



GFWC Illinois

# Key Notes

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

## GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference — Highlights in Photos



Diane Addante at the helm while touring the steamship *Col. James M. Schoonmaker*.



Pat Heitman was nominated for GFWC Great Lakes Region Secretary for the 2016-2018 administration.



\$5,000 was given to GFWC for the Capital Campaign.



Marge Nelson was introduced as GFWC Illinois Jennie Award Winner. Tric Heepe, Great Lakes Region President shown at left.

\$500 was raised for GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarships.



Karyn McCarthy modeled vintage clothing.



Project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month



GLR members raised \$925 of the \$2,500 PCAA wanted to raise from pinwheel sales for display in Washington DC honoring grandparents.



Amy Vicioso, GFWC IL 2015 LEADS representative spoke about her experience at GFWC LEADS training.



# A Few More Photos from GLR



Members from Illinois with GFWC President Babs Condon, President Elect Sheila Shea, and Secretary Deb Strahanoski



Could you picture these GFWC IL Past Presidents as the faces of our own Mt. Rushmore?



Becky Weber reported on GFWC Legislative Action Center



Trisha Schafer reported on Leadership

Next year's conference will be at

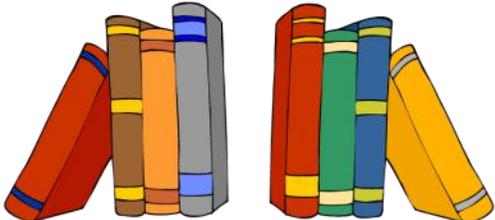


in Lake Geneva, WI, October 28-30, 2016.  
Room rates will be \$135.



Pat Heitman wore her fascinator while reporting on Fundraising

Did you see Lisle WC featured in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine for their Books for Prisoners program ([3rsproject.org](http://3rsproject.org))?





## Notes from Karyn McCarthy

Fall is now upon us and we are once again focused on our club projects and events! I trust you all had an enjoyable and restful summer! Hoping your energy has also turned to recruitment and retention of members for your clubs. Fall is one of the best times to host a membership drive or meet and greet event; many clubs find this be a successful way to introduce potential members to your club and your mission.

This is also a PERFECT time to consider sponsoring a Juniorette club! Work with your local school district about partnering with them. Request a meeting with the school counselors and/or guidance department so that you may educate them on the history of our organization and how our work closely ties into service clubs they may offer through the school.

Please remember my challenge to all GFWC IL Junior clubs to raise \$\$\$ for the Children's Research Foundation! May 2016 will mark the 40th anniversary of our first donation to CRF and we'd like to make sure we have a sizable donation for Pat Broggi at Convention.

Please join me at our upcoming Northern Region Unity Project- Mutt Strutt: Paws on Parade, a pet fashion show benefiting Canine Companions for Independence. The show will be Sunday, November 15th from 2-5pm at Central Park West in Oak Brook! Please see below. Tickets can only be purchased in advance until 11/14 at:

Tix4Cause - <https://www.tix4cause.com/donations/tickets/3469/> Tix4Cause accepts all major credit cards.



**"MUTT STRUTT" ... Paws on Parade**  
PRESENTED BY GFWC-IL  
**November 15, 2015**  
**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**\$25 - General Admission**

**VENUE:** Central Park West, 1500 Forest Gate Rd., Oak Brook, IL 60523

**EVENT:** What's a Mutt Strutt you say? A Mutt Strutt is a super fun fashion show for our furry DIVA'S! **A chance for our four legged friends to walk the runway in this season's "have to have" Canine Couture, all for a Cause!** The day includes appetizers and desserts, fun dog presentations, dog-friendly vendors with unique and one-of-a-kind gifts for the Dog Lovers in your life, raffles, silent auctions, and of course the Main Event - Paws on Parade!

**CAUSE:** The best part, **all proceeds from "MUTT STRUTT" will go to our local Canine Companions for Independence!**

**Dog Models and Vendors Needed!**

**For more information, please contact Amy Vicioso at [avicioso@comcast.net](mailto:avicioso@comcast.net)**

*The General Federation of Women's Clubs(GFWC) is one of the world's largest and oldest volunteer service organizations. Working locally through thousands of clubs in the U.S. and globally, GFWC members support the arts, preserve natural resources, promote education, encourage healthy lifestyles, stress civic involvement and work toward world peace and understanding. Illinois is proud to have about 200 clubs and almost 6000 members working hard to improve their communities!*



# A New Club in Illinois!

At left, charter members of the **Southwest Suburban Junior Woman's Club**, with GFWC IL leaders in attendance.



Below, Meg Premier and Alana Dugan, President and Vice President of the newly formed **Southwest Suburban Junior Woman's Club**, District 3.



New members of the **Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club**, District 11, with President Megan Mitchell and Karyn McCarthy, GFWC IL Director of Junior Clubs.



Psst . . . did you hear?

GFWC IL members provided 31 raffle baskets for PCA IL's Conference and raised \$1,018.

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Invest in a healthier world.  
Immunize a child.



When you get your flu shot at Walgreens, you are also helping give a lifesaving vaccine to a child.



# Happy Anniversary!



**Woman's Club of Heyworth  
75th Anniversary**

These lovely ladies celebrated their anniversary, and took a moment to pose for the camera. Ruth Nicewonger, lower right, President.



**Mascotah Tuesday Woman's Club  
80<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary**

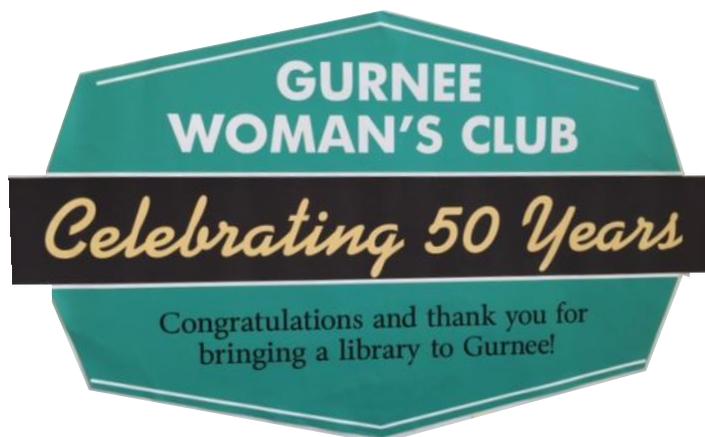
Mascotah Tuesday Woman's Club was organized on October 7, 1935 and celebrated 80 years of service at its September meeting. The mayor presented a Proclamation Plaque on behalf of the City of Mascotah. Thirteen past presidents were in attendance, two members received 50 year membership pins, and eight additional members received 25 year pins.

Past Presidents seated are Virginia Purkel, Delores Dauber, Shirley Mueth. Standing (l to r) are Kim Bergheger, Joanne Jung, Cathy Trobaugh, Bobbye Broughton, Rosie Taylor, Marie Dawson, Carol Bandre, Edith Mueth, K.K. Schneider, Keitha Voegelé, Eileen Kuehn.



**Batchtown Woman's Club 90th Anniversary  
Brussels Woman's Club 80th Anniversary**

Members of the Batchtown Woman's Club and Brussels Woman's Club gathered at Brussels Town Hall for their anniversary tea, with the Batchtown WC celebrating their 90th anniversary, and Brussels WC celebrated their 80th anniversary. President of Brussels WC is Elaine Eberlin, and Karen Friedel is President of Batchtown WC.



Taken from sign celebrating **Gurnee Woman's Club's** 50th anniversary.



## Volunteers in Action

### GFWC Macomb Woman's Club

When our clubwomen strike upon a golden idea, even if the seed of the idea to completion is 10 years, they stop at nothing to see it through.

A committee within the GFWC Macomb Woman's Club, began a project in 2008 to bring attention to the actions of two ladies in Macomb's early history. This project falls within the GFWC Community Improvement Program in that it enhances the relationship between our club and our community. We hope that this memorial will promote higher social and moral attitudes and encourage women to strive to better the lives of others by remembering what others have accomplished in the past.

The committee decided to memorialize local "pioneers" of female humanitarianism and social activism born in the 1800's. The women chosen and pictured on the statue base crusaded in many different ways to help others: Josie Westfall, Rose Jolly, Dr. Elizabeth Miner, Dr. Ruth Tunnicliff, Rebecca Everly, Sadie Moon, Lida Crabb and Clara Bayliss.

FACING THE STORM, the name given the statue by the sculptor Jaci Willis, will stand as a lasting tribute to women active in social services, past, present and future.

Jaci Willis describes "Facing the Storm": *"The costumes are from the 1900's, which was a dramatic time for women's rights. Women were gaining strength in their voice to be heard and their right to vote. Facing the Storm reflects on this impact on women in society and refers to the hardships they had to overcome. Standing against the wind represents the struggle. The woman is protecting the little girl from the force of the wind. Women wore hats, often with flowers on them, and the red rose is the GFWC International flower. The little girl is holding a cat. Cats represent feminine intuition."* Upon the statue's completion, Jaci wrote: *"I found this was an important project personally. I wanted to be one of the few women sculptors who created, poured, and welded a 650 pound bronze with her own two hands. This is my addition to the lineage of women who achieved something great for the next generation of women to realize that anything is possible."*

Current members of the Memorial Committee are: Co-Chairmen Tina Belz and Marilyn Pastorelli, Elaine France, Sally Sallee, Garnette Hallwas, Jean Waller, Mary Ann Griffin, and Sharon Lindahl (the aforementioned are the original 8 from 2008), Vicky Torreson, Sheila Shearer and Sandy Kessler.



## Upcoming Events

November 7 & 8 - GFWC Illinois Board of Directors Meeting in Bloomington

November 15 - "Mutt Strutt...Paws on Parade" Pet Fashion Show for Canine Companions for Independence in Oak Brook. Contact Amy Vicioso for details (avicioso@comcast.net)

November 16-20 - American Education Week

December 1 – Endorsements and paperwork for GFWC Illinois Officer Candidates due to Diana Taylor, Elections Chairman, and HQ

December 9 – Holiday Open House @ GFWC Headquarters, Washington DC, 2 to 7 pm