

GFWC KENTUCKY

WINTER 2017

CLUBWOMAN

WHO WILL BE

2017

Queen

OF THE CONVENTION





From the Shoe Box

Holy Cow! Where did January come from? Wasn't it just October a few minutes ago? Time flies when you're having fun and fun it has been since September. Your Fall District meetings were great; SER was so much fun and in a wonderful place and then the Holiday Open House – fun decorating, fun hosting friends and then not so fun taking it all down and putting it away. And now, reports!

Preshus and I can't wait to read what you have been doing as you do your reports. Even if you don't submit narratives, please at least submit a statistical report. The report forms are on the administrative jump drive.

Don't forget to submit a person to be our KY LEADS candidate. She will receive a stipend from GFWC and GFWC Kentucky to attend the International Convention in Palm Springs, California. The LEADS workshop will be on Saturday, June 23rd. For more information, please check out the information on the GFWC website; www.gfwc.org.

Make plans to attend our WHRC program on Thursday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. at Headquarters. Our speaker will be Amber Philpott Hill, anchor at WKYT (CBS affiliate, Channel 27) in Lexington. She will be speaking about Kentucky women in the media. More information will be coming to your clubs soon.

Along with that, information is on its way to you soon about our Federation Day Celebration. We are joining our Federation Day and Legislative Day into one day; April 25. We will tour the Governor's Mansion, have lunch at Headquarters and then have the dedication of our Spirit of GFWC Kentucky Walk. Come find your brick. It's really exciting to think about this special event.

As I think of 2017 I think about the high school students I come into contact once a week at our local high school. They are in a career readiness class. We spend a lot of time talking about the importance of volunteering. I tell them when I interview people, doesn't matter what for, I frequently ask as my first question, what is your favorite volunteer experience or what is it you do as a volunteer. Sadly, the Bureau of Labor's 2015 statistics report showed that volunteering had reached its lowest point in more than a decade. Only 25% of American's volunteer compared to 30% 10 years ago. Volunteering has been called one of the core values of the country. It is even mentioned in the U.S. Constitution.

Let's make it a new year's resolution together to add to our volunteer pool. To bring in new members so our numbers will rise.

Continue to walk with Confidence!

Susette



PRESHUS HOWARD

GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs

The GFWC Kentucky State Convention will be here before we know it and on Saturday night we will be doing a GFWC Kentucky St. Jude Carnival. We will have games, pictures, and lots of carnival food to eat. Start thinking of ideas for a carnival inspired game that your club can do. It will be a fun night to unwind, play some games and raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Don't forget to email me what carnival game your club will be doing at preshus.howard@yahoo.com.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone for supporting all of the Junior Special Programs this year. Keep an eye and ear out for more information to come about St. Jude, March of Dimes and JDRF!

Thank you,

Preshus



JOIN US FOR THE
GFWC KENTUCKY
ST. JUDE'S CARNIVAL

Saturday, May 20, 2017

MARRIOTT EAST - AS PART OF THE GFWC KY ANNUAL CONVENTION
6:00 P.M

Bring your rolls of nickels, dimes and quarters to play games. Dinner will be provided and GFWC attire is welcomed.

WE ARE ASKING EACH CLUB TO COME UP WITH A GAME FOR THE CARNIVAL. HAVE FUN WITH THE IDEA. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN. ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR GAME, LET PRESBUS HOWARD KNOW YOUR PLANS AT PRESBUS.HOWARD@YAHOO.COM OR CALL OR TEXT AT 606-627-9881.

Come on Ladies! Let's have fun this last night of convention and raise some "funs" for these special patients of St. Jude's!

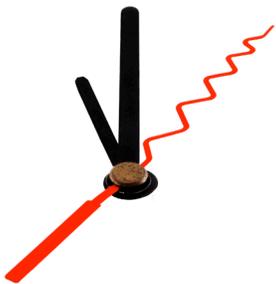
Become a Better Leader Through **LEADS**

Most of us have heard the phrase "She's a natural born leader", but to tell you the truth, I've never heard anyone say it and apply it to a real person. That makes me think that most leaders are not "natural born", but instead are taught to be leaders and through experience they improve their leadership skills. I believe just about everyone has leadership skills. Whether you are an extrovert, or more on the shy side, you have leadership ability. If you are interested in leading your club one day, or you think you might like to chair a committee that is of great interest to you, you might want to apply to be a GFWC LEADS (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) candidate.

Every year since 2002 GFWC has conducted a Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. Each state has the opportunity to send one candidate to this meeting. Participants will learn all kinds of leadership skills such as; public speaking, time management, parliamentary procedure, explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance, and tips for pursuing leadership opportunities. Besides receiving excellent leadership training, LEADS candidates become more confident and enthusiastic. Many become leaders within their clubs, but also on the state and international level within GFWC and in their personal and professional lives. If LEADS sounds like the right program for you, or someone you would like to nominate in your club, fill out the application form found by going to GFWC.org. Click on Resources, click on Membership Services, click on LEADS (ILTS), scroll down to Leads, scroll down to Application and Selection Process. Send your completed application to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters, P. O. Box 1587, Frankfort, KY 40602 by February 1, 2017.

Anne Aubrey
Leadership Chairman

TIME IS RUNNING OUT



Reminder to GFWC KY District Vice Governors from GFWC Ky Arts, Crafts & Photography Chair:

During the 2016 summer conference I spoke about a difference in this year's photography contest: A separate judging for the photography contest needs to take place sooner than our May 18-20 state convention because the deadline for the national photography is before that date. What I need for you to do is to send me your first place photographs so that I can get them judged and sent to the national contest. I'll make copies of the photos that go on to national so that they can be viewed at the state contest show.

Please send your photos to me by Jan. 31, 2017 in order for me to make timely arrangements. My mailing information is: Karen Claiborne, GFWC Arts, Crafts & Photography Chair; 449 Driftwood Dr.; Warsaw, KY 41095.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST





GFWC Resolutions Committee Member Report

Resolutions are an area that is either misunderstood or might seem frightening to some.

A resolution reflects the issues that we stand for as an organization. The wording of a resolutions is important so that the proper meaning is conveyed. Resolutions are important on a State Level as well an International level.

Our state resolutions should be formulated to reflect issues that affect the citizens of Kentucky and are supported by our organization and the work we do. Any time Kentucky adopts a new resolution during our annual convention a copy of it should be submitted to GFWC. They could adopt a similar resolution if there is not one already in place or not something that is specific to our state only. The GFWC Resolutions committee will review these and make that determination.

Our state could formulate a resolution that would correspond with what GFWC has passed. Each year at the annual convention time is spent presenting resolutions. There will be new resolutions, revised resolutions and even some that are rescinded. Due to the number of resolutions on the International level only a set number are reviewed on an annual basis. However, over the course of 4 years all resolutions should be reviewed.

Resolutions are listed on the International level in categories which correspond with our community service areas. Each area is assigned a three digit numbers which comes first on individual resolutions. The next three digit numbers are assigned to the resolutions itself.

Example: Art Resolutions are 010-010
010-010 is on Funding for the Arts

The resolution continues till such time it is deemed that we can claim victory with what we were advocating for. Once it is determined that we have victory then the resolution should be rescinded.

A Resolutions should consist of the following:

Appropriate Numbering and Name

Whereas this states what we are supporting or advocating for

Resolved this states the action to be taken

Some publications state that every Whereas should have a Resolved. Others state that the number of Resolved can be less if all issues are addressed.

I can tell this 5 day experience was wonderful and I learn so much. Sitting in the room with ladies like Debby Bryant, who advocates on behalf of GFWC on Capitol Hill keeps your mind running. We had to make sure our language was stated correctly so that Ms. Bryant could use it to address the issues property.

Through serving GFWC KY I have become educated to the issues that so many face each day. Domestic Violence and human trafficking are only a couple but knowing that our resolutions can be used on Capitol Hill in Washington DC to help get legislation passed warms my heart.

I look forward to seeing GFWC make a difference In the lives of others though our Resolutions and Legislation & Public Policy committees. It is turn TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GFWC Leaders in Conservation

Winter 2016



Welcome to GFWC Leaders in Conservation, a quarterly e-newsletter from your conservation partner, The Nature Generation, keeping you up-to-date on club conservation efforts and support, and bringing you seasonal project ideas.

In this Issue:

*Thank You GFWC!
Earth Day Fundraising
April Conservation Project
Club Conservation Awards*

Earth Day Fundraising

To celebrate Earth Day, April 22, clubs are invited to join us in the “*There is No Planet B*” Earth Day Challenge throughout April as we raise funds for national education programs for youth.

Some Ways to Raise Funds:

- Sell *Flower Power* pollinator plants and seeds
- Hold a live or silent auction
- Pass the plate at your next meeting
- Host a ticketed event with an environmental speaker



Donations can be mailed to:
The Nature Generation, 3434 Washington Blvd., 2nd Fl., Arlington, VA 22201

April Conservation Projects for Your Club

-  Plant a tree in a community area. Trees help take in carbon dioxide—they are like carbon sponges.
-  Host a green party, attend an environmental meeting, watch an environmental film—have fun and learn some new facts to share with your friends and family...education is the key to stewardship.
-  Host a community park clean up.
-  Host a fun eco-swap party...swap scarves and jewelry ...great way to reuse items.
-  Share our online EnviroPlay games with a local school or youth group or play it at a meeting.



Thanks for Your Support!

We **greatly appreciate** donations from clubs — we use the funds to teach the next generation of environmental stewards, our youth, how to conserve and protect our planet. Special thanks to these clubs, who led the way as our first donors:

GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club Fnd, Inc
Lawrenceville Woman's Club
GFWC Dearborn/Sharon Moore
GFWC Junior Woman's Club Donation
Greeneville Women's Club
Stone Mountain Woman's Club
GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City FL Inc
GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club
Baldwin Woman's Club



Thanks also to GFWC Chief Operating Officer, Rosemary Thomas, for her inspiring words during her presentation at our Read Green Festival.

Club Conservation Awards

Clubs participating in fundraising and conservation projects are eligible for these awards: State Conservation, Teach Green, Read Green, and Invest Green. **Visit www.NatGen.org/GFWC for more information.**

It Was a Cold and Wintery Afternoon

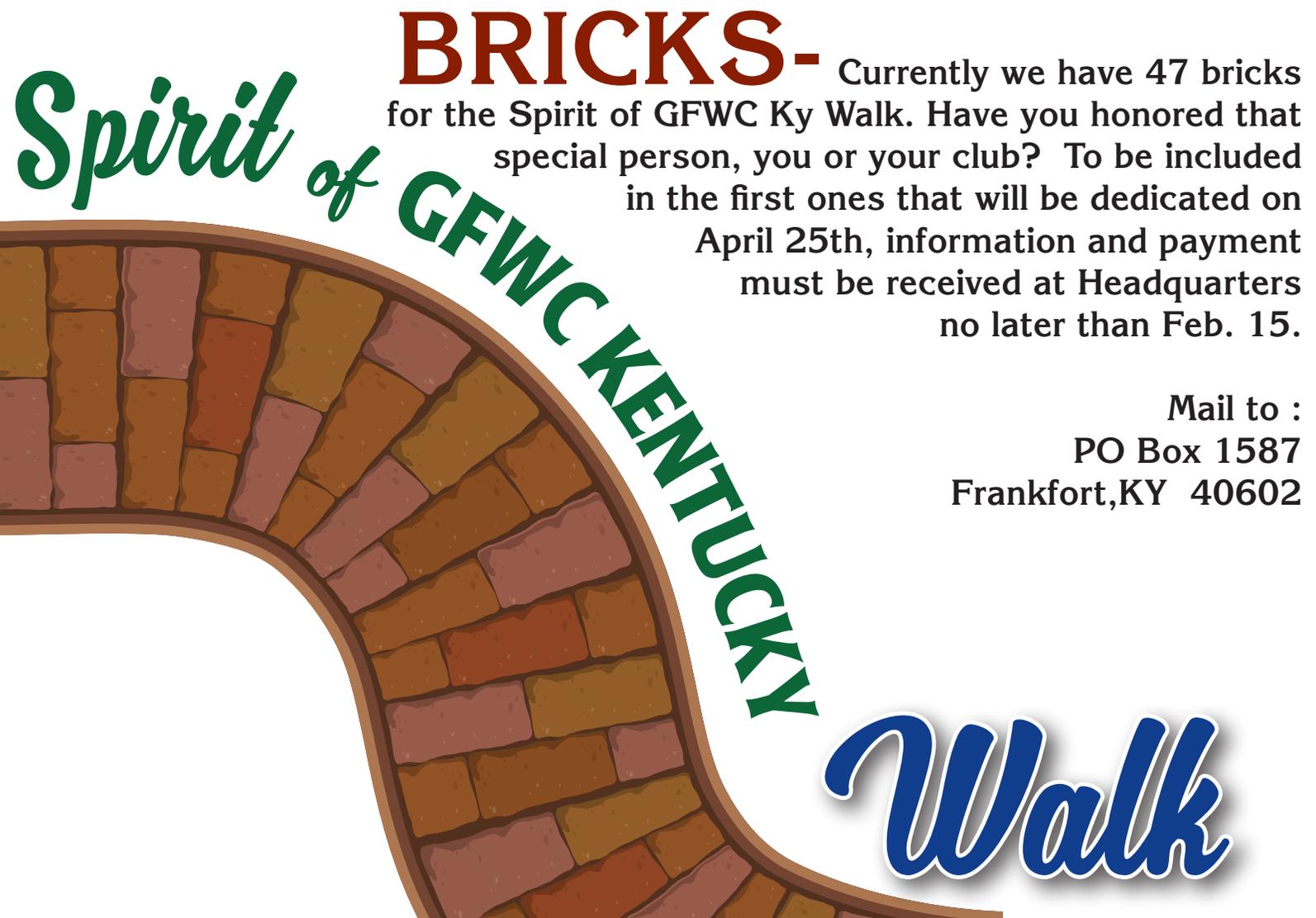
GFWC Kentucky Writing Contest

With apologies to the original authors, if your writing thoughts turn to, "It was a dark and stormy night" or "Once upon a midnight dreary" or maybe "You don't know about me without you have read a book by the name of ..." now is the time, ladies, to finalize your efforts and mail your entries to the state writing chair.

Subject matter and style are always your choice, but you must comply with the directions given in the GFWC Club Manual and include a signed waiver which you can find on the GFEC website: www.gfwc.org. The waiver become binding for the state winner.

I am looking forward to reading your poems and short stories. If you have questions or concerns, I invite you to email me eyvaughn@gmail.com (make sure you make the second letter a "y") or call my cell: 513-638-8137.

Evelyn Vaughn



BRICKS- Currently we have 47 bricks for the Spirit of GFWC Ky Walk. Have you honored that special person, you or your club? To be included in the first ones that will be dedicated on April 25th, information and payment must be received at Headquarters no later than Feb. 15.

Mail to :
PO Box 1587
Frankfort, KY 40602

Bright Lights for a Bright Future

Thank you GFWC Kentucky Clubs and Clubwomen. We were able to raise \$247 for our scholarship account. The lights were placed outside Headquarters for the Holiday Open House as well as you lightbulbs are hung in the living room of Headquarters. The Scholarship Committee appreciates your support.



Recipe

The GFWC Kentucky new cookbook should be in your hands by April! Thanks so much to Bridget Murphy, Morgan Co Woman's Club; Teresa Schmidt, St. Matthews Woman's Club and Peggy Barnes, Suburban Woman's Club for working on the cookbook. We have 550 tasty recipes for you to sample soon. Order your copy or a case of copies today! The cookbook is \$20 and a case of \$10 is \$200.



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Check out Benefits of Membership through GFWC! Visit the GFWC website, gfwc.org, and find out what membership discounts you can get from businesses. Discounts can be obtained from Veterinary Pet Insurance, Collette Guided Tours, Avis, American Hearing Benefits, Office Depot and OfficeMax along with Motel 6.

WHAT IS THE JENNIE AWARD? WHO IS JENNIE?



Jane Cunningham Croley was a founder of **GFWC** and a journalist, when there were very few women in the field. As a journalist, she attempted to attend a dinner for Charles Dickens at an all-male press club. She was turned down, so she formed a woman's club, Sorosis, which later became a foundation club for GFWC.

So this award is for someone who

- **Is ahead of her time**
- **Thinks about what is best for her community**
- **Is not afraid to look for fixes for problems**
- **Someone you can point to as a leader and pace-setter**

Honor one of your special leaders for this award.

More award information and documents are on the GFWC website.

NOTE: Our state deadline is earlier – February 1,
so the state President has time to judge and
the nominees can be recognized at the State Convention.



122nd Annual Convention

May 18-20 2017



Preliminary Conference Schedule

May 18-20 2017

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 1 – 7 pm Registration Open
- 2 – 3 pm Budget and Finance Committee
- 3 – 5 pm Executive Committee
- 5 – 6 pm Headquarters Committee
- 6:45 pm Dinner
- 8 – 9 pm District Governor and Vice Governor's Meeting
- 8 – 10 pm Chairmen's Meeting; Club President's Meeting
- 9 – 10 pm Credentials and Election Committee Meeting
- 9 – 10 pm Arts and Crafts/Photography Check in

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- 8 am Registration Open
- 9 – 11:30 am Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:15 - 4 pm Opening of the 122nd Convention
 - Queen Announcement
 - Lunch
 - Speaker: Dave Coleman – movie "Hitch" is based on what he does
 - Business Session
- 4 – 6 pm Vendor/Marketplace Open/Arts and Crafts-Photography - Pressbook Viewing
- 6 – 7 pm Mix and Mingle in the Bar
- 6 – 7 pm President Emeritus and special guest Reception
- 7:15 pm Dinner – Recycled-Upcycled-Repurposed "Ball"
 - Memorial Service
 - Speaker: Wendy Carriker
 - Awards/Presentation of Charters
 - Presentation of Jennie Nominees
- 10 pm Junior Meeting

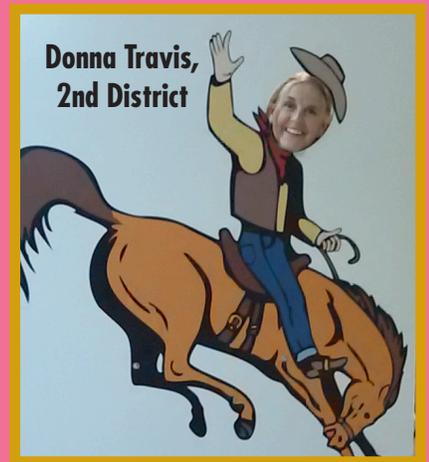
SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 8 am Registration Open
- 8 – 11 am Arts and Crafts/Photography – Pressbook Viewing
- 8:30 – 11:45 am Voting Room Open – vote for Nominating Chair
- 9 – 11:45 am LEADS Workshop
- 9 – 11:45 am Media Workshop
- 9 – 9:50 am Workshop -
- 10 – 10:50 am Workshop -
- 11 – 11:50 am Workshop –
- 12:15 – 2:30 pm Junior Luncheon
 - Awards
 - Speaker
- 2:45 - 5 pm Reconvene Business
- 5 pm Arts and Crafts, Photography, Pressbook check-out
- 5 – 6:30 pm Carnival set up
- 7 – 10 pm St. Jude Carnival with dinner

Who will be Queen of the 2017 Convention? Only you can make that decision. Vote for your favorite candidate. Proceeds to go to the Headquarters HAVC Savings fund for the future. Send your donation to your favorite candidate or send to Headquarters with a note who you are supporting. Crowning will take place at the Opening Session of the May 2017 annual Convention.



Amy Mason, 1st District



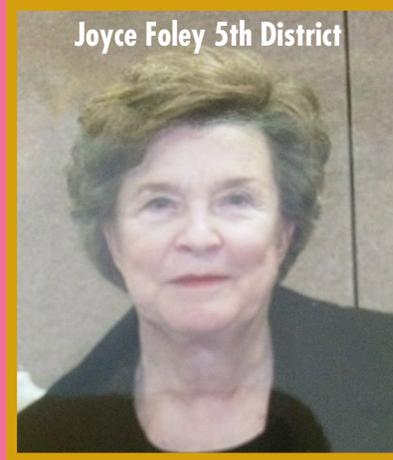
Donna Travis,
2nd District



Carroll Russell, 3rd District



Betty Porter, 4th District



Joyce Foley 5th District



Judy Mathis,
1st District



Linda Wright, 7th District



Bridget Murphy
8th District



Rita Wood, 9th District



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