



# Key Notes



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## From Diane Addante, GFWC IL President

Welcome to the inaugural “Key Notes”! This tool will allow us to communicate with members in a more timely fashion so we are all “in the know”. Please encourage your fellow clubwomen to sign up for this newsletter at [gfwcillinois.org](http://gfwcillinois.org). Click on E-Flash, enter your email address and hit subscribe. It’s that simple.

GFWC Illinois is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

## From Karyn McCarthy, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs

Hi Juniors and welcome to “Key Notes”! Please share this informative e-newsletter with your clubs and encourage all to sign up! Being able to communicate with our membership electronically is something this administration is hoping to accomplish. But of course, we need your help so please share, share, share!

## GFWC Corner

2015 represents the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GFWC! One of the first activities that will occur: Governors in all 50 states will be asked to proclaim April 24, 2015 as GFWC Day. There will be activities throughout the year, so watch for more details and plan to celebrate 125 years of service, learning and fun with your sisters in federation!

## Yearbooks/Reporting Packets

Packets were given to District Presidents at leadership meetings in the regions on 9/6 (Southern) and 9/13 (Central and Northern). Junior State Board packets are with Karyn. If there are any corrections, please contact Deana at 815-724-0195 or [gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net) with updated information. Forget not to be kind, several of us are now wearing stronger glasses after working on these...

## A Day at the Capital – Friday, October 24

Becky Weber, Legislation Chairman, is working on an informative Legislation Day for you. Speakers have been invited, advocacy activities are planned, a tour of the Capitol is arranged and lunch at the Executive Mansion is a highlight of an action-packed day. All for \$30! Registration is due 10/13; forms are available at [gfwcillinois.org](http://gfwcillinois.org). With elections coming up and recent renovations to the facilities, it promises to be an interesting day! More details as speakers confirm. Capital vs Capitol? Capital is the city, capitol is the building housing the government. As we will be in several locations, it’s “A Day at the Capital” where we will visit the Capitol. Aren’t you glad you didn’t ask?

## Advocates for Children Week, October 19-25

To raise awareness for GFWC’s advocacy for children, October 19-25 has been declared “Advocates for Children Week”. March of Dimes is a GFWC Partner in this area, so you could get involved with them. Working at a food bank helps, since studies show 1 in 5 children in America is “food insecure”. Volunteering at schools, providing ped bags for emergency medical personnel, the list of ways to help children is endless. Be sure to report your efforts!!

## PCA-Illinois

### **GFWC Illinois Convention Update**

You can begin booking NOW for our 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Lisle, May 13-16. Opening Session will be on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with pre-convention activities and LEADS sessions on the 13<sup>th</sup>. To make your reservation, please call 800-445-8667 or locally, 630-505-0900 and use the code CGFW. No, that is not a typo... We are excited about this venue and look forward to a wonderful Convention!

The Annual PCA-Illinois Conference is November 7+8 in Springfield. Members of the Springfield Woman's Club will be assisting with the raffle basket fundraiser that generates \$600-\$900 for PCA-Illinois. Thanks ladies!! To learn more, please contact [karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv](mailto:karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv). In addition to prize packages, we are looking for donations of small toys which will be used to create baskets. Case workers like to have toys to bring along when they interact with the children they serve and have requested baskets of this kind. All donations can be brought to Springfield on 10/24 (see above) or sent with someone who is attending "A Day at the Capital". Thanks for your support of our State Project. ([preventchildabuseillinois.org](http://preventchildabuseillinois.org))

### **Club News**

***We will periodically feature clubs in action. Send your submission to Carol Jablonski, [carolajablonski@att.net](mailto:carolajablonski@att.net).***

### **GFWC-IL Effingham Women of Today**

This club hosts "Special Kids Rodeo" event every June in conjunction with the IL High School Rodeo Association State Finals at the Effingham Co. Fairgrounds. Children with special needs from around the area come out and learn to rope and ride with the IHSRA contestants. Here is a group photo of all the IHSRA young adults and our special needs kids, along with a shot of the 9 EWOTs who participated in hosting this event.



### **Antioch Woman's Club**

This club decorated a car for Antioch's Fourth of July Parade.



**The Woman's Club of Champaign-Urbana** sent four, yes four, students to GFWC Illinois Art School! The club has a strong commitment to art. The students visited the club in September and October to share their experiences with members. KUDOS!!



### **Dates to Remember**

- 10/01/14 *Deadline to submit GFWC IL bylaws revisions*
- 10/13/14 *Deadline to sign up for Day at the Capital*
- October 19-25 *Advocates for Children Week*
- 10/24/14 *Day at the Capital*
- 10/25/14 *Make a Difference Day*
- 10/26/14 *Deb's Diamond Divas Wine Tasting Fundraiser, home of Jackie Haddad, 396 E. Madison St., Elmhurst, IL, 2 to 5 pm*  
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