

Leadership

The committee goal is to develop leadership skills in their members. Bottom-up or top-down, leadership involves taking risks, being innovative, and promoting new directions. While some may talk about being born leaders, most of us can learn how to be a strong leader. Club, district, state, and national volunteers can become leaders by developing a clear and compelling vision for what one wants to become; establishing attainable goals; providing—and being provided—with encouragement and appreciation; behaving with an entrepreneurial spirit; and pursuing training and education.

Chairwoman: Florence

Committee Members: Marsha P, Robin, Judy, Gayle, Barb

GFWC of MT Fall Meeting – each year members from our club attend the GFWC of MT Fall Meeting to prepare for the upcoming year. Members learn about state and international programs.

GFWC of MT Convention – every even year the GFWC of MT has a convention to elect a new president and prepare for the next two years projects. **President's Special Project** – the GFWC of MT President chooses a two-year project - clubs across the state raise money usually about \$10,000.

GFWC of MT District Meeting – the state is divided into three districts Eastern, Central, and Western. BJWC is a member of the Eastern District. Other clubs in the Eastern district are Big Timber, Laurel, Bridger, Miles City, Culbertson and Forsyth. Each of these district meeting are held in the spring of the odd years. Members meet and share what is happening in their clubs. A \$700 scholarship is awarded in each even year. The **Eastern District Scholarship** is for women going back to school. Members and family living in the Eastern District can apply. Application is found on www.gfwcbillings.org *GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club donates to the district scholarship fund.

GFWC Western Region – GFWC International divides it's clubs into eight regions. Our state is part of the Western District consisting of California, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and Montana. Montana participates in hosting WSR on a 10-year rotation. In 2017 GFWC of Montana will host WSR.

GFWC – GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS International Convention

<http://www.gfwc.org/contact-us/> – Each summer an International convention is held. In the even years new officers are installed. Awards and honors are presented to states and individual clubs during this convention.

LEADS - The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. BJWC has had four participants in LEADS.

State and District Offices and Committee Chairwomen – club members serve Eastern District and/or GFWC of MT as district officers, state officers or committee chairwomen.

Presentations – many of our members are asked to present workshops locally, district, and at state meetings or conventions

Conference Attendance is Encouraged – Members that choose to attend one of the meetings or conventions all will have their registration paid by BJWC. Members register, pay, and attend prior to turning in a request for reimbursement. See Standing Rule #11.