



Greetings from our GFWC-MN State President, Jean Walker.

★ Thank you for all your hard work on reporting and getting your 2019 Annual Club Reports in on time or almost on time, the weather did cause some delays. You have kept Linda Blue our GFWC-MN Dean of Departments very busy getting them organized. I am looking forward to reading Linda's report. Club Reporting is very important to our GFWC organization. Our numbers get complied with all the other states and when we go to Congress advocating for bills that are important to us – they listen!

★ The district conventions are just around the corner. Here is my schedule for who will be visiting your 2020 District Convention from GFWC-MN. You know that I would love to attend all the conventions. Unfortunately, it appears that April 18th is a very popular date with everyone this year. . .

East Central – Jean Walker	SW District – Jennell Jorgenson-Johnson
NE District – Jean Walker	West Central – Linda Blue
NW District – Jean Walker	SE District – Jean Walker

With the redistricting this year, the **Central District** will not be having a convention. I know that the Central District's club members are looking forward to attending their new district's convention.

IMPORTANT NOTE to the District Presidents – Please contact Linda, Jennell or me and give us your convention information. We will need to know your agenda, time, location, etc. etc.

★ Minnesota will be celebrating 125 Years of Federation at our GFWC-MN State Convention this May! I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Morton at Jackpot Junction. Since we are celebrating 125 years, our goal is to have 125 members or more attend to help us recognize this great milestone. Our GFWC International Guest this year is Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President. Also attending as a special guest is Kathy Flock, MVR Region President. We have lined up two great speakers this year – Rachael Jacques, MN Association for Children's Mental Health and Jody Allen Crowe, author of the book "The Fatal Link". Don't miss out on the Saturday Night Banquet – I have a special 'Thank You' gift for every attendee in appreciation for all the amazing things you have done for GFWC, your club and your communities during the two years as your GFWC-MN President.

★ The **'Official Call to Convention'** will be sent out to everyone shortly after this newsletter is issued. The call has so much important detailed information that the document was too big to insert in the newsletter. Keep an eye open for it and please contact Karla Mayhew at karlamayhew@comcast.net or 952-935-9181 if you have not received it at the beginning of March.

★ 'Thank you' to all the clubs and individual members that have donated to the Honor Flight. So far, we are at \$1260.53 and the number keeps growing. I am looking forward to hearing the grand total at the state convention. This year, three flights to Washington DC are planned for our Veterans.

I hope you are warm and safe this winter and thinking Spring! I hope I hit the jackpot and see all of you in Morton!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



April 24th – FEDERATION DAY
Celebrate the founding of GFWC

GFWC-MN STATE CONVENTION
May 1 – 3, 2020, Morton, MN

GFWC MVR CONFERENCE
September 17 – 20, 2020, S. Dakota

GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION
June 25 – 30, 2020 in Atlanta, GA

GFWC-MN FALL WORKSHOP
July 26 – 27, 2020 in Little Falls, MN

2020 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Southeast	March 28th – Winthrop
Southwest	April 18th – Sleepy Eye
West Central	April 18th – Elbow Lake
East Central	April 7th – Bloomington
Northeast	April 1st – Grand Rapids
Northwest	April 18th – Thief River Falls

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PRESIDENT, JEAN WALKER HAS AN IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR ALL THE CLUB PRESIDENTS. . . . As part of celebrating

Minnesota's 125 years of GFWC federation, Jean is asking each club to create a poster hi-lighting your club's unique history and bring it to the State Convention in Morton. It will become part of a planned Exhibit of GFWC-MN's 125 Years. Fill your poster with lots of great pics & clips from your founding/federation all the way to today. What is your club all about? Down through the years, what are your proudest publicity moments, activities, awards, projects or achievements? Here's a great idea – display your posters at your district convention too! Need a way to get your posters to the state Convention, don't forget to ask at your district convention for a volunteer? Let's make this an incredible exhibit!

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MEET THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 – 2022 GFWC-MN STATE OFFICERS!



JENNEL JORGENSON-JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

Jennell has been a member of the GFWC Silver Lake Woman's Club for sixteen years. Her husband Tim encouraged her to join to get to know people in town. As an active member, she has served as Club Secretary/Treasurer, Club President, SE District Scholarship Chair, SE District Vice President, SE District President, GFWC-MN Education Chair, GFWC-MN Second Vice President, and GFWC-MN First Vice President. Currently, she holds the office of GFWC-MN President Elect. Club booklets magically appear from her computer. Wanting to expand her influence, Jennell served one year of a two year term on the Silver Lake City Council.

Jennell and Tim, have one daughter Samantha. Samantha likes to spend time with her mom, so she became an active club member at the young age of eight! She has gone on to college and received degrees in Biology, Art with an emphasis in Sculpture and a certification in Scientific Illustration. In 2019, Samantha married to Trystyn Purdie. Currently, she is working as a goldsmith at the 'A Cutting Edge' jewelry store. Samantha insists on keeping her membership in the GFWC of Silver Lake Club. The family has lived in Silver Lake for 19 years. They have spent many hours working on restoring their Arts and Crafts styled home, which was 100 years old in 2013.

Jennell has volunteered and chaired the Silver Lake Thanksgiving Dinner for sixteen years. She and her family would arrive early to start peeling 75 pounds of potatoes. Serving dinner family style to 190+ people is a fantastic way to spend the holiday with close and extended family. She also continues as an active donor for the Memorial Blood Center, she currently donates whole blood or platelets and is one donation away from the twenty-four-gallon mark.

Jennell and her family have hosted five high school foreign exchange students from China, Poland and three from Brazil. Her daughter considers them her sisters from around the world.

Jennell was born in Perham, MN. She grew up on a dairy farm, which is still being run by her brothers. After graduating from Perham High School, she went on to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. In four years, Jennell received three Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, History and Humanities. She then went on to do one year of graduate school at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Jennell has been employed for 21+ years at Best Buy Corporate. Best Buy keeps Jennell really busy as a Transportation Analyst working on remodel and other store updates.

Jennell enjoys traveling most anywhere, but always loves returning to Europe. So far, she has been lucky enough to travel to Greece, Italy, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Lichtenstein, Belgium, and the Vatican City. In her spare time, she likes to read, write, photography and ride her Harley Davidson. In May of 2017, she received her black belt in Shotokan Karate, which is a classical form of the martial art.



LINDA BLUE, PRESIDENT ELECT

Linda grew up in Nashville, TN with a career in the insurance industry. She worked for several insurance companies and then moved to the agency/broker side of the business. Linda always handled the property/casualty for large commercial risks. For the last 17 years before she retired, Linda worked with Fortune 500 companies and their risk managers helping them to place their insurance programs and giving them alternatives to traditional insurance. When she retired, Linda was the Vice President of a worldwide insurance brokerage firm.

Linda met her husband, Les in 1980 in Nashville, and they married in 1982. Les is originally from MN, but lived in TN after getting out of the Air Force. He previously had three children (2 boys and a girl) who Linda is glad to claim as her own (when they allowed her to). They now have seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. While in Nashville they were active members of Donelson Heights United Methodist Church. Les is a Mason and a Shriner and they are both members of Eastern Star where they went through all the offices in their Chapter. While in High School Linda was a member of the Rainbow Girls and served in every office. Linda has also been an adviser for Junior Achievement.

In 2002, Linda and Les both retired and made the decision to move to Minnesota. They built their home in Waubun where Les has lots of family members. In 2004, a good friend asked Linda to join the GFWC Library Club in Mahanomen. Linda was quickly asked to serve as Club Secretary for two terms and then she went on to serve as Club President. Since Linda joined her club, she has enjoyed either chairing or working on all of the Library Club's Committees and Programs.

Linda has served as the Northwest District Secretary for two terms, the District President Elect and the District President. She has been the GFWC-MN Public Issues Chair for three terms, the GFWC-MN Nominating Committee Chair, and the GFWC-MN 2nd Vice President. Linda is currently the GFWC-MN 1st Vice President and Dean of Departments. Lastly, she is also the Minnesota GFWC 2017 LEADS Graduate.

DIANE HANNAH, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



Diane has been a member of the GFWC Grand Rapids North Star Women's Club since 2014. She served as Club Secretary for two years and currently is the Club Vice President and the Leadership Committee Chair. Diane also has served as the GFWC-MN Leadership Chair and is currently the GFWC-MN 2nd Vice President, and the N.E. District President. She is the Minnesota GFWC 2015 LEADS Graduate.

Diane grew up in Ortonville, MN, graduated in 1968 and attended the University of Minnesota, Morris Campus. She worked in the stock brokerage business in Minneapolis until 1985. Diane's former husband worked for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as an Immigration Officer which took them to several ports of entry, initially Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She continued her career in brokerage firms until her husband transferred to Douglas, AZ. In AZ, Diane had a position writing training manuals at the newly established Arizona State Prison Complex Douglas, Gila Unit. Facility. Three years later, she left ASPC-Douglas as the Administrative Assistant to Deputy Warden Peg Ritchie because of their next transfer to International Falls, MN where she changed careers working for Boise Cascade as a Shipping Coordinator. In 2001, Diane filed for divorce and moved back to Ortonville to care for her mother until her death. During this time, she graduated from Corrections Corporation of America at their facility in Appleton, MN. and took a position at the CCA Prison in Appleton, MN as a Corrections Training Officer.

In 2003, Diane met her husband, Ronald Hannah and they currently live in Bovey, MN near Grand Rapids. She worked as a paraprofessional for the Greenway and Grand Rapids school districts before becoming an Assets Protection Leader for the Grand Rapids Target store. In 2012, Diane retired from Target but continues to be a Bail Bondsman contracting for Absolute Bail Bonds of Minneapolis. She is active in the Grand Rapids St. Andrews Lutheran Church and is the Co-Chair of the church's Women of the ELCA. Diane is currently serving on the Nominating Committee for the Northeastern Minnesota Living Waters Conference and a member of the Itasca County Historical Society, assisting with partnership events with her GFWC Women's Club. Diane has volunteered for the Grand Rapids Habitat for Humanity and donates to their ReStore.

Diane and Ronald have three collector cars and belong to the Itasca Vintage Car Club. Diane is Club Treasurer and serving on the Christmas Party, Nominating and Budget Committees. They travel extensively in their RV enjoying various State Park and get-togethers with friends and family. They especially enjoy the Little Falls Car Show, Swap Meet and Craft Fair. They have two sons, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren that enlighten their lives!

KARLA MAYHEW, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT



Karla joined the GFWC West Suburban Women's Club in 2009. She has held the offices of President (2014-16), Corresponding Secretary, Historian, and Parliamentarian. Currently, Karla is the Club Geek and in May she will be installed as the club Recording Secretary. She has chaired five committees: 'Publicity', 'Directory', 'Helping Hands' and 'Fine Arts'. In 2019, she chaired a 'Shoe Drive' for the GFWC Grand Initiative - Soles4Souls. She also has been a member on five club committees: Nominating, Budget & Finance, Civic Contributions, Ways & Means and District Convention Planning. Karla was proud to be the club's 2019 Empowering Woman. Currently, Karla is the 2018-20 East Central District President and has been nominated for a second term. She has also served as the District President Elect, 1st Vice President,

Historian, and was a member of the 'State Convention Planning' Committee when her district was hosting. She has helped with the District Convention's Arts & Crafts Contest and has enjoyed entering her photography.

Karla has attended four Annual GFWC International Conventions and especially enjoyed the fabulous 125th Anniversary Gala Celebration in Memphis, TN. She also has enjoyed two MVR Conventions. Karla is the 2019 GFWC L.E.A.D.S. Graduate from Minnesota. She has not missed a State Convention and is looking forward to being in Morton. At the 2016 July Workshop in Little Falls, Karla was asked to be the GFWC-MN Newsletter Editor. She has enjoyed her time as Editor and will continue putting out the news for Jennell.

Karla was born and raised in Grinnell Iowa (4th generation), and graduated from Grinnell H.S. in 1965. Then she was off to college. Karla says, "I survived the 60's twice!!" Currently, she is on the board of the Grinnell H.S. Alumni Association. Her first real job (not counting detassling for Cargill) was at Collins Radio (now Rockwell International) in Cedar Rapids, IA. She moved to the Twin Cities in 1974 and worked at Sperry-Univac then Northern Propane Gas Co. (bought by Enron). In 2009, Karla retired from 3M after a fulfilling 30-year career in Facilities Fire Protection Engineering. She ended her career as the Facilities Engineering Group Leader for the Low Voltage Fire and Security Systems Dept. Karla says, "I love putting out fires!" She was part of 3M's Volunteer Programs: tutoring St. Paul elementary students, boxing food at Second Harvest Heartland, helping with United Way Fundraisers, and working at the ARC-MN Thrift Store.

Karla married Mike Mayhew in 1983 and sadly is widowed. She lives in Minnetonka with her mini dachshund, Peggy and loves being near a small lake. She helped organize the 'Minnetoga Lake and Wetlands Association', served as secretary and helped write the by-laws. Karla liked helping organize the Neighborhood 'National Night Out' Potlucks. Karla was a 'Crisis Intervention Advocate' at Sojourners Women's Shelter when it was in Hopkins. She manned the 24-hour Hotline and did intakes after getting the women to safety.



DEANN FIECKE, SECRETARY

DeAnn has been a member of GFWC Silver Lake Woman's Club for two years. During the two years, she has served as the Club Vice President. DeAnn is also active in many other local organizations. One organization is the Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141, where she has been a member for over 60 years. She has served on various American Legion Auxiliary committees, served twice as President and has been the Secretary for over 20 years. DeAnn has served on the board of directors for a local mutual insurance company since 2009 and currently serves as secretary to the board.

DeAnn and her husband, Robert, have been married for 46 years. They have two children, Kristopher and Crystal and two grandchildren, Kira and Maxwell. DeAnn was raised and has lived most of her life in Silver Lake. She attended SW State University in Marshall, MN and received a Degree in Business. After graduation, DeAnn worked as an executive secretary until the birth of their first child. Then she became a stay-at-home mom and did bookwork for her husband's trucking company. In 1985 and after their children were older, DeAnn began a career at the United States Postal Service as a rural letter carrier. She also served as temporary Postmaster in Buffalo Lake and Silver Lake and for 11 years she was a trainer for newly hired rural carriers. DeAnn was also involved in the Minnesota Rural Letter Carriers Association at the local and state levels, holding many elected and volunteer positions. She retired from the Postal Service in 2016.

DeAnn loves to travel, and has visited all 50 states, plus Canada, Mexico, Italy, Greece, Israel and Egypt. She also enjoys spending time with all her family and friends.

TREASURER, (TO BE ANNOUNCED)



★ **GFWC Starbuck Women's Club participated in the GFWC Grand Initiative – Soles4Souls.** The club got lots of help from their community. Several churches put out collection boxes in their churches, advertised the shoe drive in their weekly bulletins, and provided storage space for the shoes until they were ready to be shipped. The Starbuck Telephone Co. helped out by supplying several sturdy shipping boxes and the

Samuelson Drug Store helped club members get the boxes ready to ship. Pictured filling a box is club member Nancy Bakewell. As a result of this fantastic collaboration, 247 pairs of shoes were sent off to Soles4Souls!

★ **GFWC Starbuck saw a need and did a random act of kindness.**

A few years ago, the club was instrumental in refurbishing the old Starbuck Train Depot that has now become a popular gathering place for many community activities throughout the year (Lefse Dagen, Heritage Days, Eple Tiden, and Thursday Night on the Town). The club often helps out with serving food at these different events. At the last event, a club member made a passing joke that maybe we should have a 'shower' for the Depot because they are always short on dish towels, potholders, utensils, etc. At the club's January meeting, everyone was encouraged to go through their kitchen drawers and cupboards in search of useful items that could be used at the Depot. Members donated a wonderful variety of items and the Depot was very pleased to receive so many much needed items to fill their cupboards.



GOT FACEBOOK?

Be a friend on
"GFWC of Minnesota"!!

Post your club comments, stories & photos!

★ **There was shopping galore at the**

GFWC Bloomington Federated Women's Club's Annual Scholarship Luncheon & Marketplace Fundraiser!

Club members had fun modeling fashions by Taylor Marie's that could be purchased. The marketplace vendors had lots of great products & items, plus guests could buy drawing tickets for an autumn or a chocolate gift basket. This festive scholarship event raised \$3,300.00 to be donated to Bloomington H. S. senior girls. Every year the club members look forward to planning this event at the Minnesota Valley Country Club and fun was had by all.



★ **The GFWC Library Club of Mahanomen hosted their annual Birthday Party**

for the residents of the Mahanomen County Nursing Home and Assisted Living Center. Every year the club has the month of November to plan two hours of afternoon fun for the residents with November birthdays. This year, 28 residents and family members attended. Club members served everyone a delicious dessert and the entertainment was provided by the "Mixed Emotions" Musical Trio. Two of their club members are part of this trio. Needless to say, the residents really look forward to their monthly birthday parties and the club's November party is definitely no exception!

★ **GFWC West Suburban Women's Club members and guests had a joyous December Holiday Party. It was also a time of giving.**

Everyone met at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Plymouth and was served a lovely lunch. They were entertained by accomplished concert pianist, Sarah Kang. They sold lots of goodies at their annual holiday Bake Sale. The We Share We Care Committee asked everyone to bring unwrapped, new 'Holiday Wish List' items to be given to the Home Free Domestic Violence Shelter in Plymouth. Members generously donated items with a whopping in-kind value of \$2,339.00!



Two Important Messages From Mona Gregersen, Our GFWC-MN Legislation & Public Policy Chair

★ GFWC strongly supports the passage of **H.R.1923, the Women's History and the Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act**. This bill will celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment by honoring the contributions of prominent women from each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories (Similar to the 50 States Quarter Program). Beginning in 2021, this Act would create a new series of commemorative circulating coins which highlight women suffragists and other trailblazers on the reverse side of the U.S. quarter. GFWC members were at the forefront of women's suffrage with a delegation marching in the 1913 Suffrage Parade on Pennsylvania Ave., which began to change public opinion on suffrage. Many of the leaders of the suffrage movement were members of GFWC, including Carrie Chapman Catt, Jane Addams, and Lizzie Crozier French as well as former GFWC Presidents Ellen Henrotin and Sarah Decker Platt. A formal organizational endorsement came in 1914 with a resolution supporting the "political equality of men and women." **Contact your members of Congress urging them to pass this bipartisan bill and visit the GFWC Legislative Action Center to express your support!**



★ On February 13th, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to remove the deadline for ratification and to have the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) added as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. Earlier in the week GFWC Programs staff attended a hearing of the House Committee on Rules as well as a press event on the ERA held by Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. Clubwomen across the nation used GFWC's Legislative Action Center to contact their members of Congress on this issue. This is a huge victory and **GFWC thanks you** for your support, but the work is not yet complete. We must now direct our attention to the U.S. Senate and urge them to take the same action as the House. "There can be no expiration date on equality," **Contact your Senator today!**



The **GFWC Legislative Action Center** is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative, and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.

Haven't signed up yet? Go to the **gfwc.org** website to visit the Legislative Action Center and enroll to receive updates today! It is so simple to do, it only takes seconds, and don't worry you won't get flooded with dozens of unnecessary emails. Mona will even go one step better, if you email her your address and email address to **mona@hcinet.net**, She would be happy to sign you up! District Presidents and Club Presidents – having GFWC's collective voice heard by members of Congress is essential and the Legislative Action Center holds many of the answers. Please get the word out to all your club members and remind them to sign up.

★ On January 20th, the GFWC Nevis Women's Club (Nevis, MN), participated in the "GFWC Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service". Eight club members sewed 34 shields and 13 bags for Days for Girls. Their 'initiative' was a 'grand' total of 46.5 hours worth of sewing, not to mention, a great time was had by all the volunteers!

Days For Girls is an international nonprofit organization "turning periods into pathways". DfG increases access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls. Together, they are creating a world with dignity, health, and opportunity for all. Their movement has reached more than one million girls — and counting! "With your help, DfG can reach Every Girl. Everywhere. Period."



★ GFWC Edina Federated Women's Club was very busy wrapping up the holidays and their 2019 activities. The year ended with their annual Holiday Party on December 12th. It was a festive time to relax, socialize, and reminisce about all their fun and projects in 2019 including the very successful Feds Fest fundraiser in November. Every year party attendees bring gift cards from stores like Target, Walmart, or Kohl's to donate to the Sojourner Women's Shelter. This year club members donated gift cards with an in-kind value of \$1,175!

★ **The club kicked off the new year with their January Monthly Meeting.** The Nominating Committee is hard at work getting nominees for their 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and the Revisions Committee began its review of the club's official documents/by-laws. The committees will be ready for the club members to vote on the officer nominees and proposed revisions at the April Monthly Meeting. Their calendar of social activities is filling up and a number of Feds enjoyed "Mama Mia!" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on February 19th. The club is already looking forward to the next few months that includes installing their new officers and planning their annual 'Spring Fling' in May.



★ We salute the the GFWC Grand Rapids North Star Women's Club for honoring our military and veterans. On November 9th (Pictured below left), club members collaborated with the Itasca County Historical Society and hosted the Itasca County Historical Society's Grand Opening & Reception of their new 'Itasca Veteran's Project' Exhibit. The club also donated \$500 to the GFWC 'Women in the Military' Initiative. The club had as their October featured speaker the Honor Flight Northland. Karen Swor and Jerry Harrington from Honor Flight Northland gave the club a wonderful inside look of a trip to Washington DC for our veterans. Through various fundraisers, the club donated \$1611.40 to Honor Flight Northland for their next flight in May 2020. (Pictured below L. to R.) is Cheryl Theuson, Club Treasurer; Karen Swor (HFN); Jerry Harrington (HFN); and Leona Barten, Club President.



★GFWC-MN Website Editor Linda Strong would like everyone to checkout the GFWC-MN website gfwcofmn.org for all the latest Minnesota news. It's awesome! Hopefully, navigation of the site has become easier for viewers, and there is even a link to GFWC-MN Facebook on the front page! Linda is always looking for photos and updates from your club, district, or state. Send them to: stronglinda1@gmail.com. Please note, when sending photos, specify the names and the GFWC positions of the people in your photos.



Do you have club news you would like published in this newsletter?

Just paper mail or email your Articles and photos to the Editor:

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The deadline for the next newsletter is

MAY 25, 2020



IN REMEMBRANCE



**Alice L. Jaeger
1928 – 2019**

Alice "Lee" Jaeger, age 91, of Bloomington passed away suddenly at home on December 26, 2019. Lee was born and raised in Cresco, IA. She attended Iowa State University where she earned a BS degree in Home Economics and Design. Following graduation she worked as an interior decorator in Marshall, MN. While at Iowa State she met Bill her husband of 65 years.

Lee was a charter member of the GFWC Bloomington Federated Woman's Club. She was a member from November 1962 when the club was founded and federated until her death and was the 1981 – 82 Club President. Lee attended the club's December 18th General Meeting where she enjoyed the musical performance by CODA. The club ladies were shocked and saddened to hear of her death on December 26th. The Bloomington Club will miss Lee enormously and are very grateful to have had Lee as a dedicated and active member of their club for 57 years.

Christmas was Lee's favorite time of year. She loved to decorate the tree, cook delicious meals and find a special gift for each of her kids and grandkids. As always, Lee was surrounded by her family on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill and survived by two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and her toy poodle Wilhelmina.



**Beverly J. Nelson
1929 – 2019**

Beverly Jeanne Nelson, Age 90, of Golden Valley passed away peacefully on October 3, 2019. Bev grew up in Minneapolis, graduated from Patrick Henry High School and studied at Macalester College and the U of M. Bev and Donald Nelson were married in 1951. She worked for many years in retail management at Creative Expressions.

Bev joined the GFWC Golden Valley Federated Women's Club in 1969. Bev served two terms as the Club Co-President from 2000-02 and 2006-07. She was active on club committees, many successful club fundraisers and in the early years, the club's Re-cycling Project. Bev served as the 2004-06 GFWC-MN East Central District President and as a GFWC-MN Education Chair. In 2001 she served as Co-chair of the Decoration Committee for the GFWC International Convention held in St. Paul. Bev always had a hardy laugh and a positive, can-do attitude. She will be deeply missed by her family and many club friends, including her friends at the Calvary

Co-op in Golden Valley, where she lived the past 13 years and enjoyed the Co-op Craft Group.

Bev was preceded in death by her husband Donald and survived by daughter, Cheryl; son, Brian; and grandchildren Jeffrey and Emily. In lieu of flowers, donations were given to the GFWC Golden Valley Women's Club's Scholarship Program or the Open Doors for Youth in Elk River, MN.

