

GFWC State of New Mexico Newsletter



Term: Winter/Spring 2024

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WORD FROM NEW MEXICO STATE PRESIDENT VAL REDINGTON



Do you remember the song by Barry Manilow, "Where Does the Time Go?" That is on my mind as I reflect on the past two years and think about all the experiences and memories during that

period. In retrospection, it goes by in a blink! First and foremost, I think of all the wonderful women in the state of New Mexico and across this country that I might not have ever met. My life is richer because of those women! I think of the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh the Places you will Go!" Every trip was enriched by learning new things, new people, new experiences! And I now smile as I sometimes had to wait on delayed flights, stay in hotels I did not expect, commiserate with the ladies I was traveling with! All of it was worth it as I look back because we always had someone to laugh about it with when it was all said and done!!

As we come off of our recent State Convention in Portales, I smile as I think about all the moving parts and how a determined group of ladies put together a day and a half of fun, laughter, learnings, photo ops, entertainment, great meals and accommodations which all adds up

to more great memories!

Finally, my heart is full. Full of gratitude for all you do for your communities, for all the reporting we ask of you, for all your generosity, for all you kind support, for all the women around me who helped me, guided me, taught me and pushed me to be better. Thank you for supporting Camp Enchantment as my state project. We delivered over \$8400.00 to a camp that is providing joy and normalcy in the lives of children experiencing cancer. They are also developing leadership skills to become the next group of camp counselors to children like themselves! Those skills are preparing them to live a life of giving back.

You have all left amazing "glitter" in my life as we made the past two years "Sparkle More, Shine Bright and Dream Big!"

With Federation gratitude,

Val Redington
GFWC New Mexico President

Camp Enchantment Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/4PMOZZLAMSZD?ref_=wl_share



The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With nearly 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding. For more information, please visit www.GFWC.org or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).

As I finish up my term as President Elect, I was fortunate to attend the Board of Directors meeting in Washington this past January as leaders prepare future State President's on their role for the 2024-2026 administration. It was a three day packed seminar filled with explanations on leadership, understanding GFWC financials, team building, 2024-2026 calendar, By-laws, Robert Rules, you name it, they covered it.

I was also able to visit the Headquarters of GFWC, which is a National Historic Landmark located at 1734 N. Street. The Headquarters serve as the working offices for the staff and is literally the home to the GFWC International President during her two-year administration. It is also the home of the Women's History and Resource Center, which collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of GFWC and women volunteers.



Picture of State Federation Women's Club in Las Cruces, October 1924 hanging at Headquarters

We had a speaker Lynn Rosenthal, Director of Sexual and Gender-based Violence from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services give a presentation. She talked about the seven pillars of health and human services.

- Prevention
- Support, Healing, Safety, Well-being
- Economic Security and Housing Stability
- Online Safety
- Legal and Justice Systems
- Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response
- Research and Data.

Some highlights from her department is to improve response to sexual violence through state infrastructure, evaluation and technical assistance; build capacity to address sexual violence against persons with disabilities particularly Intellectual

and Development individuals; support the work of the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services in funding culturally specific programs and to create an interagency research HUB to review data and identify research gaps.

This seminar wasn't all work and no play however. NM State President Val Redington and I were able to visit the Museum of Illusions prior to the seminar starting. We also experienced the Moonlight Monuments tour and had a night on the town having dinner and bonding with our fellow future State President's or Committee Chairs.

After attending this seminar, I look forward in serving as your next New Mexico State President for 2024-2026.



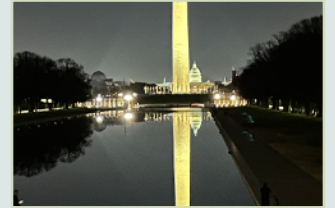
L to R: NM State President Elect Debbie McAllen, NM State President Val Redington, and International GFWC Legislation Committee Chair Sally Harper

MOONLIGHT MONUMENT TOUR

LINCOLN MEMORIAL



WASHINGTON MONUMENT



KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL



REBRANDING GFWC LOGO



Let's take a closer look on the meaning behind the branding of GFWC.

The Shield: The circle signifies enlightenment.

Red is for courage, White is for purity, and Blue is for Constancy.

White of the outer circle, inscribed with our initials and motto, signifies eternity.

GFWC and General Federation of Women's Club are both emphasized, and est. 1890 is emphasizing our rich history.

Back in September of 2023, I attended the Shot@Life Champion Training as they discussed global childhood immunizations, the role that the U.S. and the UN play in supporting these vital programs. Now being an Advocate, periodically they continue to update us on how we can support Shot@Life.

The following is the latest news from Shot@Life.

The Problem: During the Covid-19 pandemic, 67 million children missed out on lifesaving routine vaccines. This is the largest decline in nearly 30 years, and many of these children have not been reached through catch-up campaigns. Although global immunization services rebounded slightly in 2022, approximately 20.5 children still missed at least one vaccine. Of these, 14.3 million are "zero dose" kids, who did not receive a single dose of basic vaccines.

The Solution: Increasing access to vaccines and resources. We must protect progress made with immunizations, strengthen health systems, and ensure people everywhere have access to lifesaving vaccines for diseases like polio, measles, pneumonia, rotavirus, and Covid-19.

Global health spending is just a fraction of one percent of the federal budget, but it helps save millions of lives around the world. As the appropriations process begins for Fiscal Year 2025, ask your members of Congress to support funding at the following levels:

- Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance - \$340m
- UNICEF - \$175m
- CDC global polio eradication programs - \$276 m
- CDC measles elimination activities - \$80m
- USAID polio eradication efforts - \$165m
- WHO (assessed contributions) - \$134.6m

If you think it's wrong that millions do not have access to lifesaving vaccines, Shot@Life suggests you reach out to your State Senators and State Representatives letting them know you support global vaccine programs.

A new oral polio vaccine was pre-qualified by the World Health Organization. This pre-qualification means that more countries will now be able to access the vaccine to help millions of children against polio.

On January 12th, 2024, Cape Verde was declared malaria-free. Cape Verde is the fourth country in Africa and the 44th in the world to eliminate malaria - another massive milestone in eradicating this vaccine-preventable disease.

The Shot@Life campaign provided over 12 million lifesaving vaccines to those who need them most in 2023.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) Legislative Action Center (LAC) is the primary tool the GFWC uses to educate and mobilize its members. Members who sign up for the LAC receive updates on specific legislation GFWC is supporting. These updates let members know when to contact their national legislators about a bill.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION IMPACT ALERT

After many additional months of deliberation, Congress has signed off on the final Fiscal Year 2024 spending bills and global immunization programs remained funded at the previous year's levels. This includes a \$10 million increase for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance to help with their rollout of the new malaria vaccines.

Champions@shotatlife.org

Carrizozo Women's Club



NM State President Val Redington pinning Anne Exterkemp with the Jennie June pin.



L to R: NM State President Val Redington and Anne Exterkemp

During the Carrizozo Woman's Club April meeting, New Mexico State President Val Redington was able to pin Anne Exterkemp with the Jennie June pin.



The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national levels for their outstanding personal commitment to club, community, and family.

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.

Anne was New Mexico's Jennie June recipient. Congratulations Anne!

Past State Presidents' Club by Sally Harper

The GFWC NM Past Presidents' Club have had no formal meetings between our State Convention last year in Silver City and now. In other capacities, 3 members attended the Board of Directors meeting in Denver, CO, in September; 4 members attended District II & III Convention in Roswell in September. All 8 members attended the very successful South-Central Region Conference in Albuquerque, NM, in October; and 6 members attended District IV Convention in Ruidoso in October. One member also attended the 2024-2026 GFWC Orientation in Washington, DC, in January and one member subbed for the State Parliamentarian for the GFWC NM State Winter Board in Las Cruces in February. Members also fully participated in the GFWC Inaugural National Day of Service in September 30 addressing food insecurity by making contributions of non-perishable items both in their home Clubs and at the District level.



Past State Presidents L to R: Mary Jo Montgomery, Sally Harper, Inge Peter, June Ferguson, Kathleen Schuster, Alisa Estrada and Mary Jo Montgomery

Portales Women's Club by Betsy Chavez

Portales Woman's Club has continued with our traditional events of Heritage Days Fun Run/Walk, Roosevelt County Fair Pioneer Luncheon and something that we participated with National GFWC Day of Service. We hope to continue to incorporate new ideas like this. Although the club meeting was not until Oct. 11, 2023, the members collected 172 lbs. of food for the Eastern New Mexico University Food Bank. The food that was collected helps students that may be struggling with food insecurities.



Portales Woman's Club Members who participated in National Day of Service



Students at Eastern New Mexico University Food Bank

Progress Club of Las Cruces by Minel Schlaefli

Progress Club of Las Cruces was recognized in the News and Notes from General Federation of Women's Club as "Volunteers in Action". In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through *Pinwheels for Prevention*. A pinwheel implies playfulness, joy, and childhood. It serves as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children and as a symbol, the unique nature of the pinwheel calls to mind the positive cycles of love and support we want to help families create.

During April 1 - April 10th, *Pinwheels for Prevention* were displayed at Johnson Park on the corner of Picacho and Main Street by the Thomas Branigan Library. This year, GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces sponsored 1500+ Pinwheels representing child abuse in our community.

Volunteers in Action:
GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (NM)

The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (NM) assembled 900 pinwheels to add to their collection from 2023 and on April 2nd put up 1,500 in front of the local library and city building at a memorial park. The pinwheels are a part of the *Pinwheels for Prevention* campaign that starts in April, Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The pinwheels will remain up for about two weeks as an art installation and awareness campaign on behalf of the club in support of *Pinwheels for Prevention*.



1500+ pinwheels scattered across the lawn at Johnson Park in Las Cruces, NM.



L to R: Ali Pagel, Lani Bradley, Tracy Hegland, Lynda St. Clair, Susan Smith, Elaine Rude, Cheryl Carrier, Karan Lewis, & Minel Schlaefli



Hot Spring's Women's Club by Beverly Kasiah

GFWC Hot Springs Woman's Club in conjunction with Rebecca Quiles TCES Librarian, again held their annual event where every 4th grader receives a free book from the BOGO Book Fair. This year, 85 4th graders received a free book of their choice to take home.

For over 10 years GFWC Hot Springs Woman's Club has sponsored this annual event and is made possible by the fundraisers we have through out the year. GFWC Hot Springs Woman's Club meets @ 6:30pm at the Geronimo Springs Museum on the 2nd Tuesday if every month from September-May.



Some of the fourth grade students who received their free book.

Cosmopolitan Women's Club by Rita Garcia

In January, Cosmopolitan Woman's Club started a project of collecting empty pill/medicine bottles from friends, neighbors, etc. for recycling rather than throwing these useful items away. Through a new member, we obtained the name of an organization who would accept these items. After contacting them, arrangements were made and "viola" - our new program was off and running. To date, we have already shipped one large box to them, and have three grocery bags full of bottles ready to send on hand. I don't have a count but our club turned in 46 bottles in March, which was one medium size plastic bag full. We did not think to count the number of bottles mailed in the first shipment.

The bottles must be clean with lids, no paper, glue, or writing on them, and sorted as to size and color. (Not hard to do - hints: Paper and glue easy to remove if you fill bottle w/water & microwave for 30 sec or so to heat water & loosen paper & glue. Don't boil - not necessary - just warm. Extra glue removes with fingernail polish remover, etc.)



Mailing address is Mathew 25 Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

Roswell Women's Club Adrienne Marley

Every year our Roswell club is faithful in decorating the rooms of veterans in our local nursing homes for Christmas. This year veterans received beautiful spruced up Christmas trees as well as other Christmas goodies. They were especially grateful for the time of the members and the visitors. Unlike in years past, we even received a couple of thank you notes from the veterans. I'm told that is unprecedented! During our February meeting, we signed many Valentine cards for the veterans with the help of our artist community and one of our beloved members, Peggy Krantz. Peggy is always generous in sharing her gifts and talents with the Roswell community.

This year we hosted two fundraisers for our annual scholarship fund for ENMU-R students. As in years past, we hosted a paint party, led by Peggy, and we hosted a Bunco fundraiser, facilitated by Melissa Crowe. Melissa is our current Vice President and is also the manager of our local Country Club. Melissa is generous in allowing us to use the space of the Club to promote stewardship and fundraising. We are thankful to both Peggy and Melissa who have made our fundraisers very manageable for our club members.

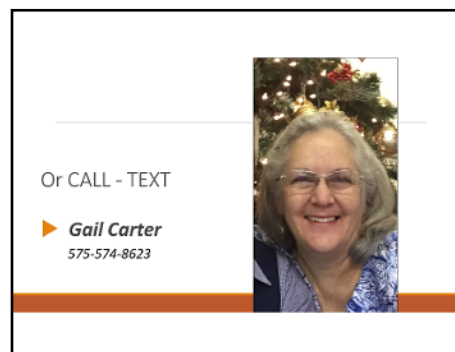
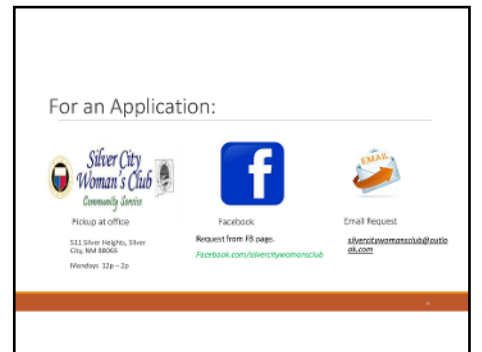
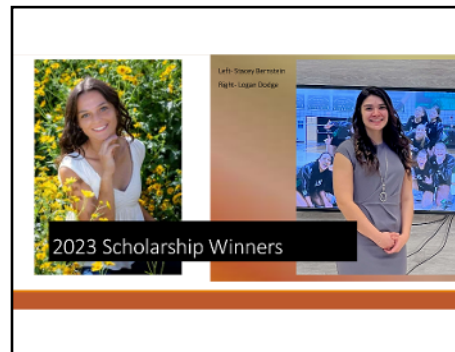
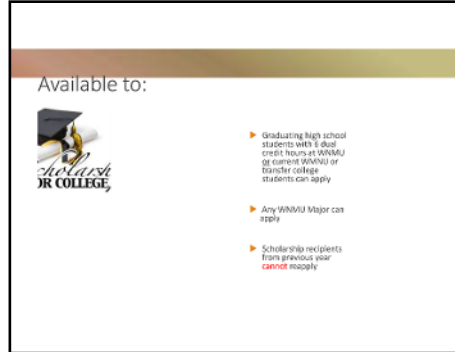
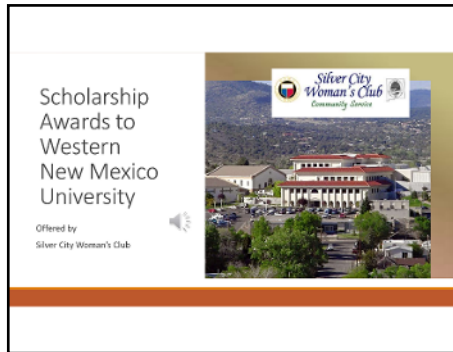
Over the past year, our club has split meeting times between day and evening meetings. The goal of this was to try to promote membership to a different demographic of people that could hopefully grow and sustain our club into the future. There was an effort to make most of our evening meetings and social gatherings as opposed to strictly business. Some months this was very successful particularly our February meeting which we hosted a local bakery for cookie painting.

We will meet and discuss the success of the evening meetings when we meet again in May to determine if we will continue to move forward in that way. I'm certain that many of your clubs are also working to increase attendance and are having some of the same challenges that the Roswell club is working to navigate. We have found that while people enjoy participating and serving others, not as many people are interested in the formality of membership in a club as may have been in previous decades.

As we look forward to next year, we will continue your efforts to grow membership in new ways and promote volunteerism through our club for our city. We are thankful for the opportunity we have to serve!

Silver City Women's Club by Lorraine Anglin

Silver City found a new way of communicating their Scholarship Awards to Western New Mexico University by putting together a PowerPoint presentation on their Facebook page. This presentation gave the requirements needed to be able to apply for the scholarship, how much the scholarship was for, last years scholarship winners, and information on how to obtain an application. Either through Silver City Woman's Club office, Facebook, email or by calling/texting their Educational Chair. What a great way of branding Silver City Woman's Club and General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC)!



PowerPoint logo

Ruidoso Women's Club by Stormi Aldredge

Sadly, in January we missed three general meetings and a District IV meeting due to inclement weather. Currently we are gathering material for our one and only fund raiser which is holding a raffle of a numbered painting donated by an artist. Members spend many weekends outside of Albertson's selling raffle tickets. Tickets are sold from Memorial Day to Labor Day. These monies go towards scholarships and donations to non-profit organizations.



112th Annual State Convention - Portales, NM

Portales Woman's Club hosted the 112th Annual State Convention on April 26-27, 2024. Portales is well-known for being the home of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU). It's the birthplace of the iconic food - the Smothered Burrito, a Tex-Mex delicacy. Is also known as the Peanut Capital of the World. Each year, Portales hosts a Peanut Valley Festival to celebrate this crop. The city has a strong connection to the dairy industry; hosts the "Roosevelt County Fair" (a traditional fair that showcases rodeo events, livestock shows, agricultural exhibitions, and other activities held in August); and is in the vicinity of the famous Blackwater Draw archaeological site.

The NM State Convention was held at the Yam Theatre. Presentation of Colors were presented by the Portales Girl Scout Troop 10683 who also lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the NM flag. We received a warm welcome from Dianne Parker, the City Councilor who has served on the Public Safety and Water Advisory Committees.



Portales Girl Scout Troop 10683



Dianne Parker, City Councilor

Betsy Chavez, President of Portales Woman's Club gave the Welcome to the 2024 Convention, followed by the Response given by Angela Madrid. Debbie Campbell gave the first reading of credentials; Marie Richter read the Convention Rules; followed by the Presentation of Convention Program and for the first time there were no corrections. Thank you Debbie Campbell for a job well done! More business and awards were given for the rest of the afternoon before breaking to get ready for a fun-filled evening.

Friday dinner was barbecue which went along with the "Rhinestone Cowgirl" theme. Entertainment was provided by Clovis Circus Troupe. They provided aerial acts using hula hoops both in the air and on the floor. They also were the judges for the Rhinestone Cowgirl contest.



Clovis Circus Troupe

112th Annual State Convention - Friday Evening



Rhinestone Cowgirl Winners
L to R: Debbie McAllen, Kathleen Schuster and Connie Griego



Past NM State Presidents: Kathleen Schuster and June Ferguson



Past NM State Presidents: Alisa Estrada and Mary Jo Montgomery



L to R: Sally Harper, Minel Schlaefli, Val Redington, Maria Trujillo, Chayo Garcia, Mary Wilke, Debbie Campbell, Belen Valenzuela, Anna Kittleson, Debbie McAllen, and Debbie Bailey Front Row: Inge Peter



Patm Houck, Stacy Sollisch, Kathleen Schuster and Alisa Estrada

112th Annual State Convention - Saturday April 27, 2024

The Convention reconvened on Saturday, April 27th. Connie Griego presented the Past State Presidents. Betsy Chavez gave a presentation on *Lipstick Leadership*. Members determined which lipstick shape best matched the shape of their own lipstick after they've used it a while. They were then divided into groups based upon their lipstick shape. A PowerPoint presentation described what your lipstick shape said about your personality traits. It was the consensus that this was a helpful and semi-accurate tool.

The Club President's then gave their reports on what their clubs have been doing since the last state convention held in May of 2023. Debbie Campbell gave an excellent presentation on the Value of a Brand. She explained the new GFWC logo and how to use it properly. After lunch, we heard from our Harriet Donahue/Dorothy Pendleton Scholarship recipient Charley Bartl, watched a video on Camp Enchantment and heard a report from State President Val Redington on the impact our State provided for this organization. A presentation from Alisa Estrada on membership was heard, followed by more awards for Arts and Special State Awards.



Past NM State Presidents:

L to R: 2020-22 Inge Peter; 2018-20 Alisa Estrada; 2016-18 Mary Jo Montgomery; 2014-16 Marie Richter; 2012-14 June Ferguson; 2010-12 Sally Harper; 2008-2010 Kathleen Schuster; and 2006-2008 Lois Crozier



Convention Chairs: Ebony Cooper, Laura Wight, and Betsy Chavez.

112th Annual State Convention Earth Day Recognition

Rita Garcia, District II President, had volunteered to provide the decorations for the GFWC NM - 112th Annual State Convention in Portales, New Mexico for the Saturday Luncheon on April 27th. Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22nd around the world/globe to bring awareness to environmental causes, educate others on the importance of creating a more sustainable planet, encourage advocacy, and work to conserve the planet's biodiversity.

The theme for Earth Day 2024 is Planet vs. Plastics; a commitment to call for the end of all plastics "for the good/sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040" and the elimination of single-use plastics by 2030. Unlike other materials, plastic does not biodegrade. It can take up to 1,000 years to break down, so when it is discarded, it builds up in the environment until it reaches a crisis point. This pollution chokes marine wildlife, damages soil and poisons groundwater, and can cause serious health impacts.

Cosmopolitan members got together and decided that the theme should be about the eight planets and set one at each table. Their new member, and President Elect Laurie LaBrecque, put together a paper titled: **Earth Day and Universe Recognition; Who are the planets and GFWC?** That paper was set at each table with which planet was being displayed. President Redington introduced their theme and Laurie; who then proceeded to read about each planet.

Below is what each of the eight planets represented and how it correlates to GFWC!

Earth Day and Universe Recognition

Who are the Planets and GFWC?

Jupiter – mentor, god of the heavens – associated with growth, expansion, healing, prosperity, good fortune and miracles – and with merrymaking

GFWC clubs are good at mentoring leaders, making miracles happen, and definitely merrymaking! We are **Jupiter!**

Neptune – God of the sea, rain, water – associated with dreams/fantasy, collective consciousness, projections, idealism, empathy

GFWC, in general, encourages the dreams of what could be. We have a collective idealism and inherent empathy for all peoples. We are **Neptune!**

Mars – the god of war, defender – energy, strength, ambition, impulsiveness – governs sports, competitions, physical activities in general

GFWC clubs work to defend the victims of domestic violence with strength, ambition, and energy. We are **Mars!**



Mercury – preserving and protecting nature – associated with communication, wit, and cleverness – loyal, bright and playful, trustworthy – god of messages, journalism, writing, information gathering skills

GFWC embodies all these traits, from protecting our planet to communicating well. We are loyal. We are **Mercury!**

Venus – goddess of beauty, love, victory – associated with harmony, affections, romance, sympathy, unity.

GFWC works toward harmony among all members, sympathy for the downtrodden, and, of course, unity in diversity. We are **Venus!**



Saturn – god of justice – associated with status, wisdom, ambition, patience, honor, Also associated with peace, civility, goals, dedication, practicality, commitment, and responsibility.

This describes an ideal club. We are **Saturn!**

Uranus – associated with originality, eccentricity, ingenuity, unconventional ideas, individuality, and genius – governs societies, clubs and any group based on humanitarian or progressive ideals.

GFWC clubs are full of originality. We have unique ideas and are recognized for our humanitarian ideals. We are **Uranus!**

Terra (Mother Earth) our home planet – Among the 12 Zodiac signs, earth signs are considered the most grounded, down-to-earth: pragmatic, practical, logical, reliable and honest. These become a force to reckon with when faced with tasks that require courage, creativity, and unwavering determination.



We can preserve our home by being pragmatic, practical, logical, reliable, visionary and persistent. We are **Terra!**



Table Decorations honoring Earth



112th Annual State Convention - Portales, NM



In Memoriam



This past year, there were two GFWC New Mexico clubs who reported the death of a valued member.



Evelyn Prentice
May 15, 1925 — January 8, 2024

Cosmopolitan Woman's Club lost former member Evelyn Prentice, age 98, on January 8, 2024. Mrs. Prentice was an extraordinary community volunteer. She served New Mexico by contributing decades of her time and energy to issues that primarily involved children and the beautification of her beloved state. Her decades of community service included serving as president of Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc, legislative chair for Cosmopolitan Club, NM Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and President of New Mexico P.T.A. She was the recipient of the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award and the national Lady Bird Johnson Award.



Deena Marie White
March 11, 1962 – June 13, 2023

Portales Woman's Club lost a valued member and friend, Deena White on June 13, 2023. She was 61 years old. Deena courageously fought a battle with leukemia for 10 months before her death. Even while fighting the disease, she impacted many lives, made new friends, and ministered to people who were in crisis. Deena was a gifted pianist and also grew into a beautiful ballerina. She used her skills to teach young students the art of dance. Deena grew up in Portales, and had returned to Portales and became involved in the Portales Woman's Club for three years prior to her death. Deena's mother, Jan Smartnick, has been a PWC Member for 39 years.

Awards

Awards were given out to the various clubs who are divided by their membership numbers. Class A consists of clubs whose membership is 1-15; Class B with 16-30 members and Class C of over 31 members.

Class A: Cosmopolitan Woman's Club - 1 first place and 6 second place
Hot Springs Woman's Club - 9 first place and 1 second place
Past State President's Club - 3 first place; 1 second place and 3 third place

Class B: Roswell Woman's Club - 13 first place

Class C: Carrizozo Woman's Club - 1 first place and 4 third place
Portales Woman's Club - 2 second place and 6 third place
Progress Club of Las Cruces - 10 first place and 2 second place
Silver City Woman's Club - 2 first place, 8 second place and 2 third place

Best Overall: Hot Springs Woman's Club received 1 award; Carrizozo Woman's Club - 1 award; Portales Woman's Club - 1 award; Progress Club of Las Cruces - 8 awards and Silver City 2 awards.

Early Bird Award and Community Impact Award went to Roswell Woman's Club.

Overall Outstanding Achievement: District II: Cosmopolitan Woman's Club; District III - Roswell Woman's Club and District IV - Progress Club of Las Cruces.

112th Annual State Convention - Saturday April 27, 2024



Front Row: Debbie Cambell and Connie Griego. Back Row L to R: Debbie McAllen, Inge Peter, Val Redington, Alisa Estrada, Mary Jo Montgomery, Marie Richter, Sally Harper, Kathleen Schuster, Lois Crozier and June Ferguson

Celebrating New Leadership was the theme for Saturday evening. Past State Presidents and the 2022-24 NM State Board were recognized in the processional. The Installation of the 2024-26 NM State Officers was given by Mary Jo Montgomery. The invitation to the 2025 GFWC NM State Convention was presented by Angela Madrid which will be April 25-26, 2025 in Truth or Consequences. Inge Peter read the Courtesy Resolution.



L to R: Past NM State President, Val Redington and NM State President Debbie McAllen

2024-26 NM State Board



L to R: Sally Harper, Parliamentarian; Debbie Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Jennie Bustamante standing in for Beverly Kasiah, Treasurer; Laura Wight, Recording Secretary; Betsy Chavez, NM State President Elect; Debbie McAllen, NM State President and Installer, Mary Jo Montgomery

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