The GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center Committee is excited to bring our “Sparkle” to this Advancement Program area during 2022-2024. We started this administration with an exceptional tour of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial during the August Board of Director’s meeting. As we know, the reports of these brave women who were arrested, endured force feedings and inhumane conditions, **stirred** Americans and became a major “turning point” in the struggle for voting rights for women.

Throughout GFWC’s history, members have been involved with countless issues of importance to women and their communities. As the years passed, clubwomen became concerned for the preservation of its archives. Did you know...years before it had a permanent home, GFWC secured its important records in the “Federation trunk,” which was maintained by the GFWC Recording Secretary? The acquisition in 1922 of a permanent Headquarters offered “a central place where the records of the organization may be preserved...in proper and readily fashion.” I am sure every following Recording Secretary was relieved by this action!

During the second year of this administration, we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the WHRC. You will want to plan a special event for your club to honor this anniversary! The GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center was officially dedicated on May 1, 1984. Vice President George H.W. Bush honored the historic occasion by cutting the ribbon to open the Center to the public. Juanita Bryant said, “My love of history and the privilege of serving as GFWC International President from 1982-1984 truly made this dream a reality.”

We know your clubs can “Shine and Sparkle” with successful projects celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Women’s History and Resource Center!

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