



# **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.

## **MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA**

### **All Hands on Deck**

The Junior Woman's Club of Lake Murray (SC) held a membership event, All Hands on Deck, involving every member highlighting monthly, club-wide volunteer projects. The event featured nautical décor, themed refreshments, fun door prizes, and great hands-on experience with the many types of service projects in the club. Tables were set up so every person attending could view materials and information about each volunteer project. The club gained 16 new members.

### **Girlfriends Meet at Night**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve (MO) made a simple change from day to evening meetings and it made all the difference. They publicized plans for an informational meeting about club activities to help others. Light refreshments were served and the women came. In total, 16 new girlfriends were gained.

### **Jump on the Train**

The Rancho Cucamonga Woman's Club (CA) put together a club meeting that was all about getting new women to join in the fun of being a member of GFWC. With train whistles blowing, the visitors were asked to jump on the train while members made them feel welcome by shaking boxes of candy to simulate being on a train. Those who decided to join were showered with a train whistle, red neckerchiefs, membership book, and other items. All aboard were 12 new members.

### **Hands on Meet & Greet**

The Monroe Junior Woman's Club (GA) held a hands-on Meet & Greet gathering. Prospective members rotated from one station to the next to learn about the many community service program areas in GFWC. At each table, the ladies would make or do different things. They painted a craft pot for the Boys and Girls Clubs, put together a goody bag for local teachers, and wrote letters to soldiers. This craft/service project paid off with 11 new members.

### **Summer Garden Party**

The Exeter Area GFWC Club (NH) held a casual garden party with refreshments and lots of fun conversation. The perspective members were taken inside for the second half of the party to fill them with information and excitement about GFWC and what it had to offer. This effort cultivated nine new members.

### **A Proud and Promising Future with Friends**

The GFWC du Midi Woman's Club (AL) held a membership event with interesting booths for each of the service areas featuring a conspicuous membership activity. The event was intended to bring in new members while also engaging former members. It made for a fun evening of learning, remembering, and inspiring members. A total of eight new members joined that evening.

### **Dessert 8's**

The Rochester Junior Woman's Club (MI) blended prospective members, new members, and established members together for an evening of desserts at eight different homes with only six to eight ladies present at each location. The small groups provided a socially comfortable setting. Forty-five women participated and the evening was a huge success.

### **September Salad Supper**

The GFWC Sedley Woman's Club (VA) used a "Wizard of Oz" theme to ask members to look somewhere over the rainbow for new members. Sixteen young ladies were targeted and the fun began. Of the 16 invited, 10 ladies attended the supper in Oz and eight of those joined GFWC after traveling down the yellow brick road of knowledge. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was eight new members.

### **Open Doors and Heart**

The GFWC X-Junior Women's Club (WY) made a decision to not play it safe. They elected energetic new leaders

and opened their doors and their hearts to a host of women, bringing in prospective members to every project and meeting. Because they have moved forward, they have gained not only new members, but a new and reenergized club full of excitement.

### **Growing Members**

Winterport Woman's Club (ME) members took advantage of their annual plant sale by asking any woman who purchased plants if they would like to know more about their club. If the answer was yes, a member took their personal information and the club followed up by sending them the club newsletter and other information, planting the seed of membership in their minds. They watered and nurtured these women into becoming their newest members. What a way to grow our own!