



GFWC Kentucky Clubwoman Publication

January 2025

President's Message



Happy New Year to all our Federation Sisters!
This year GFWC KY will refer to it as

TWENTY TWENTY-THRIVE

One of the next times we will all be together is for our State Convention, March 27th-29th, 2025. **LADIES YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS CONVENTION!** We will have a **BIG MASQUERADE CELEBRATION OF OUR 130TH CONVENTION!**

We personally cannot wait to celebrate all of your accomplishment from 2024 and this milestone for our organization. We have been working hard on the agenda for this convention. With the guest speakers (one is an International Officer, and one is from Chicago), hands on projects, lip sync contest, masquerade celebration, and so much more, you **DO NOT** want to miss this year!

This is our year to **THRIVE** as women in our clubs, districts, and our state! Thank you so much for your generous donations to support Kentucky Youth Advocates. Your contributions are vital in uplifting our youth and ensuring their voices are heard.

With the new year, it's also a great time to start planning our Summer Art programs for children with ADHD. These programs can be a fantastic way for kids to express themselves and find healing through creativity.

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I'd love to hear your ideas on how to make these programs even better. Also remember to be completing the Mental Health First Aid Training.

This is our year to THRIVE!

XOXO,

Amy Mason – GFWC KY State President

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Chrissi Cuel – GFWC KY Director of Jr Clubs



2025

March 5th Kentucky Children's Advocacy Day at the Capital in Frankfort, KY

March 27th – 29th State Convention in Lexington, KY

April 24th Federation Day at Headquarters in Frankfort, KY

June 6th – 9th International Convention in Atlanta, GA

July 18th – 19th Summer Summit 2.0 in Lexington, KY

Sept 6th Western Waterways District Conference

Sept 13th Cumberland District Conference

Sept 20th Gateway through the Bluegrass District Conference

Oct 4th Midwest District Conference

Oct 11th Golden Fillies District Conference

Oct 18th Mountain District Conference

Oct 23rd – 26th SER in Roanoke, VA



Happy New Year !
I have a new address.

The new address is:

3400 S. Sare Road, Apt 306
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Thanks,
Teresa Schmidt



It's that time of year again for **REPORTING!!!** There is something **NEW** this year!

- 1.) Go to: gfwcky.org
- 2.) Click the Publications Tab
- 3.) Then click the Reporting Forms Tab

From there click the link to open the reporting form you need. It will open in a new tab and you will be able to print the form or download the form and fill it out **electronically**.

Hopefully this will help to make reporting a little easier for clubs who choose to do this electronically! All reports are due by February 1st, 2025. If you have **ANY** questions please contact Bridget Murphy @ 606-794-4880 or jamurphy@mrtc.com



Congratulations
WOMAN'S CLUB OF
MADISONVILLE!

2024 GFWC International Creativity Award
Environment



Hazel Woman's Club Held a Successful Car Show

Hazel Woman's Club Annual
Open Car Show
Saturday, October 12, 2024



The 2024 Hazel Woman's Club Annual Open Car Show registered a record 114 entries. The Car Show was one of many exciting events held in conjunction with Hazel Day Celebration on Saturday, October 12th. Local businesses sponsored the trophies and donated the door prizes for the event.

Proceeds from the car show support various projects of the Hazel Woman's Club. The show was held at the Hazel Community Center on Barnett Street in Hazel.





The Kentucky General Assembly reconvenes in Frankfort on Tuesday, January 7th. Check out these 8 ways advocates can prepare to speak up for kids throughout the 2025 state legislative session:

- 1) Review the 2025 Blueprint for Kentucky's Children state policy priorities agenda
- 2) Look up who represents you in Frankfort and how to contact your state Senator and Representative, as well as information on bills, committee schedules and agendas, and more from the Legislative Research Commission
- 3) Bookmark our 2025 Kentucky General Assembly Bill Tracker webpage so you can stay up-to-date on bills that are good for kids (It will go live in January!)
- 4) Register to attend the Blueprint Lunch & Learn: Speaking Up for Kids in the 2025 Legislative Session webinar on Wednesday, January 15th at 12:00 PM ET as we share advocacy resources, tips for contacting legislators, updates on the 2025 Blueprint priorities, and more
- 5) Sign up to receive the latest updates on Children's Advocacy Week coming up March 3-7
- 6) Register to attend the Children's Advocacy Week Virtual Prep Session on Wednesday, February 26th at 12:00 PM ET as we discuss how to make the most of the advocacy week and updates on key policies to discuss with legislators
- 7) Check out the 2024 Kentucky KIDS COUNT Data Book and County Data Dashboard to see how kids are faring across Kentucky and in your county
- 8) Follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) as we countdown the 2025 legislative session and use the hashtags #BlueprintKY and #KYGA25 to stay up-to-date throughout the session

Kentucky kids count on all of us to be their voice in Frankfort — whether virtually or in the halls of Frankfort, let's make sure kids' needs are heard in 2025!

www.kyyouth.org

Happy New Year. I am hopeful that each of you had a joyous and blessed Holiday Season. Winter is upon us and although the temperatures often seem to be warmer there is still a chance for some Winter Weather to come upon us. We all need to be prepared.

Below is some information from the National Weather Service on how to be prepared.

Has your club reached out to your National Weather Service Office, Local Police, Fire Department or Health Department for a speaker, some informational handouts or maybe even request a tour?

Remember it is never too early to be prepared.
 Susan Harley,
 Civic Engagement Chair

**Civic
Engagement**

Home Winter Preparedness Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> Select Foods See Additional Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights & Extra Batteries
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Dishware Plates, Bowls, Utensils	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Items Meds, Infant Formula, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Matches For Candles & Gas Fireplaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone Fully Charged
<input type="checkbox"/> Portable Radio AM/FM/Wx Radio & Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> Shovel/Snow Blower Check condition & maintain	<input type="checkbox"/> Firewood For Wood Fireplaces



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and non-perishable food for several days**
- Extra cell phone battery or charger**
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries**
- Flashlight and extra batteries**
- First aid kit**
- Whistle to signal for help**
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place**
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation**
- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities**
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)**
- Local maps**

Press Release
December 16, 2024
Barbourville, KY

The GFWC Barbourville Woman's Study Club Donates to Dance Blue in honor of Charley Greene Dixon

The Barbourville Woman's Study Club recently made a heartfelt donation to Dance Blue, a University of Kentucky organization dedicated to fighting pediatric cancer, in honor of Charley Greene Dixon, a beloved community pillar who passed away from colon cancer. This touching tribute highlights the enduring legacy of Dixon and the community's commitment to support vital causes.

Half of the funds for the donation were raised during the October Knox Street Thunder Car Show in Barbourville, which brought together community members in a display of support and camaraderie. Proceeds from the event were matched by the Woman's Study Club, doubling the impact of the community's efforts.

Charley Greene Dixon was a shining light in our community, always willing to lend a hand and inspire others," said Claudia Greenwood a spokesperson for the Woman's Study Club. This donation is a way for us to honor his memory and contribute to a cause he would deeply care about."

Dance Blue is a year-long fundraising effort culminating in a 24-hour dance marathon, with proceeds going toward pediatric cancer research and patient support at the University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center. The organization's work aligns with the Woman's Study Club's mission of community service.

The car show featured an array of classic and modern vehicles, drawing enthusiasts and spectators from across the region. Participants and attendees alike express their enthusiasm for supporting such a meaningful cause.

The Woman's Study Club's generous matching donation reflects the spirit of giving and unity that defines the Barbourville community.

"Cancer affects everyone, directly or indirectly," Greenwood added. "By Supporting Dance Blue, we're not just honoring Charley's memory- we're also helping to give children and their families hope for a brighter future."

This contribution serves as a powerful reminder of the difference communities can make when they come together for a shared purpose. The Barbourville Woman's Study Club hopes to inspire others to support organizations like Dance Blue in their fight against cancer.



**Pictured:
Barbourville
Woman's Club
President and widow
of Charley Dixon,
Marcia Dixon, was
presented a check
for Dance Blue by
Club member Claudia
Greenwood in the
amount of \$2,778.**

Submitted by:
Claudia Gibson Greenwood
606-515-2674



Continuing to Serve
Barbourville & Knox County

Barbourville Woman's Study Club

Attached at the end of this Publication is Press/Social Media Book Contest.....which was left off of the GFWC KY Flash drive.



GFWC KENTUCKY CLUBWOMAN PUBLICATION ADVERTISEMENT

NAME OF CLUB _____
 CLUB PRESIDENT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 ZIP CODE _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

CIRCLE SIZE OF AD YOU ARE PURCHING:

1/4 page	\$25.00
1/2 page	\$50.00
Full-page	\$90.00

Advertisement to Read:

(Example: "Congratulations to the Suburban Woman's Club for.....")

**For a specific layout, send artwork/layout to Cheryl Harrington,
cheryl410@twc.com**

●● See Score Card for deadlines.

Enclose a check payable to: GFWC Kentucky

GFWC KY Headquarters
PO Box 1587
Frankfort, KY 40602

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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

or
mail to

Cheryl Harrington
17423 Curry Branch Road
Louisville KY 40245

Submit money for Ads to

GFWC KY
at the PO Box address
c/o Treasurer

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

We are on the web
GFWCKY.org



PRESS/SOCIAL MEDIA BOOK CONTEST

Press/Social Media Book entries must be brought to the GFWC Kentucky Annual State Convention. If a club is not attending the convention, arrangements can be made to have the book brought by another attendee or can still be mailed to the Press/Social Media Contest Chairman. All books will be returned to the clubs during the convention. No books will be mailed back to a club unless arrangements have been made prior to February 1st with the Contest Chairman.

Press/Social Media Books will be judged according to the club paid membership size; small,medium,large.

PRESS/SOCIAL MEDIA BOOK CONTEST RULES:

1. Dates of publicity shall be from January 1-December 31 of the contest year.
2. Only one volume can be submitted with the binding cover being a three inch (3") three-ring notebook maximum.
3. The paper used withing the notebook should be 8.5x11"
4. Book Cover must include:
 - a. Name of club along with city or town clearly lettered on front cover
 - b. No artwork permitted (on front cover or anywhere in the book)
5. First Page of book must include
 - a. Name of Club
 - b. District the club is located in
 - c. Number of paid club members
 - d. Name of city or town
 - e. Name of Club President
 - f. Name of Press/Social Media Book contact person
6. Second Page
 - a. Name of all newspapers, magazines, and/or electronic media sources in which club publicity appears (including social media)
 - b. Article clippings may be collected from printed newspapers and magazines as well as online publications (including social media)
7. Publicity must be
 - a. From January 1 thru December 31 of the contest year
 - b. Only articles covering events in which club actually participated and in which the name of the club appears, with the name of the club being underlined by using a ruler – no free hand.
 - c. Identified – the name of the newspaper and the date on which the article was published must be under each article clipping or book will be

disqualified. This can be hand printed, typed or cut out from the source. **This requirement is very important to the judging process.** The masthead or the front page name of the newspaper is not to be used for identification.

- d. If an article is from an electronic media source (including social media), the name of the electronic media source and the date on which the article appeared must be under each article or book will be disqualified.
 - e. Only photographs that have appeared in newspapers or electronic media sources (including social media) can be used – no original photographs.
 - f. Presented in chronological order or present by Community Service area in chronological order.
8. Pages should be
- a. Articles or clipping centered on each page. Include as many articles as desired on each page. Colored paper may be used behind article clippings but is not required.
 - b. NO artwork is permitted.
9. Check List for Press/Social Media Book should be completed and taped to the inside back cover.
10. Mailing arrangements must be made in advance with the Press/Social Media Chairman. Book must be postmarked and mailed on or before February 1. Club is responsible for cost of mailing as well as return mailing should they be unable to bring to convention.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Whether article clippings covered events in which club actually participated.

Whether newspaper or electronic media source's style of reporting was factual, to the point, and easily understood.

Whether all contest rules were followed

AWARDS

Certificates will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each membership category during the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention.

Press/Social Media Books will be on exhibit during the GFWC KY Annual Convention

BOOKS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE CLOSE OF EXHIBIT

PRESS / SOCIAL MEDIA BOOK CHECK LIST

	Only one volume submitted
	Binding Cover is a maximum 3"; three ring notebook
	Paper used is 8.5x11"
	No artwork is used on the cover or inside book
	Name of club with city or town is clearly lettered on front cover
	First Page Name of club, name of city or town, name of club president, name of book contact person, number of paid club members, and district
	Second Page Name of all newspapers, magazines, and electronic media sources in which club publicity appears
	Club actually participated I events included in book and club is mentioned by name
	Name of club is underlined by using a ruler in articles
	Name of newspaper or magazine and date article published is under each article.
	Name of electronic media source, including social media and date article appeared is under each article
	NO original photographs use. Only photographs that have appeared in newspapers, magazines, or electronic media sources can be used.
	Book is in chronological order or if organized by Community Service area placed in chronological order under category
	One or more articles are centered on page
	This checklist is completed and taped to the inside back cover of notebook
	If mailed – was it received by February 1.
	Book brought to convention