



***GFWC/Ohio Federation  
Of Women's Clubs  
NEWSLETTER  
December 2020***



**President's message:**

Greetings to all my GFWC Ohio friends,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving; it was certainly different this year. Hopefully with the vaccine near we can get back to some sort of normalcy.

This year has been an interesting one. There has been so much to learn. We have new ways of communicating and ways of socializing. I trust you have been watching out for your members, reaching out to them and keeping in touch.

It has been wonderful hearing about how you are all working together, one way or the other, to keep your clubs active. We need ideas to keep our clubs engaged. Feel free to send any thoughts you have that can be shared with our clubs. If you are planning an event or fundraiser share the date, time and location, some members may want to contribute. I am available to help each Club President with ideas and suggestions to keep your members involved and working on club business until we are able to meet in person.

Included in this newsletter are some upcoming workshops you may be interested in and they are free, all you have to do is register.

We had a board meeting on Tuesday, November 10, via Zoom. We received a total of seven Christmas ornaments to consider for GFWC Headquarters; the board voted on the entries to be sent. We sent two from GFWC Ohio, the ornaments sent were from Great Friends Working Cooperativity and GFWC Wintersville Woman's Club. They will be displayed on the Headquarters' Christmas Tree.

Speaking of Christmas, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm sure it will be different from other years, but hang in there, hopefully things will improve now that a vaccine is close. I pray you can keep in touch with those you love, and I hope we will have the opportunity to meet in person very soon.

Marjean Sizemore  
2020-2022 GFWC Ohio President

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GFWC OPEN HOUSE**

2020 Remote Holiday Open House December 16, 2020.

The Holiday Open House, hosted by GFWC International President Marian St. Clair, will welcome you on December 16th into the historic GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC, to experience a bit of holiday magic!

Inspired by the 2020 holiday theme, "*It's a Wonderful World*", the home's entry and entertainment areas feature a sparkling winter wonderland accented with woodland wildlife. See the holiday transformation of 1734 N Street, hear about a few of the President's special embellishments, and learn more about the history of our beautiful building.

You must register in order to attend the event being held virtually. This is a wonderful way to visit our Headquarters without traveling. **NOTE** the registration for this event will close Monday, December 14th at 11:59pm EST. All registered attendees will receive a personalized BigMarker link the day before the Holiday Open House takes place.

### **DATE**

December 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM - 9:00PM  
Eastern Standard Time

### **Learning with GFWC:**

We all have the opportunity to learn new skills through the GFWC Advancement and Forums Program on Facebook. You do need to be a club member to sign up for the program. Go to Facebook. Look for GFWC Advancement and Programs Forum. When you sign up you will need to answer three question. This is a closed group, only open to GFWC club members. On Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm CDT, there will be a live Teach it Tuesday, #teachittuesday. Shannon Bailey, from Florida, will be talking on the new Leadership Toolkit that is now available in the Club Manual. Once you sign up you should be able to see any past webinars that have been held. You will learn a lot about how to make your club better and stronger, plus you will get to "meet" many of our GFWC leaders.

There are several off-shoots from the primary Advancement and Forums Program. There is one for LEADS graduates, for ESO Book Club members and more. These programs can benefit us all. Take time to check them out. Sign up today.

### **Cyber Clubs 101:**

The Membership Committee, in collaboration with a great group of panelists from cyber clubs across the Federation, has a great gift for our Federation! We have received so many questions on cyber clubs and how to stay connected during times when in-person meetings are still being discouraged in many areas. Our committee realized that we didn't have all the answers, but we all have Federation friends, right? We have put together a panel of members who are willing to share the cyber club knowledge — did y'all know that we have one cyber club that has been around for eighteen years? We are learning so much from other clubs and we want to extend the invitation to our State Presidents to join our State Membership Chairmen Zoom Meeting this coming Sunday to learn with us!

Register now using the link below to join us on Sunday to unwrap the gift of experience, as these generous ladies share what they know about everything from starting a club to staying connected!

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.  
When: Dec 6, 2020, 6:30 PM Eastern Time

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsde-vpjIvH9I1ocvAJ9XQvSxNIIdVYShdg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=register&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=register&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsde-vpjIvH9I1ocvAJ9XQvSxNIIdVYShdg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.  
will be on the call.

Hope to see you Sunday!

### **GFWC JENNIE JUNE AWARD:**

It is not too early to start thinking about a nominee for the GFWC Jennie Award, the only national honor bestowed by GFWC that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. Club members are nominated by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor. The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." Club Presidents should be mindful of first impressions and make the nominee's packet of supporting materials as professional as possible. Your nominee's paperwork is due June 1, 2021.

### **GFWC AFFILIATES: ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL:** <https://www.stjude.org/>

Looking for a holiday gift for someone that has everything. Did you know that you can give a special gift through the St. Jude Gift shop? Here are just a few suggestions: Give a NO More Chemo party for \$25.00. Give books for patients for \$30.00 Give a share of platelet transfusions for \$50.00.

<https://giftshop.stjude.org/gift-of-donation.html> Purchasing a gift of donation can help provide vital treatments, life enriching amenities, and fun events for the children of St. Jude. OPERATION SMILE: <https://www.operationsmile.org/> GLOBAL PRESENCE ~ With 35 years of expertise, Operation Smile continues to provide life-saving reconstructive cleft surgeries and increased overall surgical safety, quality and capacity worldwide. Operation Smile empowers local health professionals through training and education to create surgical solutions that last. Most medical volunteers are from the low-and middle-income countries they serve. Their goal is to change lives and revolutionize how entire health systems deliver surgical care where they work. MARCH OF DIMES: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/> GFWC Club members are encouraged to create baby blankets and hats for distribution to military families through March of Dimes Military Baby Showers. March of Dimes hosts Military Baby Showers for women and men serving our country. Often these military families are far from family during this special time, and this "touch of home" means so much.

### **LEADS PROGRAM:**

GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs believes strongly in supporting the GFWC LEADS PROGRAM. The application is due to the State President by January 1, 2021, along with your letter(s) of recommendation. The GFWC Ohio Board of Directors will then select the candidate at the Winter Board meeting. Send application to: Marjean Sizemore, 172 Jeffery Street, Wintersville, OH 43953 740-632-5814 (C) 740-264-3474 (H).

**CLUB DUES:**

I hope everyone sent in their dues so you could receive the extra points. If you have not sent in your dues, they must be paid no later than December 31, 2020. Mail your membership sheet and your check to GFWC Ohio Treasurer Deidra Devore, 9424 County Road 39, Bloomingdale, OH 43910. Instructions for the Treasurer Sheet and forms can be found in the 2020-2022 Directory.

**BUCKEYE MAGAZINE:**

I hope you all received your copy of the *Buckeye Magazine* and enjoyed reading about what clubs are doing throughout Ohio. The **DEADLINE** for the Spring/Convention issue is January 23, 2021. All photos submitted should be in jpeg format. Send all articles to [gfwcohiobuckeye@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcohiobuckeye@gmail.com)

**REPORTING:**

Just a reminder, it's reporting season!!! Start now writing your reports. They are due no later than February 1, 2021. I'm looking forward to reading some fantastic reports. Coming soon in January: Have all your questions answered. Join the Q&A Reporting Workshop, via Zoom. **Date TBD.**

As we wrap up this calendar year, I hope you are all keeping safe. These are trying times for sure; but from what I heard at the district meetings, our clubs are not letting this get them down. They are working however they can to keep in touch with members, working on projects, and planning for the future. As we all know, GFWC clubwomen are more than capable and willing to do whatever it takes to make our communities better places to live, work and play. Stay strong ladies! And don't forget to join our Facebook group, GFWC Ohio.

Love to all and Stay Safe,

*Marjean*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

