

NEWSMAKERS

In The Big Things of Life ~ We Are At One

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Club Calendar

December 31 - Dues Deadline

January 2 - Club Meeting & Reporting Session (Grundy Baptist Church)

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Clubwoman of the Year Chosen

Ginger Robertson was voted Clubwoman of the Year during last month's Grundy Woman's Club meeting – an honor bestowed upon the one woman who exemplifies throughout the year what it means to be a part of the GFWC.



Having held virtually every position in the club through a long, storied membership that began with the former Grundy Junior Woman's Club, she continues today. As our fearless treasurer, she's always there making certain we stay afloat and pulling from the recesses of her elephantine memory even the smallest of donations made ages ago. And yes, that also includes being able to pull documentation, via minutes or monthly budget reports, to assist us in every decision that's made.

Her dedication was recognized in 2013 when she was named to receive the Virginia General Federation of Women's Club's highest honor — the Jennie Award – recognizing her for her performance on club, state, regional and national levels of volunteerism — both within her club and in her community.

As a former recipient of the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer Award, Ginger became the 51st inductee into the hall of fame during the chamber's 2016 annual banquet.

And ironically enough, she's not even a native! Originally hailing from Haysi, she has loved Buchanan County since relocating here in 1944 – something that shows in everything she does to benefit our organization and many others. Congratulations, Ginger!



GWC Brings the Holidays to the Hills of Buchanan County

With cooler temperatures and misty rain that morning, Holidays in the Hills started out a little frosty. Luckily, there was plenty of help that

morning and loads of vendors to keep things busy.

The Grundy Woman's Club earned approximately \$3,326, so thank you to everyone who helped, especially Tania Stephens, who generously coordinates this event every year.

Of course, she can't do it all forever. That's why we're looking for volunteers who might be interested in carrying on the torch, overseeing our club's biggest annual fundraiser. Those interested may contact Glenna Owens for more information.



Decking the Gazebo with Boughs of Holly...

(Photos courtesy of Betty Shields)





President's Message

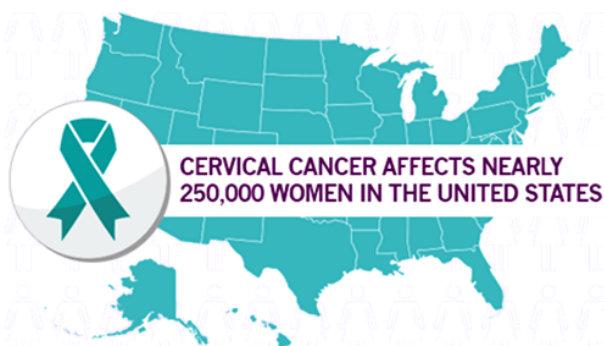
Ladies, I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year! As we begin this New Year I would like to encourage each of you to become more active in our club. I would also encourage you to share any ideas you have for new projects or activities we can work on. Let's make 2017 our best year ever!! Please try to attend our January meeting, as it is our reporting session. For those of you who may not know, we have to report to the state on EVERY activity that we do throughout the year. If you cannot attend the meeting, please let me know what activities/projects you worked on and I will get those reported. Thanks for all you do to make our club successful!! I appreciate all of your hard work and support.

Glenna

Cervical Cancer: Know Your Risk

In honor of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, there are a few things you need to know.

Several risk factors increase your chance of developing cervical cancer. Women without any of these risk factors rarely develop it. Although these risk factors increase the odds of developing cervical cancer, many women with these risks do not develop the disease. They include: Human papilloma virus (HPV) or chlamydia infection, smoking, immunosuppression, a diet low in fruits & vegetables, being overweight, long-term use of birth control pills, IUD use, having multiple full-term pregnancies, a family history of cervical cancer, etc. Regular pap smears can reduce your risk. Talk to your doctor about how often you should have one and if there's anything you can do to control your risk.



January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Buchanan County Calendar of Events

Jan. 4 - Local History Wednesday Workshop (BCPL)

Jan. 9 - Buchanan Co. Board of Supervisors (Courthouse)

Jan. 9 - Buchanan County Bird Club (BCPL)

Club Corner

Jan. 6 (Birthday) - LuAnne Capps

Jan. 9 (Birthday) - Heather Bowman

Jan. 18 (Anniv.) - Ruth Horn

Feb. 8 (Anniv.) - Patricia Ratliff

Feb. 16 (Birthday) - JoBeth Wampler

Feb. 17 (Birthday) - Becky Bartley

Feb. 22 (Anniv.) - Sommer Chambers

Feb. 22 (Anniv.) - Betty Shields

Feb. 23 (Birthday) Crystal Steffey

Reporting Session

Remember to bring all reporting hours, receipts and information to our next meeting (Jan. 2), when we will discuss reporting.

Community Service Project Reports

Art - Bertha Street

This year's art contest entries were amazing! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Remember to keep collecting art supplies and bring them to our next meeting. These include: black ultra-fine sharpies, fine-point sharpies, colored pencil sharpeners, and plastic shoe boxes. You can also recycle old magazines or food containers by donating them for other art projects!



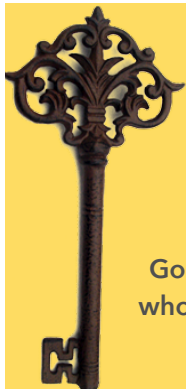
Conservation - Anna Ruth Coleman

With the Christmas season behind us, let's start thinking and planning how you can reduce, reuse and recycle many of the items that increase trash the next holiday season. Some wrapping tips might include wrapping in recycled newsprint which can be recycled again once the present is open. Use brown craft grocery bags to wrap gifts and decorate them with your own special designs. Use scraps of old fabrics to wrap gifts. Purchase gift wrap or cards made from recycled paper. Start thinking and planning now how to repurpose Christmas items. One example is to recycle your Christmas cards. If you do not plan to reuse them, please retain and bring them to January meeting or give them to Pam Wolford or me. A very worthy organization that we have donated to in the past is St. Jude Research Hospital for children.

We have reporting of our club work coming up in January. Would every club member please provide information to us regarding work, donations or things that you have done that can be reported under Conservation? This would include things done under recycling and proper disposal of unused medicine and needles, tree planting, feeding of birds and wildlife protection, proper care for domesticated animals, any work or donations for local animal shelter, or if you have volunteered at a local hazardous waste collection day event. If you have any questions or are in doubt if it should be reported, please let me or Pam Wolford know. You can email me at acoleman3@roadrunner.com or call me at 597-7050. We certainly want to report all the work, time and money that have been completed in the Conservation area during 2016.

Special thanks to Pam Wolford for planting some tulips at Riverview Elementary School and also in the planter as you enter Buchanan County at Short Gap. Getting ready for some spring beauty!

Wishing each of you a happy blessed New Year!



Leadership Tips

"I know of no single formula for success. But over the years, I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together." - Queen Elizabeth II

Go to any club meeting and you'll hear us talking about who's crafty, who's good with words, who's inventive, et cetera, et cetera. We all know no one can be good at everything. That's why we need each other. Perhaps, that's makes us all pretty good leaders.



Go Online Today to Support VAWA!

The federal government funds critical programs at the US Department of Justice and the US Department of Health and Human Services that

reach into every community across the nation to provide safety, access to services, prevention, education, and justice for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Congress must finalize FY 2017 appropriations bills to fund services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) programs which are cost-effective and lifesaving. Please urge your members of Congress to support FY 2017 maximum funding for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to finalize the FY 2017 appropriations bills. Visit www.gfwc.org for more information.

Human Trafficking Myths & Misconceptions

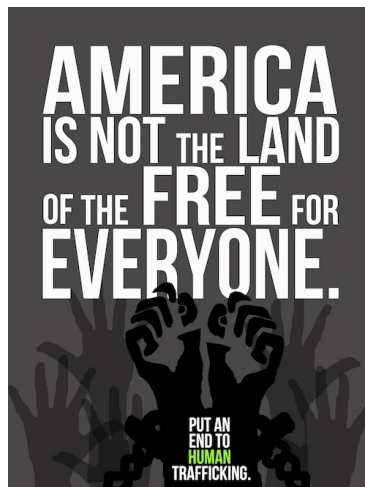
Myth 1: Trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries.

Myth 2: Human trafficking is essentially a crime that must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders.

Myth 3: Human trafficking is another term for human smuggling.

Myth 4: There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking situation.

Myth 5: Victims of human trafficking will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.



Myth 6: Human trafficking victims always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages.

Myth 7: Sex trafficking is the only form of human trafficking.

Myth 8: Human trafficking only occurs in the illegal underground.

Myth 9: If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation or was informed about what type of labor they would be doing or that commercial sex would

be involved, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they “knew better.”

Myth 10: Foreign national trafficking victims are always undocumented immigrants or here in this country illegally.

**GFWC Grundy Woman's Club
Treasurer's Report
11-30-2016 – 12-31-2016**

Balance on Hand – 11-30-2016 **\$6,872.88**

Receipts

12-09-16	Dinner	\$ 170.00
	Dues	150.00
	½ of food proceeds-Holidays	<u>321.00</u>
		\$ 641.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS **\$7,513.88**

Disbursements:

12-05-16	#5300 – ASL Scholarship	\$ 500.00
	#5301 - ACP “	500.00
	#5302 - Maria Sparks - Christmas	200.00
	#5303 - Cash - dinner	170.00
12-06-16	#5304 - Amanda Rasnake – refund Holidays	35.00
	#5305 - Marisa Keen - “ “	35.00
12-16-16	#5306 - Tania Stephens – Social Services party	<u>386.00</u>

Total Disbursements **\$1,826.00**

BALANCE ON HAND 12-31-2016 **\$ 5,687.88**

GFWC Grundy Woman's Club

December 5, 2016 – Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club was held December 5, 2016 in the Grundy Baptist Church fellowship hall, President Glenna Owens presiding. President Owens welcomed 18 members (junior members) to the meeting.

Tania Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chaplain Barbara Fleenor brought the thought "Including your corner of the world" and gave each attendee a festive kitchen towel. She led the club in Grace.

Minutes of October 2016 meeting were approved following corrections. Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$6872.88 and without objection was placed on file.

Reports of Committees & Projects:

- A recap of art supplies for schools was given.
- Arts projects were brought by members for judging. (List of winners attached.)
- A recap was given regarding the scholarships to ACP, ASL and SWCC.
- A recap of Holidays in the Hills was given showing a profit of \$3326. Final figures on the lunch split are not yet available.
- The Silent Auction for the Chamber Banquet was discussed and helpers are needed to set things up on Wednesday.
- Discussed donation for women's shelter in Domestic Violence Project.
- A recap of the gazebo decorations was given and it was noted that we need more lights.
- Ruth Horn has accepted the chairmanship of the Legislation and Public Policy Department.

New Business

- Dues deadline is December 31. A list was distributed showing 42 members past due at this time. Names were split up and members were assigned to contact and/or remind those with delinquent dues.
- A reporting session will be held at the January 2, 2017 meeting, with reports due on January 25.
- An ornament exchange was held; photos were taken with Santa hats.
- Ginger Robertson was chosen as Club Woman of the Year.

The next regular meeting will be January 2, 2017, Grundy Baptist Church fellowship hall, 6 PM.

Members recited the Club Collect.

Meeting adjourned.

Betty Shields, Secretary

*Want to include something in **Newsmakers**, the GFWC Grundy Woman's Club monthly newsletter? Contact JoBeth Wampler at jobeth.wampler@gmail.com or call anytime at 276-935-2123.*