

As much as I enjoy the holidays, it's always good to take down the decorations and get back to normal. Normal? What is it? However, we did enjoy our holiday and hope you did too.

I have lots of feelings about January. It's always a time to reflect as I clear out my calendar and prepare my new calendar for the next year. Notes written to myself in my old calendar are sometimes items completed, still need to be completed or what the heck is this? I've found two of those types of items as I changed out my calendar.



However, as I did this items jumped out at me. Reporting was only 31 days away from needing to be completed; the Call to Convention needs to be in your hands on or before February 10<sup>th</sup>; the GFWC International Convention Call will be out the first of March; the State Convention is March 23-25; April 22 is our Friendsgiving/Federation Day and we have club meetings, executive committee meetings and Zoom calls with GFWC all through this time. Almost made me want to run away!

Not really. I am excited for all of this. Yes it will be busy but exciting. Exciting to read your reports and see what you accomplished; getting you information on our state convention that may have a twist or turn in it; being involved with letting GFWC know what Louisville has to offer and then getting to spend time with you in Lexington during our convention. All good things.

The Executive Committee will be meeting the first weekend in February. We will be reviewing and looking at the guidelines for the Outstanding Clubwoman Award. As soon as we finalize some changes, we will get the information to the Club President's via President Elect Amy's Turn Around Tuesday's emails.

Ladies, take some time for yourself. We have lots to do in the next six months, but it will all be good things. Rest up now.

Keep doing what you're doing to make our clubs and communities better!

Keep Moving Forward Kentucky!

Gevenet January Birthstone

Susette

# REPORTING

Just a few things to remember:

1. Reports are due to headquarters by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

2. The Scorecard is also due to headquarters by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

GFWC KY

### PO Box 1587

### Frankfort, KY 40602

3. The club presidents were emailed the forms to use with reporting. If you did not receive them or have any questions, please let me know.

### Amymason0@gmail.com or 270-366-3927

4. "WooHooo! It's Reporting Season!!" said no club woman ever. But remember Reporting is IMPORTANT!!

5. Try to keep your narratives Direct and to the Point.

6. You know that Reports are due February 1<sup>st</sup> EVERY YEAR. This next year, start early. Keep a spreadsheet of your clubs' activities, volunteer hours, donations, in-kind donations, etc..



Thought you might like a little humor while writing your club reports. Amy Mason GFWC KY President Elect



We know many of your clubs are preparing or in the mist of reporting and we appreciate it. If your club participated in one or all of the following, we ask you to report in these areas:

## Western Kentucky Tornado assistance:

- If your club donated funds or credit cards to the Benton Woman's Club, please report this amount under **FUNDRAISING** with a notation of **TORNADO**.
- If members of your club worked clean up or provided meals, clothing, or cleaning supplies, please report the hours, in kind services or donations under **HEALTH AND WELLNESS** with the notation of **TORNADO**.

# **Eastern Kentucky Flood assistance:**

- If your club donated funds or credit cards through GFWC Kentucky or the KY Governor's Eastern Kentucky relief fund, please report this amount under **FUNDRAISING** with a notation of **FLOOD**.
- If members of your club worked clean up or provided meals, clothing, or cleaning supplies, please report the hours, in kind services or donations under **HEALTH & WELLNESS** with the notation of **FLOOD**.
- If members of your club or it's members donated school supplies or books to schools, libraries, or center in Eastern Kentucky, please report this under **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES** with the notation of **FLOOD**.

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### **REPORTING ANNOUNCMENT.....continued**

# **SER President's Special Program:**

During the Summer Workshop, it was announced that we would collect and donate to schools or centers in need of school supplies. This announcement was within days of the Eastern Kentucky flooding. If your club donated school supplies as a part of this project, please report under EDUCATION & LIBRARIES with the notation of SER PROJECT.

## Florida Hurricane Relief:

A call went out to assist members of our Florida Clubs with Hurricane relief following all our mishaps in Kentucky. If your club sent a monetary donation to **GFWC FLORIDA**, please report under **FUNDRAISING** with the notation of **FLORIDA**.

Lots has happened in 2022 and we appreciate all you have done for those clubwomen and communities in need.

### Photo Contest

Happy New Year everyone!!!!!!

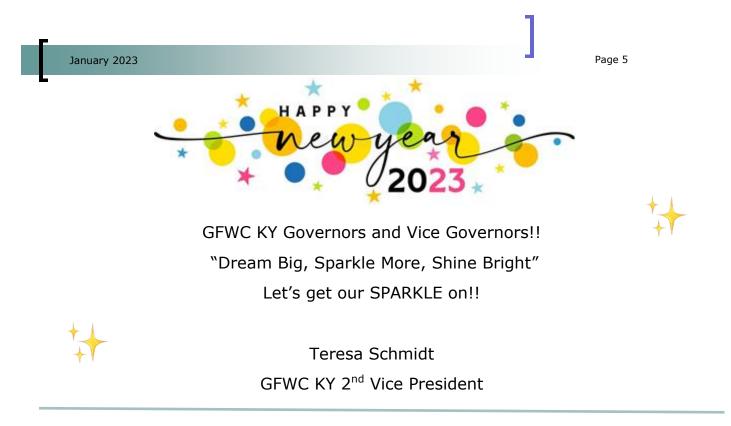
The GFWC State Convention is coming up soon. The convention dates for 2023 is March 23-25. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Vice Governors to start getting the District's 1<sup>st</sup> place



winning photos gathered and ready for judging. Please make sure **all photos have a signed wavier attached.** 

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your Club President. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention.

Sherry Smith Photography Contest Chairman <u>smithsherry450@yahoo.com</u>



### Press/Social Media Book- Club Portfolios

Good news! At the beginning of 2022, GFWC KY gave clubs the opportunity to choose to submit EITHER the traditional Press/Social Media Book OR choose to submit a new option of a Club Portfolio.

\*Clubs are to bring and submit their entries the first day of the GFWC KY Spring Conference in Lexington to be judged there. **THE PRESS BOOK/PORFOLIOS ARE NOT DUE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AS ARE MOST REPORTS, BUT ARE DUE AT THE CONVENTION.** 

\*Rules and forms for the Media Book and Club Portfolios can be found in the: <u>CONTEST - FORMS - REPORTS</u> section in the current state manual.

\*If you still have questions after checking the manual, you may contact me, Linda McFarland, by texting me at 502-649-8276 or emailing me at mommamac08@gmail.com.

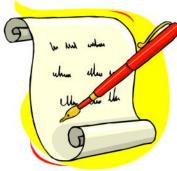
\*I am asking each club contact person for the Media Book and Portfolio to contact me by March 1<sup>st</sup> to let me know if your club will be submitting their book for the contest along with the contact's name and phone number. This information will help with arranging the number of judges needed for the contest judging at the convention.

Thanks for your cooperation. Hope your club chooses to share and record the highlights of their club year.

Linda McFarland, Press Book/Club Portfolio Chair



### Writing Contest Entries Due February 1



GFWC Kentucky

Clubwoman Publication

How many of us made an effort to improve our health by writing a bit each day during the past year?

If you created a poem or short story while improving your health, don't forget to enter it in the GFWC Writing Contest by February 1. Each amateur-writing, dues-paying member of an active GFWC club may submit one entry in both the poetry and short story categories.

Hopefully, your club has also encouraged students to create poems and short stories this year and will have student entries to submit for the contest as well. One entry per student can be submitted in each category.

Be sure each entry follows the rules for the contest and send your entries to GFWC Kentucky PO Box 1587 Frankfort, KY 40602 no later than February 1, 2023. Be sure to follow the rules posted for the contest, see your contest chair, who should have a copy, or rules may be found on pages 72-74 of the Forms Section of your GFWC Kentucky Flash Drive/Manual. Your President should have the information you need or be able to tell you where to find it.

Please contact me if you have any questions. My email is dmitchell@twc.com or you can phone me at 606-344-8550.

To become a winner in '23 You have to enter, so hurry, please!

Diane Mitchell, GFWC Kentucky Writing Contest Chair



# KNOW A VENDOR FOR OUR 2023 STATE CONVENTION?

Please send suggested vendors for our State Convention, March 24-25 in Lexington, Clarion Hotel. Vendor information will be sent to them. Please send to:

> Susette Redwine <u>susette.redwine@gmail.com</u>

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# JENNIE AWARD

Judy Halstead, State Chairman

Is there a woman in your club who is committed to serving family, club, and community? Is there a woman in your club who needs to be recognized for personal excellence? The GFWC Jennie Award is the *only national* 

*honor* given to a clubwoman who exemplifies these outstanding qualities.

The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croley, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." This contest is an opportunity to recognize an extraordinary clubwoman who epitomizes Jane's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles within their family, as well as volunteers within individual clubs and representatives of their community.

Your club is encouraged to nominate an outstanding clubwoman and then prepare a packet of supporting materials as professional as possible as it may be judged at different levels by influential community leaders. The rules, criteria and nomination form are included on the jump drive. **Nominations are to be submitted by February 1, 2023.** 



June will be here before we know it! Book your GFWC Convention Room today! Don't wait.

The official event hotel is the <u>Louisville Marriott Downtown</u> in Kentucky. You can book your room using dedicated group phone numbers: 800-266-9432 or 502-627-5045 (local) to make your reservations.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to work on the Legislation and Public Policy Scavenger Hunt. Just in case you forgot what's involved ...see the GFWC Scavenger Hunt handouts at the end of this Publication.

Happy Hunting,

Teresa Schmidt,

Legislation and Public Policy Chairman



Members of the GFWC Morgan County Woman's Club celebrated a successful club year with a delightful 3-course Christmas tea at Emily's Welcome Inn in Campton, KY!

#### January 2023

### **Two Special Contests !**



Does your club have a club newsletter and/or a website? Did you know that both the GFWC state and international levels offer a contest for the local clubs to enter? The rules for the newsletter and website contests are the same at both the state level and the international level. They can be found on the GFWC KY jump

drive that was available for purchase at the summer workshop and online in the GFWC Member Portal in the Club Manual.

Clubs may submit newsletter and/or website entries to GFWC KY by February 1 for the state contests. Winners will be announced at the state convention in March. The winning entries do NOT advance to the GFWC contest. **ANY** GFWC club is eligible to submit newsletter and website entries to GFWC for the international contests! Clubs submit directly **to GFWC** by March 15. All information for submitting entries is on the GFWC Member Portal in the Club Manual.

Hopefully, GFWC KY will have several clubs enter both at the state level and at the international level! If anyone has questions about either of these contests or about locating the contest rules, please contact GFWC KY 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bridget Murphy at jamurphy@mrtc.com or at 606-794-4880.

Best Wishes for a Great 2023 from the Florence Woman's Club



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#### Murray Woman's Club



The Murray Woman's Club was buzzing in the month of December. On December 4<sup>th</sup> the MWC hosted its annual Open House where choruses from the Music Department, Murray Elementary School, and Calloway County High School performed to a packed room. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, the Sigma Department held a Breakfast with Santa where young attendees could have a photo with Santa, decorate a Christmas cookie, make a card to thank a veteran, adorn a Santa hat to wear, and have a breakfast. Proceeds were donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for neglected and abused children). The Kappa Department followed on December 11 with a Christmas Tour of Homes. Proceeds from the Tour of Homes were to be donated to the city and county schools for their Santa Projects.

Submitted by Dee Morgan, President of the Murray Woman's Club

### **LEADS Applications due February 1**

The due date for LEADS applications is fast approaching! LEADS is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, meet great people, and learn more about GFWC. Make connections with clubwomen from all over the United States! The skills taught are valuable in your club, in the workplace and really help you thrive as a LEADer. LEADS is also a great way to expand your knowledge of GFWC, its structure and its many different programs. So, if spending the weekend in Louisville and developing your leadership skills with a bunch of fantastic women sounds right for you; get those applications in!!

Sharon Price



Murry Woman's Club was honored to place a W.A.A. wreath on the grave of veteran and club member Dr. Ruth Elizabeth Cole.

## Advocate for Children

GFWC Juniors' Special Program, Advocates for Children, is designed to encourage all Woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniorette, and International Affiliate Clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate. Not just juniors are a voice for children. All clubs are encouraged to teach and educate parents and other caregivers to advocate for children at the grassroots level. We know you are doing activities that fit in this program. Please take a few moments to report your hours, activities and funds utilized so we can truly have a better picture of all that is being done to promote advocacy for children in Kentucky! GFWC KY Junior Special Program which falls under Advocates for Children is KY MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Any programs done regarding MADD should be reported by all clubs in this area. Whatever you do, report, report, report... so we can truly see the impact we have made and the difference GFWC KY Clubs have in our local communities, state and country! Happy reporting!

Sherri Hammons, GFWC KY Director of Junior Clubs

### Human Trafficking

There is a reason why the organized crime racket of human trafficking continues to come closer and closer to surpassing drug trafficking worldwide. When you sell a drug, the product is gone. With human trafficking, the product - a human being - can be sold and resold and resold, whether that is by way of forced labor or commercial sex. Too often, we think of these illegal acts as crimes of faraway lands, not crimes that happen here in good ole Kentucky ... but it does.

In 2021 alone, Kentucky received 312 reports of human trafficking involving 379 child victims. (Your Eyes Save Lives) At a basic level, human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit. In some cases, traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into selling sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or otherwise unacceptable conditions. It is a multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 24.9 million people around the world. (Polaris Project)

<u>A study by University of Kentucky</u> revealed that the main types of exploitation found in Kentucky involved 82.1% sexual exploitation, 59.3% general labor, 17.1% domestic services, 15.7% drug and other crime related, 11.4% restaurant business, 7.9% mail order bride or bride related, and 2.9% other services. What made these persons vulnerable to human trafficking? The number one category that surfaced was poverty-related reasons, affecting 96.4% of victims as reported by key informants and agencies across Kentucky.

#### What can we do?

#### To start, know what to look for and *if you see something, say something.*

#### Know The Signs of Human Trafficking

A person may be subject to sex trafficking if they:

Appear submissive, fearful, or nervous. Lack control of identification documents or money. Have an inconsistent or well-rehearsed story about where they live, the relationship with the person they are with, or how they traveled to the current location. Dress inappropriately for the weather, their location, or age. Are in the presence of an overtly controlling or concerned friend or boyfriend/girlfriend. Possess multiple hotel key cards, prepaid credit cards, or cellphones. Show signs of physical, mental, or emotional abuse. Seem unable to come and go as they please.

A person may be subject to labor trafficking if they:

Appear to live at their place of employment. Are transported in a group by the employer or someone who is part of the employer's organization. Experience restricted or monitored movement. Do not control their identification documents. Earn wages below the state's minimum wage. Are constantly indebted to the employer. Show signs of physical abuse, isolation, and starvation. Work long hours in poor conditions.

#### If you suspect human trafficking or know someone who needs assistance,

#### you can FIND LOCAL SERVICES HERE.

#### **RESOURCES/ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE OPTION FOR CLUBS TO SUPPORT**

Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force Lexington Human Trafficking Task Force USAO/KYE Project Safe Childhood Partnership Against the Trafficking of Humans in Northern Kentucky Nelson County Human Trafficking Task Force Human Trafficking in Kentucky Not In My City Campaign-Free2Hope H.O.P.E. Children Campaign Refuge for Women - Kentucky

#### HIGHLIGHTED ORGANIZATION: NATALIE'S SISTERS (Lexington, KY)

Website: https://www.nataliessisters.org/

#### How donations are used:

Donations are used to support the Club/Street ministries and keep the Drop-In Center open to provide basic needs and referrals. While we receive many in-kind donations, monetary donations help to fill in the gaps with providing healthy food, toiletries, and transportation. We also like to honor special occasions in our Sisters' lives — with birthday and holiday parties. Staff utilize their time to make critical community connections and resource referrals.

The Compassionate Housing Collaboration (CHC) is a brand-new effort to identify safe and affordable one-bedroom apartments for sexually exploited and sex-trafficked women served by Natalie's Sisters in Lexington. If you're interested in hearing more about the CHC, contact deb@nataliessisters.org.

Find a list of their current needs here: <u>https://www.nataliessisters.org/current-needs</u>

Signature Programs: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

### Important Dates



February 1....Club Reports due March 23-25.....GFWC KY State Convention....Lexington April 22....GFWC KY Friendsgiving/Federation Day June 7-12......GFWC International Convention...Louisville November 2-5......GFWC-SER Annual Convention...West Virginia GFWC Kentucky Clubwoman Publication





# Run for the Roses 2023 GFWC Kentucky State Night Banquet Sponsorship

# June 9,2023 Louisville, KY

Once again, we are asking you to help support the GFWC Kentucky State Night Banquet by being a sponsor. Your sponsorship will assist us with providing a night our guest won't forget. You were generous before and we hope you will be supportive once again. For individuals who contribute the \$25 sponsorship you will receive a one-of-a-kind Kentucky wood rose pin. You will be listed in the State Night Program and in the GFWC Convention program book along with receiving a tax credit. For club sponsorships of \$75, they will be listed in the State Night banquet program and in the GFWC Convention program book. Be part of this exciting event for GFWC Kentucky. Sponsorships must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in the GFWC Convention program book.

### NAME OR CLUB AS IT SHOULD APPEAR:

### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS CLUB NAME:**

### MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: GFWC KENTUCKY Mail to: PO Box 1587 Frankfort, KY 40602

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: #			
Expiration Date:/	CVG:	Zip:	
Phone number:			

# 2023 Fall District Meetings

**Dates and Sites** 

September 16	District 7/8 Jackson
September 23	District 2 Madisonville
September 30	District 5/6 Bettie Carter Morgan
October 14	District 3/4 TBA
October 21	District 1 Murray
October 28	District 9 Somerset



# GFWC KY



BE ON THE LOOKOUT! GFWC KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONVENTION CALL WILL BE IN YOUR HANDS SOON!

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND, MARCH 23-25, 2023

### Moving Forward

Kentucky Clubwoman Please submit stories and photos for the newsletter for your club, district, and/or state

Email items to: cheryl410@twc.com or mail to Cheryl Harrington 17423 Curry Branch Road Louisville KY 40245 Our Past to Present

Kentucky Federation of Women's Club (KFWC) was founded in July 1894 and was the fourth state to federate with General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC). In Spring of 2012 KFWC voted to change their name to GFWC Kentucky.

Our state headquarters is located at 104 Lakeview Court in Frankfort KY.

Mailing address: PO Box 1587 Frankfort KY 40602

(502) 352-2731

# Submit articles and pictures for the Publication to

# cheryl410@twc.com



GFWC-SER ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

2023

Huntington, West Virginia DoubleTree by Hilton Huntington Make your reservation today! November 2-5, 2023 304-525-1001

# 2022-2024 GFWC CLUB MANUAL





# **GFWC SCAVENGER HUNT**

# LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT PLAN

An individual member, club, or State Federation may complete this Scavenger Hunt, which is intended to encourage legislative advocacy on the local, state, and national level, while also raising awareness of GFWC as an organization.

One point is given for each item on the list, unless otherwise indicated, and most items can be done multiple times during the 2022-2024 Administration. Completed Scavenger Forms should be emailed to Chairman Juliet Casper at jcasper9200@gmail.com and will be recognized throughout the administration. The individual, club, and state with the highest point totals will be recognized as Legislative Super Stars.

1. Member, club, or state photo in front of state capitol building. BONUS—one point for each person in the photo wearing club or GFWC attire. BONUS—one point for each photo posted to social media with the hashtag "gfwcadvocacy" (#gfwcadvocacy).

2. Member, club, or state photo with an elected official (local, state, or federal). Earn a point for each photo with a different elected official. BONUS—one point for each person in the photo wearing club or GFWC attire. BONUS—one point for each photo posted to social media with the hashtag "gfwcadvocacy" (#gfwcadvocacy).

3. Take action via the Legislative Alert, print out the confirmation that you took action. Clubs and states need to have at least 50% of their members take action. One point for each legislative alert that a member, club, or state acts on. BONUS—one point for sharing that you took action on social media with hashtag "gfwcadvocacy" (#gfwcadvocacy).

4. A copy of a written response (via mail or email) from an elected official to the action you took via the Legislative Action Center.

5. A copy of a local or state proclamation that a member, club, or state requested. One point for each one. Five points for each proclamation for Federation Day and Advocates for Children Week.

6. Member, club, or state photo with the Legislation/Public Policy committee member in your region. BONUS—one point for each photo posted to social media with the hashtag "gfwcadvocacy" (#gfwcadvocacy).

7. A copy of a "Leave Behind" sheet identifying the elected official it was given to. One point for each elected official given the sheet located in the Member Portal. When a member, club, or state meets with an elected official, they should leave behind a one-page fact sheet with information on GFWC and the State Federation or local club, contact information, and fact-based statement of the issue discussed and/or specific action requested.

8. Match a project to a GFWC Resolution. Briefly describe the project then include the Resolution Number and relevant portion that relates to the project. One point for each project matched to a Resolution.

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9. Participate in a Virtual Rally on a bill or issue that GFWC supports/opposes, and document your participation with a photo of the event or comment that you posted during the event, or a copy of an email registered for the event or email thank you for your attendance. BONUS point if you share your participation on social media with hashtag "gfwcadvocacy" (#gfwcadvocacy).

Bonus: Testify at a state legislative committee hearing or legislative session. Provide a copy of the testimony and receive 5 points. Some state legislatures only allow testimony once during the two years of the administration, so to be fair to all states participating, points are given for testifying ONCE during 2022-2024.

# **Legislation/Public Policy Scavenger Hunt**

COMPLETED BY:	Individual	I IN DIVERS
	Club	
	State	
CONTACT INFORM	MATION:	
Mailing Address w	ith State, City, Zip Code	
Email Address		
Phone Number wit	h Area Code	

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ITEM:	POINTS	BONUS	TOTAL
<b>1.</b> Photo in front of state capitol building (1 point)			
a.) Each person wearing a GFWC or club shirt (1 point each)			
<b>b.)</b> Posted to social media with #GFWCadvocacy (1 point)			
<b>2.</b> Photo with elected official (local, state, or federal) (1 point per official)			
<b>a.)</b> Each person wearing a GFWC or club shirt (1 point each)			
<b>b.)</b> Posted to social media with #GFWCadvocacy (1 point each)			
<b>3.</b> Print out the confirmation that you acted upon a Legislative Action Alert (1 point per alert)			
<b>a.)</b> Share that you took action via the Legislative Action Center with #GFWCadvocacy (1 point)			
<b>4.</b> Received a written response from an elected official that you took action via the Legislative Action Center (1 point per alert)			
<b>5.</b> Copy of a local or state proclamation (5 points for Federation Day or Advocates for Children Week)			
<b>6.</b> Member, club, or state photo with member of the Legislation/Public Policy Committee (1 point)			
a.) Each photo posted on social media with #GFWCadvocacy (1 point)	İ		
7. Copy of a "Leave Behind" Sheet identifying elected official it was given to (1 point per official)			
<b>8.</b> Match a project to a GFWC Resolution (1 point for each project matched)			
<b>10.</b> Participate in a virtual rally on a bill or issue that GFWC supports/opposes (1 point)			
<b>a.)</b> Share your participation on social media with #GFWC advocacy (1 point)			
<b>Bonus:</b> Testify at a state legislative committee hearing or legislative session. Provide copy of testimony (5 points)			