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Connie Cloinger



Message from State President:

GFWC of Arkansas will have an installation/party when we can all be together. In the meantime, we can concentrate on the important business of volunteering and helping our communities and people who may be in need or crisis. We can make masks, write notes, donate food, collect hygiene products, sew gowns, do art, read books, donate books, and many other things that we can think of, if we look. This is an opportunity to take time to be an example by wearing masks and social distancing when out in public and follow the authority's guidelines even if we may not always agree. These are challenging times due to Covid-19 and we need to step up as we have in the past and do what we can to change the things we see need changing. Living the motto of our Federation 'Unity in Diversity' and the theme 'Living the Volunteer Spirit'. Our new International President's theme is 'Lighting the Future'. We can for sure embrace this new outlook by engaging new affiliates and asking younger people to join us in finding new ways to volunteer.

I chose my theme "Let your light shine through GFWC of Arkansas" for two reasons. And before I even knew what the new President's theme was going to be. First, I picked my theme based on Matthew 5:15 & 16, because I know many of us volunteer and do things because we love people and enjoy doing things that help them. We do it in secret and with no fanfare to glorify God. However, we do not always need to hide our light under a basket; just let your God given talents show. Second, if we each individually shine our lights, together we can illuminate the world and accomplish the great things God has guided us to volunteer to do.

There will be many changes in our lives and in our Club work due to the present situation. Some changes we will readily accept other changes we may disapprove of. Please be open to changes that should accomplish goals of becoming more contemporary and internet savvy. We have not been good teaching younger women the type of volunteering and work we do. Therefore, some changes should attract new attention from young ladies hunting for a place to make positive changes in our society. They would love to join an updated but well-established organization that helps worldwide.

You will see a difference in our directory and some of our contests and programs. Our meeting may be shorter and online (cyber, virtual, internet). Reports are important but should not be a reason for not taking a chairman job or office. We do not have secret agendas with our work so training and leadership are going to have a positive influence on members who are hesitant to step up and learn a new job. Conventions may be less formal and shorter. We should have time to work on specific projects, have visiting time with some additional fun. Being a volunteer is fun when you work with people you like and learn to like people you have not met yet.

The state officers and chairman are available when a Club needs help in starting new programs or projects. But unless you ask for our help or involvement, we will not know what you need. The GFWC Federation finds affiliates who already are working to help children with education, health, food, and various needs. The Legislature of GFWC Women is working on bills that should benefit all citizens especially women and children. We are asked to participate with these groups. Many of these are also found in Arkansas right in our towns. So do not feel you must do only what is suggested nor does any Club have to do every Community Service Program. Pick what is important to your Club or community. If your Club or any member has suggestions that can help us, or we can help you tell us. I challenge each of you to be a light in your Club.

Connie Cloinger

Our new officers were elected in May by mail-in voting and counting was done by the Election Committee. Judy Foot was elected Treasurer, but due to circumstances she chose to resign the position. Also during the mail-in voting was the approval of the changes to the bylaws. One of those changes was to allow the Treasurer to retain her position for more than the original 2 years. The Executive Board acted on that revision and asked Debbie Hall, the outgoing Treasurer, to remain as the state Treasurer. She took the position. Below is the list of the 2020-2022 officers.

President	Connie Cloinger
President Elect	Jane Jackson
Vice President	Vickie Davis
Secretary	Penelope Hadley
Treasurer	Debbie Hall
Advisors	Judy Gibson and Raymelle Greening

Special Notes

*** If you have any members who need to be Memorialized for this past year, please let JeNelle Lipton know and they will be acknowledged in the next issues of Federation Speaks.

*** Mark your calendars for next year's State convention May 14-15, 2021 in Little Rock.

*** Also, mark your calendars for South Central Region Convention in Fort Smith October 8-11, 2020. More information will be coming.

Congratulations

Congratulations goes to our great member, Mary Ann Arnold. She has been elected as President of the GFWC International Past State Presidents Club. She has moved up the line holding each office. Good luck, Mary Ann. Hope you have a great two years and I hope that we will be meeting in Canada next June.

ARTS

Over 5000

- 1st Warren Woman's Club
- 2nd Stuttgart Jr Women & Woman's Club
- 3rd Blytheville Woman's Club

Under 5000

- 1st Timely Club of Hardy
- 2nd Elsie McCain Club of Hazen
- 3rd Sesame Club of Fordyce

COMMUNICATIONS AND PR

Over 5000

- 1st North Little Rock Woman's Club
- 2nd Warren Woman's Club
- 3rd Amici Club of Stuttgart

Under 5000

- 1st Timely Club of Hardy
- 2nd Sesame Club of Fordyce

CONSERVATION

Over 5000

- 1st Junior Civic Club of Fort Smith
- 2nd Warren Woman's Club
- 3rd Blytheville Woman's Club

Under 5000

- 1st Sesame Club of Fordyce
- 2nd Timely Club of Hardy
- 3rd Elsie McCain Club

EDUCATION

Over 5000

- 1st Stuttgart Woman's Club
- 2nd Blytheville Woman's Club
- 3rd Stuttgart Junior Woman's Club

Under 5000

- 1st Timely Club of Hardy
- 2nd Sesame Club of Fordyce

HOME LIFE

Over 5000

- 1st Junior Civic League of Fort Smith
- 2nd Twentieth Century Club of Harrison
- 3rd Blytheville Woman's Club

Under 5000

- 1st Timely Club of Hardy
- 2nd Sesame Club of Fordyce

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Over 5000

- 1st Amici Club of Stuttgart
- 2nd Blytheville Woman's Club
- 3rd Adelaide Club of Morrilton

Under 5000

- 1st Elsie McCain Club of Hazen
- 2nd Sesame Club of Fordyce
- 3rd Timely Club of Hardy

LEADERSHIP

Over 5000

- 1st Warren Woman's Club
- 2nd Amici Club of Stuttgart

Under 5000

- 1st Timely Club of Hardy

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Over 5000

- 1st Stuttgart Woman's Club
- 2nd Warren Woman's Club

Under 5000

- 1st Timely Club of Hardy

PUBLIC ISSUES

Over 5000

- 1st Twentieth Century Club of Harrison
- 2nd TIE: Warren Woman's Club & Blytheville Woman's Club

Under 5000

- 1st Sesame Club of Fordyce
- 2nd Timely Club of Hardy
- 3rd Elsie McCain Club of Hazen

3rd TIE: Women's League of Van Buren &
Stuttgart Woman's Club

5 POINT STAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Warren Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP

Over 5000
1st Warren Woman's Club
2nd North Little Rock Woman's Club
3rd Woman's League of Van Buren

Under 5000
Participation Awards:
Sesame Club of Fordyce
Timely Club of Hardy

ESO

District 8:	Diana Parnell 3rd Century	Warren Woman's Club
District 6:	Pat Kennedy 5th Century	
	Kathy Wilburn 6th Century	
	Linda Mathis 1st & 2nd Century	
	Carolyn Harp 3rd Century	
	Patricia Virnig Pledge	Twentieth Century Harrison
District 7:	Janice Davis 6th Century	Pathfinders Club of Morrilton
District 1&2:	Pene Hadley 8 9th Century and Diamond	Blytheville Woman's Club
	She read 45 classics and receives the Traveling Mouse	

GFWC'S JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Over 5000
1st Adelaide Club of Morrilton
2nd Warren Woman's Club
3rd Junior Civic League of Fort Smith

Under 5000
1st Timely Club of Hardy
2nd Sesame Club of Fordyce
3rd Elsie Mc Cain Club of Hazen

GFWC ARKANSAS PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Over 5000
1st Warren Woman's Club
2nd Twentieth Century Club of Harrison
3rd Amici Club of Stuttgart

Under 5000
1st Timely Club of Hardy
2nd Elsie McCain Club of Hazen

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AWARDS

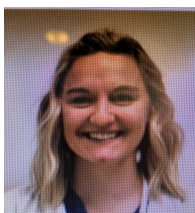
Over 5000
1st Stuttgart Women's Junior Club
2nd Warren Woman's Club
3rd Amici Club

Under 5000
1st Hardy Timely Club
2nd Elise McCain of Hazen

2020 GFWC of AR Scholarship Winners

The GFWC of AR Scholarship Chairman, Judy Foot has the following winners to announce for The Nurses and Teachers Scholarship for the amount of \$500 to be awarded \$250 per semester for one year.

This year's winner of the R.N. Nurses Scholarship is Alivia Brushia from Harrison, AR. She was submitted by the GFWC of AR



Nurse's Scholarship
- Alivia Brushia



Teacher's Scholarship
- Brenna Spradley