

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

Legislation/Resolutions Top Projects

1. The **Franklin Woman's Club** (College District) formed a Legislative Committee. The committee's responsibility is to inform and educate club members on legislative issues and information that reflect current active resolutions and voting issues, especially in light of all state paper ballots. The Committee also informed members about the RECOGNIZE THE RED campaign and how they could be involved. Fifteen (15) members contacted their representatives in support of the Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act.
2. The **Woman's Club of Matawan** (Shore District) included in the club yearbook a letter template for writing to their legislators. Two templates were included that allowed members to write as an individual and as a member of the club. Also included was a list of legislators and their contact information for representatives on both the state and federal levels in the Districts from which their members lived.
3. The **Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights** (Palisades District) formed a committee which began their meeting year by discussing issues that might be considered as resolutions from the club. Topics were distributed to willing members who then investigated the issue and were to report on both the pros and cons of the issue. Due to the COVID pandemic, the committee was unable to meet and will continue this process as soon as the risk becomes less.
4. The **Woman's Club of Runnemede** (Garden District) submitted three resolutions to the NJSFWC Legislation Committee for consideration at the 2021 Convention. Before writing the resolutions a committee was formed to investigate all aspects of the issues – School Bus Safety, Sexual Abuse in Women's Prisons and Women's Re-entry Programs in Women's Prisons. All the issues were brought and discussed with the NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Committee Chairman. The club also wrote to New Jersey Legislators to discuss their involvement and commitment to the issues. All three of the Resolutions will be brought for a vote by delegates at the Convention.
5. At the start of 2020, the **Woman's Club of West Deptford** (Garden District) began the Women's Suffrage Program along with the Women's Right to Vote Project. With secured permission from the high school principal, they were able to host the programs involving voting age high school students that involved also registering them to vote. The club members contacted the Women's League of Voters to be a part of the program and also contacted the Alice Paul Museum and Institute to secure pamphlets, posters, videos and

history of voting rights for women and others. Due to the closing of the schools in early March, the program was postponed in hopes to continue once the schools open.

6. Members of the **Marlton Woman's Club** (Garden District) were educated on how to utilize the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Through a ZOOM meeting, and utilizing the screen share component, demonstrations were given on how to sign up for legislative alerts, finding their federal legislators and other information that is located on the Action Center sight.
  
7. Club members of the **Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway**, (Highlands District) requested that they learn more about the GFWC legislative initiatives during 2020 with particular interest in the Equal Rights Amendment, gun abuse and Miranda's Law. As they continued to learn more about these issues and many others, twenty percent (20%) of the club members joined the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Additionally, twenty-four percent (24%) of the members contacted NJ senators and congressional representatives encouraging them to support Miranda's Law, the 3D Gun Safety Act and to extend the ratification timeline for the Equal Rights Amendment.
  
8. The **West Essex Woman's Club** (Liberty District) formed a Legislative Committee. Their primary goal was to create a clipping service dedicated to the issues and resolutions of both GFWC and NJSFWC. The Committee held one summer 'Stay-At-Home' workshop dedicated to those issues. Again, in November, the committee gave information about communicating with Legislators through email and mail. Members discussed the issues at meetings and were sent information through the mail so they could do the work at their leisure. Once the pandemic hit, issues were also discussed about mail-in voting, reopening businesses and schools through legislative action. The clippings that were shared to the membership were from local, state and national newspapers.