



## **Positive GFWC Leaders**

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I'm sure you had lots of time to think about how our lives are affected by the pandemic. I want to share some thoughts that we should contemplate as GFWC leaders. Our leadership style is tested by how we handle stress.

### **Leave Emotions In The Other Room**

As leaders maintain a sense of calm, cool, and collected to help members get through trying times. Leave the emotions of sadness, loneliness, and being overwhelmed in the other room when you are having conversations with friends and family. I believe this is the hardest because as GFWC leaders we want to help everyone in need.

### **Be Brave**

The pandemic is scary! Be brave and we will get through the situation together. Fear makes us become stressed which can turn into panic. It is easy to be afraid when you hear all the news and worry about your loved ones, but if you remain brave then your loved ones will be too, and together will be able to survive.

**LEADERSHIP**  
IS ABOUT MAKING OTHERS  
**BETTER** AS A  
RESULT OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AND MAKING **SURE**  
THAT IMPACT LASTS IN YOUR  
**ABSENCE.**

## **Victories**

While we had to cancel our state conventions there is still business that we will entertain to prepare for the next administration. GFWC leaders bond together and always find solutions. Talk with your members to come up with an answer to complete the business necessary to run our GFWC State and Club activities. The key to this is to communicate, communicate, communicate.

## **Don't Take Challenges Personally**

Separate your personal feelings from the challenges ahead of us. We are better able to focus on what is happening and take care of the business at hand and find a move forward.

## **Be Positive**

A positive outlook as leaders helps our members get through the tough times. Be a supportive force for all around you. A smile and a kind word can go a long way in making us all feel better. Send a thoughtful note or email, call someone to say hello, and thank our GFWC members every day for all they are doing to support the community.



**\*\*\*\*LEADERS\*\*\*\***

**LET'S NOT FORGET OUR  
GFWC 7 GRAND INITIATIVES**

**WE CAN STILL SEND SHOES AND DONATE BOOKS  
OUR LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER IS WITHIN OUR REACH AND  
A CLICK AWAY**

1. That 1,000 clubs will do a service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019.
    - **789 Projects Done**
  2. That members will plant **20,000** trees on Arbor Day.
    - **To Date 17,811 Tress have been planted**
  3. That members will donate **40,000** pairs of used shoes to Soles Souls or Nike “reuse-a-shoe.”
    - **To Date 36,763 pairs of shoes have been donated**
  4. That members will donate **55,000** Dr. Seuss books by March of 2020.
    - **To date 50,716 Dr. Seuss books have been donated**
  5. That **2,500** members join the Legislative Action Center.
    - **To Date 1,594 members have joined since July 1, 2018**
  6. That members do 1,000 projects devoted to women in the military.
    - **To Date 799 Projects Completed**
  7. That 1,000 members donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign.
    - **To Date 99 members, have joined**
- \*The statistics above are from June 2019. It will so exciting to see what the numbers are in June 2020!\*

**NEW 3 BRAND INITIATIVES**

Brand Initiative #1 That **1,000** calls or emails will be made to United States Senators and Representatives on September 23, 2019 urging passage of Miranda’s Law H.R.2793 and S1787.

Brand Initiative #2 That **1,000** calls or emails will be made to United States Senators and Representatives on October 23, 2019 urging passage of 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019 H.R.3265 and S1831.

Brand Initiative #3 That **1,000** club/states projects will be in place to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women winning the right to vote, August 26, 2020.