed for members to gain an appreciation for our environment. Projects for conservation are those that members initiate and in which members participate to serve their community. One of the topics for your conservation plans could be beautification of your community. I am excited to share with you that the Woman's Club of Madisonville's National winning project and the recipient of the "Club Creativity in Conservation" award at the recent conference in St. Louis, MO, was on the topic of beautification.

The project began in the spring by the Conservation Committee participating in Madisonville's Downtown Turnaround Partnership. The members under the leadership of chairman, Donna McMurtrie, collected used bicycles and painted them in vibrant colors. They attached baskets to the bikes and filled them with annuals that filled the hanging baskets already in place downtown. Signs were attached to the bikes stating, "Welcome to Madisonville, Enjoy the Ride!" and "Provided by the Woman's Club of Madisonville." Fourteen bicycles were strategically placed at entrances to banks and businesses. As fall approached, club members replaced the spent flowers with fall arrangements. Coverage by the local newspaper sparked an interest in the local community who got into the spirit by either donating bikes, providing paint, and displaying their own decorated bicycles in their yards. Businesses away from the downtown area placed bikes at their entrances as well. Twenty-eight additional bicycles including bicycles built for two enhanced and beautified the community. The bikes brought many smiles as community members viewed them, and the club received numerous favorable comments. Congratulations on a great, creative project!!

I encourage you to share your club's conservation projects with me this year. I would love to feature your club's innovative projects in future newsletters. Pleasoe feel free to contact me for information or share ideas on projects by email at kdavis7509@gmail.com or by phone/text to (270) 871-6076. Have a great rest of the summer!



2018 GFWC KY Convention Awards will be printed in the Clubwoman Magazine.

GFWC Kentucky Newsletter

Please submit stories and photos for the newsletter for your club, district, and/or state. Learn about the difference in the Newsletter and Clubwoman Magazine at the Summer Workshops.

Deadline for the next newsletter issue is August 29.

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