



GFWC Advancement Plan
Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC)
Promote, Preserve and Inspire!

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2020-2022 Emphasis: Encourage member participation in diverse club and community projects developed to preserve the past, promote the present, and inspire the future. For over 30 years, the Women's History and Resource Center has been preserving historical records and providing quality reference service to its members. WHRC was officially opened at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. on May 1, 1984 during 1982-1984 GFWC International President Juanita Bryant's tenure.

Celebrate GFWC Clubwomen - Important Dates to Remember:

- March – Women's History Month
- March 8 – International Women's Day
- August 26 – Women's Equality Day

WHRC is available to assist your club with preserving your club's archives. Go to the MemberSuite on the Member Portal. Once you log in, there is a drop-down under your name, that says "My Digital Library" Click on it; Under resources, two downloadable pdf's are available under "W" for WHRC: A Guide for Recording Club History and A Guide to Preserving and Writing Club History.

The WHRC also provides tours of GFWC Headquarters, a National Historic Landmark. Located at 1734 N Street NW Washington DC is must-see for GFWC Clubwomen and guests. Group tours of up to 15 members and research appointments must be scheduled in advance by contacting WHRC@GFWC.org or 1-800-443-GFWC (4392). Plan a visit when you are in the area. It is an amazing part of our history!

(Donations are always welcome)

WHRC PROJECTS UTILIZING LOCAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Make these suggestions part of your club work. Think outside of the box, put a new slant on an idea and adopt it to your club work. With all projects/programs think diversity!

- Have members take turns each month giving a report on a well-known woman in history or one currently making history. Write your club history.
- Do a power point presentation video that shows photos of members past and present, major service projects, and historical artifacts to be used at membership teas, fundraisers, or town fairs.
- Chose a member each month who will be celebrating her birthday that month. Interview her and prepare a presentation on her for your meeting. Also highlight a member from the past or an event from the past.
- Hold a club scavenger hunt to help members learn about the history of your club or GFWC. Divide members into groups of three and give them a list of 40 things to find. Some items can be found in club yearbooks or scrapbooks. After 20 minutes, give the answers to the group using pictures and information in the scrapbooks to tell about the founding of the club and past projects.
- Observe Women's History Month in March by presenting a "Woman of Distinction" award to a club member or community member who exhibits outstanding service to their community.

For more information go to the WHRC Advancement Plan in the GFWC Club Manual

AWARDS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE ADVANCEMENT PLAN:

- One overall award is given from all club entries
- One Club Creativity Project award is given from all club entries
- 2020-2021 Special Award: In recognition of the Women's Suffrage Centennial, GFWC will offer a cash award of \$100 to the GFWC club that best promotes the celebration in its community. Each state has the opportunity to present a club for this recognition.