



## The Results are In

2020 was an awesome year for Fundraising for GFWC Florida Clubs! We raised over \$1.1 million during a pandemic. Clubs reached deep down and pulled those creative ideas out. New projects using Zoom and other methods of Social distancing were a success. Old projects were revamped to work with government regulations. I am so proud to be a GFWC Club Woman. Check out the creativity of our clubs with the Top Ten Projects below.

**1. Donuts with Santa: GFWC Capital City Woman's Club, GFWC Tallahassee Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Midtown, GFWC Woman's Club of Tallahassee, and GFWC Sisters of Service**

Since our traditional "Breakfast with Santa" had to be redesigned this year, the clubs came up with a different approach. Tickets were sold and participants drove through the area, where Santa talked to the kids through the car window. Members of all clubs helped with by passing out doughnuts as well as selling tickets in a popular neighborhood. A relative of a member played Santa and gave each of the kids candy canes and a book donated by the Early Learning Coalition. **(\$800 raised, 50 hours)**

**2. Bunco Bonanza Scratch-off & Holiday Bunco Scratch-off: GFWC Miami Springs Woman's Club**

The pandemic required us to rethink our traditional Bunco fundraiser. The Bunco chairman decided that scratch-offs, like the Florida Lottery, would be a fun alternative . . . the Bunco scratch-off was born! The scratch-offs were created by the chairman using a special silver coating. 200 tickets were made for the first Bunco and 300 for the second. Scratch-offs sold for \$5.00 each. Each person buying or receiving a ticket were able to scratch off a silver area on the ticket to find out if they won a prize. The prizes were: Most Buncos-\$300; Most Games - \$25; Least Games-\$10; Travel-Gas Card; also "A Last Chance Basket" had goodies and a \$50 Milam's Market Card. To change things up, the Holiday Bunco Scratch-off prizes were: Three most Bunco's-\$100 each; Four Most Games-\$50 each; Five Least Games-\$20 each; One Travel-Gift Card; Thirty Travel-\$5 each; and a "Last Chance Gift Card worth \$25.00. Many winners gave back their winnings to the tune of \$270.00. **(\$1520 raised, 58 hours)**

**3. Women Build: GFWC Temple Terrace Woman's Club, GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club & GFWC Temple Terrace Juniorettes**

This is a program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity to raise funds and build houses for needy single mothers. The clubs partnered with a goal of raising \$1200. We were able to raise \$6277. This involved all members of our club reaching out for donations and volunteers to help with the building. The partnership also included nine other community organizations. Over \$125,000 was raised by all groups, providing the fund to build two houses. Because of COVID they were not able to assist in the actual construction, but were able to do some of the landscaping work. **(\$6277 raised, 200 hours)**

**4. Virtual Bingo: GFWC Brandon Junior Woman's Club**

The club saw a strong need to be creative in raising funds and to meet the annual financial requirements to GFWC Membership. It was decided that Bingo would be a feasible event to hold online. Extensive research was performed and there were pages of state statutes that had to be followed to be compliant with holding a bingo event. Bingo

instructions were written based on research conducted and the state statutes, game rules were provided, and prizes were determined. The Club held practice sessions with a member's family, anticipated and planned for setbacks, and worked through them. Within three weeks of posing the idea, the first virtual Bingo was live. Three games were played each during event date to be compliant with the laws. They convinced family and friends that the event would be fun, and they bought tickets. It was fun for all! The Club reflected on the feedback, made a couple of minor changes and three weeks later they held a second virtual Bingo. People have been enjoying these events and have even asked for more. GFWC clubs from all over the U.S. contacted them on how to go about creating their own Bingos. Can we say forerunner! **(\$6530 raised, 390 hours)**

**5. Suffragettes T-shirts: GFWC Woman's Club of MacClenny**

As this was the year of the suffragettes, a club member designed t-shirts in honor of the Suffrage Celebrations. The shirt had the profile of Susan B. Anthony and the slogan "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage – Vote 1920-2020" along with the club name and GFWC. What a Great way to bring awareness and to bring in funds during a difficult year. **(\$150 raised, 5 hours)**

**6. Heifer International Facebook Contest: GFWC Lutz Land O' Lakes Club, Inc.**

A Facebook voting contest to choose what animals to purchase through Heifer International was established, it was a fun way to bring attention to GFWC, the club, Heifer International, and the many ways that we impact our world---both near and far. What started out as a way to bring awareness ended up as a fundraiser as people stepped forward and made donations to the cause. "TEAM ALPACA" won the vote, but in the end, a goat, sheep and a flock of chickens were purchased! **(\$310 raised, 4 hours)**

**7. "Scan This": GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka**

The club made purchasing from their website easy by the printing of QR code "business cards". To purchase crapes, azaleas or even a luncheon ticket, just scan the QR code with your phone and you will be directed to the related website page. The club is using a QR code for all their major events. Technology can be wonderful! **(1 hour)**

**8. Poker Monthly Night: GFWC Wesley Chapel's Woman's Club**

Any one for "All In"? Starting in May, when people were encouraged to stay home due to the pandemic, a member arranged an online home game with club members and friends who donate \$20.00 a month via Venmo to play Texas Hold'em Poker at PokerStars.net. The club received \$10.00 from each players donation. The other amount is awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner via Venmo. These monies are designated to the 2021 scholarship program. **(\$560 raised, 168 hours)**

**9. Real Men Make Soup: GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club, Inc.**

Several men around town were asked to donate a batch of their favorite soups. We had 14 "chefs" respond, all from the local community, included a brew-master, police officer, high school band director, and librarian just to name a few. Tickets were sold around the community and advertised in many downtown locations. The women loved having the men cook for them, and most of the pots were empty by the time it was over. We had several men request to be included in "the next one". This was held before the Covid restrictions. **(\$1200 raised, 63 hours)**

**10. Variety Show: GFWC Little Women of Fernandina Beach** Club members put on a variety show for the community. Each member was required to sell a minimum of 4 tickets for \$20 each. Tickets were also available at the door. Each member was required to be in at least two skits, but many multitalented members appeared in several. Two shows were performed on a weekend afternoon. A bake sale was also held to bring in extra dollars. The funds were donated to the children's hospital dance. **(\$1200 raised, 495 hours)**