

GFWC-NC Women's History and Resource Center Advancement Plan Top Ten Projects- 2022

Wake Forest Woman's Club (WFWC): GFWC History and Community Service – Federation Day: WFWC hosted their Federation Day Potluck Brunch (April 30th) where decorations included handmade koala refrigerator magnets: "You're a Koala-T Volunteer." (5) floral centerpieces in Federation colors with the Unity in Diversity logo on their candles, graced the dining tables. The welcome included an overview of the forming of the GFWC. For entertainment members presented an original and informative skit about GFWC history using historical facts from www.gfwc.org. Their collaborative service project with the GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorette Woman's Club was to complete (20) "Birthday Bags" that WFWC members would fill with cake mixes, frosting, sprinkles, birthday candles, and sets of children's birthday plates and napkins. Juniorettes artfully decorated white paper tote bags with Happy Birthday collages. Members delivered the Birthday Bags to the local Wake Forest Tri-Area Ministry Food Pantry for distribution to area families. **20 MEMBERS 134 HOURS \$100 DONATED \$170 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Zebulon Woman's Club: Federation Day- This club held a Federation Day Celebration at their April club meeting and invited Wake Forest and Wendell Clubs to the event. Opening ceremony included the lighting of a memoriam candle, pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, and salute to the Flag of North Carolina. GFWC-NC District 6 President was the guest speaker. She delivered an enjoyable and informative message on "What is Woman's Club?" A birthday cake was served paying tribute to Zebulon Woman's Club joining the Federation in 1924. **17 MEMBERS 44 HOURS \$30 SPENT**

Wilmington Woman's Club (WWC): Honors City Fire Fighters- (24) WWC members honored the firefighters at (8) fire stations in Wilmington on April 22nd. A large variety of baked goods (6 cakes, 5 trays of brownies and lemon bars, 57 dozen cookies, and 3 ½ dozen muffins and pastries), along with apples and oranges, were delivered to each of the designated stations. Members visiting each fire station were warmly welcomed by the firefighters who expressed their appreciation for this special recognition. **24 MEMBERS 108 HOURS \$467 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

GFWC Triad Woman's Club: Women in History- The March Meeting focused on Women's History and International Woman's Day. Members spotlighted important women in history, important women in their lives and learned about the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. The "*Six Triple Eight*" was an all-black battalion of the Women's Army Corps with 855 black women, enlisted and officers. It was the only all-black, all-female battalion sent overseas during World War II. Due to a shortage of soldiers to manage the postal service for the U.S. Army overseas, these women were sent through basic training and then overseas to handle the postal mail issues and backlog. 17 million items were the estimated backlog for which the "*Six Triple Eight*" devised their own system for handling. There was no public recognition of their service until 2009. **5 MEMBERS 10 HOURS**

The Woman's Club of Raleigh (TWCR): Federation Day- With a strong Federation history, TWCR membership includes past District and GFWC-NC presidents, as well as past GFWC International President Juanita Bryant. The April general meeting's focus was a Federation Day celebration with emphasis on connections. New members were inducted, and a special cake was shared in their honor. A recent LEADS graduate led an activity that was based on Federation connections. Her introduction included "A federation is a group within which smaller divisions have some degree of autonomy. That is one of the great things about our club. We are part of something larger, but we have a lot of independence when it comes to how we strive to best serve our community." This fun activity began with attendees exploring connections identifying those with friends in other GFWC clubs, districts, states, and countries. To stay

connected, ZOOM was offered for those who could not attend in person. **88 MEMBERS 44 HOURS \$80 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Greensboro Woman's Club (GWC): Education Efforts- GWC held an event honoring Gertrude Weil, nicknamed "Federation Gertie" because of her extensive work and social activism in the NC Federation. The event was posted on Facebook for awareness. This club utilized their monthly newsletter to highlight the achievements of (9) outstanding women, including Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Lucy Bramlette Patterson. In 1902, Patterson invited representatives of known women's clubs in North Carolina to come together as a federation. We have grown since that first meeting with delegates from 17 clubs. GWC believes we learn and grow by understanding and appreciating the women who came before us and charted the course of history. **50 MEMBERS 20 HOURS**

Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club (FVJWC): Federation Day- 2022 marked the 120th birthday of GFWC-NC! Since Federation Day and Earth Day fall close together in the month of April, FVJWC planned to recognize and celebrate these together. This club donated \$120 dollars to the One Tree Planted organization to plant 120 trees in honor of the GFWC, GFWC-NC, and FVJWC to give back to the environment, create a healthier climate, protect biodiversity, and help reforestation efforts. **39 MEMBERS 39 HOURS \$120 DONATED \$120 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club (FVWC): New Member Meetings and Connections- FVWC held (2) new member meetings during the year where they covered the history of GFWC. A historical account of their clubhouse, club, and impactful projects, from 1926 to the present, was provided. A Connect Social with FVWC, FVJWC, and visitors was held at the start of the year. Interesting historical facts about the club and Federation were the baseline for a game played by attendees. Historical facts lined the walls with a pop quiz at the end of the event when prizes were awarded to the winners. Great connections were made by all. To further their connections, the club's yearbook was made available online. Past yearbooks are filed with the FV Museums for public viewing and for safe long-term storage. **64 MEMBERS 207 HOURS \$135 DONATED \$416 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

GFWC Hickory Woman's Club (HWC): Federation Day- This club celebrated its 105 years of existence along with Federation Day at its regular club meeting on April 26th. The histories of GFWC, GFWC-NC, and HWC were presented by special guests, GFWC-NC and HWC Past President Sandy Jahn HWC and Past President Arlinda Graham. Members brought and showcased small items used during the early 1900's, with at least one of them used during early club meetings. Members wore Federation apparel and pins, and enjoyed boxed lunches and a beautifully decorated birthday cake. **16 MEMBERS 16 HOURS**

Greensboro Woman's Club (GWC): Weir-Jordan House- The GWC owns the Weir-Jordan House in Greensboro, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The house was built in the mid-1850's and the club purchased it for their clubhouse in 1921. Day-to-day operations of the clubhouse are overseen by their six-member Board of Trustees (BOT). This has been a busy year for the BOT scheduling for much needed repairs, as well as scheduling events to help cover the costs of those repairs. The dedicated members of the BOT truly embody a belief in the importance of historic preservation. Club members assisted with the upkeep by painting furniture, rehangng drapes, and organizing closets in the spring. Members interested in preserving historic artifacts stored in the clubhouse continue to catalog and organize stored materials. **341 MEMBERS 924 HOURS \$385 DONATED \$1,253 IN-KIND DONATIONS**