

**General Federation
of Women's Clubs**



1890 - 2015

**GFWC Arizona
Federated in 1902**



**125+ Historical Facts
About GFWC Arizona
and it's State Clubs**

1901

Anna D. McClatchie, President of the Phoenix Woman's Club, calls for an organizational convention of all organized women's clubs in Arizona to meet on November 18th – 19th, 1901 to discuss joining GFWC.

1901

GFWC Glendale WC was founded in 1901 by a group of pioneer women, interested in the betterment of themselves and the growing community of Glendale. They organized as the "Self Culture Club of Glendale." The club federated with GFWC in 1902.

May 1902

Seven Arizona clubs send delegates to the GFWC Biannual Meeting in Los Angeles to petition GFWC for Arizona's admittance as a territorial federation.

1902

GFWC Bisbee WC erected its Clubhouse in 1902 and has the distinction of owning the first woman's dedicated club building in the state of Arizona. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1985.

Nov. 19 – 21, 1902

Arizona Federation holds its first Annual meeting in Prescott, AZ. Seven clubs were represented: WC of Tucson, WC of Phoenix, WC of Bisbee, The Monday Club, Village Improvement Club (Florence), Friday Club (Phoenix), and Sahaura Club (Safford).

1903

GFWC Florence WC was one of the first five AZ clubs to become members of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs and GFWC. One of their first activities to raise money was a colonial party - the funds were used to pay for street signs.

1903

GFWC The Monday Club members raised \$4,000.00, which was matched by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation for the purpose of building the first public library of Prescott.

Nov. 22, 1905

Sharlot Hall, Chairman of the Department of the History of Arizona for the AFWC gives a report titled "The Makers of Arizona" at the fourth annual convention. Ms. Hall was appointed State Historian in 1909 and continued as such until 1914. She was inducted into the AZ Woman's Hall of Fame in 1981.

October 3, 1905

GFWC Bisbee WC's first project was the completion of a kindergarten for their town called The Central School. The upper windows were stained glass and depicted scenes from Mother Goose. It now serves as the home of the studios of many local artists.

1907

Clubs belonging to the Arizona Federation of WC establish seven traveling libraries averaging fifty books each in circulation. Libraries are shipped on Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads to rural communities in Arizona.

1907

GFWC Bisbee WC was appalled at the condition of their local jail and determined to have it cleaned up. The city fathers were made to tow the line and keep the jail clean, as they never knew when a group of clubwomen would arrive at the jail to inspect its condition.

1907

Mrs. S. E. Hazzard, GFWC Bisbee WC, was appointed as chairman of the Pure Food Committee, and worked with Arizona clubs in support of the passage of the Pure Food Law in Arizona.

1909

AZ Federation of Women's Clubs petitions 25th Legislature of AZ to amend Juvenile Court Law to provide for paying probation officers for the maintenance of children in their charges. The measure passed which materially strengthened the state's Juvenile Court Law.

1911

GFWC Roosevelt Neighborhood Woman's Club was organized in 1911 as a Ladies Aid Society and literacy group. It was federated in 1917.

1912

The Neighborhood House, clubhouse of GFWC Roosevelt Neighborhood WC, was completed in 1912. It was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1975. President Theodore Roosevelt attended the groundbreaking ceremony in 1911 on his way back from the dedication of Roosevelt Dam.

1912

GFWC Parker Woman's Civic Club was organized at the request of a Government Indian Agent to help curb the liquor traffic, which was spreading on the reservation.

1912

GFWC Glendale WC's Clubhouse was built in the bungalow style in 1912 for \$2,947.00 by well-known California architect, Thornton Fitzhugh, on two lots given to them by the Glendale Messenger and Sands families.

1912

A Traveling Art Library was assembled through gifts of the GFWC Tucson Woman's Club and the pictures were shipped across Arizona for clubs to view.

1913

One of the first projects of the GFWC Tempe WC was a survey to locate the worst sanitation problems and sites of "disagreeable appearance." The results were reported to the Town Marshall who spoke to the offenders. The club remained the driving force in promoting citywide cleanup projects until the 1950's.

1914 - 1915

GFWC WC of Safford President Mrs. R.W. Chambers begins a campaign to rid the town of flies. Children were given 10-cent show tickets for each quart of flies they turned in. A club member, Mrs. Charles Gilpin was busy daily digging graves for the bushels of dead victims.

1914

GFWC Glendale WC, in cooperation with the Department of Music and Drama, conducted a Carnival for two evenings, with street parades, and attractions of various kinds. 800 people attended the first night and they netted \$369 on the venture.

1915

GFWC The Monday Club Inc. worked with the Prescott Chamber of Commerce in a letter-writing campaign to get the State of Arizona to allow married couples and women to live in the new wing of the Pioneer Home. The Woman's Annex was completed in April 1916.

1915

Seeing the need for a fund to help pay the expenses of the Arizona State President to GFWC Biannual meetings, the State President's Traveling Fund was established in 1915 by State President Margaret Wheeler Ross. The interest from this fund today is still defraying the expenses of our state president today.

1916 - 1972

GFWC Benson WC established the Benson library and housed it in their clubhouse until 1972. When the city moved the library to a larger facility, the club donated all their library materials to the city.

1916

GFWC Arizona clubwoman passed a resolution at the 14th Annual Convention urging the United States Department of the Interior to "hasten as fast as lies in their power in creating a National Park of the Grand Canyon."

1918

GFWC Woman's Club of Phoenix turned their clubhouse into a hospital during the flu epidemic from October 10 to November 19, 1918. When the hospital became full, they added two tents on the grounds of the clubhouse holding 20 beds each.

1918 - 1919

Margaret Hurley, a Phoenix resident, was a member of the GFWC WWI Overseas Service Unit. She was assigned to canteen work in Embarkation Camp 11 in St. Nazaire, France from 1918 - 1919.

1918

During World War I the Red Cross used the GFWC Glendale WC building for sewing, bandage making, and packing supplies, and in 1918 club members undertook the task of restoring the local library, which had been neglected

1919 - 1929

GFWC Florence WC raises money to build a clubhouse that was dedicated on October 11, 1929. During WWII, the USO rented the clubhouse for soldiers stationed at the POW camp in Florence.

1921

GFWC Peoria Woman's Club established the Peoria Public Library in their clubhouse in 1921. The clubhouse was cut in half and moved to a new location in 2008.

1922 - 1924

Mrs. T. H. Cureton, GFWC Arizona State President, 1922-1924, pledges \$500 as the quota of Arizona for the purchase of a National Headquarters building in Washington, D.C. The quota was met by the next year.

April 6, 1923

Mrs. H.C. Lockett, Phoenix, and a GFWC chairman, addresses the delegates at the 21st Annual Arizona Convention about forming Junior clubs, stressing "The building into club life of our daughters, our young married women...our floating girl population."

1923

GFWC Nogales WC was founded on October 4, 1922 in order to establish the Nogales-Santa Cruz County Library. Their RIF program today gives 3 books each year to the elementary children in their community.

1923

GFWC Washington Woman's Club sponsored the first school lunch program in their school district. In 1923 they purchased a stove, equipment, and utensils to serve the first hot lunches for the school.

April 2, 1924

All Arizona's clubs were reported as having been brought into direct membership with the General Federation of Women's Clubs resulting in Arizona being entitled to 75 accredited delegates at the next GFWC convention.

1924

GFWC Arizona clubwomen supported GFWC's fight for passage of the Child Labor Amendment by waging a vigorous campaign in Arizona for their state's ratification of the amendment. They were successful in their campaign.

1928 - 1930

Edith Stratton Kitt, AZ State President, serving as GFWC AZ First Vice President in 1924, begins collecting and housing historical data of the State. This collection becomes the foundation for the Arizona Pioneer's Historical Society. She was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 1983.

April 5, 1929

GFWC Dragoon Woman's Club was officially welcomed into the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs at the 27th Annual Convention in Casa Grande, AZ.

March 28, 1930

GFWC Arizona adopts the Arizona Federation color of Desert Gold and the Arizona Federation Motto: "Ditat Deus" God Enriches at the 29th GFWC Arizona Convention held in Yuma, AZ.

April 27 - May 2, 1931

GFWC-AZ hosts the 14th National GFWC Biennial Council Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Delegates representing 14,000 clubs in 2,100 counties of the US began arriving in Phoenix on April 26th and continued to come until a total of more than 1,300 were registered.

March 27, 1931

GFWC-AZ votes to make the cactus wren the official Federation Bird at the 29th GFWC-AZ Convention in Mesa, AZ.

1931

GFWC-Arizona's Fine Arts Chairman, Mrs. R. J. Colman, arranges an exhibit of 102 oil paintings and watercolors, all by Arizona artists, as part of the 29th Annual Arizona Convention activities.

1931

Construction is completed on the GFWC Mesa Woman's Club building. In 1992, the clubhouse is donated to GFWC-AZ for use as our state headquarters building.

1935

Bess Prather, GFWC-AZ State President, introduces the inauguration of the Junior Conference at the State Convention. Juniors meet one day prior to the official opening of the GFWC-AZ conventions.

1942 - 1944

GFWC-AZ clubwomen, under the leadership of State president Mrs. Clement S. Fox, bought enough war bonds to underwrite the purchase of a heavy bomber and an overseas hospital unit of one thousand beds together with all equipment, as well as an ambulance plane.

1942

GFWC Peoria WC furnished a casualty room for the Red Cross at the Litchfield Red Cross Center.

1944

The Tale Is Told - The History of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs and its Forerunners written by GFWC-AZ Historian and past state president (1914-1916) Margaret Wheeler Ross, is published.

1944

At the annual GFWC-AZ Convention held in Chandler, State President Mrs. I.N. Gibson reported that 39 GFWC-AZ clubs had established or sponsored a public library.

1947 - 1948

The Duncan Public Library was established by the GFWC Duncan WC and officially opened in September of 1947 with a parade followed by a tea social at the new library.

1948 - 1949

The President's Special Project for GFWC Duncan WC was a Free Placement Bureau. A call to Number 17 for help mowing lawns, weeding, canning, onion topping or other chores would result in a youth in the community calling back and getting the job.

1953 - 1954

GFWC Tempe WC chose a bike safety program for its 1953-1954 Safety Project. Materials were supplied to 6 schools to educate students about bike safety. A parent program was instituted and a Bike Rodeo was held. The club wins 1st Place for the program from GFWC-AZ.

1954 - 1956

Nellie Trent Bush, GFWC-AZ State President, 1954-56, served in the Arizona House for six sessions and became the second female senator in 1934. She was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 1982.

1954 - 1955

GFWC-AZ Director of Junior Clubs is Priscilla Cook. In 1954 the Juniors launched a fight against comic books and radio and television programs that were unfit for young children.

1954 - Present

GFWC Florence WC establishes an educational scholarship of \$200. The club continues to sponsor this same scholarship today.

1956 - 1958

GFWC-AZ held a Cancer Education Contest sponsored by the AZ Division of the American Cancer Society and the Arizona Association of Insurance Companies. It was a 'pilot project' that GFWC modeled future contests on.

1957

GFWC Patagonia Women's Club started the Library for Patagonia in 1957. It was located in the building they owned named Cady Hall where they held all their club meetings.

1960

GFWC The Monday Club participated in a nationwide campaign called "Brighten the Night", for streetlights to prevent crime and accidents.

1960 - 1962

Jerry Wade, GFWC-AZ State President, helped organize 27 clubs during her years in GFWC. One of these clubs was the Los Noches WC of Tempe.

1962

GFWC-AZ, at the request of the Governor, hosted a "Driver Guidance Program" along with the Automotive Safety Council and the Arizona Traffic Safety Foundation. Four seminars on safety were held in the state.

1964 - 1966

Jerri Wagner, State President, was asked by Governor Fannin to convene a meeting of state club officers and key leaders from other organizations to identify the greatest area of need in the state and how GFWC-AZ could help.

1966

GFWC Washington WC gave the Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum their first building, which was an original log cabin schoolhouse in use from 1880-1922 in Gordon Canyon near Payson, AZ.

1968 - 1970

During the administration of Orinda Fiscel as GFWC-AZ President 100% of the clubs in Arizona participated in the CIP Program. GFWC awarded the state with \$900.

1969

GFWC Benson WC organizes a Senior Citizen's Recreation Program for the senior citizens living in Benson. They offered them places to meet for recreation and hobbies. This group expanded to include Meals on Wheels and had a van to take them shopping or to doctor appointments.

1970 - Present

GFWC Desert Jade WC has awarded 253 scholarships totaling \$101,450. In 1970, it was for \$200. Currently they are for \$500 from the club, with an additional \$150 from their scholarship fund. Memorial scholarships are given in honor of members. The award is usually higher.

1970

GFWC White Mountain WC hosted GFWC-AZ and the U.S. Forest Service to Greer, AZ where the "Cents for Seeds" program was started. A plaque was planted in the fire-damaged forest in recognition of this program, which raised funds to purchase seeds for re-forestation.

1972 - 1974

\$1000 was donated to the Apache National Forest by GFWC-AZ through its "Cents for Seeds" program to replant burned areas. This was the first donation by the state. Lavaun Rogers was State President.

1976

Jerri Wagner, GFWC The Monday Club, is installed as the 31st GFWC International President. Jerri served as GFWC-AZ State President from 1964-1966.

1977

GFWC Sierra Vista WC initiated the construction of a bandstand in the City Park in 1977. Ground breaking took place in June of 1978 and the bandstand was completed and dedicated to the city in August of 1979. In 1981, the club donated trees and shrubs to be placed around the bandstand.

1978

In 1978, GFWC granted an ESO Charter to GFWC-AZ. The GFWC ESO 5th Wheels was Federated in 1990 and everything they do centers around books.

1979 - Present

GFWC Washington WC has awarded \$100 music scholarships to elementary school children since 1979.

1979

GFWC Paradise Valley Juniors and GFWC Paradise Valley Generals operate the first annual Gift Wrap Booth at Paradise Valley Mall, which continues to be the top fundraiser for both clubs today!

April 20, 1979

GFWC Paradise Valley JR WC complete a Community Improvement Project of building a Spray Pad for handicapped children at Altadena Park, winning the Central District Award for the year and receiving state and national news recognition for the project.

1980's

GFWC Los Noches Woman's Club members did eye screenings for every child in the Tempe School District.

1980 - Present

GFWC Los Noches Woman's Club has been making pillows for breast cancer patients for about twenty years. They are one of the first clubs in Arizona to do this.

1981

GFWC London Bridge WC's first big project was the painting of their local Senior Housing Beckett House. They organized with other groups in Lake Havasu the painting of 50 units, getting the paint donated.

1981

GFWC Benson Woman's Club held their first Christmas Tree Festival in the Presbyterian Hall. Proceeds netted the club \$2,058.97.

1981-1982

GFWC Paradise Valley WC undertook a letter writing campaign to bring a library to their community. They were successful and on October 21, 1982 the Mesquite Library was dedicated.

1983 - Present

GFWC London Bridge WC held its 1st Student Government Day, with the cooperation of the high school's and the City of Lake Havasu in 1983. Students participate in a day of leadership training and experience what being a city official is like.

February 14, 1984

GFWC Morristown WC was founded February 14, 1984. Members include residents of Wickenburg, Morristown, and Whitman.

1984 - Present

One of the first projects of the GFWC Morristown WC was the cleanup of the Morristown Cemetery. Club provided new chain link fence and cemetery signs. They clean up the cemetery twice a year and place flowers and flags on the veterans graves.

1985 - Present

GFWC Winslow WC is celebrating their 30th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes. Funds go to Alice's Place, which provides counseling, shelter, transport and education to victims of domestic violence. The club has raised over \$20,000 since 1985.

1990

One of the first projects of GFWC ESO 5th Wheels was their support of the Head Start Program at San Xavier School. The club provided educational materials, free books, and encouragement to the children in the program. This project continued for many years.

July 11, 1992

GFWC Quartzsite Woman's Club was chartered and accepted into GFWC-AZ with 44 members.

1994 - 1996

Bobbi Caley's special project as GFWC-AZ State President was in the area of leadership development. A Leadership Team made up of state officers traveled to all the district meetings and held leadership workshops.

1996

GFWC Benson JR WC began a CIP Project to raise money for new playground equipment for their town. In August of 1997 the first piece of equipment, valued at \$15,000, was placed in the park thanks to money raised by the Juniors and allocations from the city.

1996

GFWC Nogales WC distributed 600 free books to children as part of their Reading is Fundamental Program. The club received a grant from the J.C. Penney Gift Giving Fund to help defray expenses.

March 29, 1996

GFWC Sierra Vista Woman's Club held their 21st Annual Fashion Show. Money raised was used to fund two \$1000 scholarships to the Cochise College of Nursing and a \$1000 scholarship to the UofA Sierra Vista campus.

1996

GFWC Desert Jade WC raised over \$60,000 for the expansion of the Asian Arts Gallery at the Phoenix Art Museum by holding a banquet and a Silent Auction of paintings by local Chinese artists.

1996

GFWC Arizona establishes the Past President's Tree Grove in Tempe, AZ. Bronze leaves with GFWC-AZ State Presidents names are placed on a bronze tree after each administration. This is Mary Ellen Laister's GFWC-AZ President's Special Project.

1998

GFWC Quartzsite WC worked with other clubs to create the Information and Referral Services of La Paz County. It is a domestic violence victims' assistance and prevention program. The club won 1st Place in the GFWC-AZ CIP for this project.

June 12, 1999

GFWC Paradise Valley WC spearheaded a project along with ADOT to allow the community to "*Let the Good Times Roll*" on a new stretch of Phoenix freeway, prior to opening it to traffic. Thousands turned out for the event.

1999

GFWC Paradise Valley Junior Woman's Club completes two years of fundraising projects netting \$6373 to purchase playground equipment for Coyote Basin Park. Two years later, the club added swings to the park.

2000 - Present

GFWC Kachina WC adopted the section of 64th Street between Thomas Road & Indian School Rd. as part of the Scottsdale Clean & Scenic Program. They pick up trash quarterly.

2000 - Present

GFWC Morristown WC organized a library for their community as part of GFWC's Libraries 2000 program. Club members volunteer as librarians and keep the library open during the week.

2001

GFWC Glendale Juniors began a four-year partnership with the Glendale Public Library by helping with craft projects for the library's Dia de los Ninos Celebration each year. Club members helped assemble materials for about 600 sets of craft projects each year that the children made at the celebration.

2001 - Present

Since 9/11, the GFWC London Bridge WC makes cookies and delivers them to all the fire stations, police stations, and safety and security people in their city.

2002

GFWC Huachuca Juniors was formed in 2002 as a group of friends wanting a good reason to visit and stay connected with each other. The projects they do focus on children's needs and they enjoy meetings that are "Dinner with Friends."

2003

GFWC Glendale Junior Woman's Club wins a grant from the Peoria Arts Council for \$1000, which was used to sponsor a Halloween haunted house for the Glendale Boys and Girls Club.

2003

GFWC Paradise Valley Junior WC donated more than \$5000 to the Capitol Building Fund to help fund the Phoenix Children's Museum. Recognition of this donation was the club's name on a permanent plaque in the museum's main entrance.

2005

GFWC Quartzsite WC undertook a project to bring affordable housing for seniors and families to their community. Collaborating with the AZ State Housing Dept. and HUD, the project helped provide the community with 40 units for families and 40 units for seniors, with the club earning \$60,000 of the funds.

2008 - Present

GFWC WC of Safford holds an annual Sweethearts Valentine's Dance for all mentally challenged youth in Safford. The kids dance to music from a DJ, get a free photo, enjoy refreshments and take home their own Valentine's Teddy Bear.

2008

The installation of a handicapped bathroom and kitchen renovation for the GFWC-AZ Headquarters was the President's Special Project for AZ State President Debbie Grieder, 2008-2010. Arizona clubwomen volunteered time and funds to complete the \$18,000 project.

2010

GFWC Winslow WC wins a GFWC Club Award for their work for breast cancer, which included a breast cancer walk and free transportation and screening for mammograms for their community. The club has raised over \$30,000 since their work began via their annual breast cancer walks.

2011

GFWC-AZ successfully gains an IRS Group Exemption for the state. This allows 19 clubs and all 5 Arizona Districts to gain tax-exempt status. Cost of the application was \$3000.

2011 - 2015

GFWC Tempe Junior WC supports Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter with monthly birthday parties including gifts and cake. \$15,000 and 800 man-hours for 800 clients have been reported by the club since 2011.

2012

Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC Los Noches WC, was installed as the 49th President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mary Ellen was GFWC-AZ State President from 1996 – 1998.

2012 - 2013

GFWC Winslow WC sponsored 22 men in a Military Intelligence company deployed in Afghanistan. Care kits were sent at Christmas, Easter and a 3rd time. The town of Winslow contributed items for the packages and cards were made by school children and townspeople to send with the kits.

2012 - 2014

GFWC Arizona State President, Dawn Meracle, initiates a campaign to raise funds for a new roof for the state headquarters building. Over \$12,000 was raised through a quilt drawing with additional funds donated by clubs and districts,

2012 - 2013

GFWC Duncan WC hosts a Valentine Dinner, which brought a special night out to the community offering a meal not available at the local restaurants. It has become a yearly event. Decorations and special table settings make this a night to remember.

2013 - 2014

GFWC Benson Juniors held a "Stuff the Bus" Christmas toy drive for two years. A school bus was parked in front of their local Wal-Mart and community members were asked to stuff the bus with toys and clothing for needy children. It was a huge success each year.

2013

GFWC Vi-Sa-Wen WC issued a challenge to quilters to use a minimum of 1-yard of designated "Challenge" fabric in a quilt project that was then donated for sale to benefit a local organization. Quilters raised over \$1600 for the La Paz County Centennial Community Center and the McMullen Valley Fire District.

2013

GFWC Benson Juniors have organized the Butterfield Overland Stage Days Parade in Benson, AZ for many years. In 2013, the parade had 29 entries and featured a number of mounted groups, Benson Unified Schools, floats and many civic groups.

2013

GFWC Mt. Lemmon WC provided holiday gift bags for 100 Catalina Village Assisted living low-income residents. They also provided gifts from the wishing stars on their tree for 40 residents.

2013

GFWC Hassayampa Woman's club was organized on November 18, 2013. They were federated in December 2013 with 10 charter members.

2013

GFWC Glendale Junior Woman's Club wins a \$150 GFWC Focus on Literacy grant from GFWC, which was used to purchase books valued at \$535 for a literacy project for the Hidden Treasures Daycare and Pre-School in Phoenix, AZ.

July 28, 2013

GFWC Parker Woman's Civic Club's lifetime member Florence Berryhill turned 100 years old. She has been a club member for over 35 years and tries to attend every club and District meeting possible.

2013

GFWC Tempe Juniors partnered with Paradise Bakery to pick up unsold baked goods, which they packaged for food pantries and shelters. In less than 1 yr. 45,423 items, 451 hours and \$52,728 were logged by the club.

June 2014

GFWC-AZ hosts the Annual GFWC International Convention at the Wild Horse Pass Resort and Convention Center. Over 800 GFWC members were treated to Arizona clubwomen's smiles and help as Arizona put on a great convention!

2014

Peg Matteson, GFWC White Mountain WC member, was awarded the GFWC Jennie June Award for GFWC South Central Region at the GFWC International Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Peg was GFWC-AZ State President from 1976 -1978.

2014

The Scholarship Program of the GFWC White Mountain WC awarded over \$12,000 to high school and college students, as well as providing funds for HOBY, Girl's State, and Senior Night Lock Down Parties.

2014

GFWC Huachuca Juniors made pillowcase dresses as an International Outreach project for the organization Dresses for Africa. The dresses consist of a pillowcase that is modified to have shoulder ties made with colorful binding.

2014

GFWC Mt. Lemmon WC supported their Mt. Lemmon Fire Department by the donation of emergency call radios for the volunteer firefighters and \$5,000 worth of technical equipment that is needed for emergency rescues.

October 7, 2014

GFWC Top of the Pines WC makes 60 pies for their Apple Pie Project, which raises funds for 25 Thanksgiving baskets for their community. Pies were sold for \$15 each.

2014

GFWC Vi-Sa-Wen WC collected small stuffed animals and presented 47 of these "1st Day Pets" to preschool and kindergarten students in the Wenden and Salome Elementary Schools.

2014

Penny Peterson, GFWC-AZ State President, begins fundraising for her President's Special Project -WHALE. By 2015, funds are available to distribute 4000 of the child safety identification kits to Arizona clubs for use in their communities.

2013 - 2014

GFWC Mt. Lemmon WC worked with Pima County to get trash removal from Mt Lemmon. They now have roll offs for the major Holidays. The club would like trash removed weekly, so will keep working until this happens.

2014

GFWC Peoria-West Valley WC supports 3 nursing homes in the West Valley by making themed tray favors for them each month. Get well, birthday, and other cards are given to residents as well.

2014

GFWC Top of the Pines WC purchased crates and shelving units and spent an entire summer sorting supplies and clothing for the Navajo County Family Advocacy center.

Sept. 13, 2014

In recognition of the March of Dimes' 75th Anniversary and its shared 70 year history with GFWC, GFWC Arizona club members donated \$1045.66 to the 75th Anniversary Roosevelt Legacy Campaign.

Sept. 2014

GFWC Top of the Pines WC had a booth at the Run to the Pines Car Show. They promoted their club by banners, brochures, and invited women to join their club. They sold Pinwheels for Prevention for the group Prevent Child Abuse America and promoted other charities that advocate for children.

2014 - 2015

GFWC Vi-Sa-Wen WC honors veterans in their community by erecting an "Honor Board" in a local business. The board includes a picture of the veteran, their name and branch of service.

2015

GFWC Buckeye WC honors 65+ year member Alice Charman by sponsoring a yearly HS scholarship in her honor. The recipient is chosen for his/her community volunteering service and for goals in higher education in teaching and/or library science.

2015

GFWC Dragoon Woman's Club hosts monthly potluck dinners for their neighborhood.

2015

In December GFWC Peoria-West Valley WC members sign-up to provide one or two fire stations in the West Valley with Christmas cookies and/or popcorn. These are delivered with a holiday card from the club.

2015

GFWC Dragoon Woman's Club collects food and household items for a local women and children's center in Dragoon.

2015

GFWC Desert Jade WC annually assembles and donates 200 Christmas gift bags for children of families of Interfaith Cooperative Ministries and to the St. Vincent de Paul Free Medical/Dental Clinic.

2015

GFWC Hassayampa WC utilizes technology to communicate to members via Skype for meetings, by personal email and club email, texts, Facebook and a club website. These methods allow for easy recruitment of women in their rural area.

2015

GFWC ESO 5th Wheels WC supported Heifer International by collecting \$180 from their "Non Event – Event" fundraiser. Members donated to "Not" attend. A pig and a trail of rabbits were purchased with the funds.

2015

GFWC VIP Woman's Club donated care packages of snacks, toiletries, hand sanitizers and other items to American troops serving overseas.

2015

GFWC Patagonia Woman's Club supports the Patagonia Afterschool Youth Enrichment Center with a monthly donation.

April 17, 2015

GFWC Woman's Club of Safford held its 100th Anniversary Celebration. Bessie Layton, 75-year member, was presented a GFWC 125th Anniversary pin and letter of commendation sent to her from GFWC President Babs Condon.

2015

GFWC Patagonia Woman's Club supports the education of the Patagonia students by reading to the elementary students and giving them their very own books to keep.

2015

GFWC Los Noches Woman's Club participated in Adopt-A-Highway and cleaned a two-mile area at Gold Canyon.

2015

GFWC Sierra Vista WC conducts an annual Fire Department Toy Drive in December. Members bring an unwrapped new toy, gift cards or money to their meeting. These items are presented to the Fire Department.

2015

GFWC Tempe Juniors are making 125 Lifebooks for children in foster care to celebrate GFWC's 125th Anniversary. The children use photos, artwork and mementos to write the books. The club provides handmade scrapbook pages.

2015

GFWC So. Dist. Chili Peppers Woman's Club has collected over 3,000 prescription bottles for the Primavera Foundation this year to be recycled.

January 2015

GFWC Parker Woman's Civic Club held an Estate Sale and raised \$6,500, which was donated to their Senior Center "Meals on Wheels" Program and the Parker/LaPaz Animal Shelter.

2015

GFWC VIP WC is helping the Agnes Domestic Violence Center in Avondale, AZ. They helped make necessary improvements on the boutique area of the Agnes Solutions Center and helped organize and cleanup the center.

2015

GFWC Buckeye WC sponsors advanced education scholarships to graduates of the three high schools in their district. Criteria for selection are grades, character, goals, past community service and financial need.

April 19, 2015

GFWC Hassayampa WC partners with the Wickenburg Conservation Foundation to develop nature-based education programs for students/adults. A 2-hr desert survival class for ages 12-adult was offered at Sophie's Flat. They also have a Nature Rangers class for younger children at the Hassayampa River Preserve.

2015

GFWC Tucson WC chose The Gospel Rescue Mission for Women and Children as their charity for the fiscal year. The club gave a large monetary donation as well as boxes of clothing and toiletries.

March 2015

GFWC Kachina WC raised \$1700 at their 3rd Annual Bunco fundraiser. 40 participants played Bunco, learned about GFWC, purchased 50-50 and drawing tickets and enjoyed a brunch while meeting new friends and supporting Eve's Place.

2015

GFWC So. District Chili Peppers WC collect eyeglasses and holders, which are donated to the Lions Club for their distribution to those in need.

2015

GFWC Tucson WC holds a Fashion Show, craft fair, rummage sale and several parties each year to raise funds for scholarships to U of A, Pima College and HOBY. A casino night was added this year and will be continued next year due to its success.

2015

GFWC Buckeye WC holds a bi-monthly Community Game day in their clubhouse. Open to any community member it is free except for a nominal fee of \$1 for goodies. Co-hostesses for these events are President Karen Kittower and member Mary Ellen Dean.

2015

GFWC VIP WC partnered with Homeless Connection to determine the needs of the estimated 1800 homeless youth in Buckeye, AZ. They put together gift bags of toiletries, toothbrushes, and deodorants and donated them to youth in need.

2015

GFWC Sierra Vista WC gives up to 10 nursing students \$500 each so that after they complete their nursing program they can take their state nursing test.

2015

GFWC Kachina WC collects needed items for Singleton Mom's Bare Necessities Closet at meetings. Items range from toiletries to cleaning products to paper goods. Singleton Mom's is a support organization for single parents going through cancer treatments.