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# From Diane Addante, GFWC IL President

As this is sent, you are probably preparing for Thanksgiving Day in some way. Seeing stores open on Thursday makes me realize that if Thanksgiving Day is to remain a tradition, it will be up to us to see to it. Keep this holiday special, filled with family, friends, good food and fellowship. Some customs are just too important to lose. We all occasionally need to connect; Thanksgiving is great for that.

At this time of year, we think a lot about gratitude. I am so very grateful for my family and friends, health and the opportunity to serve. I am blessed to be surrounded by caring people. For curiosity, for drive, for the desire and the ability to help others, these are some of the things for which I am grateful. I am appreciative of all of you and the fine work that you do throughout Illinois.

## LEADS: Leadership Education and Development Seminar

If you are interested in attending GFWC Convention in Memphis in June as GFWC Illinois' LEADS Candidate, application forms are now available at gfwcillinois.org. Deadline is February 2 to Elena Lipinski, 698 Canyon Lane, Elgin, 60123. Convention opens on June 13 and the LEADS program is held the day before and is a full day of activities, including lunch and dinner. Details on the Illinois LEADS Workshop coming soon.

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

## **GFWC Spotlight on**



**GFWC Annual Report** 

The 2013-2014 GFWC Annual Report that will be featured in the upcoming issue of Clubwoman Magazine is now available online. You can access it here: http://stage.gfwc.org/images/gfwc/annualreport2014.pdf

### Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Illinois Conference

Earlier this month, GFWC Illinois clubs and members provided raffle prizes for this annual conference. The Woman's Club of

Sharing this post from their Facebook page.

Metamora-Germantown Junior Woman's Club

Springfield generously supplied the woman-power to oversee the raffle and promote the sale of tickets.





#### Who are those masked clubwomen?



Send photos of your club in action to Carol Jablonski, carolajablonski@att.net.

Members of Lombard Junior Women's Club! Their masquerade ball was a huge success, raising funds for their favorite philanthropies.

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