



Hello Ladies,

Reporting season is over – Yay! This is the perfect time to start getting plans in place to make reporting much easier for next year.

One thing I always did when I was a CSP chairman at my club was to keep a running journal or log of activities I or the club did in that CSP. I created a word document and kept it on my computer desktop. If I did not have much time, I would write the date and a short bullet description of what I/we did, including hours or dollars. Each time I/we wrote an article for the newsletter, made a presentation, made a CSP post on our club Facebook page, raised money – anything CSP-related - I added it to my log. When I had a bit more time, I would write a short paragraph with more info, always including hours volunteered, dollars raised if any, dollars donated, and in-kind donations.

By the time January came around, all I had to do was COPY and PASTE the info for our Narrative Report and put the numbers (hours, dollars donated, and in-kind, etc.) into the right columns on the Statistical Form. Because I had been maintaining the list regularly, it was “easy peasy” to write and the report practically wrote itself...no trying to remember events, articles written, hours worked, etc.) On 1 January, I could have my Chairman’s Report completed! (Do not forget to SAVE as you go!)

Even though we were in pandemic lockdown during most of the year, I was amazed at the number of projects our Florida clubwomen accomplished in this CSP:

Total # of projects: 1,122
Volunteer Hours: 44,823
Dollars Donated: \$180,596
In-Kind Donations: \$232,311

Here are the Top 10 Projects in Civic Engagement and Outreach from 2020:

1. The Candidate Forum that **GFWC Satellite Beach WC** holds every four years took to Zoom during “Covid times”. Candidates running for Mayor, US Congress, City Council and Sheriff all participated with more than 200 tuning in. Voters submitted questions via the sign-up website, the moderator came from the League of Women Voters, and the city provided tech support.
2. The **GFWC WC of Palatka** used their clubhouse for an Active Shooter class for their members and the public. Twenty-five attendees and law enforcement instructors from the Sheriff’s office participated in the free 2-hour class and learned how to best stay safe.
3. An event featuring soup in hand painted bowls raises money to fight hunger. **GFWC Naples Juniores** volunteer at this event every year. This year, the **GFWC Naples WC** donated \$20 for each of the 13 Juniores so the girls could also partake in the event and not just volunteer.

4. **GFWC Viera WC** hosted a “Hoe Down” during their March general meeting. The club’s normal meeting dress code is business casual but for the Hoe Down, members and guests paid to wear jeans (minimum donation of \$5). In containers on each table decorated as heifers, members could “feed” additional donations. A total of \$2,125 was collected during the meeting.
5. Three GFWC clubs: **Capital City WC**, **Tallahassee WC**, and **Sisters of Service**, came together to help with the community project Operation Re”FREE”erator. Members take turns stocking the community fridge used by struggling families who need food.
6. **GFWC Wesley Chapel WC** bought 14 new Samsonite duffel bags and members donated an additional six slightly used bags to *Luggage of Love* so children in foster care can carry their belongings in suitcases rather than plastic bags when they move from home to home.
7. After Hurricane Sally, **GFWC Santa Rosa WC** and **Marianna WC** donated “Flood Buckets” filled with items for cleaning and restoring the home: sponges, towels, Clorox, Lysol, dish detergent, work gloves, bug repellent and trash bags. Buckets were delivered to residents in need in the Gulf Breeze area.
8. The town of Welaka received grant money to help contain feral cats living in the town. **GFWC WC of Welaka** members help with the *Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)* program by trapping cats, transporting the cats to be neutered and returning them back to their neighborhoods. Club members also feed some of the cats daily while businesses, members and the community donate the cat food.
9. After two hurricanes devastated Puerto Rico, many families moved to Polk County, FL with nothing but the clothes on their backs. **GFWC Four Corners Junior WC** coordinated with the local community and La Familia, a migrant support organization, to donate furniture, household items, clothing, etc. for these families and club members coordinated the pick-up/delivery of the items.
10. Members of **GFWC Fort Walton Beach WC** carry printed business-size cards that read:

GFWC Fort Walton Beach WC
THANK YOU
Your bill has been paid

This is their way to thank military personnel for their service. *(It can also be used to thank police, firefighters, and medical/first responder personnel).*

As always, if you have any questions or would like to share a great idea, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you so much,
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