

GFWC KENTUCKY NEWSLETTER



GFWC Kentucky President Pat Harrington



The 124th Annual Convention of GFWC Kentucky will be held May 10-11, 2019, at Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington Green in Lexington, Kentucky. We will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of our founding (one convention was cancelled because of WWII conditions). The purpose of the convention is to celebrate, receive reports, hold elections, and conduct other business. We will be nominating Peggy Barnes for Southeastern Region President as this is a necessary step for her to run for the office. We will also be electing a new member to the Headquarters Committee since one member rotates off each year. Bylaw changes will be brought before the convention. Brief reports will be given. Fun, fellowship, and educational opportunities will be highlighted. Most of all, we will celebrate those who have gone before us, our current clubs and members, and those clubs and members who will be our future.

If you did not receive The Call by email contact your club president, district governor or any state officer for further information.



Proud member of GFWC and GFWC Kentucky Seventeenth Edition May 2019 Editor - Nancy Hunt

SPRINGTIME AND CONSERVATION, A PERFECT TIME FOR YOUR CLUB TO GET INVOLVED

They say that "April showers bring May flowers," but April/May also brings opportunities for your local Woman's Club to get involved with conservation projects in your community. National Arbor Day was April 26. Remember this when you plan your club's yearly calendar. It is a great time for your club to celebrate the importance of trees! Actually, you can designate any time as your club's Arbor Day. The founder of Arbor Day, J. Sterling Morton, had a simple idea in mind. He had a vision for a special day for tree planting. Your club can celebrate your special day by planting a tree or by volunteering with a local Tree Board. Your club might choose to celebrate by cleaning up a public park or by working to beautify your downtown area.

Another day to celebrate in April is Earth Day. Earth Day is a holiday that celebrates our planet. Your club does not have to celebrate on April 22, but can plan an event honoring Earth Day by enjoying nature with club members, by implementing a reuse/recycle activity to keep items from landfills, or by planning an educational activity with your local schools.

Together, GFWC Kentucky club women can make an impact on our environment!

Submitted by: Kitty Davis, GFWC Kentucky Conservation Community Service Program Chairman

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#### **GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee**

#### 2018-2020

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Donna Vaughan GFWC KY 2nd District Governor traveled to

Russia (Moscow) and Iceland (Jokulsarlon Glacier).



Send us your picture with "FLAT". If you need a copy of "FLAT", contact Teresa Schmidt at nantresus@gmail.com

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## **Annual Bunco Bash**

Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club is hosting their Annual Bunco Bash on Saturday, July 27 th . The Bunco Bash starts at 1:00 and lasts about 3 hours. The doors will open at 12:30. Your \$15 ticket includes snacks and drinks, as well as door prizes and a lot of fun with friends old and new. There will be mystery bags, bling and a silent auction. The Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club has chosen United Christian Volunteers and Faith Community Pharmacy as our beneficiaries this year.

United Christian Volunteers is dedicated to helping the residents of Erlanger and Elsmere during time of need. Typically assistance is provided in the form of grocery items, but special care is also provided to clients that have experienced fire loss, eviction, extreme health issues, job loss, etc.

Faith Community Pharmacy works on behalf of those who can't afford their prescriptions. They have served the Northern Kentucky region for over 16 years. Since dispensing their very first prescription in 2002, they have served more than 6,800 clients and dispensed over 495,000 prescriptions valued at over \$46 million. Currently, they serve eleven of the fourteen counties in Northern Kentucky. We invite you to join us at the Bunco Bash, held at the Edgewood Senior Center, located at 550 Freedom Park Drive, Crestview Hills, KY. Please contact Sherry Decker at 859-653-4654, or email sherryd1018@gmail.com, for more information.

#### Hazel Woman's Club - First District

Hazel Woman's Club sponsored two plungers and one runner in the Western Kentucky Polar Plunge and 5K run. Polar Plunge is a fundraiser for Special Olympics held at Kentucky Dam Village February 16, 2019. Runner was Kathy Stanfa a Hazel Woman's Club member. The Plungers were Duncan Bennett grandson of Linda Bennett, Past-President and Nathan Thompson football players for Henry County High School, Paris, TN.



#### Remembering Ethel Tucker Nov. 29, 1917—Feb. 16, 2019

Ethel Tucker was a Woman's Club of Marion member for 73 years when she passed away at the age of 101. The club will be celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2020. During Ethel's club life she became friends with over half of the charter members! Ethel said the club taught her to believe in herself as she learned the social graces. She authored two cookbooks and her last



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book, *Reflections from 100 Years* was released on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was still attending meetings when she was 100. If she was on a hostess committee when she was no longer able to physically help, she would give a donation because she said "I want to do my part".

What she meant to the club, her church, and the community is an example which all club members should strive to achieve.



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#### A Hand Up, .. Not a Handout

Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime is an excellent example of the benefits of education.

In May, the Woman's Club of St. Matthews will be investing in our nation's future, by presenting \$18,000 in college scholarships to five area high school graduates, both male and female, and one adult woman, who will be returning to college after an absence.

By empowering these worthy recipients, with the opportunity to advance their education, our clubwomen feel that these individuals will go forth, make important contributions in our society, which will have a positive influence on future generations to come.

The Woman's Club of St. Matthews clubwomen are proud to be a part of changing lives and impacting the world.

As the old Yiddish Proverb says,

"A Nation's Treasure is its Scholars".

#### 2019 GFWC Annual Convention

June 29—July 1

#### Austin, Texas



# Joan's Jabberings from District 7

Spring has finally sprung in Eastern Kentucky and we celebrated with a Style Show for Scholarship hosted by the Pikeville Woman's Club, Saturday, April 27th at the Presbyterian Church in Pikeville .

The Elkhorn City Woman's Club is also celebrating spring with their annual pancake breakfast. served during the Apple Blossom Festival, Saturday, May 11th, 7-11 am at City Hall. They would also be happy to hook you up with an opportunity ticket on a UK basket. Any questions may be directed to Sanderina Beard at (606)653-8041.

Sadly, I must report the death of George Kendrick, husband to Alice Kendrick, President Emeritus (2003-2006). George was born June 8, 1926 and died at home March 5, 2019. Our condolences to Alice and their daughter, Liz and family.

Until next time, Joan Shaffer, Governor





#### May is...

Mental Health Month

Stroke Awareness Month

Skin Cancer Prevention Month

#### June is...

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Safety Month

July is...

Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

UV Safety Month

August is...

**Breastfeeding Month** 

Immunization Awareness Month