



Top Projects

From the 2016 Award Entries

These programs and projects were selected as the Top Projects by the GFWC Special Project, Community Service Program, and Advancement Area Chairmen. The lists were comprised from the State Award Entries and Club Creativity Award Entries submitted by state chairmen.

LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA

New Reporting System

The GFWC New Hampshire Federation created an electronic system for clubs. A team met to discuss the needs, the guidelines put forth by GFWC, and the structure utilized to report. Once this information was determined, a Gmail email and Google Drive were generated for each club. An electronic report form was also created, with data captured in the club's Google Drive. The form provides a consistent way for clubs to submit information and eliminates the need for manually calculated volunteer hours and other totals. To instruct clubs on how to utilize Gmail, Google Drive, and the new NH Report Form, user guides were also produced.

Pay Pal

The Wilbraham Junior Women's Club (MA) set up a PayPal account so a link could be added to their website to enable the purchase of tickets at an upcoming fundraiser. An electronic "swiper" was ordered and set up for the event. Once working, members realized how helpful the device could be. Leaders suggested members could pay dues by swiping their credit cards at a meeting, eliminating the problem of chasing down checks.

Leadership Workshop

The GFWC Alabama Federation collaborated with their Alabama House 96 Representative and chose the statehouse as their conference site. The committee's goal was to provide a comprehensive leadership development program highlighting various subjects with a mix of fun and collaboration, but different from the first workshop. A unique program was planned to make the most of the setting and thus included a robust emphasis on resolutions; connecting with local, state, and national political leaders; and GFWC Community Service Programs and Advancement areas.

Formation of Budget and Finance Committee

The North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (SC) formed a Budget and Finance Committee to oversee their bi-annual audit of financial accounts, to receive member requests for funds to charities, and to review requests and present their recommendations to the Executive Board. The club also created an annual budget and developed new guidelines and forms for requesting funds.

Dragonfly as a Symbol for Change

The Woman's Club of Antioch (CA) focused on change using the dragonfly as their symbol: D for dedication and determination, R for respect and renewal, A for attitude and awakening, G for giving and gracious, O for obedient and optimistic, N for nurturing, F for faithful, L for loving, and Y for youthful and yearning. The club invited community speakers to provide information on changes within their community. They united this year in adopting change because for a community to be whole and healthy, "we must respect the changes in our community, which in turn, requires people's love and concern."

Education on Federation

Each member of the River City Junior Woman's Club (VA) agreed to research, through the GFWC website, all the service and advancement areas for in-depth information on assigned topics. At various meetings, members reported their findings and provided ideas for service projects and specific organizations to volunteer with, including local groups that embrace the same goals. Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session and brainstorming to develop additional activities and programs to benefit the community.

501(c)(3) Reinstatement

The University Park Woman's Club, Inc. (MD) worked towards obtaining the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reinstatement of their clubs' prior status as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt/non-profit entity. The club's Board of

Directors approved the use of operational funds for this project to cover the cost of a CPA and back tax filing. To prevent future problems, they created “Officer Instructional Guides” specific to their club and additional “Committee Chairman Guides” for ongoing use to help maintain the efficient operation of their club.

Light Up for Leadership

The Les Dames d’Etude of Opelousas (LA) members enjoyed short (3-10 minute) segments highlighting leadership ideas, tips, thoughts, and other information at each meeting. The three club members chosen to present these mini-programs were all past LEADS graduates.

GFWC Matching Game

The Glendale Woman’s Club (AZ) created a GFWC matching game by constructing a three-foot wooden frame with four rows and five blocks. One side of each block featured a printed GFWC logo, while the other side featured printed pictures designating particular GFWC partners and programs. To make the game more interesting, one block was a “red-herring” without a match to the other blocks in the game. Club members took turns turning the blocks to make a match. A small prize was awarded from a bag loaded with all kinds of GFWC items collected at past conferences or purchased from the GFWC Marketplace.

Lending Library of Leadership

The Dawson County Woman’s Club (GA) created a lending library of books and materials to include the GFWC yearbook, GFWC Leadership materials, membership recruitment, retention manuals, Juniorette leadership manual, and Robert’s Rules of Order.