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Autumn is drawing closer. It has been a strange summer – weather wise. It is time for your club's Education CSP to be making plans with schools. **It is time to plan the entire year!**

Schools

Unfortunately, with what is happening in our country, our clubs and members cannot go into a school, unannounced and volunteer. In some cases background checks are even required. Teachers have time requirements that have to be met for each subject. **However, now is not the time to go into the schools to make arrangements.** Administrators are getting ready for the new year and preparing for the arrival of the teachers. When teachers get back to school they want to get their rooms ready, prepare for the upcoming school year, and have to attend interminable meetings. **Wait a couple weeks after school starts to approach the schools as to what you would like to do for them.**

Scholarships

Millions of dollars were donated in scholarships last year by GFWC clubwomen. This chairman would like you to think about giving some scholarships to those students who are going to vocational, technical, or trade schools. More than 75% of our skilled tradespeople in the United States are Baby Boomers. They are ready for retirement. Trade schools teach skills related to a specific job. Jobs that pay well and that the United States needs. These jobs won't be exported to another country. Trade schools are cheaper, the dropout rate is lower, and students usually don't have loans to pay-off. This is just a thought and/or a suggestion.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Frequently asked questions:

What if a book I read fits into more than one category?

You may only report a book in one category.

From where are ESO pins, guards, and certificates obtained?

These may be obtained from the GFWC Marketplace. However, some states provide these to their members. Check before ordering.

Whom may I contact for questions or clarification about ESO?

Check with your state's ESO or Education Community Service Program Chairmen first. You may also get answers from GFWC's Education Community Service Program Chairman. And, you can find answers at GFWC.org under ESO.

Where are Pledge applications, Book Report forms, Submission forms, and Reading Lists found?

These can be found on the GFWC website. Search Epsilon Sigma Omicron and the ESO Handbook will be there. The forms are to be returned to your state's ESO or Education CSP chairman.

Please think about reading a book about the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement. The hundred anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution is August 2020. I will include a booklist in the September newsletter to give you some choices.

These newsletters are provided to communicate information that may help in participating in the GFWC Education Community Service Program. If there is a topic that interests you, please let me know.

PLEASE SHARE THESE NEWSLETTERS WITH YOUR CLUB PRESIDENTS!

Welcome back to School and READ ON!

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