



# Key Notes

## GFWC IL Board of Directors Meeting: Freedom House Service Project

*Phyllis Skubic, GFWC IL President and Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs*

In lieu of Secret Sister or Gift Exchange, this administration we are doing a service project at each Board of Directors Meeting to benefit an organization in the community that hosts our meeting. November's service project benefited the women and children who receive help and assistance from Freedom House: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victims' Services, in Princeton.



We put together baskets of kitchen essentials that the residents of Freedom House can take with them when they are ready to start their "New Beginning". Our goal was to put together ten (10) baskets. We priced the donated items around \$15.00 or less. This project was entirely voluntary, but for those who volunteered, here was a list of items needed by Board Groups:

GFWC Illinois Executive Committee:

10" Non Stick Fry Pan

Junior Exec Committee & CSP Chairmen:

2 ½ - 3 qt. Sauce Pan

Junior CSP and Standing Chairmen:

Cookie Sheet or Sheet Cake Pan

District Presidents – Northern Region:

Set of Dish Towels, Dish Clothes, Pot Holders

District Presidents – Central & Southern:

Kitchen Utensils: Wooden Spoons, Scraper,  
Spatula

Junior District Directors (all)

Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, zip-lock bags  
gallon/sandwich sizes

Standing & Special Committee Chairmen:

Disposable Containers (for leftovers) and Toilet  
Paper

Convention Committee & Guests of Board:

Two (2) Hand-held Can Openers

Due to the generosity and overwhelming response of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors and Junior Organization we were able to complete sixteen (16) baskets. Two residents of Freedom House were moving out the weekend of our November Board meeting and would be the first two recipients of our Kitchen Baskets. It was such an easy project to do, yet one with far reaching impact—something that a club or district could easily undertake in the future in lieu of a gift exchange or holiday grab bag.

Thank you for helping to design a better life for those who've escaped from the horror of domestic violence and are taking their first steps towards a new life . . . one free of violence and fear. This Captain and First Mate sincerely thank each and every one of you !!

*Photos from this project can be found on pages 4 & 5.*

# Highlights from Great Lakes Region Conference



Held at the Grand Geneva Resort, in Geneva, Wisconsin, there was much to do, and have fun doing it too.

From painting, to boat cruise, to GFWC partner videos, to a Halloween party saluting Women in History—real or imagined, there was plenty to see and do.

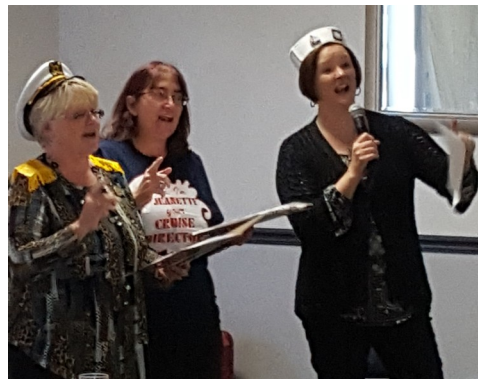
There even was a Love Boat skit from our Illinois gals featuring Captain Skubic and Activities Director Jeanette, with

Go-Fehr (Shelli), and Doc (Cherie Sieger). Bartender Isaac (Kathy Koran) stole the show with the invitation to the 2017 Conference to be held in Illinois at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oakbrook. The skit finished with “We’ll See You in September”.

The crew invites you to attend the Great Lakes Region Conference on September 14 to 17, 2017.



*President Phyllis Skubic and Director of Junior Clubs Jeanette T Wells represented Illinois during the Opening Ceremony.*



*From left to right: Captain Phyllis Skubic, Activities Director Jeanette T Wells, and Go-Fer Shelli Fehr.*



*The Love Boat aired from 1977 -1987.*



*From left to right: Captain Phyllis Skubic, Activities Director Jeanette T Wells, and Doc Cherie Sieger.*



*Mark your calendars:  
September 14-17, 2017  
DoubleTree Hotel  
Oakbrook, IL*

*From left to right: Captain Phyllis Skubic, Activities Director Jeanette T Wells, and Bartender Kathy Koran.*





# Great Lakes Region Conference Halloween Party

The theme for this party was Women in history: real or imagined. There were at least 6 witches, 4 Cleopatras, 2 Amelia Earharts, many suffragettes, several flappers, the Queen of Hearts, not to mention Lucy & Ethel. Even Miss Marple and Ruth Bader Ginsberg made their appearances!



*Gotta love a selfie stick!*



# Highlights from State Board of Directors Meeting

From a lot of donated kitchen items . . .



. . . to 13 filled baskets for clients

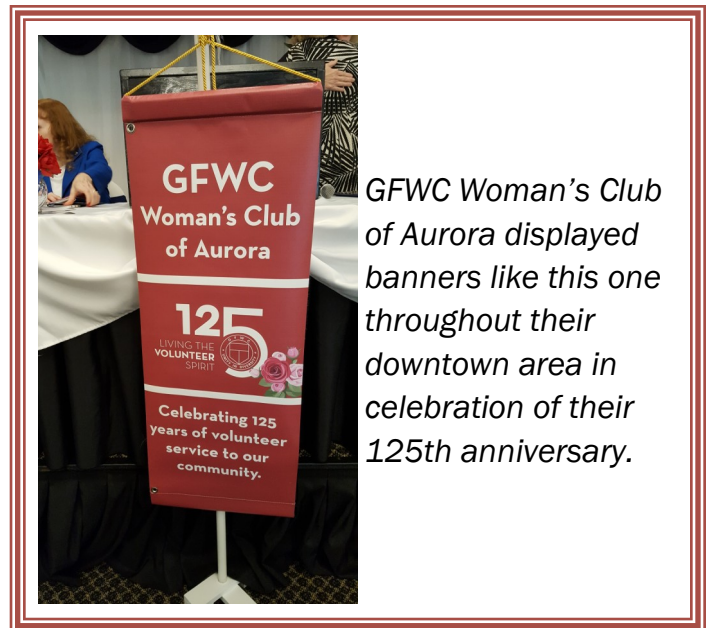


From left to right:

Trisha Schafer, Volunteer Coordinator, Amber Killian, Freedom House Shelter Supervisor, Phyllis Skubic, President, and Jeanette T Wells, Director of Junior Clubs.







*GFWC Woman's Club of Aurora displayed banners like this one throughout their downtown area in celebration of their 125th anniversary.*



Have you ever wondered what that lady who answers the phone at GFWC IL Headquarters looks like? Just who is she?

That would be Deana Justak, Headquarters Executive Secretary.

This photo was taken the morning after the Cubs won the World Series . . she was too cute after standing outside of Dick's at 2a.m. to get her daughters t-shirts.



# News from Our Clubs



The St. Francisville Woman's Club, District 23, entered this float in the Chestnut Parade, in celebration of their 80th anniversary.



The members of St. Francisville Woman's Club visited the Lawrence County Historical Society Exhibit following their donation to help with expense of the "Buttons & Pearls" exhibit. St. Francisville is located on the Wabash River and once had a button factory. All of this was part of the Smithsonian Traveling Waterways Exhibit. Only 6 communities in Illinois were selected to do this.



14/15 District collected costumes to send to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



GFWC IL Cyber Stars prepared breakfast for the guests at Fisher House, and Nancy's Bluebirds brought paper and cleaning products for the House.



Antioch Woman's Club, District 10, had The Lake County State's Attorney, Michael Nerheim, as a guest speaker yesterday. He brought along one of the dogs who assist his department. Our Guest was Mitch, and the picture includes Fred Day, who is the Chief of Specialized Victims Unit of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office.



GFWC Abingdon Junior Woman's Club, District 14/15, donated pillows to their local shelter providing them with a good night's sleep.



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Mitchell's primary role is to comfort and provide compassion to child victims who are interviewed at the Children's Advocacy Center. The center assists with the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving the sexual and physical abuse of children.