

GFWC KENTUCKY

SPRING 2017

CLUBWOMAN

In memory of

Mary Elizabeth Preston

KFWC PAST PRESIDENT, 1698-1970

GFWC INTERNATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT, 1978-1980





From the Shoe Box

"I'm so excited and I just can't hide it. I'm about to lose control and I think I like it." Yep, those are the words from the 1982 song "I'm so Excited" by The Pointer Sisters. And it is truly how I feel when I think about the 122nd Annual GFWC Kentucky Convention. Get excited with me.

Make your hotel reservation today at the Marriott Louisville East. You can get information in the call in this issue of the magazine. Discounted rooms for our event will be available up to midnight on Friday, April 28.

Registration and meal reservations are due Monday, May 8 by sending one form per delegate to our Post Office Box, 1587 in Frankfort. All this information is located in the call contained in this issue! Take time to read it and take it all in.

Now, here's a challenge. At your next club meeting, have your members bring how many pairs of shoes they have. You read this correct. How many shoes total do your members own. Bring that number to our meeting. We're going to see by percentage who has the most shoes!

Then who in your club has the most shoes?! Bring that information of who your Imelda is and we'll put her name in a drawing. She doesn't have to be there but what fun if she is!

I am confident that together we will work hard, learn much and have lots of fun together!

See you at the Convention!

Susette



PRESHUS HOWARD

GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs

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

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

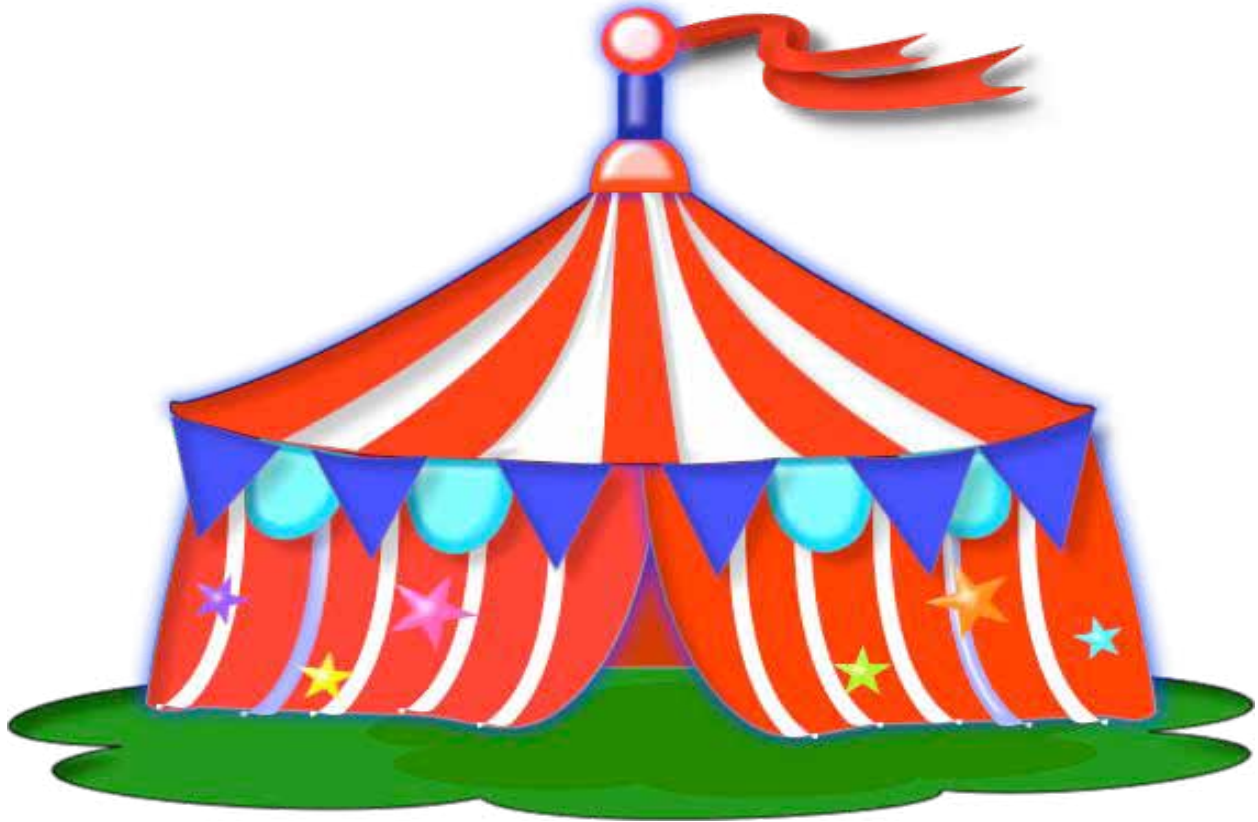
St. Jude Walk/Run 2017 Date:

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)

Come one come all to the GFWC Kentucky St. Jude Carnival on May 20th! Let's have fun on the last night of convention and raise some "FUNDS" for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!



Bring your spare change to play the games and win some prizes. There will be a photo booth to make many more GFWC Kentucky memories!! Join us at 6:00PM in your GFWC or GFWC Kentucky attire for games and a carnival inspired meal.

Don't forget to send me your game information that your club is planning on doing so we have plenty to play. You can email, call or text your game idea to preshus.howard@yahoo.com or 606-627-9881.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the GFWC & GFWC Kentucky Junior's Special Projects!

Mary Elizabeth Preston

KFWC President, 1968-1970
GFWC President 1978-1980

It is with very heavy hearts that we must announce the passing of Mary Elizabeth Preston, GFWC International Past President from 1978-1980, on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

Born and raised in eastern Kentucky, Mary Elizabeth was orphaned by age 16 and took the responsibility of caring for her brother and four sisters. Mary Elizabeth joined the Pikeville Women's Club after marrying and went on to live a life of volunteer service as a member of GFWC for over 75 years. She served as president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs before leading GFWC as International President from 1978-1980. During her administration, Mary Elizabeth promoted family unity and free enterprise, helped to establish the Korean Federation of Women's Clubs, and partnered with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY). After her term as GFWC International President, Mary Elizabeth worked

in the White House, where she served as President Ronald Reagan's liaison to national social service and volunteer groups. "It's only in the United States of America that something like this could happen," Preston said in a January 2005 article printed in the St. Petersburg Times.

She served her country honorably for seven years and then moved to Florida, where she married her second husband, Bill. Mary Elizabeth was an active member of the Family Motor Coach Association, the Brooksville Woman's Club, the Child Advocacy Council, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mary Elizabeth was an exceptional leader and individual who will be greatly missed

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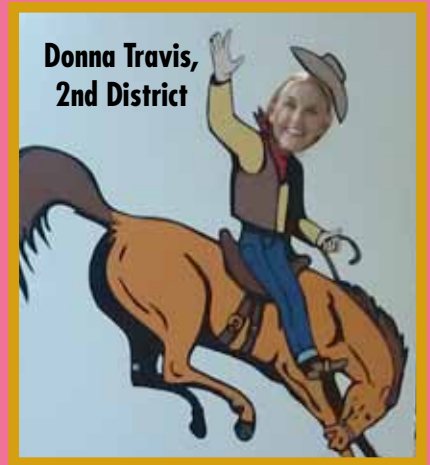


Don't forget to support your favorite Queen of the Convention for 2017 Candidate. Monies must be received to the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters no later than May 1. Send your votes to your candidate or to GFWC Kentucky, PO Box 1587 Frankfort 40602

She will be announced at the Opening of the 122nd Annual Convention on Friday, May 19! Be a part of this fun event and help us put away savings for the future.



Amy Mason, 1st District



Donna Travis,
2nd District



Carroll Russell, 3rd District



Betty Porter, 4th District



Joyce Foley 5th District



Judy Mathis,
6th District



Linda Wright, 7th District



Bridget Murphy
8th District



Rita Wood, 9th District



WHO WILL BE
Queen
2017
OF THE CONVENTION

Women's History Reception



Clubwomen from the State gathered at our State Headquarters on Thursday, March 9 to celebrate Women's History Month. Our guest speaker was Lexington's WKYT Anchor Amber Philpott Hill. She talked about her different experiences as an early reporter and stories she now covers now. Philpott also talked about Kentucky women who have influenced her and the media in Kentucky and the nation.

Following the presentation guests enjoyed a variety of refreshments and those who had not visited our Headquarters, toured the building. Thanks to those who attended this special event. Make sure to mark your calendar for next year's event to take place on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 1 p.m.

BRICKS-

Thank you to everybody who have purchased a brick in honor of someone, in support of their club or maybe they just wanted to be a part of the Spirit of Kentucky Walk. Join us on Legislative Day, April 25 about 1:30 p.m.

Spirit of **GFWC KENTUCKY**

as we dedicate our walk.

Still want to get a brick, let Peggy Barnes or Susette Redwine know.

Bricks are \$100 and can be purchased by check, cash or credit card.

We will have brick information in the Marketplace during the Convention.

Mail to :
PO Box 1587
Frankfort, KY 40602

4.25.17

Walk

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

ACCESSORIEZE FOR A CAUSE

GFWC KY HVAC FUND

Purse, scarves & all things to accessorize!

Do some spring cleaning and donate your accessories.

Please no "Bling"

Make sure to shop during the Convention.

All proceeds go to the GFWC KY HVAC Fund.



LIFESAVERS 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 troops have the supplies and support they need while deployed. Every box that goes over to the troops is appreciated and every penny counts.

GFWC Kentucky wants to join in! We are challenging each club to bring 10 zip lock bags filled with life savers, individually packaged to the state convention in May. If a representative from your club is unable to attend please send your bags with another club. The state will take care of making the labels and mailing them off to our soldiers. Thank you in advance for partnering with the Military Connections to show our support and hopefully bring a smile to a soldiers face!





GFWC KENTUCKY 2017 FALL CONFERENCES

**SEPTEMBER 16:
9TH DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: MONTICELLO WOMAN'S CLUB**

**SEPTEMBER 23:
4TH DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: TBA**

**SEPTEMBER 30:
5TH DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: TBA**

**OCTOBER 7:
3RD DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: TBA
LOCATION: BEECHMONT WOMAN'S CLUB**

**OCTOBER 14:
8TH DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: HERITAGE WOMAN'S CLUB
LOCATION: ASHLAND, KY**

**OCTOBER 14:
6TH DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: WOMAN'S CLUB OF BEREA
LOCATION: RICHMOND, KY**

**OCTOBER 21:
2ND DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: BEAVER DAM WOMAN'S CLUB**

**OCTOBER 21:
7TH DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: PRESTONSBURG WOMAN'S CLUB**

**OCTOBER 28:
1ST DISTRICT
HOSTED BY: TBA
LOCATION: BENTON, KY**

Legislative Day—April 25, 2017

Information from Sara Bell, Legislative/Public Policy Chairman

Ladies, by now you have received some information about our Frankfort Legislative Day and the dedication of our Spirit of Kentucky Walk. Here are our plans for the day.

We will gather at 10 a.m. the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort for a tour of the Mansion. Parking is street level as well as the Capital garage will be open. After the tour, if time permits, we can walk to the Capital Building and if you have not seen the First Lady's Dolls, you can spend a few minutes looking at them. We may even run into a Legislator or two. You never know.

At 11:30 a.m. we will board the Frankfort Trolley and we will tour Historic Frankfort and provide you some local history and points of interest. Hopefully it will be inviting to you to return to Frankfort for another visit.

The tour will return us to the Mansion and we will then proceed to our GFWC Kentucky Headquarters at 104 Lakeview Court. When we arrive at Headquarters, a box lunch will await you. There will be time to freshen up and visit with those who will be arriving later for the Brick Walk dedication.

The day will end with the dedication of the Spirit of Kentucky Walk. The cost for the day is \$15.00 a person. We need your reservation and money no later than April 15th. I hope you will join us for the special and fun day.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

NAME(S):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

#ATTENDING: _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card. For credit card payment please provide the following information:

CC# _____ CVG# _____

Exp. Date: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: GFWC KY P.O. Box 1587 Frankfort, KY 40602

Must be received by Saturday, April 15

Meet the GFWC Kentucky 2016-2018 Jennie Award Nominees



Bridget R. Murphy

Bridget joined the GFWC Morgan County Woman's Club in 1990. She has served her club in a variety of chairmanships and has served as various officers for the Club including her second term as President. Bridget has also served the state organization by holding a variety of chairmanships. She is retired from the Morgan County School System after teaching for 27 years. She is married to Jerry and they have one son. Her nominator says that since she has retired, she is busier now than she ever has been.



Tricia Noel

Tricia has been a member of the GFWC Madisonville Woman's Club since 1994. She has served her club in a variety of chairmanships and has served in a number of officer positions including President. She is currently the Executive Director of Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission. She is married to Ron and they have two sons. Her nominator says that she has left a legacy of service to her club and the community.



Marie B. Smith

Marie has been a member of the GFWC Bowling Green Woman's Club for 14 years, joining in 2003. She has served in a variety of club chairmanships and various officers for her club. She currently serves the club as President. Marie has worked for Warren County since 1964 and presently serves as the Warren County Deputy Judge Executive. She was widowed in 2015 but fills her life with two daughters, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Her nominator says that she has a unique talent for bringing people together to build strong cooperative relationships.

Congratulations to all our Nominees

Join us on Friday, May 19 during the 122nd Annual Convention's Recycled-Upcycled-Repurposed Ball
For the announcement of who will represent GFWC Kentucky

RECYCLED

UPCYCLED



REPURPOSED

Ball

Friday, May 19th



NO NEW OUTFITS! Take something you already have and give it a new look. Add jewelry that is made from recycled materials or a flower made from an upcycled book. Think and have fun. We can't wait to see what you come up with.

*Congratulations To New Members
of the*

Pikeville Woman's Club

*Bridget L. Evans Candi McGee
Patty H. Johnson Rosetta Rose*

**CLINTON COUNTY
WOMAN'S CLUB**

**serving
the Lake Cumberland
and Dale Hollow area
since 1936**

**BULLITT Co.
WOMAN'S CLUB**

*Walking with Confidence in
2017*

**BLUEGRASS JUNIOR
WOMAN'S CLUB**

would like to wish the
2017 Executive Board
and Committee Chairs lots of success!

Honoring our Veterans

A Huge

Thank You

to the 2016-2018 GFWC Kentucky
Board of Directors
for a great and successful year!

Suburban Woman's Club

honors out two very Special
Clubwomen of the Year

Kathy Winger

and

Martha McQueary

Both recognized for their faithful, on-going
service to our club

Beechmont Woman's Club

Fashion Renew Sale

May 18-19-20

Gently used Spring & Summer Clothing!

Bowling Green

Woman's Club

in honor of

Marie Smith, Club President

in memory of

Mrs. Irene Morgan
Benton Woman's Club

**Fern Creek
Woman's Club**
61 Years and Growing!

Congratulations to the
**LEXINGTON
WOMAN'S CLUB**
for clothing 1056
Fayette County Students
in 2016!

The Lwermore Woman's Club
Congratulates
Doris Turner
on her 46th year as a club member.

In Memory of
Mary Eads, past president,
and
Sherry Martin, past treasure, of the
Monticello Woman's Club

Congratulations to the
**OKOLONA
WOMAN'S CLUB**
for a great 2016 club year!

Congratulations
to the
GFWC Kentucky Barbourville Junior
Woman's Study Club
on their
90th Anniversary!

Congratulations
Nancy Forsyth
Fifty Year Member
Pikeville Woman's Club, Inc.

Congratulations to the
Elkhorn City Area Women's Club
for another Great Year
of accomplishment!

**Florence Woman's
Club, Inc.**
62 Years of Community Service

**Williamstown
Woman's Club**
in memory of
Caroline Ransdell
Our Beloved 105 Year Old Member

Walking with Confidence

***Circle of Friends
Woman's Club***

Pikeville, KY 41501

Monticelle Woman's Club

will hold their annual

Cornbeard Festival

Memorial Weekend at the Historic
Mill Springs Park.

Join us for history, food and fun
for the entire family.

In Memory of

Emogene Swinn

Jackson Woman's Club

invites everyone to attend our

Downtown

Christmas Celebration!!

1st Saturday in December
Downtown Jackson, KY