



Key Notes

GFWC Illinois Convention 2017

Workshops, Exploration Stations and Service Project

GFTV Club Hunter and Fixer Upper

• **Thursday Afternoon, May 18th** • **3:15 – 4:30 pm**

Karyn Charvt, GFWC IL Juniorette Chairman, and LeeAnn Conlon, GFWC IL Secretary – Facilitators

FIXER UPPER

- Need a facelift or new curb appeal – what's your vision, mission objectives
- Core infrastructure problems (plumbing / electrical) – do you need to shake up your Executive Committee or overall structure
- Appliances old and worn (members) – what do you do to re-engage your members

CLUB HUNTER

- Want to reconnect with old friends who have drifted away – How do you start an Encore Club
- Do you have members with daughters that are Juniorette age but don't know how to start the process?
- If these scenarios sound like your club, this is the workshop for you. Karyn and LeeAnn will share ideas to help you with your "Fixer Upper" or with your "New Construction".

Service Project for Homeless Vets

• **Friday Afternoon, May 19th** • **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

Carol Jablonski, GFWC IL Vice President / Communications Chairman

Alice Betlach, GFWC IL Vice President / Membership Chairman – Facilitators

This workshop time slot will start with assembling **T-Shirt Bags for Homeless Veterans** in the Chicagoland and surrounding areas. Please bring new or gently worn Men's T-shirts (no undershirts) sizes Large – 3XL. Travel size toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, sewing kits, shaving cream, disposable razors, bar soap. Containers will be placed by registration to collect your contributions. After the service project is finished there will be time to exchange ideas in the areas of Membership and Public Relations. Time to share what's working for your club or what your club struggles with. Who knows how much you may learn from the other members in the workshop.

EXPLORATION STATIONS

How to Write and Win Grants

• **Friday Morning, May 19th**

• **Business Session IV**

This time will highlight the process of finding, writing, and winning grants. Where can you find them? Does your club need to have 501(c)3 non-profit status? What information is needed to be the organization that is awarded the money? What happens after the money is spent? These and other questions will be answered by GFWC Illinois President Elect Shelli Fehr, whose club relies on grants as their primary source of funds, and by Convention Chairman Bonnie Heydorn, a reviewer of grant applications for many years. Bonnie was Director of Grants at the DuPage Foundation for 18 years and most recently was on the Grant Committee for Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation.

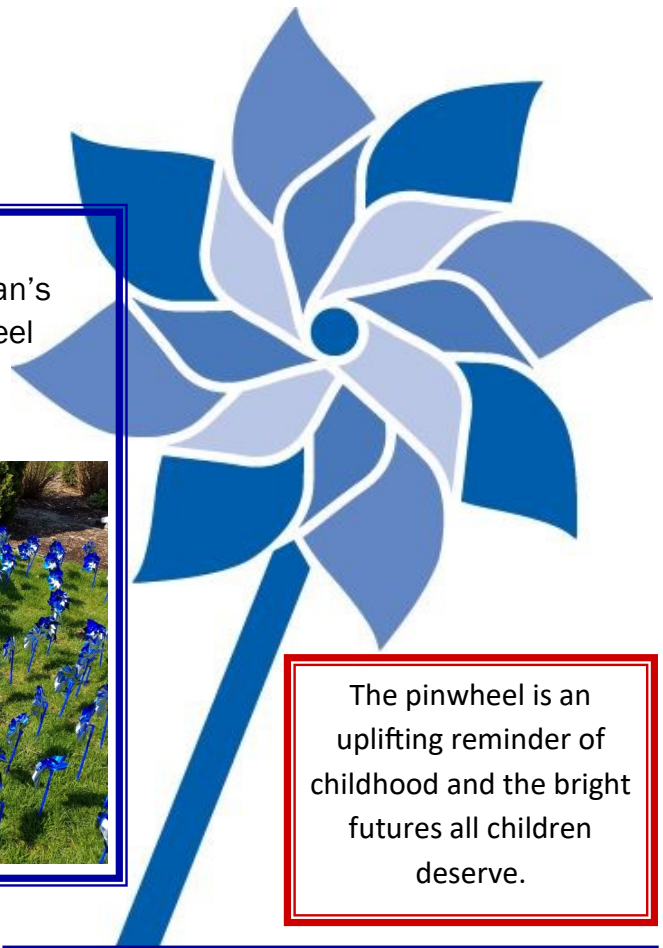
Human Trafficking

• **Saturday Morning, May 20th**

• **Business Session VII**

This **Exploration Station** will focus on the extent of Human Trafficking in the state of Illinois and Chicagoland area. Illinois State Representative Patti Bellock will bring us up-to-date information on what is happening, how Illinois is responding and how we as GFWC Illinois members can help combat this growing issue with awareness and action.

Pinwheel Gardens



Glenwood Junior Woman's Club planted a pinwheel garden

at the annual
Glenwood Easter Egg Hunt.



The pinwheel is an
uplifting reminder of
childhood and the bright
futures all children
deserve.



The Elgin Junior Woman's Club hosted its Third Annual Pinwheel Palooza at the Elgin Police Station on April 8th to bring awareness for Prevent Child Abuse. The event boasted approximately 125 people in attendance, 13 vendors who had various activities for the kids, a family fun walk, a canine police demonstration, and a presentation from author Amy Logan who read "A Girl With A Cape".



GFWC Abingdon Junior Woman's Club laid two pinwheel gardens at each of their two banks for April's Prevent Child Abuse month.

News from Our Clubs

From Millstadt Civic Club . . .

Buff Burkel, was recently featured on KMOV (Channel 4 in St. Louis) for her work at Shriners Hospital for Children ([Harris Hero: Air Force colonel goes above, beyond to help children at Shriners Hospital](#))! Buff was in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2015 (five people died, and Buff suffered multiple crushed vertebrae) and now volunteers at the hospital to give hope to children who are in halo traction.

Buff was a member of MCC several years ago, and re-joined the club last summer after she returned home from her accident and was stationed at Scott Air Force Base. We are thrilled to have her back and are so proud to see others recognizing Buff for her amazing, giving spirit!



Laurel (Buff) Burkel



Does your club have news to share with GFWC Illinois? Email your photo with a few lines describing your news to Carol Jablonski at carolajablonski@att.net.



*Mt. Prospect Woman's Club celebrated their 90th anniversary in the original schoolhouse they became a club. Shown with President **Phyllis Skubic** on the left is Club President **Jodi Hanson**, accepting the anniversary scroll.*

Your GFWC IL Executive Committee offers Federation Friendship to all



Federation Day

Monday, April 24, 2017



*GFWC IL Manhattan Woman's Club supplied woman power at the Irish Fest Craft Show, with **Barbara Daugherty**, **Susan Morgan**, and **Pat Heitman** featured.*

News from GFWC





GFWC Membership News



Dana Jones
GFWC 2016-2018
Membership Committee Member
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GFWC Membership-The Real Deal



Ideas for your First Club Meeting of the New Administration

Does your club initiate your new members? If not, it might be something to consider. An initiation ceremony is a great opportunity to welcome your new members to your group. It reinforces their sense of belonging to your local club. Taking the oath of membership and receiving a GFWC membership pin indicates a commitment to supporting and participating in the goals and activities of the club. Plan an initiation ceremony for your new members and at the same time give your current members a chance to reaffirm their membership commitment.

The *GFWC Ceremonies Guide* features select new club charter, new member initiation, installation, memorial, and anniversary ceremonies from GFWC State Federations and clubs across the country. A spiral bound copy may be purchased (\$8) from the GFWC Marketplace or members may receive a PDF of the guide at no cost by contacting GFWC at 1-800-443-GFWC (4392) or GFWC@GFWC.org. GFWC Membership pins may also be purchased (\$5 each) from The Marketplace.



In 1890, 22 years after Jane Cunningham Croly was denied entrance to a lecture featuring Charles Dickens, 63 clubs gathered in New York City and officially formed GFWC. Do your club members know about the work and activities of women's clubs that lead up to the ratification convention during those prior years? Read about their challenges. Take time to educate your members – share the history of GFWC. Refer to the book, *Reaching Out: A Story of the General Federation of Women's Club* by Mary Jean Houde for information of the growth and development of GFWC as an international organization of volunteers.



Certificate of Recognition

Certificates of Recognition are a great way to recognize members and/or clubs for outstanding volunteer work.

GFWC has made available a "Certificate of Recognition" on the website for your use. You may download a copy, found under the GFWC Resource tab and index "C."



Summer Seasonal Recruitment
GFWC - \$50 MEMBERSHIP GRANTS
Application deadline is June 1, 2017.



GFWC'S - "IT'S THE REAL DEAL"
RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN
March, April, May
52 PICK UP - A MEMBERSHIP TOOL
Report due June 1, 2017

Happy Anniversary

GFWC acknowledges and celebrates milestone club anniversaries with a certificate, letter from the GFWC International President, and recognition in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine.

According to GFWC's bylaws, milestone anniversaries are 25, 50, 60, 70, and every five years thereafter (75, 80, 85, etc.). Anniversary dates are based on the date when a club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs, not the date when the club was founded. Please contact Kate Garlick, Membership Service Manager, at GFWC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990; or email: kgarlick@gfwc.org to submit your request.

More News from GFWC



Invest in a healthier world
Immunize a child

What is Shot@Life?

Shot@Life educates, connects, and empowers individuals to champion global vaccines as one of the most effective ways to save the lives of children in developing countries. The campaign rallies the public to advocate and fundraise for global childhood vaccines. We believe that, by encouraging people to learn about, advocate for, and donate to vaccines, we can decrease the 1.5 million annual vaccine-preventable childhood deaths and give every child a shot at a healthy life.

Partnership with GFWC

As an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service, the General Federation of Women's Clubs is an organization the United Nations Foundation Shot@Life campaign has been very proud to partner with over the growth of the national campaign. GFWC supports our efforts by recruiting new Champions, fundraising, and promoting our cause through social media. The partnership aims to expand access to life-saving vaccines for children in developing countries and stop unnecessary childhood deaths.

Shot@Life Awards Program

The Shot@Life Awards Program focuses on providing as many vaccines and immunization services as possible to children in developing countries. Vaccines for diseases such as polio cost as little as \$1.00 per dose making it an extremely cost effective way to make an impact in the life of a child. Efforts to raise awareness and funds for Shot@Life will be tracked and our top clubs will be recognized annually at the National Conference. Our special award levels are:

- Bronze: Raise \$366 to help provide essential vaccines to 1 child a day
- Silver: Raise \$750 to help provide essential vaccines to 2 children a day
- Gold: Raise \$2,000 to provide up to 2,000 lifesaving vaccines to children in need
- Platinum: \$5,000 to provide up to 5,000 lifesaving vaccines to children in need

Getting Involved with Shot@Life

Shot@Life's Grassroots Champion Program represents our strongest supporters across the nation and the world — individuals who dedicate their voice, time, and support to stand up for childhood in developing countries. Champions are comprised of a diverse group of parents, students, medical professionals, activists and anyone who believes in the importance of global childhood immunizations. After completing a Champion training, they help move the policy needle to ensure that the U.S. Government continues to fund global childhood immunization programs. Fundraise for vaccines, use the media to advocate, and maximize the impact of events.

**Questions? Please contact Rebecca Maxie at
champions@shotatlife.org or by calling 202-340-5867.**



Did You Know?

Around the world, a child dies every 20 seconds from a vaccine-preventable disease.

Vaccines for measles, pneumonia and diarrhea save millions of lives each year.

Vaccines have played a critical role in reducing the number of childhood deaths.



ShotatLife.org

