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• **THE CLEMENTINE BERRY BUCHWALTER Bronze Statue** at the Woman's Town Club in Springfield was given a special cleaning in September by Mike Major, creator of the sculpture, and Marianne Nave, member of the TRIAD Club/GFWC and the Springfield City Federation of Women's Clubs. See story on page 6.

## 100th anniversary celebrated

The Youngstown Area Federation of Women's Clubs celebrated 100 years of service at the Federation's annual scholarship fundraiser. For the past 25 years, with 2011 being no exception, the YAFWC has performed an education service project in the form of a scholarship fundraiser production.

Members of the Youngstown Federation of Women's Clubs gathered for their annual October scholarship fundraiser for a day of entertainment and programming beginning with the event's special guest, Amanda Beagle, Miss Ohio and Miss America winner of the talent competition of 2005. She presented tunes relating to the fund raiser theme, "Pride of America."

Barbara Higgins, Ways and Means Committee chairman, and her committee—Suzanne Brown, Catherine Campana, Lee Bowden, Barbara Higgins, Rusti Puromaki, Linda Crish, Yvonne Ford, Patti Higgins, Val Zurawick, and Tamara Sigler—planned, organized, and implemented the highly attended event.

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## Clubs work with other groups to increase community service



• **MEMBERS** of the GFWC/Ohio Warren Junior Women's League Home Life Committee joined forces with Habitat for Humanity to work "hands on" at a property in Warren. They spent the day raking leaves and moving dirt around the perimeter of the house in preparation for a new family to move in. WJWL members (from left) Patti Padovani, Lisa Stevens, Dee Wiant, Susie Means, and Margaret Petrosky, Julie Vugrinovich (kneeling).



• **SIGNATURE PROJECT**—The Hillcrest Women's Club/GFWC observed Domestic Violence Month by participating in the Marci walk in March, held for a local teacher who was killed by her husband. Hillcrest marchers included (from left) Jeannie Chaney, Penny Speyer, Anita Zupich, Dianne Austin, and Donna McIlwain.

# Thanks . . . and some OFWC items to keep in mind



EVELYN BACHMAN  
GFWC/OFWC  
President



Dear Club members,

Thank you so much for all your hospitality and warm greetings as your state officers travelled the state. We enjoyed being at the district fall conferences. It was fun to hear and be a part of some of your exciting projects.

A big thank you to our members for the support of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs socks project. Our clubs collected over 700 pairs of socks at our district meetings to be distributed throughout the state to the local shelters. Our shelters need our continued help whether it is socks, PJ's, shampoo, etc. It is so important to keep the support coming for them. Thank you, everyone.



Your board, in continuing with the support of the GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, will hold a slipper party, and a shelter in Ohio will receive the slippers. Last year at winter board we held a PJ party and donated 14 pairs of PJ's to a shelter in Ohio. The point is every little bit does help.

Here are a few items to keep in mind.



**1. Watches**-We will continue to collect watches for the GFWC Mural Art Project. We need used watches for the mural. Also for each watch, we need \$1 for postage.

**2. Authors**-We are looking for club-women who have published books to honor at the convention.

**3. Anniversaries and 50-year members**-OFWC would like to honor all clubs who have celebrated an important anniversary this term 2010-2012. Please let me know who you are. Also I need to know the 50-year members.

**4. Bookwoman**-Bookwoman 2012 will be crowned at our Saturday luncheon. Read those books and fill out those book-markers. There will be a number of prizes. Also at the lunch we will be trading again so save one of your favorite books to bring to the table to share and trade.

**5. LEADS Candidate Forms**-Ohio supports the GFWC LEADS program by sending a candidate each year. Please send your application to Evelyn Bachman, 139 Wolfly Ave., Bowling Green, OH 43402, postmarked no later than January 10, 2012.

**6. Congratulations again to Harriett:** Harriett was honored as our Jennie Candidate at the Saturday night banquet at the Great Lakes Region. We are proud of you, Harriett.

I will close with wishing all of you a very Happy New Year and a thank you to all of you for the wonderful things that all of you do for your community. Please keep up the good work.

*Evie*

## REMINDER TO CLUB SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMEN!

Please be sure that directions are followed for each scholarship, especially the Clubwoman Scholarship

*from the 2011 Update to the Directory:*

“The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs ‘Clubwoman Scholarship’ is intended **ONLY** to a member of a General or Junior per capita club federated in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. It is for those who need **additional** education or training in order to join the work force or to help to provide for themselves and/or their families.

Questions should be directed to the Scholarship Chairman, Nancy Lombardo, 440-449-2881, lombardol@att.net

## GFWC/OFWC LEGISLATION DAYS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT  
March 23, In Wapakoneta  
Hostesses: all clubs

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT  
March 24, location tba  
Eastlake Women's Club

NORTHEAST DISTRICT  
March 24, In Niles  
Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT  
March 24, In Ripley  
Ripley Women's Club

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT  
March 24, In Belpre  
Belpre Women's Club

# Leadership – an opportunity to educate others



LISA HEDRICK  
2010-2012 Director  
of Junior Clubs

Dear Juniors,

Fall was full of traveling, and Ohio showed us their best. I just love attending the District Fall Conference meetings. They are as diverse as our members and as supportive and caring as a growing family. Each District had new attendees that showed enthusiasm and commitment. It is so important for new members to attend and absorb the knowledge of Federation. It is an essential link to our roots and our legacy. Hats off to you all!

I want to congratulate all of the newly elected District Presidents, District Directors of Junior Clubs, and club presidents. Leadership is a journey of discovery that will confuse you, challenge you, inspire you, but also reward you in many ways. Be humble, be fair, and be committed for you can impact every person's life that you cross. Educate others so that more leaders can step up, delegate so that more can learn and communicate so everyone knows what is important. You are the voice that new members will hear and their impression will reflect the picture that you illustrate. Congratulations!



By the time you read this, your club report should be finished, edited, and mailed. I hope your chairmen had their reports finished and all you had to do was compile, eat, drink, and reflect on your good work. If you did not report, think of this...in 2010, the clubs reported to GFWC over five million volunteer hours, or in 1934, GFWC supplied 431 bomber planes out of the 437 our country built. How do we know this?

Because of the reports and the records that we keep. So tell your club's story which only you can relate and become a part

of GFWC history. Club reports will be accepted after the February 1 deadline only for inclusion in the state reports. 100% of Junior Clubs reporting is a goal that we can meet.

I shared two new Junior projects during the Fall Conferences. GFWC has partnered with the Special Olympics to bring us Project UNIFY. All clubs can find more information and several ideas at the Special Olympics' web page and then you can start working with your schools.

Also, a special monetary award will be given at this year's Ohio Convention to the Junior or General club reporting the Best Special Olympic club project. The GFWC Junior Board will be promoting the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign – Putting Children First. All Junior clubs will be asked to participate on Federation Day, April 24, 2012. Every state with Junior Clubs will promote pinwheels and education during the month of April to further children's national awareness. More information on the pinwheels and possible community projects will be available in the Junior Connection newsletter and sent to each junior club soon.

Now is also the time to write letters of recommendation for a Junior or Juniorette club member for the Leading the Way Award. Do you know someone: Who takes a step beyond just finishing a task? Who has the potential to develop an idea? Who is willing to help whenever needed? This person might just be that leader "in waiting" who needs the confidence that we can provide. The deadline is February 15, 2012, for the nomination forms which can be found in your club directory.

I wish each of you the warmest wishes for the holidays you celebrate in the comfort of family. Appreciate the wonders of the moment (yes, even snow) because it is a miracle of its own. As you ponder all of the New Year's resolutions for your life, remember the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

*Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.*

Lisa

## Youngstown's 100th anniversary

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Cardinal Mooney High School provided student escorts for the runway fashion models. Local artists and Youngstown Federated Women's Club members, Suzanne Brown and Tamara Sigler, created an original design for the invitation and program cover. The Army Honor Guard presented the flag and Betty V. Harris, mother of Suzanne Brown, led the Pledge of Allegiance in her original WAV uniform.

The celebration also included President Debra Kostelic's welcome and announcement of the Club's 100 year GFWC affiliation. She spoke about the history of the Club. GFWC also sent a certificate of recognition of the 100th.

## Thanks from Lisa . . .

Many thanks to our GFWC Ohio President for the red roses. My Junior Director Award was a surprise and honor that I was fortunate to bring home to Ohio. My Board and the many projects that I was able to impart in the report was only because of the creative and marvelous volunteers that you are

To the GFWC Ohio members that attended the Leadership Day and overwhelmed me with applause and congratulations, I deeply thank you. Your encouragement and friendship are very important to me and I look forward to serving Ohio for the rest of my term.

— Lisa



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• **LEADER AWARD**—Renee Maiorca (center) was presented the Warren Junior Women's League's "Leading the Way" Junior Special Award at the club's May meeting. Renee was nominated for the award by fellow club members Stephanie Furano (right) and Esther Gartland. Making the presentation was Lisa Hedrick OFWC Director of Junior Clubs. and Evelyn Bachman, OFWC President.

### Belpre assists in "Fabulous" recognition

GFWC-Belpre Woman's Club participated in the BHS Alumni Association's "Five Fabulous Ladies" luncheon honoring five women graduating in the 1930's who remain active in community activities in and around Belpre. Rose Logston, BWC president, presented each honoree with a corsage. A luncheon was presented by the BHSAA and more than 50 past graduates and friends attended. Master of ceremonies was Karen Matthews, Belpre club member. Honored were Dr. Elizabeth Norod, Mildred Spencer, Irma Johnson, and Opal Spencer.

### Special club events in 2012

The Masury Brookfield Women's Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, April 29, 2012, at a special banquet.

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Youngstown Area Federation of Women's Clubs will present a \$2,500 scholarship in May 2012.

## 114th Annual GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Convention

April 13-15, 2012

Doubletree Columbus, Worthington, Ohio

Registration and other information available  
in the Spring Issues of The Buckeye

# Three Hillcrest Club Members—120 Years of Service

The Hillcrest Women's Club/GFWC had good reason to celebrate at its September 26 general meeting. Three of its members joined the club (on the same day!) in 1971. This year marks 40 years of dedicated service for Penny Speyer, Jeannie Chaney, and Norma Adams. They have been leaders, mentors, and friends and have devoted countless hours of service to the community. All have served repeatedly as president and officers of the Hillcrest Women's Club. They have also been involved in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### PENNY SPEYER

One of my first adventures at being a clubwoman was to enter the OFWC Sewing Contest in the mid seventies. I won at the district level, and the next step was to compete at the OFWC Convention in Columbus which was my first time at a convention. I didn't win but met many clubwomen from around the state. For many years, I served as Welfare Chairman and arranged parties at several children's hospitals. I served three times as President of my club. I served as State Chairman of International Affairs and was recognized at the GFWC Convention for the outstanding work done by our Ohio clubwomen.

### JEANNIE CHANEY

I have served in every elected office in the HWC as well as being chairman of all the committees except parliamentarian. I somehow managed to escape being in charge of running Home Days back in the day when HWC was known as Lyndhurst Junior Women's Club and we ran Home Days. On the state level I have been involved with the Arts Committee for nearly 10 years now being either vice chairman or chairman. I have also been Public Affairs chairman and a Home Life chairman. I have two Blue Book Awards.



• 40 AND COUNTING—Penny Speyer (from left), Jeannie Chaney, Norma Adams.

### NORMA G. ADAMS

I was president of the Club in 1974-75 and again in 1993-94 and 1994-95. Currently I serve the Club on the publicity committee and as parliamentarian. I have served Lake Erie District as Education chairman and was District Director of Junior Clubs in 1982-84. I was Lake Erie District President in 1998-2000. At the state level, I have been chairman of several departments and projects including the State Nominating Committee in 1992 and 1994. I served as the GFWC/Ohio Parliamentary Advisor 2000-2002 and the assistant Parliamentary Advisor 2010-2012. I am currently the Bylaws committee chairman. I have been the President of the Pioneer Workers.



• BOWLING GREEN WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBER Jean Ladd purchased a copy of a novel self-published by local author Jean Geist, speaker for the Club's program December 7. She discussed self-publishing and the challenges of writing a cross-cultural novel of romantic intrigue.



FLAG RETIRING CEREMONY —In partnership with Cub Scout Troop #415 and Boy Scout Troop #414 from Starkdale Presbyterian Church, The Wintersville Woman's Club OFWC, held a Flag Retiring Ceremony in September at the Wintersville Fire Department's parking lot. Marjean Sizemore, past president of the Club, opened the ceremony with a patriotic reading. Scout Leader Jim Jackson explained about the flag displayed on the table; having had each stripe

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## 'Meet and greet' event held in Springfield

A "meet and greet session" with Urbana area artist-sculptor Mike Major was held on the lawn at The Woman's Town Club, 805 East High Street on Saturday, August 13, in Springfield.

About 25 persons learned more about art and what Mike Major is doing to bring more sculptures to this community. Major was commissioned to create the statue of the Founder of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Clementine Berry Buchwalter. The statue was dedicated in June 2005.

"During the event, sponsored by TRIAD CLUB/GFWC and Springfield City Federation of Women's Clubs, Mike taught the club members how to do a special cleaning and waxing of Clementine's 6 year old bronze statue," according to statue project chairman Marianne L. Nave.

Following the outdoor event, a fellowship brunch was held in the historic home of Clementine in the Tea Room of what is now the Woman's Town Club.

## New president in SWD

Rita Crellin has become president of the Eastgate Women's Club, SWD, for the year 2011-2012. Her address is 4628 Blackberry Lane, Batavia OH 45103, 513-752-4749, rccrellin47@aol.com. Rita accepted the position after the resignation of the former president.

## 45th Anniversary for Warren League

Past presidents named in photo at right

(Front row from left) E. Carol Maxwell; Barbara Natale; Dee Scerba; current WJWL President Julie Vugrinovich; WJWL's first President Fran Cunningham in 1966; Catherine Santucci; Renee Zuzolo. (second row from left) Nancy Merlo-Rubin; Stephanie Furano; Melissa Reed; Shelby McElravy; Esther Buschau; Mary Lou Jarrett; Dorothy Sideropolis. (third row from left) Paula Carpentieri; Jennifer Wyndham; Esther Gartland; Susan Rebhan.

## Bowling Green holiday fund raiser



• **FUN WITH POINSETTIAS**—Denise Niese, Linda Kuhn, Norma Stickler unwrap poinsettias which the Club sold at the their boutique December 3.



• **A LOVELY GIFT for Marilyn!**—Linda Hamilton (right), Bowling Green club member and NWD secretary, tries to convince Richard Ward, husband of Marilyn (a BG club member) that the necklace would make an appropriate gift for Marilyn. The pending sale was at the Club Boutique and Luncheon held Dec. 3. Twenty-seven vendors set up booths to sell all kinds of arts and crafts. A buffet luncheon was available for shoppers in the dining room. The daylong fund raiser netted the BG Club about \$1,300.



• **"WELCOMING COMMITTEE"**—Norma Stickler (right), BG president, and Vicki Harris, secretary.



• **ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION** — GFWC/Ohio Warren Junior Women's League marked its 45th anniversary last year. The club met to celebrate and honor the past club presidents, shown here. See information at left for identification of past presidents, including the first president, Fran Cunningham.

# OFWC Clubs Making a Difference in Ohio



• **BELL RINGERS**—Members of the Canfield Junior Women League helped the Salvation Army by ringing in Christmas at the Cornersburg IGA for the Salvation Army. Volunteering here are Canfield members Debbie Shattuck and Judy Buck. Everyone in the club took turns for two days.



• **ADOPTION INFORMATION**—Members of the GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League hosted an Adoption Awareness Booth at the Eastwood Mall for November Adoption Awareness Month along with Northeast Ohio Adoption Services. Members passed out brochures and information on adoption. Northeast Ohio Adoption Services provides adoption and foster care services to teens and school-age children in the child welfare system by recruiting, preparing, and supporting specialized families. Tim Williams from NOAS was on hand to answer questions about adoption. Club members created a "buzz" informing shoppers that "Adoption is a Loving Option." They brought about awareness for children living in foster care who are awaiting adoption. Members of GFWC Ohio WJWL adopted 51 children from the NOAS Angel Tree this year and donated "wish list" items for each child to open on Christmas morning. Among those participating in the event were (from left) Tim Williams, NOAS; WJWL members: Pam Vines, *continued on page 8*

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## Passings . . .

• **CARLA BLINN**, Northwest District President, passed away December 18 at the University of Toledo Medical Center. A member of the Women's Club of Bowling Green, she had served as president of the Club Company and treasurer of the Club. Carla founded her own company to provide services such as team building, goal setting, and grant writing. In January 2011 she was named Outstanding Citizen of Bowling Green by the Chamber of Commerce. She is survived by her husband Bob, a brother, niece and nephew, and her husband's children and grandchildren.



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• **MATILDA "TILLIE" BENADELLA**, 89, longtime member (since 1962) of the Masury Brookfield Women's Club, passed away December 5. Tillie served on many committees, was the former club treasurer, and served as club president for three terms. She was honored as the club's "Woman of the Year" in 1993.

## Wintersville flag retiring ceremony

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cut apart from the others and the star-filled field left intact. As he read each name of the 13 Original Colonies, he handed the bottom stripe to two scouts who in turn took it to the fire, folded it, and dropped it into the fire. This continued, moving up the flag, until all 13 strips were burned; then Jackson explained that the "Field" is always kept as one piece when it is burned; this, too, was given to two scouts to be carried to the fire. Scout Leader Jackson read several patriotic readings and also pointed out that President, John F. Kennedy was, up to that time, the only president who had been a Boy Scout. Members of the public had contributed other American Flags which were tattered; and these too, would be "retired" in a similar manner. After the ashes cool, they are buried. If there are any grommets from these flags, they will be cleaned and given to the Scouts that were present. Four Cub Scouts and six Boy Scouts participated, along with nine of their leaders. Scout Leader Jackson suggested that this be an ongoing partnership with The Wintersville Woman's Club and that this be around 9/11 each year to honor the flag in this manner.

## Memorial Shrine

At the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage last September, Shirley Mitchell, chairman of OFWC's Shrine Board of Trustees, gave her annual report, highlighting accomplishments and noting challenges in the future. Twenty GFWC/OFWC members attended the annual event.

The Shrine is located on Route 3, just outside of Loudonville, in Mohican State Park.

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*Editor's Note: Reports by Shirley of Shrine business have appeared in most issues of The Buckeye Magazine. I have also scanned this current report into my computer. It is available to members who wish to have a copy (3-page PDF) for use with their club.*

— Joan Gordon, Editor

## Adoption

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Peggy Boyd, Mary Lou Jarrett, Lee Carter, Melanie Gemmell, Eddie Wolcott, Club President Julie Vugrinovich, and Klaton from Cortland.



• **AT THE MEMORIAL SHRINE**—Members made their annual visit to the Shrine in September to join with the Gold Star Mothers in a ceremony devoted to those who have given their life in service. Shirley Mitchell, chairman of the Shrine Trustees, gave her annual report on the Shrine. GFWC/OFWC members present for the program were (front row, from left) Carol Buch, Linda Crish, Lisa Hedrick, Linda Ross, Evelyn Bachman, Corky Nosek, Stephanie Rouse, Shirley Mitchell, Sharon Cole-Isner; Yvonne Ford, Marion Metz, Rose Logston, Diana Taylor, Beth Rupert; Mary Lou Butterworth, Dorothy Sideropolis; Lin Wilken, Doris Harris, Eddie Wolcott, Barbara Hilton.

— Photo by Paul Wilken

## Masury Brookfield honors Myrdis Ledbetter as Woman of the Year

The Masury Brookfield Women's Club presented its Woman of the Year award to Myrdis Ledbetter. A member since 1962, she served on many committees as well as being president and holding many other offices. She also has held OFWC district and state appointments. Myrdis is active in the community, including her church, historical society, chairman of the Brookfield township Bicentennial, and president of the Brookfield Parent Teacher Association. She is the recipient of the Community Service Award from Mercer County Frontiers International. She retired after 47 years as office manager of the Trumbull County Department.

*IN PHOTO AT RIGHT—Myrdis Ledbetter (left) receives her award from Joanne Sydowski, parliamentarian, and Dawn Burns, president.*

