

# WOMEN ON TARGET

From the Women of the NRA.

Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club (GRPC) hosted its fourth NRA Women On Target pistol clinic on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We had 12 ladies attend, most of whom had little or no firearms experience. Sue Carter was the Clinic Director, Ted Carter was the Range Safety

Officer, and Larry Watkins served as the Chief Range Officer. The ladies learned firearms safety and range commands, and then moved into the basic fundamentals of shooting. They were split into two groups and took turns on the firing line on Range 1 at 7 and 15 yards. Each group spent 30 minutes learning to group their shots. They then came back to the line to try their new skills at a smaller target, and again at hanging plastic bottles. Finally, they had an opportunity to shoot and pop balloons.

While they were waiting their turn at the firing line, Sue talked to the ladies about personal safety awareness. They looked at everyday activities and talked about how vulnerable they may be at different times, how to avoid a bad situation if possible, and what they could do to make themselves less of a target at home, at work, shopping, or in the car. All agreed that awareness of their surroundings is the key to safety. At the end, everyone came back into the classroom where we reviewed what they had learned and what else was available to them to move on in training and shooting sports. Be sure to look for these new shooters on the line!

A huge thank you to the volunteers who donated not only their time, but many offered their firearms for the ladies to use. Thank you to the coaches, Jane Cebulski, Mike Hicks, Robert Fanucci, Buck Johnston, Dori Smith, Bobbie-Jo Fenner, and Kathy Klimek, as well as to Larry for calling the line, and to Ted, who was much more than just our Safety Officer on the line. All of our lady coaches were members of The Well Armed Woman. Thank you also to the NRA for a terrific program, and to our industry supporters, Ruger, GunGoddess, and Glock for the awesome swag!



