

Moving Forward

# GFWC Kentucky Clubwoman Publication



February 2023

## Arrow Talk



I recently had an opportunity to “go back to my roots” so to say. I attended my professional associations National Convention in Louisville at the Marriott, the site of our International Convention in June. It was great to visit with former colleagues and see what was new on college campuses in entertainment. The best part was being able to spend time with five of my tribe. Well, the men we were/are colleagues called us the six witches of NACA but that’s another story or another day. Five women who are not only friends but family, mentors, shoulders to cry on, celebration sisters and yes, plain old friends. One came from Illinois, one from South Carolina, one from Florida, one from Tennessee and two of us from Kentucky. We had not seen each other in eight years. A lot had happened in those eight years but the bond between us was as if we had never been apart. We laughed, we cried, and we ate well and might have visited a bar or two. It felt so good to be together.

The feeling I had with these five other women is the same feelings I get when I attend a Kentucky State Convention or a GFWC International Convention. Some people we see every six months while others we see once a year or longer. Our club members are not only friends but family, mentors, shoulders to cry, celebration sisters and yes, just plain old friends. You would think it would be easy to get women to join us in our clubs. We have so much to offer and to give. Ask that friend who feels like family to you, that person you consider a mentor even if she doesn’t know she is that to you; that person who is a shoulder to cry on, that celebration sister and yes, that friend to become a part of a special sisterhood we all have. I can’t wait for our State Convention to have that good feeling once again and especially can’t wait for June to come to have an even better feeling seeing and being with all our special friends.

I hope you got the Call to Convention and are making plans to attend. Deadlines are approaching quickly; very quickly. I hope to see you in March as “We’re On Target Moving Forward.”

Remember, we are GFWC Kentucky, and we should be proud of being apart of a magnificent organization.

Keep Moving Forward Kentucky!

*Susette*



**Outstanding Clubwoman of Kentucky Award Nominations due to  
GFWC Kentucky by March 10, 2023.  
Send nominations to:  
GFWC Kentucky PO Box 1587 Frankfort, KY 40602**

OUTSTANDING CLUBWOMAN OF KENTUCKY AWARD

Each of our clubs has that one member that goes beyond the call of service in our clubs. Why not honor these women who do so much good for our local club and the state organization?

Nominations for the Outstanding Clubwoman of Kentucky are to be sent to the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. The announcement of the winner will be made at the annual state convention.

All general club members in good standing are eligible for the award. Club members who are Juniors and Juniorettes are recognized through their own award process. Current members of the Executive Committee along with all President Emeriti are not eligible for this award. A clubwoman who has been awarded this honor is not eligible to be re-nominated.

**CRITERIA:**

A cover letter must accompany the nomination from the Club President placing the name of the member in nomination. In the cover letter, the name of her club must be indicated. This is the only place where the nominee's name should appear.

A one-page narrative not to exceed 500 words should be included describing why the member should be considered for this honor during the calendar year (January-December).

A second page should be included referencing at least one of following three areas she has assisted the club or may include information on all three:

Assisted with membership in the club

Assisted with a successful project or program for the club

Demonstrated her leadership skills in the club

On the second page of the narrative, indicate if the member has assisted GFWC Kentucky with any state project/program or has attended a District, State, Regional or International meeting or conference on behalf of your club.

A letter of endorsement from a member of the club who does not hold an officer's position for the club.

Submit the cover letter, one page narrative of why you are nominating this member, one page narrative highlighting at least one or all three of her strengths in membership, a project/program success or leadership along with GFWC Kentucky participation and a letter from a general clubwoman in the club to GFWC Kentucky.

**JUDGING:**

Judging will be only on the information provided by the club.

Judges will be one current member of the Executive Committee and one President Emeriti not associated with the member or her club in any way. A third judge will be from the community of the GFWC Kentucky President or President-elect not associated with the nominee or the club she is from.

**RECOGNITION:** All nominees should plan to attend the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention as all nominees will be recognized. The winner will be announced at that time.

**TO BE VOTED ON AT CONVENTION:**

**CURRENT BYLAW READS:**

**Article IX.** Board of Directors; **Section 4.** Quorum. Thirty-five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**PURPOSED CHANGED:**

Remove Thirty-five

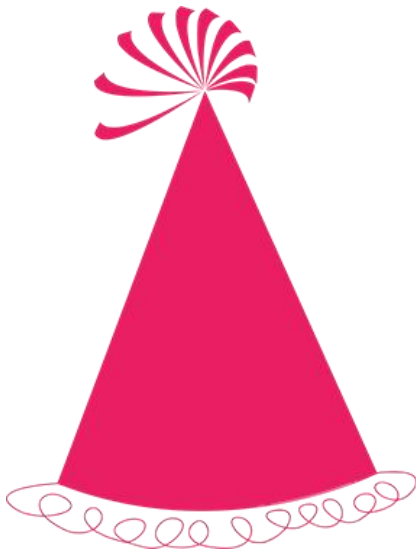
Replace with Twenty-five

**WOULD READ:**

**Article IX.** Board of Directors; **Section 4.** Quorum. Twenty-five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**RATIONAL:**

The Board of Directors is made up of a total of 67 members. There is duplication of these members who serve on the Board. In the past 6 years, getting 35 members in attendance has been difficult and business could not be conducted.



You are invited to a  
**FEDERATION DAY CELEBRATION**  
**AND**



**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**GFWC Kentucky Headquarters, Frankfort**  
**Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

## M A D D

Good Day Ladies!

Just wanted to take a few moments to share some information regarding our GFWC KY Junior Special Project KY Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Kentucky does have a MADD Chapter that is always looking for input and volunteers to spread the word.

The MADD organization came about as a result of the death of 13-year-old softball all-star Cari Lightner who was killed May 3, 1980, in Fair Oaks, California. She and a friend were walking to a church carnival and at the same time, a three-time repeat offender, out of jail just two days from a 4th DUI arrest, was barreling down the road. He hit Cari from behind, throwing her out of her shoes 125 feet, then fled the scene but was later arrested and charged with her death. Since then, families have been affected by this tragedy on an unheard of level. Candace Lightner (Cari's mother) worked tirelessly to change drunk driving laws in her home state and took that momentum to the national stage where MADD held its first national press conference October 2, 1980, in Washington, DC. The first mission statement was... "To aid the victims of crimes performed by individuals driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to aid the families of such victims and to increase public awareness of the problem of drinking and drugged driving." Today the goal is the same.

Did you know that we share the road with 300,000 drunk drivers daily? Or that the average drunk driver drives over 80 times before their first arrest? 80 TIMES! Please consider meeting with your legislator, town mayor, police department or anyone else who shares our concerns with these alarming statistics. One life saved is worth it all.

The past national president is Alex Otte who resides in KENTUCKY! Her email is [alex.otte@madd.org](mailto:alex.otte@madd.org) or [ky.state@madd.org](mailto:ky.state@madd.org). The phone number is 1-502-871-4210 if you would like more information. We also hope to have more information at convention. Their goal is "NO MORE VICTIMS". A goal we should all strive to help achieve.

In love...Sherri Hammons, GFWC KY Director of Jr Clubs



## 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  
[susette.redwine@gmail.com](mailto:susette.redwine@gmail.com)



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

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

Registration is open on the GFWC website: [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GFWC CONVENTION

Club President's should have received a sign-up sheet to volunteer during the GFWC Convention. If she did not receive this information, information will be available at the State Convention or reach out to Peggy Barnes, [peggybarnes00@gmail.com](mailto:peggybarnes00@gmail.com)



### HERE'S YOUR CHECKLIST FOR STATE CONVENTION:

**Hotel Reservation – make before Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>; people are wanting our rooms!**

**Bring first place photography from Fall District Meetings – make sure to have the Creative Arts Waiver with it!**

**Have the Press/Media Book or Club Portfolio ready to bring. We can't wait to see what your club has done in 2022!**

**Bring you Silent Auction Basket –**

**Districts 1 and 9: Arts and Culture basket**

**District 2: Civic Engagement basket**

**District 3/4: Health and Wellness basket**

**District 5/6: Education and Libraries or ESO basket**

**District 7/8: Environment basket**

**Junior Special Project request: backpacks, totes, small suitcases or crayons and coloring books – it's all about our kids!**

**Books for the Library or to send home to kids – see call for the list.**

**Bingo Money – Your Imagination for Friday Night's Dinner – Excitement as we all participate in the GFWC Kentucky LEADS program!**



WHRC

Irene Stamper, Chairman

### Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories

The National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National History Month, has announced the women's history theme for 2023, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."

As WHRC Kentucky chairman, I would like to encourage all clubs of Kentucky to participate in recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts and more. The theme could honor women in every community who have devoted their life and talents to their communities. It could be a journalist, author, songwriter, artist, teacher, or even a grandmother who have been instrumental in passing on our heritage.

Go to the website listed below and it will bring up a page where your club can order items to help with celebrating, "Women Who tell Our Stories."

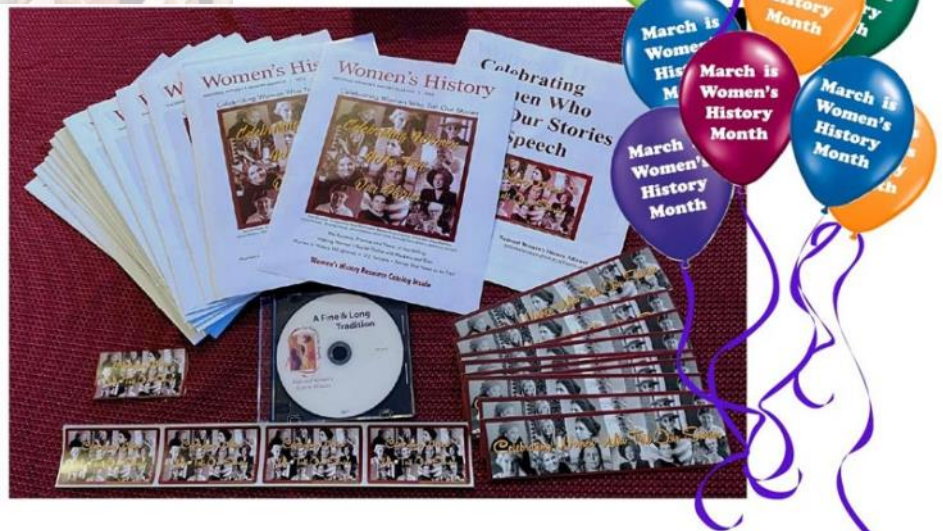
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Reply-To: National Womens History Alliance <[nwhp@nwhp.org](mailto:nwhp@nwhp.org)>



National Women's  
History Alliance

### THE COUNT DOWN IS ON!!

Please email any information about events that you or others are planning for March National Women's History Month to [nwhp1980@gmail.com](mailto:nwhp1980@gmail.com). We will be glad to promote Women's History events using our social networks. Please indicate if the event is only in person or if it is also virtual. All 2023 theme items will be available by February 17th. You can order today!



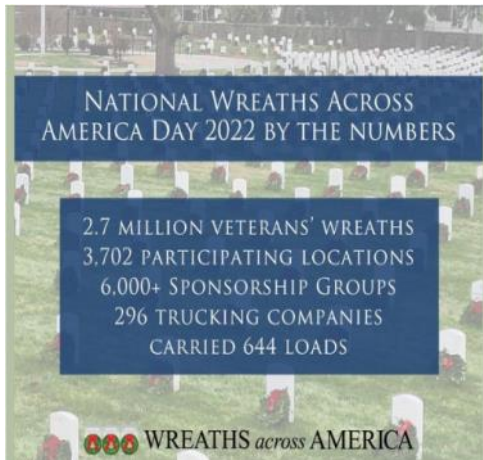
This is a link to the 2023 theme "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" items:  
<https://national-womens-history-alliance.mybigcommerce.com/2023-theme-items/>



## 2022-2024 GFWC CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**Gale Vinson, Chair**  
**2022 – 2024 GFWC KY Civil Engagement & Outreach**

Thank you to those clubs/individuals that purchased wreaths, volunteered, and offered support to make the 2022 National Wreaths Across America Day on December 17, 2022 possible. Wreaths Across America has posted their totals for 2022 (see below). And from the recently received 2022 club annual reports, I've calculated that 103 wreaths were purchased from Wreaths Across America by GFWC KY clubs and individuals. Thank you to those clubs and individuals. Please Save The Date for 2023.



Here's the 2023 date and theme "Serve & Succeed"

*Copied from Facebook/Wreaths Across America – official page*

The 2023 Wreaths Across America theme is "Serve & Succeed," and we want to hear from you! Do you have a story of service? How did it impact your success? Whether through military service or service to the community, your contributions make a difference.

Share your story at the link <https://buff.ly/3HahBRv> and we will select stories to share across Wreaths Across America social media channels throughout 2023.

This would be a great opportunity for your club members to report or to interview veterans and share their stories.....Gale Vinson



## Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club

At each meeting of the Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club, a member presents information about a notable woman—an educator, a civil rights activist, government official, or an entertainer. One of our recent notable women was Kentucky native Rosemary Clooney, a singer and actress.

It was an easy decision then that when the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington announced an exhibit of costumes, posters and other memorabilia from the movie *White Christmas*, starring Rosemary, a dozen club members decided to take a field trip.

The members spent several hours enjoying the exhibit, which was on loan from the Rosemary Clooney House in Augusta, as well as the museum's Christmas trains display which was up for the holidays.





## 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:**

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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS CLUB NAME:**

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**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

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



GFWC KY



The call to  
**GFWC KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
Is out and should be in your hands!

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND, MARCH 23-25, 2023**



## Congratulations to New Club Presidents

Beverly Pilgram, Bettie Carter Morgan

Yvonne Rivera, Radcliff



**Be proud GFWC Kentucky!**

**Because of you, we have more members for 2023!**

**Special congrats to Somerset Juniors –  
Increased from 11 members to 29 members!!!**



## Newsletter Contest

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](mailto:jamurphy@mrtc.com) or at 606-794-4880.

## Important Dates

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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



Watch for updates to  
website at [GFWCKY.org](http://GFWCKY.org)

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

Email items to:  
[cheryl410@twc.com](mailto: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.

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(502) 352-2731

Submit articles and pictures for the Publication to  
[cheryl410@twc.com](mailto: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