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Key Notes



Wednesday, October 17, 2014

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Domestic Violence Awareness month. We're looking forward to reading the wonderful programs and projects your clubs are hosting to raise awareness of these very important issues.

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

Deb's Diamond Divas Hosts Wine Tasting Fundraiser

This club was formed when Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Illinois President, 2008-2010, was elected as GFWC Treasurer for the 2012-2014 administration. She currently holds the position of GFWC Secretary. Debbie plans to move up the GFWC Executive Committee ladder, with the hope that she will be installed as GFWC President for the 2022-2024 administration.

If this happens, and we certainly hope so, her home state, meaning us, sponsors the Installation Ceremony (all expenses including room, audio, video, program, etc.), Reception (all expenses including room, food and beverage, decorations, sound, etc.), when she is installed as GFWC President. This also includes expenses related to the 2022 GFWC Administration Orientation meeting.

At the 2013 GFWC Illinois Convention, the GFWC IL Deb's Diamond Divas Club was formed to fundraise to defray the above listed expenses.

This club has a section in their bylaws that states that if for some reason, Debbie does not go on to become GFWC President, all funds raised will be become monies raised for GFWC Illinois. All monies raised by this club are held by GFWC Illinois.

The next fundraiser will be a wine tasting party on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Jackie Haddad has graciously offered her home and will provide the wine for the tasting Jackie lives at 396 E. Madison St., Elmhurst, IL. The tasting will be from 2 to

GFWC Open House, December 10, 2014

GFWC opens its doors to all members for its annual holiday open house. Several members from Illinois are attending, and will be seeking to join in the service project, Wreaths Across America, which lays wreaths for the holidays at Arlington National Cemetery and veterans' cemeteries across the country. For information about this, please contact Diane Addante at 630-416-0756 ASAP.

Helping Babies Breathe (HBB)

A project developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, HBB is saving the lives of newborns in developing countries all over the world. The focus is on training birth attendants in simple procedures to use if a newborn isn't breathing. Our support helps provide the training materials, including the precious training doll many of us have seen and held. Please visit helpingbabiesbreathe.org and learn more. HBB is on the GFWC Illinois Project Contribution Form.

5 pm.

Kindly RSVP to Carol Jablonski at carolajablonski@att.net or 630-963-4771.

LEADS

The Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar program is often misunderstood. There are two parts. First is GFWC LEADS. Someone from each state is selected, based on applications received, to attend LEADS Day at GFWC Convention. There is some financial assistance available for participation. The deadline to apply to State Leadership Chairman Elena Lipsinki is February 1 and the application is on our website. Secondly, GFWC Illinois holds a LEADS Workshop, with a tentative date of Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in Lisle, prior to the GFWC Illinois Convention. This workshop is for all, whether you want to step up to the next level in GFWC or your career; or refresh your knowledge on current leadership issues. More details to follow. Testimonials from past LEADS candidates will appear in the upcoming magazine.

1734 Society Update

GFWC Illinois WHRC/Historian Chairman, Trisha Schafer, has challenged the Illinois Federated Clubs to raise \$1734 to the 1734 Society. Clubs and/or individuals donating \$100 will receive a GFWC Illinois Centennial Medallion. See the Fall issue of *GFWC IL Clubwoman* for details and history of the medallion.

Please send all donations and requests for medallions to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, 5 E. Van Buren Street, Joliet, IL 60432 or contact Deana at (815) 724-1095, or by email at: gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net.

Polo Evening Woman's Club

District 13 Polo Evening Woman's Club members gathered in December to celebrate 75 years of Federation volunteering.



Naperville Junior Woman's Club

Mayor George Pradel poses with members prior to the Labor Day Parade.

Dates to Remember

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, 2 to 5 pm*



GFWC Decatur Woman's Club

Members went on a field trip to visit their adopted zebras, Chad and Zoe, at the Scovill Zoo. The ladies wanted to frame their photo with the zebras in the background, but the adopted zebras did not cooperate that day.



Club News

We will periodically feature clubs in action. Send your submission to Carol Jablonski, carolajablonski@att.net.

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