

Leadership



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Ladies, your 2019 accomplishments in MLK activities, LEADS and Leadership were AWESOME!! Seventy-five general clubs and 21 junior clubs reported 1,875 Leadership projects, 160,736 volunteer hours and spent \$273,278, an increase in all areas from 2018.

GFWC GRAND INITIATIVE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ACTIVITIES: Twenty-one clubs reported 38 projects, 1,182 hours and \$4,878 spent on this grand initiative. A fraction of your activities include: Members visited nursing homes, distributed food to the local needy, made bunnies from washcloths for a day-care center and distributed tons of books. Baby items and toiletries were given to the needy; bars of soap to save young girls from prostitution were donated; bus passes were distributed at a busy downtown bus station and cookies were given to passersby. Others gave blood, worked at and donated to homeless shelters, built a free library and held programs at club meetings. Members proudly participated in MLK parades and others attended special church services. Wonderful acts of kindness, honor and respect.

LEADS: This GFWC initiative was well-received by our clubs. Clubs overwhelmingly donated to the success of the project and others sent candidates to the LEADS seminar to develop leadership skills and to become more self-assured. Many candidates then shared their experiences at club meetings. Remember: **LEADS leads to great leaders!!**

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROJECT IN 2019: GFWC FOUR CORNERS

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, DISTRICT 9: Members of this junior club wanted to become more visible and active in two of their closest communities, so they met with those city managers, partnered with those cities and now have ongoing communication and interaction with them. With this partnership, the Juniors now work with these cities on successful fund-raisers and community projects, and everyone benefits. BIG congrats to Four Corners!

INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP PROJECTS: A club combined CSPs to strengthen their opportunities for community service. This new leadership idea is working well because members now are better equipped to implement new projects and fund-raisers....To help alleviate the stress of reporting, members of another club dressed as "fairy godmothers," and did reporting workshops at five other clubs. They flitted around the rooms passing out trinkets and reporting booklets, emphasizing that reporting CAN be fun...Members of one club visited an apartment complex for the elderly in need and passed out desserts for each resident and brought prizes to make these folks smile...A district organized a luncheon with a nearby district to honor outstanding members in both districts. It was a first and was very successful....Another club partnered with a local leadership non-profit that bridges the gap between education and the economy and helps to develop student leaders.

Thank you, ladies, for your work in the Leadership Advancement Area. Your dedication to developing new projects and new leaders in your clubs is admirable.