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“WALKING WITH CONFIDENCE”



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Note from the President

Gosh where has January and February gone? I feel like we just welcomed 2017 and now it's March. March, what a busy month. The month of the daffodil, Woman's History Month, Woman's Nutrition Month and Craft Month. A good month to get in some good volunteer hours for gardening your daffodil's, read about a woman in history, change for diet or add exercise and learn a new craft. Volunteer hours in conservation, WHRC, Home Life and Art.

I have had the pleasure of reviewing your reports. Thanks to all of you who reported, even just the statistical information. In 2016 you did over 3100 projects and you donated over \$631,000. Amazing! You walked and provided funds for others to have confidence in themselves and in their purposes. Congratulations!

There is lots of info in this edition of the newsletter and information will be forthcoming in the magazine with the Official Call to the 122nd Annual Convention in May. Here we will celebrate your accomplishments and have some fun while doing it.

I know many of your clubs are preparing for spring events. Let us know what they are so we can help you promote them. Some of us may want to come to them. We've love to hear about them as well so make sure to submit your information to the magazine or newsletter so we can read about your success.

See you at the Convention – wear your comfy shoes!

Susette



Don't forget to support your District Queen Candidate:

Who will the Queen of the Convention be???

1st District: Amy Mason 4th District: Betty Porter 7th District: Judy Wright

2nd District: Donna Travis 5th District: Joyce Foley 8th District: Bridget Murphy

3rd District: Carol Russell 6th District: Judy Mathis 9th District: Rita Wood



NatGen News

March 15, 2017

We want this newsletter about our activities, environmental education tips and trends to be valuable to you. Please send your feedback and suggestions to jbrown@natgen.org. Thanks!

Take Our Survey: Bridging The Gap in Environmental Literacy

Friends and Supporters, we want to hear from you! By giving us two minutes of your time to take our survey, we can use your collective voice and craft our programs to ensure we reach this next generation! According to a recent National Environmental Education Foundation study, concern and knowledge about the environment is on the decline among Americans. There is a gap in environmental literacy! Please click [here](#) to take this two-minute survey to tell us your thoughts on the best ways we can help bridge the gap.

Jackets Are Made From Plastic Bottles?

Students were surprised to hear that one out of every three bites they eat is food that's been pollinated by bees. They also loved the idea that their fleece jackets were made out of plastic bottles. The Nature Generation volunteers read Green Earth Book Award winner, "Not Your Typical Book About the Environment," to Culbert Elementary School classes during their March Read Across America celebration. They learned these facts and more through fun activities we hosted throughout the day. Click [here](#) to learn more. Send a "Green" Shamrock to a Friend

If you can't share a toast with friends and family this St. Patrick's Day, why not send them a "green" Shamrock for \$25, \$50, or \$100 in their honor instead!? The funds raised will help us give books that inspire environmental stewardship to kids across the nation. According to legend, wherever St. Patrick preached, his walking staff would take root and grow into a living tree. With your small donation, you too can plant an idea - one that will take root with the next generation. Don't count on luck to inspire kids - they need our help to be prepared to lead us out of our environmental and climate crisis. Give Today! Click [here](#) to donate - purchase a shamrock for yourself, friends and family!

Summer Bulb Gardening Tips

It is not too soon to begin planning for your summer garden! Don't worry if your summer bulbs begin sprouting - they are anxious to get in the ground! Once planted, they'll require a lot of water immediately after planting.

Click [here](#) for more tips on planting summer bulbs and also to link to summer plants available for purchase.

Lucky Luck Stone We are extremely lucky to have Luck Stone as one of our sustainable partners. They are a cornerstone supporter and have a brigade of volunteers who head out to the schools to present our EnviroPlay games and eco-books. "Working with The Nature Generation enables us to connect with the community in a meaningful way to generate conversations about environmental stewardship, sustainability, and having a positive effect on our neighbors," said Luck Stone's Mark Williams. Click [here](#) to learn more about how Luck Stone supports our mission.

Visit our Website!

STAY CONNECTED:

Newsletter info:

Happy May my Friends,

What a few weeks this has been but I will tell you it's been a fun month. Thanks so much to everybody who came to Legislative

Day in Frankfort. What a great day. My thanks to Sara Bell for all her work on the day. I think she even had something to do with the weather that day.

The first set of bricks are in the ground and look awesome! It's not too late to order more bricks. We will have information at the Convention or you can contact me or Peggy Barnes for information. It is so exciting to see this project come to life!

I am including some information on Convention. I have had some questions and want to clarify some information.

We are only days away from Convention and I'm counting down the days. I am excited to "Run with Confidence" with you.

See you all soon –

Susette

Convention Updates:

Arts and Crafts Check-in: We have two times for check in. Either Thursday evening from 9-10 pm or on Friday morning from 8:30-10 am. Check-in will be in the Commonwealth Ballroom B.

Silent Auction Item Checkin: You may drop off your silent auction items and purses at registration.

Registration: This will be in the pre-function space outside the Commonwealth Ballroom. Registration is on Thursday from 1-7pm and on Friday from 8am – 1pm. Saturday registration will take place from 8am – 12:15 pm.

Meeting Schedules: there are just a slight change –

Thursday:

2-3pm Budget and Finance Committee Executive Board Room

3-3:30pm Long Range Planning Committee Executive Board Room

3:30-5pm Executive Committee Meeting Executive Board Room

5-6 Pm House Committee Thoroughbred Room

5-6pm 7:45-8:15pm Membership Committee Thoroughbred Room

This meeting is all Governors and the Executive Committee; Jr. Director Elect

8-9:30pm Club Presidents Meeting Bluegrass Ballroom A

8 – 9:30pm General and Junior Chairmen Bluegrass Ballroom B

8:15-9:30pm Governor and Vice Governors Thoroughbred Room

9-10pm Election and Credentials Committees Executive Board Room

Friday Lunch – the Commonwealth Ballroom A & B will be available to you beginning at 11:45 am. Grab a lunch and enjoy. The Convention will be called to order at 12:30 pm.

Carnival Information: Instead of you bringing your change for games, tickets will be available for purchase at \$0.25 each. The clubs who have games will then decide how many tickets their game is worth. So a game may be \$1, you will give them 4 tickets. Easier for all of us. We are excited for this first time venture and excited to play your games.

Dinner will be set up and ready for you beginning at 7:30 pm and will be taken down at 8:30 pm. So plan accordingly. Come play games beginning at 7pm, eat, play some more.

This year we have a professional photographer available to take group pictures or individual pictures. Dylan Lambert will be at your service. We will have information on how you can order pictures directly through him. We are excited to have Dylan with us.

Don't forget your copy of the bylaws and resolutions. We will only have a limited number of them available. They were in the call and also with the magazine.

STILL IN NEED OF A ROOM—PLASE CONTACT Bridgett Murphy immediately.

We have a few rooms still available in our block.

jamurphy@mritc.com or call 606-794-4880

Spirit of Kentucky Brick Walk Ribbon Cutting, April 25, 2017



ESO NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS



**Receiving her First Century Award...
Gina Rahoi (Radcliff WC)**



**Reaching Star Level Membership...
Gina Rahoi (Radcliff WC)**



**Reaching Member Level...
Pat Harrington (Murray WC)**



**Reaching Torch Level Membership...
Gina Rahoi (Radcliff WC)**

ESO Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 20th, 5PM-6PM

Thoroughbred Room – Louisville Marriott East



For those of you unfamiliar with ESO, come & discover what GFWC Kentucky's newest program is all about... for members, come & make decisions about your program. But everyone is welcome to find out where 2017 adventures of GFWC Kentucky ESO are headed.

Topics for discussion:

Awards

Book Genres

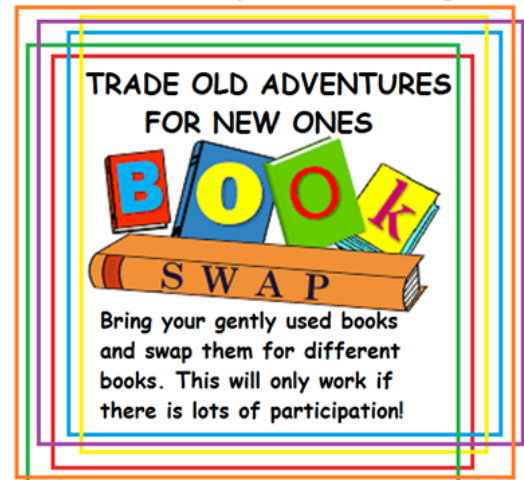
Book Report

Member Levels

Use of Social Media

Answer Questions

GFWC Kentucky ESO is hosting a...



Everyone is invited to participate.

Hello GFWC Kentucky!!

There will be a Junior Meeting on Friday, May 19th at 10:00PM in the Thoroughbred Room during Convention. I would love to see representation from all five of our Junior Clubs there and at convention this year. If for some reason we do not have a quorum at that time, we will meet prior to the Junior Luncheon on Saturday, May 20th. I am looking forward to seeing all of you!

Don't forget to join us for the Junior Luncheon on Saturday May 20th at 12:15PM. As you all know, March of Dimes is one of our GFWC Junior's Special Projects Partners that we raise funds and donate our time too. The Juniors are asking everyone to bring a premie sleeper with them to be donated to the NICU at Central Baptist and the University of Kentucky Hospitals. This is a great way to help families when their new bundle of joy is born tinier than they thought. We will be giving out the Junior Awards at that time to showcase our Junior Clubwomen. Also, we will be doing awards for Advocates for Children including March of Dimes, St. Jude and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

In Federation Spirit

Preshus J. Howard

Hello Ladies!

Earth Day has come and gone. Spring is officially here and summer's on the way. Our state convention is this month, and after that, a lot of our clubs will be "relaxing" a bit before the next club year starts. That said, you need to: (1) relax, (2) enjoy your summer, and (3) think of fantastic ways to demonstrate conservation individually and as clubs! Then, write these things down, take pictures, make notes, etc., so you can report on them next year. In January's reporting time, it's hard to remember all the little things (that add up to big impacts) we have done months ago.

Now, some things to ponder in the coming weeks:

May is designated (by the "official month designators", I assume) "Be Kind to Animals Month". Now that should be an everyday theme, but this month be especially mindful of our fellow creatures on the planet.

June is designated (by the same folks) "Keep America Beautiful Month". So, remember to keep your little part of America beautiful. Plant a garden with red, white and blue flowers. Landscape an area of your backyard or your town with some beautiful plants, flowers, trees, etc. Take pictures, before and after.

And, finally, June 5th is "World Environment Day". That's a big one! Contribute to a local environment, or one of our international partners. Almost anything could be a celebration of this designated day!

Until next newsletter,

Happy Conserving,

Gay Nell and Brooke

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Hello GFWC Kentucky!!

Thank you to everyone for all your support in 2016 for the Junior Special Projects. I have dates for March for Babies, St. Jude Walk/Run, and JDRF One Walks for 2017. Please make sure that if you are participating to count this with reporting for GFWC Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children, both general and junior clubs can report on this. Also, we will have another virtual walk/run team for St. Jude this year and it is set up as GFWC Kentucky. Please search and join our team to End Childhood Cancer! I am also working on setting up a virtual walk/run team for the JDRF One Walk and as soon as that is ready, I'll get it out to all club members.

Stay tuned to the Juniors section on the website for more information and links to join our team!!

Preshus J. Howard
GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs

March for Babies 2017 Dates:

April 22 – Somerset & Ashland
April 29 – London & Owensboro
April 30 - Cincinnati
May 6 – Maysville
May 20 – Bowling Green
May 21 – Lexington

St. Jude Walk/Run 2017 Date:

September 23 – St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer (Beckley Creek Park)

JDRF One Walks 2017 Dates:

May 6 - JDRF One Walk, Knoxville 2017 (World's Fair Park)
May 21 - JDRF One Walk, Tri-Cities 2017 (Warrior's Path State Park)
June 3 - JDRF One Walk, Kings Island 2017



Lifesaver Project

During World War II Life Savers accompanied soldiers in their rations as reminders of home. Other candy makers even donated their sugar rations to allow Life Savers to stay in production for the troops. Help us carry on a tradition since World War II.

Military Connections will take a sandwich size Ziploc bag fill it with individually wrapped Lifesavers Candy and include a "To My Favorite Lifesaver" label. It is a small token of appreciation to show the troops that we appreciate their sacrifices. Military Connections was started as a way to ensure that our

SILENT AUCTION 2017 GFWC KY ANNUAL CONVENTION

I realize it's early but now's the time to start thinking about this year's Annual Convention Silent Auction, which I agreed to chair. Aren't you just delighted! I thought this year we'd simply do a **Make Your Own Theme** silent auction. Do whatever your little heart desires, however, remember **to have fun** doing it. And keep in mind it should be something everyone will bid on all day long. The more bidding, the more exciting it will be.

With each club's combined imaginations, or your own creativity at work, I'm hoping there will be many wonderful and fun entries. I look forward to seeing all of you again, and I'm ready with lots of bid sheets. I wish you all safe and happy days until then.

Lois Knoll
Chair, Silent Auction
Morehead Woman's Club



The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Organization "HOBY" is an international cooperating organization of the GFWC that develops and encourages young leaders to make positive changes to themselves, their communities, and ultimately, our global society. Every summer, HOBY Kentucky hosts a 4-day Leadership Seminar which brings together approximately 250 rising juniors from high schools across the state. During these four days, ambassadors are introduced to a four-part leadership model that touches on varying topics including self-efficacy, college and career decisions, diversity and inclusion, and setting realistic goals. The seminar ends with a charge to make a difference in their community by putting their leadership into action through service hours. All students are challenged to complete at least one hundred hours of community service over the course of one calendar year, and the results are powerful! Each year, the HOBY alumni from Kentucky alone provide approximately 25,000 hours of service across the state.

Housing, feeding, and providing the curriculum and necessary materials for these ambassadors from every corner of Kentucky is quite a task, and requires assistance from the community that will, in turn, be impacted by the work of these inspiring young people. HOBY Kentucky is a completely volunteer driven not-for-profit organization, as our profit is found in the positive difference our alumni make in their community, the state, and the world. This does mean that we rely solely on volunteers and donations of time, talent, goods, and funding. If you are interested in helping us make a positive change and would like to serve as a member of our volunteer staff (contact volunteer@hobyky.org), give monetary or gift-in-kind donations (contact Karissa.pickens@hobyky.org), or you are interested in more information (contact leadershipseminar@hobyky.org), we would love to hear from you. Please make sure to Like and Follow us on Facebook @hobyky and check out our website, www.hobyky.org.



HOBY DONATION & GIFT DOCUMENTATION FORM

Please use this form to make a new gift or to document gifts-in-kind/monetary donations you've already provided to a HOBY State Leadership Seminar. Using this form will allow us to track and properly acknowledge your club during the awards ceremony at the annual GFWC convention.

You may complete this form by typing directly onto the blank lines. Please print, checkmark appropriate boxes, and mail this form (with your gift and signature, if applicable) to the address below. Thank you for your support!

Club Name	_____		
Contact Name	_____		
Contact Phone	_____		Email Address
Mailing Address	_____		
	City	State	Zip Code
	_____	_____	_____

MAKING A NEW GIFT

Our club would like to make the following gift to provide:

- Support to our local HOBY Seminar.
- Training materials for one student for 3–4 days (\$50).
- All meals and snacks for one student for 3–4 days (\$100).
- Lodging and accommodations for one student for 3–4 days (\$200).
- Full sponsorship for the following student(s) or school(s) at \$350 each.

Name of Student(s) or School(s)

Full sponsorship for the following student(s) or school(s) at \$350 each.

Name of Student(s) or School(s)

Total Amount Donated:	\$
Total Monetary Value of Gifts-in-Kind:	\$

Please print and mail this completed form to:

**HOBY KENTUCKY – ATTN: ALLY CLAIRE REED
3600 WINTHROP DRIVE #3306
LEXINGTON, KY 40514**

- Check Payment

Please make checks payable to "HOBY"

Check number(s) _____

- Credit Card Payment

Name on Card _____

Card No. & Exp. _____

Billing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Signature _____

Total Amount Enclosed:	\$
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DOCUMENTING A GIFT

We would like to document a gift our club has already made to the following HOBY Seminar:

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The gift was to provide:

- Support to our local HOBY Seminar.
- Training materials for one student for 3–4 days (\$50).
- All meals and snacks for one student for 3–4 days (\$100).
- Lodging and accommodations for one student for 3–4 days (\$200).

Every attempt will be made to use your donation towards the school(s) you have indicated. In the event that your selected school(s) has paid their registration fee or has been sponsored by another local business or organization, we will use your donation towards the next closest school in your community. **All donations will be used towards schools in your state.** For any questions, please contact HOBY at leadershipseminar@hobyky.org.

