

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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This year offered the members of GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club many opportunities to be a part of the international community.

(1) Once again this year, through PlanUSA, the GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club sponsored Rut from Peru. The club sends holiday cards and a birthday card. The cards include information about our customs and holiday celebrations. Club members also write letters about themselves so Rut gets to know her sponsors. Rut sends information about her family, home, and school. She writes about her favorite books as well. She also draws pictures to be shared with the club. Rut has also received puzzles, bookmarks and stickers about Montana and our national parks.

(2) PlanUSA also received a donation of \$130.00 for Because I Am A Girl Campaign. This campaign provides needed supplies for girls and educational opportunities. \$100. 1 Member

(3) World Water Day was also observed with a donation of \$150.00 to the local organization, Hope 2 One Life, which works to provide clean drinking water in Uganda and safe medical facilities.

(4) A donation of \$100.00 was made to CARE which fights global poverty particularly for women and girls. CARE increases opportunities for education, healthcare, business development through community based activities in 60 countries with 90% of funds supporting 997 program activities in 84 countries. This donation was designated for the refugees from nations impacted by war.