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ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Betty Koran, Chairman

Sue Bielenda, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club	District 25
1 st Place Junior	Pontiac Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	Atwood Women's Club	District 19
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Prairie State Woman's Club	District 12

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	Fairview Heights Woman's Club	District 22
1 st Place Junior	GFWC IL Coal City Junior Woman's Club	District 12
2 nd Place	GFWC IL Metamora Woman's Club	District 17
3 rd Place	Marion Woman's Club	District 25

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Woman's Club of Champaign-Urbana	District 19
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club	District 5
2 nd Place	GFWC Columbia Woman's Club	District 22
3 rd Place	Lombard Service League	District 5

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Lincoln Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	GFWC Woman's Club of Aurora	District 11
3 rd Place	Palos Park Woman's Club	District 3

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Wanda Burklow, Chairman

Sara Gilbert, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Fairbury Woman's Club	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club	District 25

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Marion Woman's Club	District 25
3 rd Place	Georgetown Ladies Community Club	District 18

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Metamora Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Manhattan Woman's Club	District 11
3 rd Place	Mascoutah Tuesday Woman's Club, Inc.	District 22

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Palos Heights Woman's Club	District 3
1 st Place Junior	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
3 rd Place	Antioch Women's Club	District 10

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Phyllis Nightlinger, Chairman

Kim Kalafaut, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club	District 25
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's Club	District 16
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
3 rd Place	The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club	District 17

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club	District 12
2 nd Place	Georgetown Ladies Community Club	District 18
3 rd Place	Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 12

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Morris Woman's Club	District 12
1 st Place Junior	The Glenwood Junior Woman's Club	District 3
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Waukegan Woman's Club	District 10
3 rd Place	Millstadt Civic Club	District 22

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Palos Heights Woman's Club	District 3
1 st Place Junior	Lemont Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Macomb Woman's Club	District 14/15

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Mary Jane Koester, Chairman

Ruby Feeley, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club	District 1
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's Club	District 16
2 nd Place	GFWC Joliet Juniorette Club	District 11
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club	District 25

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Il Mt Carmel Woman's Club	District 23
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	Georgetown Ladies Community Club	District 18
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today	District 23

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Mascoutah Tuesday Woman's Club	District 22
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	Wood River Woman's Club	District 22
3 rd Place	Marengo Woman's Club	District 4

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	GFWC Femmes Unir Women's Club of Bartonville	District 16
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	Palos Heights Woman's Club	District 3
3 rd Place	Darien Woman's Club	District 5

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Ruth Sloom, Chairman

Beth Magoon, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Bloomington-Normal Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Joliet Juniorette Club	District 11

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today	District 23
1 st Place Junior	Somonauk Community Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 12
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom	District 17

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Metamora Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	Millstadt Civic Woman's Club	District 22
3 rd Place	GFWC Zion Woman's Club	District 10

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Antioch Woman's Club	District 10
1 st Place Junior	Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 5
3 rd Place	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	Palos Heights Woman's Club	District 3

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Gerri Eck, Chairman

Cyndi Fulco, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's club	District 16
2 nd Place	St. Francisville Women's Club	District 23
3 rd Place	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Women's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	Glendale Heights Junior Woman's Club	District 5
3 rd Place	Georgetown Ladies Community Club	District 18

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Woman's	District 3
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club	District 3
2 nd Place	The Mokena Woman's Club, Inc.	District 11
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Manhattan Woman's Club	District 11

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club	District 6
3 rd Place	Antioch Woman's Club	District 10

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION & AWARENESS SIGNATURE PROGRAM

Mary Jo Murphy, Chairman

Allison Hale, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's Club	District 16
2 nd Place	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	Fithian Woman's Club	District 18
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Junior Woman's Encore Club	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Lombard Service League, Inc.	District 5
1 st Place Junior	GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 3
2 nd Place	Elgin Junior Woman's Club	District 11
3 rd Place (tie)	The Herrin Woman's Club	District 25
3 rd Place (tie)	Oswego Junior Woman's Club	District 11

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Darien Woman's Club	District 5
1 st Place Junior	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	Antioch Woman's Club	District 10
3 rd Place (tie)	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
3 rd Place (tie)	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club	District 11

OUR PROMISE / ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN SPECIAL PROGRAM

Karen Meyer, Chairman

Allison Hale, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Polo Evening Woman's Club	District 13
3 rd Place	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	Wheaton Junior Woman's Club	District 5
3 rd Place	GFWC Joliet Encore Woman's Club	District 11

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club	District 6
1 st Place Juniors	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	The Glenwood Junior Woman's Club	District 3
3 rd Place	Elgin Junior Woman's Club	District 11

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	The Woman's Club of Aurora	District 11
1 st Place Juniors	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club	District 6
3 rd Place	Antioch Woman's Club	District 10

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVANCEMENT

Carol Jablonski, Chairman

Sherena Smith, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC IL Newton Woman's Club	District 23
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's Club	District 16
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Fairbury Woman's Club	District 17
3 rd Place	St. Francisville Woman's Club	District 23

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Junior Woman's Encore Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Junior Woman's Club	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club	District 12

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Wood River Woman's Club	District 22
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	Elgin Junior Woman's Club	District 11
3 rd Place	GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 3

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Palos Heights Woman's Club	District 3
1 st Place Junior (tie)	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club	District 11
1 st Place Junior (tie)	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
3 rd Place	Darien Woman's Club	District 5

LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT

Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Chairman

Debbie Monteith, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Prairie State Woman's Club	District 12
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
3 rd Place	GFWC Pontiac Junior Woman's Club	District 17

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Joliet Encore Woman's Club	District 11
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Woman's Club of Princeton	District 16

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Manhattan Woman's Club	District 11
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Coal City Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	Elgin Junior Woman's Club	District 11
3 rd Place	Lombard Service League, Inc.	District 5

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
1 st Place Junior	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	Darien Woman's Club	District 5
3 rd Place	The Belvidere Woman's Club	District 4

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT

Becky Weber, Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place	GFWC Illinois Prairie State Woman's Club	District 12
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Vandalia Woman's Club	District 23

15—25 Members

1 st Place	GFWC Woman's Club of Princeton	District 16
2 nd Place	Franklin Park Woman's Club	District 7
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18

26—49 Members

1 st Place	Millstadt Civic Woman's Club	District 22
2 nd Place	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 11

50 Members or More

1 st Place	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
2 nd Place	Tuscola Woman's Club	District 19
3 rd Place	The Woman's Club of Aurora	District 11

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT

Alice Betlach, Chairman

Cally Larson, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Newton Woman's Club	District 23
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Prairie State Woman's Club	District 12

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today	District 23
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Junior Woman's Encore Club	District 17

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Woman's Club	District 3
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	Lombard Service League, Inc.	District 5
3 rd Place	Morris Woman's Club	District 12

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	Palos Park Woman's Club	District 3
1 st Place Junior	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Macomb Woman's Club	District 14/15

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT

Amy Vicioso, Chairman

Faith Cromwell, Vice Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	The GFWC Illinois Gilman Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's Club	District 16
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Prairie State Woman's Club	District 12
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Polo Evening Woman's Club	District 13

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	Franklin Park Woman's Club	District 17
1 st Place Junior	Glen Ellyn Junior Woman's Club	District 5
2 nd Place	Georgetown Ladies Community Club	District 18
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Waukegan Woman's Club	District 10
1 st Place Junior	Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	Lisle Woman's Club	District 5
3 rd Place	Highland Civic Woman's Club, Inc.	District 22

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.	District 17
1 st Place Junior	The Downer's Grove Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 5
2 nd Place	Mount Prospect Woman's Club	District 7
3 rd Place	GFWC East Peoria Woman's Club	District 16

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

Diane Addante, Chairman

Donna Cross, Junior Chairman

1—14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
1 st Place Junior	Princeton Junior Woman's Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club	District 25
3 rd Place (tie)	GFWC IL Newton Woman's Club	District 23
3 rd Place (tie)	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cahokia	District 22

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Woman's Club of Princeton	District 16
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Junior Woman's Encore Club	District 17
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club	District 17
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Nancy Bluebirds	District 22

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Morgan Park Woman's Club, GFWC Illinois	District 3
1 st Place Junior	GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, Inc.	District 3
2 nd Place	The Mokena Woman's Club	District 11
3 rd Place	Wood River Woman's Club	District 22

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	The Women's Club of Aurora	District 11
1 st Place Junior	No Entry	
2 nd Place	Byron GFWC Women's Club	District 13

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Linda Valentino, Chairman

1-14 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville	District 22
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Newton Junior Woman's Club	District 23
2 nd Place	Island Lake Woman's Club	District 10
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Danville-Illiana Woman's Club	District 18

15—25 Members

1 st Place General	GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck	District 18
1 st Place Junior	no entry	
2 nd Place	Fithian Woman's Club	District 18
3 rd Place	GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today	District 23

26—49 Members

1 st Place General	Millstadt Civic Woman's Club	District 22
1 st Place Junior	GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club	District 3
2 nd Place	Lisle Woman's Club	District 5
3 rd Place	GFWC Decatur Woman's Club	District 19

50 Members or More

1 st Place General	GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club	District 6
1 st Place Junior	Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club	District 11
2 nd Place	Palos Heights Woman's Club	District 3
3 rd Place	GFWC East Peoria Woman's Club	District 16

UNITY AWARD

Judged by Phyllis Skubic and Jeanette T. Wells

1 st Place	GFWC Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Woman's Club	District 6
	GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club	District 6
2 nd Place	GFWC Illinois Junior Cyber Stars	District 17
	GFWC Illinois Nancy's Bluebirds	District 22
3 rd Place (tie)	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club	District 11
	GFWC Illinois Plainfield Juniorette Club	District 11
3 rd Place (tie)	GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
	GFWC IL Geneseo Woman's Club	District 14/15
	GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club	District 14/15
	Junior Woman's Club of Rock Island, Illinois	District 14/15
	GFWC Macomb Woman's Club	District 14/15
	Milan Woman's Club	District 14/15

2016

Top Ten

Club

Projects

ARTS

682 Projects

18,786 Hours

\$61,636.44 Donated

\$22,855.34 In Kind

The GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom decorated the "Welcome to Cullom" signs at each end of town, including the GFWC IL emblem. Each month they had a theme and handmade decorations were displayed with the holiday month. January – Welcome to the New Year, February- Valentines, March-Shamrocks, April-Bunnies, May-Spring flowers, for the summer months they put out flowers, October and November were scarecrows and hay bales. The December decorations were wreaths and Christmas Stockings.

GFWC IL Eldorado Woman's Club incorporates some form of art at every meeting whether a craft project or reports given on local theatrical performances to sharing each other's works of art at their meetings. They also entered their artworks at the GFWC Illinois State Convention and took home numerous ribbon winners last May.

The Newton Woman's Club's Art Chairman wanted to stress to her club members that music is a very important part of the arts so she started a monthly sing along time program. They had a sing along time all nine months that they met. These included fun songs, seasonal tunes and if there is a birthday that month of course they serenade the birthday club member. They all sing together and the chairman feels that by putting a song in her fellow member's hearts, it will stay with them and bring them joy at least for the remainder of the day.

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Cub hosted a table at a local festival featuring potato stamping. Young artisans were invited to stamp bags with stamps made out of potatoes. The adults had a choice of three different ornaments that they were invited to create.

The GFWC Wood River Woman's Club hosts a Young Authors Program for grades one through eight. Two hundred dollars was awarded to students of the Wood River/Hartford school district who participate in this annual event. Without their support the District superintendent informed the school board that this program would not exist.

The GFWC Femmes Unir Woman's Club collected 329 new art items from their members that were donated to the three grade schools. At one school, the Assistant Principal was so moved that he placed an open thank you note with one of the pictures of the donation in the local newspaper expressing his appreciation of the donation.

The Brussels Woman's Club had students in the local school district in grades 8-12 create a quilt pattern to be placed on a 4' x 6' board and displayed on the lawn of the local library. This contest brought attention to the county's yearly quilt tour and the quilt trail that winds its way through this county, showcasing over 80 barns displaying larger painted quilt patterns, many from a family made quilt.

The Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc. with 27 members participating, had a photography committee of 18 photographers and 2 chairmen take photos of all activities that occur during their TLC camp week, a week which provides camp activities for children ages 5 through 13 with cancer along with a sibling. The club also provided materials to TLC campers for theme related scrapbooks they design while at camp.

The Lincoln Woman's Club partnered with the Logan County Solid Waste Agency to create an award at the county fair for recycled art. The art piece needed to be created from repurposed items. Monetary items were awarded for first through fourth place in art work submitted in three categories, art work by adults 18 and over, young adults 13-17 and art work by children 10-12. The project was promoted in the Logan County Facebook page, in flyers distributed at the monthly recycling events and in the local newspapers. The projects were displayed throughout the fair with recognition of appreciation to the club.

Fairview Heights Woman's Club jumped into action and developed a plan when the art programs were all eliminated in the Fairview Heights School District. First their Art Chairman agreed to volunteer teach art classes to 340 students, Pre-K thru 4th. The club used a cleaned out storage room as an art room. Each project took five days to prepare and six days to teach.

CONSERVATION

488 Projects

13,118 Hours

\$16,361.60 Donated

\$10,604.00 In Kind

GFWC Saunemin Woman's Club went to the home of Judy Ellinger for one meeting. She runs a Wildlife Rescue Center for abandoned baby animals. She lives in a wooded area where the animals are gradually integrated back into the wild. Members enjoyed her stories and learned a lot. She receives no financial help except for donations. The club took cleaning supplies, animal food, and paper towels and gave a monetary donation.

GFWC Illinois Vandalia Woman's Club maintained a prairie flower garden that is adjacent to the front of the National Road Interpretive Center. This year they even took on another plot at the rear of the building. The new area is primarily a Monarch Butterfly Station. To meet the requirements for a butterfly station they planted three forms of milkweed and many native plants that included wild indigo, liatris, coneflowers, and wild quinine. The members weeded and watered and maintain the community beautification project in historic Vandalia, Illinois.

GFWC Illinois Eldorado Woman's Club helped make things out of GARBAGE. They created a piggy bank for "pennies for art" out of a milk jug and pink plastic lids; made a candy holder that looked like jack-o-lanterns out of Tide Pod containers; used toilet paper cores to make bird feeders to hang in trees; made ghosts from icing containers and plastic bags; made containers from water bottles to hold desk items; made purses out of old blue jeans; made gift tags from used greeting cards; and used junk mail to cut out snowflakes to stick in windows. One member made trick or treat bags out of old shirts, while another and her grandson made a quilt out of his deceased mother's t-shirts.

Anna—Jonesboro Woman's Club entered the Shawnee Hills Art Center "Flamingo Fling" by making a Flamingo named Miss Conservation Volunteer. She was dressed in khaki top, slacks, hat and hiking boots, a Junior Forester badge and Smoky Bear bandana. She carried a birdseed sack shoulder bag with leaflets about the Shawnee National Forest, Fire Safety, Wildlife in Illinois, and a recycling brochure and a banner that said, "Conserve, Preserve, Reuse, and Repurpose Our Historical Structures." After the Flamingo won "Best of Show", all were auctioned off.

Lombard Junior Woman's Club, Inc. sent old pantyhose to No Nonsense for recycling. Nylon is not biodegradable so No Nonsense repurposes them for benches, playgrounds, car insulation, running tracks and toys.

Mount Prospect Woman's Club Conservation Chairman designed an environmental newsletter named "The Conservation Times" to pass out at meetings. Topics included local Earth Day activities, Monarch Butterfly update, effects of Emerald Ash Borer on community trees, history of Arbor Day, the global "Big Day" of birding, how to recycle old tube TVs, and a special issue on the National Park Service Centennial.

Morton Grove Woman's Club—On behalf of Morton Grove Park District, they applied for the Illinois Distinguished Accreditation Program, taking hundreds of hours to collect, review, and develop the required information. They are now one of only 46 accredited park districts and recreation areas.

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club's Conservation committee sponsored an educational children's program called "The Frog Lady" for the library. Members loaned the library an aquarium and filter for tadpole hatching. The turnout was the largest in library history and was great exposure for the club.

GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc. members and the Logan County Joint Waste Agency unload recyclables monthly from cars, separating metal, plastic, and glass. Glass is thrown into a large wagon and taken to Verallia Saint Gobain Containers and melted down. This is the only glass recycling in Logan County.

GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club maintained a butterfly garden at the school and made seed balls that were placed outside after the first frost. In addition, over 50 caterpillars were given to the classrooms to teach children about migratory patterns. A member of the club registered her garden as a Monarch Waystation. She also raised Monarch caterpillars and released dozens of tagged butterflies, and serves on the Monarch Migration Festival Committee as a club representative. At the festival, the club made seed balls with the guests and released butterflies.

EDUCATION

630 Projects

17,6564 Hours

\$157,247.15 Donations

\$15,539.57 In Kind

Mount Prospect Woman's Club solicited book donations for the 3Rs Reading Reduces Recidivism Program. To avoid shipping fees, they located a contact in Urbana, IL who could deliver their books to southern Illinois prisons. Their system worked well—Lori delivers the books to Liz while at the University of Illinois, and then Liz arranges for deliveries by coordinating with various prison librarians.

GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Bismarck worked with the Salvation Army and Fair Hope Mission to provide backpacks filled with supplies to needy school children before school began. Members organized the school supplies and prepared backpacks for distribution. Members distributed them to the children and others shopped for supplies.

Somonauk Junior Woman's Club hosts a Scholastic Book Fair at the grade school. The book fair lasts one week, during which time they set up, run, and take down the displays. The school system does not have a library budget so this is the club's way of increasing the opportunity for students to read, as well as supporting the school district. The proceeds raised through the book sale are converted to Scholastic Dollars that are used to purchase books to support the school libraries.

GFWC IL Eldorado Woman's Club donated money to the local church that fills bags for kids with snacks. These bags are taken to the elementary and middle schools and discreetly put in a child's backpack on Friday afternoon for the weekend. These are children the school recommended, due to their home life or economic situation. Two members work with the church to fill the bags that are given out. Each sack contains at least 6 food items.

GFWC IL Joliet Encore Woman's Club assembled 199 "Party in a Bags" in August that were donated to the Joliet Public Library as a reward for children reaching 1000 books read before kindergarten. Each bag contained a crown, hand-clapper, whistle, star-shaped sunglasses, mini rubber duck dressed as Dr. Seuss, crayons, and other items

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club heard a program presented by the two women founders of the Wink Kids Project, a for-profit business. This was an educational program on starting a business that then morphed into what their business is. Their company produces unique baby and toddler items or gifts with literacy-minded slogans designed to open little minds. The future proceeds from this company will be used to spread reading awareness for at risk youth. Their goal is to get reading materials into the hands of parents and children who may otherwise be fighting illiteracy.

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club provides funding for a local non-profit organizations. To be considered, all interested organizations must complete and submit a funding proposal. The Bridge Teen Center's was selected. They requested \$500.00 to provide holistically designed afterschool programs for students in 7-12th grade. The programs offered were: Educational Support, Everyday Life, Mind/Body, Community Connections, and Expressive Arts.

Naperville Junior Woman's Club Community Improvement Project is Kids Matter. For this, they designed a contest called the Kids Matter Hollywood Premier—"Digital Footprint Campaign Project" that consisted of having grade school, junior high, and high school kids create homemade videos to educate people about cyber-safety and combat electronic bullying. The videos were judged to determine 3 winners.

Lemont Junior Woman's Club worked collaboratively with the Lemont Township to design outdoor trail maps and build an educational garden for Lemont's 59 acre Woodland Sanctuary. They helped the community raise funds to create a space for schools to learn about their native Illinois plants and animals and help draw local residents to enjoy this hometown park.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club provides a Camp Program and grants scholarships to students who submit an application for one. Seventeen scholarships were granted.

HOME LIFE

940 Projects

23,893 Hours

\$139,406.00 Donated

\$123,068.00 In Kind

GFWC Femmes Unir Woman's Club of Bartonville made pillowcases with a deployed military's picture ironed on them and another with an ironed on picture of the child they left behind. The child's was sent to the deployed and the deployed was given to the child. This way each has a picture to sleep with at night. Made as many pillowcases as needed per family. Each child was also given a teddy bear wearing a jacket with a note tucked in that was from his or her deployed parent.

GFWC IL Princeville Woman's Club gave Comfort Paks to the Princeville Ambulance Service. The Comfort Paks consisted of a cozy blanket (sometimes homemade), stuffed animal, and a book. There are large and small paks made for boys and girls. The members donated everything.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club gave Sweet Cases duffel bags to children in foster care so they don't have to travel from home to home with their belongings in a trash bag. The duffel bags were purchased from TWR (Together We Rise). Each bag has a teddy bear, coloring book, crayons, blanket, and toothbrush. The Club adds toothpaste and a nightlight. Members decorate the bags before delivery with inspirational sayings & photos.

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club made 90 washcloth bunnies filled with trial size soap, shampoo, or lotion at a club meeting. These washcloth bunnies were given to the adult day care clients at Easter.

GFWC IL Zion Woman's Club sponsored a Little Time Together program for 5th grade girls and their mothers, grandmothers, or significant adult women in their lives. The program dispels myths and rumors of menstruation and puberty.

GFWC Illinois Collinsville Woman's Club sponsored the Empty Bowl Event. The event is held each year on Ash Wednesday. It begins with a prayer by an area minister. Then, every hour (between 11 am & 2 pm) another minister has a prayer. The mayor, city and county officials, and business owners are in attendance. For \$10, people can sample over 30 soups donated by area restaurants along with bread and water. The money raised goes to the Collinsville Food pantry.

GFWC Effingham Women of Today provide Blessings in a Backpack, a bi-weekly program where the members fill sacks of non-perishable food that is put in the child's backpack by a Backpack volunteer on Fridays when the child is out for recess. This way the other students don't see the handout.

Somonauk Junior Woman's Club sponsored a Mother/Son Bowling event. A large number of mothers/sons, grandmothers/grandsons, aunts/nephews, and the like participated. Members provided snacks and drinks and worked the raffles and registration table. Businesses and members donated raffle prizes.

GFWC Illinois Lisle Woman's Club collected personal items such as soaps, lotions, nail products, candy, candles and colognes. During a meeting, members put the items in small gift bags tied with ribbon. A small personal note was placed in the bag. These bags were given to mothers who came to the food pantry for Mother's Day.

GFWC Illinois Lombard Junior Women's Club put care packages together for the many homeless in the community. These packages consisted of toiletries and healthy snack items placed in a gallon Ziploc bag. Members who see homeless people in their travels took some to have on hand. A teacher enlisted the help of her class and they donated items too.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

227 Projects

4661 Hours

\$51,287.15 Donated

\$19,488.81 In Kind

GFWC Illinois Bloomington-Normal Junior Woman's Club participated in Free the Girls project that provides bras for victims of sex trafficking. The women sell the bras in the second hand market to make a safe and sustainable income. Donating something simple like bras can be a vehicle for freedom and hope. Everyone was encouraged to bring one or more new or gently used bra.

GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club provided a seminar in their community to discuss human sex trafficking. Frank Massolini of The Salvation Army PROMISE Program (Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation) spoke on the recently established Anne's House, Illinois' first long term trauma based residential program for young women and girls who have been impacted by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The house provides group therapy, life skills training, support with academic and vocational goals, social and recreational activities and spiritual guidance. The seminar focused on Awareness, Prevention, Intervention, and that human sex trafficking is happening not just here in many areas in Illinois but internationally.

Antioch Woman's Club has sewing sessions from September to May for Operation Smile. They make quilts together with one member being responsible for tying all of them, which is remarkable since she's blind. In addition to sewing together, many of the ladies take kits home to assemble. The project usually has 3 sewing machines stitching the assembled quilts at the meetings.

GFWC Illinois Joliet Juniors hosted a car wash fundraiser to benefit Operation Smile. The Juniors received permission from an area dental office to use their parking lot and water to wash cars. They charged \$10 per car and advertised on Facebook and billboard signs the day of the event.

Lombard Junior Woman's Club, Inc. responded to an ad campaign of Heifer International to help the Cubs break the Curse of the Billy Goat. The curse resulted in the Chicago Cubs not winning a World Series and apparently, per legend, could only be broken by kindness to goats. After each portion of the championship series, the club purchased a goat or a family in need. Three goats were donated.

Palos Park Woman's Club held a purse auction for Heifer International. Gently used purses were donated with at least a \$10 item inside. An energetic, auctioneer/member worked the audience to get the best price for each purse. They were able to purchase a heifer, irrigation pump, 2 goats, and 1 pig.

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Child Shoeboxes. Members were asked to donate items to fill a shoebox with a variety of gifts, including coloring books, crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, Kleenex, dolls, socks, slinky, necklaces, bracelets, headbands, notebooks, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, hair ties, play dough, toothpaste, bars of soap, soap dishes, outfits/shirts, balls, toy cars, stuffed toys, cosmetic bag, feminine hygiene items, reusable water bottles, and washcloths.

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club heard from World Relief, an organization that helps immigrants relocate, then collected items for the Good Neighbor Kit, which lists items needed to furnish an apartment. The club provided kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and miscellaneous items for a family of four and then added toys and groceries. Once the family was in transit, members brought everything to the apartment and filled the shelves.

Mount Prospect Woman's Club coordinated the collection of new and gently used school and office supplies that were donated to Develop Africa for distribution to needy students in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cameroon and Tanzania. The club donated 49lbs. of school supplies and shipped them to Develop Africa's HQ in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club was introduced to Days for Girls International, a grassroots organization that helps girls go to school and women to work in over 100 countries through providing sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. The club found patterns to begin making the sewing bags, pads and liners.

PUBLIC ISSUES

686 Projects

16,545 Hours

\$49,495.85 Donated

\$51,086.26 In Kind

GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville focused on the veterans in their town. For "Salute to Veterans" Week in February, their club donated 281 pairs of crew socks tied with a red ribbon to the veterans at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital. At Christmas, they donated candy canes, boxes of greeting cards, playing cards, personal care items, shirts and books. They also gave them coffee and personal care items. The members signed 715 Christmas cards for "Holiday for Heroes". They donate cookies to their local Veteran's Clinic monthly.

GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Woman's Club participated in a Veterans' Mardi Gras Party for more than 50 veterans plus 15 staff members. The club provided a lunch of roast beef sandwiches, chicken casseroles, salad, fresh fruit, rolls and drinks. They cooked, served and cleaned up, and then visited with the veterans to provide an amazing day for all involved.

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Women's Club continued their Avenue of Flags project where the community can purchase a flag in honor/memory of local veterans. Each veteran's name and branch of service is engraved on a plaque and placed in a case displayed in the park when the flags are flown.

GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom purchased 23 flags, with community help, which line their main highway for 3/4 of a mile thru town 4 times a year. People may purchase them in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club hosted an annual event called "Safety Town" for children ages 4 & 5. The program runs two weeks long, two hours each day and includes two field trips. The club works with a certified teacher and D.A.R.E Officer from the local police department. Some of the safety practices include learning how to safely walk across the street, poison and medicine safety, railroad safety, teaching the kids their address and phone number, how to call 911 and more. At the conclusion of their two weeks, parents were invited to attend a short program so the students can demonstrate what they learned. This was followed by a graduation ceremony.

GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club provided a lunch for Veteran's at their local Veteran's Center during the Army vs. Navy football game. The members provided appetizers, roast beef sandwiches, baked mostaccioli, green salads, coleslaw, fruit, rolls, drinks and desserts. This project brought members and vets together by sharing an afternoon with laughs and story telling.

GFWC Illinois Plainfield Junior Woman's Club participated in Wreaths Across America by purchasing 79 wreaths and laying them with others during the ceremony at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club is the proud owner of an important historic building. Their building was built 104 years ago to serve as a Jewish Synagogue. Since the building housed the only Jewish place of worship and it is one of the last Federated Woman's Club buildings in the State of Illinois, it has become their mission to preserve and protect it. Unfortunately, the building is beginning to deteriorate. They raised \$4700 through community/member donations and targeted fundraising and repaired the roof and installed additional exterior lighting.

GFWC Mokena Woman's Club participated in 5 workshops on Veteran's Day and donated items for Operation Care Package boxes. Prior to the event, the members sewed 47 Christmas stockings, shower bags and hygiene bags. At a meeting, members cut out fabric for stockings, made cards and wrote personal notes to the vets and threaded cords into the shower bags, threaded ribbons into the hygiene bags plus bundled birthday, holiday, sympathy and all occasion cards that were donated for the gift boxes.

GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club held a "We Want You" Salad Luncheon. The club not only wanted to raise money for Wreaths Across America, Fisher House and USO, they also wanted the guests to hear from each organization. Speakers from each organization provided a program and distributed brochures. Guests were able to ask questions and sign up to volunteer.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

374 Projects

12,914 Hours

\$65,970.67 Donated

\$54,340.18 In Kind

Lombard Service League, Inc. hosted a “Handbags for Hope” event for their local shelter, donating gently used purses and filling them with feminine articles such as scarfs, lotion, perfume, make-up, jewelry, combs, etc. The event had a “shower” like atmosphere with purple decorations, refreshments, and a small favor for attendees.

GFWC Illinois Woman’s Club of Bismarck held a Pinwheel Workshop at a violence and transitional shelter. Members worked with shelter residents and children making pinwheels. Together they decorated a bulletin board and the shelter reception area then planted a pinwheel garden at the peace pole and alongside the sidewalk entering the building. Vases with pinwheels were placed throughout the building. Members provided refreshments and stayed to share some fellowship with residents.

GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Junior Woman’s Club, Inc. held its 5th annual “Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence” Benefit Day. This effort involved partnering with local domestic violence agency and fitness centers to offer over 20 different fitness events. Club coordinated the event, published an activity schedule and provided publicity throughout the community. Members acted as hostesses at all partner activity locations and collected donations. The event was promoted through bank sponsorships, social media, highly visible electronic and paper promotional literature, t-shirts, wristbands, yard signs and community members.

Past Presidents of District 21 held a successful **PCA Illinois Conference Basket Raffle** through the coordinated efforts of members who accepted 21 Basket donations and 3 works of art for raffle, sold raffle tickets, created and manned the displays, and passed out literature about Child Abuse Prevention during the conference in Springfield.

Darien Woman’s Club wrapped 20 Mother’s Day bags that were delivered the Friday before Mother’s Day to the local shelter. Each bag contained full sized items donated by the members: body lotion, scrub, or body wash, facial soap, moisturizer, hand sanitizer, perfume, make-up bag and items, razor, body sponge, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mouth wash, one or two pieces of jewelry, a book, and small miscellaneous items. The bags were stuffed with tissue paper and tied with ribbon. A Mother’s day card with well wishes from the Club was included.

Homer Glen Junior Woman’s Club placed flyers on mailboxes and front doors inviting neighbors in their community to donate specific items to the local woman and children’s services organization. Residents were asked to purchase new items and leave them on their front porch the following weekend for pick up.

Polo Evening Woman’s Club member contacted her district and state leaders about the death of her grandson. His stepmother was abusive and because of gaps in the DCFS reporting system, the various calls that people had made about it were not linked together, and the scope of the abuse wasn’t known until it was too late. With support from clubwomen, she and a GFWC IL board member met with her state senator. Several club and district members as well as State officers attended when she took the matter to DCFS Illinois. As a result, DCFS, GFWC IL and PCA IL are coordinating efforts to bring about much needed change in the reporting system.

Owego Junior Woman’s Club participated in the Walk for Hope for Mutual Ground, a domestic violence shelter in their area. Members formed a team, trained for the 5K walk, and raised funds that were donated to the shelter.

Princeton Junior Woman’s Club participated in a project providing Christmas to a family in need. Working through their local Domestic Violence shelter, the club was matched with an “In-shelter” family consisting of a young mom and four children and then provided the family with all items from their “want” and “need” lists.

Sandoval Woman’s Club invited a Legal Advocate from *People Against Violent Environments* to speak at their October meeting. In conjunction with the guest speaker, 21 new and gently used suitcases were collected for children being taken from their abusive/neglectful homes so they would not have to transport their possessions in trash bags. The suitcases were donated to their local Dept. of Children and Family Services.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

264 Projects

5,896 Hours

\$53,375.13 Donated

\$13,043.74 In Kind

The Woman's Club of Aurora held a Baby Shower for Healthy Families Aurora. They researched what was most needed by the community and shared that with the membership. A Baby Shower luncheon was held at the April General Meeting. Tables were decorated in Pink and Blue with Pink and Blue baby booties as table favors.

Elgin Junior Woman's Club collaborated with local police department for a Pinwheel Palooza event to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention. Six community agencies also participated with each setting up a vendor table with activities and information. The police department did child fingerprinting.

Lombard Junior Women's Club, Inc. planned the events, fundraised, acquired volunteers, solicited for campers (and a sibling), and chaired all the committees for the TLC Camp for Children with Cancer. They are involved all year in the work related to this event. The objective is to provide a safe, fun, accepting week for the children while giving a little respite for their families.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club purchased four Pediatric Jump Bags for ambulances in their county. Each town was very happy to accept the life-saving equipment to add to their vehicles. This project aids in alleviating the communities' financial burden to equip the emergency vehicles.

Joliette Juniors hosted a Teddy Bear drive throughout their community and surrounding ones. Large collection boxes were placed at local libraries, high schools, and local family dental office. The Juniors created flyers and advertised the event. They collected 123 new and gently used teddy bears and donated them to the Warren Sharpe Community Center who offers social service programs and assistance to local families, targeting those with at-risk children. The teddy bears are handed out at the Community Center's Christmas Luncheon.

GFWC IL Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville donated 615 greeting card fronts to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children for abandoned, abused, homeless and neglected children. These are used by the children as a Learn to Earn project and are turned into new greeting cards by them. The cards are then sold in the gift shop. The children are paid for their work and the money they receive goes for personal use and college.

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club supported Advocates for Children Week by purchasing or donating wish list items to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Items ranged from coloring books and crayons, Play-doh, art kits and supplies to gift cards, tablecloths, and personal items. The members then delivered the items and were given a tour of the St. Jude Clinic.

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club supported the local police and fire departments inaugural Blue and Red Christmas gift-buying program. The club donated seed money to this project, which was used by the police and firemen to shop with at risk children to help them purchase gifts for their family members.

Wheaton Junior Woman's Club sponsored a Buddy Baseball camp for children with physical and mental disabilities. The camp is held one evening a week over 5 weeks in the summer. The camp provides an opportunity for children with moderate to severe disabilities to play baseball in an organized environment. The participants range in age from 5 to 30. Each player is assigned an able bodied "buddy", volunteer teenagers from the local communities. At the end of the camp, each player is given a medal and team photos to remember the event. The camp has a lasting impact on the community.

Argo – Summit Bedford Park Woman's Club attended the GFWC IL Blue Ribbon Fashion Show fundraising event for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. This club donated two gift baskets for the raffle, created the table centerpieces and napkins rings, and decorated the tables and also sent 20 club members to the event.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

646 Projects

13,762 Hours

\$48,087.28 Spent

Palos Heights Woman's Club uses traditional sources for publicity as well as modern means of communication. From the local and regional newspapers to cable TV stations in their immediate and surrounding communities to school, police and fire department marquees to manning tables at farmers markets, blood drives and store shopping days, they are making the most of free advertising.

GFWC IL Plainfield Junior Woman's Club uses meetup.com as the primary means of communication for the club. Meetup.com is a subscription service that is used to manage membership, message other members, post meetings and events, share photos from events, post files and gain new members. The PJWC Meetup group is by membership only, however, their Meetup homepage can be viewed by anyone online at meetup.com making this a valuable marketing tool for membership since people interested in joining their group can contact them. They also maintain two Facebook accounts: a group page (private) and a business page. An Instagram account is also used to expand their reach into their community.

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club used the Chicago Tribune's website, finding newly sold homes and sent welcome letters to new home owners that included information about their club and how to find out more about them.

Lombard Junior Woman's Club established an FYI Chairman to ensure that all communications are club-related, positive, and appropriate. All communications are sent to this chairman before going out to the members.

Wood River Woman's Club planned a very public, community celebration for their 100th club anniversary. They used as much free publicity as they could garner, with the support of local businesses and government as well as the press. Their anniversary also provided a learning opportunity for their members (the use of power tools), as they approved and executed the construction of a float for their town's Halloween parade.

GFWC IL Junior Woman's Encore Club goes beyond Facebook, a website, and apparel, by using these two free online tools: Sign-Up Genius for creating and managing group sign up lists and forms and Doodle that simplifies the process of scheduling events.

GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom places large signs along the highway and at each end of town to promote special events, such as their Breakfast with Santa.

GFWC Newton Woman's Club entertained the residents of a local nursing home in February, creating games and leaving behind trinkets and treasures with their name and contact information. *NEW!* This club stepped into the Facebook zone in 2016, and regularly shares club information with their county's Facebook page.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club credits their use of photos on Facebook for their recent success and maintains both public and private Facebook pages. By tagging individuals and businesses in their photos, their "likes" have increased on their public page. They credit their use of social media for the doubling in attendance at their Safety Town program.

GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club sent 3 members to participate in a local radio show, not only to promote their upcoming tour of homes fundraiser, but also to talk about what their club is and the many projects they do for their community.

LEADERSHIP

1268 Projects

70,330 Hours

\$106,163.71 Spent

Lemont Junior Woman's Club organized and distributed "Welcome Bags" to new neighbors moving to Lemont using items donated by local businesses. Each month the committee members distributed these bags to new neighbors in the community.

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club recognizes one member at their general meetings for outstanding service to the club that month. Nominations are made by the chairwomen and emailed to the membership chairman. The nominee cannot be from her own committee but can be nominated for outstanding work outside their committee.

GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club sent a member to the GFWC Convention in Baltimore specifically to become a 501(c)3 club under GFWC's umbrella. She returned to her club to report on the steps they needed to accomplish to be included in the group.

Darien Woman's Club members attended District meetings, the GFWC IL Northern Region meeting, the Great Lakes Region meeting, and the GFWC Illinois Annual Convention. One member serves on the GFWC IL Executive Committee and Convention Committee. One presented at the Illinois LEADS workshop. One member has diligently served as the Illinois Clubwoman editor and now publishes the GFWC IL Keynotes, a statewide e-newsletter and launched the e-publication entitled Federation Fridays.

GFWC IL Coal City Junior Woman's Club held a Special Projects Pizza Party! They discussed proposed projects and the proposed budget for the fiscal year. These proposals were then voted on at a regular meeting. This club also recognized members who went above and beyond serving their club and community. One member is the club liaison for the Illinois Leadership Seminar.

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club members attended the Summer Seminar and the District Convention. Another member presented at least six report writing workshops to clubs or districts around the state. A member also serves on the GFWC Illinois Executive Committee and is a part of the Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, and Resolutions Committee, and serves as the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. Lastly, this busy member is the Dean of Chairman for the state.

Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club held a meeting for incoming officers, standing committees, and program chairmen. The co-presidents compiled a procedure book for all officers and chairmen and met with each officer individually to go over their material. They use these books as a primary reference. They contain: Part One: Responsibilities, Part Two: Descriptions on Positions, Part Three: Information from GFWC Club Manual, Part Four: Club Forms, and Part Five: Completed Project Forms and Year-End Reports.

Joliet Encore Woman's Club has members that serve on the GFWC Executive Board, GFWC IL General or the Junior and/or District Boards. Members also attended the GFWC Illinois Convention, GFWC Illinois LEADS workshop, Great Lakes Region Conference, Summer Seminar, and GFWC Convention in Baltimore.

Elgin Junior Woman's Club held a brainstorming meeting to discuss ways and means, health and welfare, membership / social and budget committees. Members attended District meetings and the GFWC IL Northern Region meeting. Three of their members also attended the Great Lakes Region Conference in Wisconsin. One member served as the GFWC IL Northern Region Vice President and also served as the Leadership Chairman. She set up the GFWC IL LEADS workshop for club members.

GFWC Illinois Abingdon Junior Woman's Club has a member who acts as the Chamber liaison and serves as the president for the Chamber. One of their members serves on the GFWC Illinois Executive Board, on the Great Lakes Region Communiqué E-Newsletter Committee, and on the GFWC Signature Program Committee.

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

154 Projects

803 Hours

\$540 Spent

Lincoln Woman's Club Legislation Chairman updates the membership on pending legislative issues (local, state & federal) monthly at the membership meeting and urges them to contact the appropriate elected officials. In January, the chairman updated the members on new laws signed into effect January 1. Two members signed up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center.

GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville members received 15 newspaper articles on "Senate Week in Review" educating them on current legislation. Topics included: New laws to take effect in January, Adoption Registry – Grandparents, State Budget Updates, Unresolved Issue-Property Taxes, SAT Returns, Cutting Red Tape, Fiscal Management and much more.

Millstadt Civic Club Legislation Chairman discussed the 238 new laws that went into effect January 2016, EPA regulations in their farming community, and proposed new laws for 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

532 Projects

14,937 Hours

\$48,707.68 Spent

GFWC Macomb Woman's Club recruits members on a personal level. Sponsors pick up the guests they invited to any luncheon meeting and introduce them. A "Newcomer's Tea" was held in November to welcome and celebrate the addition of 12 new members! An overview of club functions, volunteer service and leadership opportunities, and a history of GFWC were shared. New members were given a gift bag, a club booklet with the Bylaws, and GFWC brochures. *Member Sponsors* are invited to pin the GFWC Membership Pin on the new member as an official act! New Member Sponsors are recognized yearly and acknowledged for their efforts in growing the club.

Lisle Woman's Club members all take out their cell phones and "check-in" on Facebook at their meetings and events. It has become a "fun" part of their meetings and it lets their followers know they are having a meeting and what they are doing. They also started placing announcements of meetings, projects and fundraisers in subdivision newsletters and in the online forum "Next Door" bringing their club closer "to the neighborhood".

Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club held a "Java with Juniors" Recruitment Event at a local Starbuck's. They wanted an informal social atmosphere where interested women could ask questions and make a direct connection with members. Announcements were posted on Facebook and flyers were displayed at locations throughout town. The event was held on a Wednesday from 9a to Noon, and on a Thursday from 4-7pm. Eight new members joined!

Palos Park Woman's Club Membership Chair always greets and assists members upon entry. At her table is a sign-in sheet for members, name badges, a projected attendance sheet for the next month's meeting (to help the next hospitality team determine lunch), and the Club Yearbooks (at the start of the year). New members' names were listed in a Lucite frame and placed on the table for recognition.

Palos Park Woman's Club also developed "Business Cards" featuring the club's colors and logo as well as contact information. The next time a member is asked about GFWC, she shares this card. These cards along with newspaper articles, club brochures and a suggestion box have been added to their meeting registration table.

GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club held a 10-year anniversary celebration. 550 invitations were sent with the Village of Hampton's water bill, and flyers were displayed in area businesses. Social media and newspapers contained announcements. Invitees included past and potential members, Hampton and Rapids City Village Trustees, Fire and Police Chiefs, and representatives of organizations the club helped in the past. Projects were displayed. The History of GFWC was shared and then each club member told attendees about a project that was special to them.

Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc. applied for and was granted a GFWC Membership Grant. The funds were used to underwrite the cost of printing invitations, mailing, and materials for distribution at their "Membership Tea" which they hosted in June at their clubhouse. Invitations were mailed to potential members. The program included a welcome, a history of the club, and an overview of projects.

Lombard Junior Woman's Club Inc. recognizes members on their 5-year increment anniversaries with roses at their Awards Banquet and announces the "Service Award" winners. This is kept secret until the recipient's 'bio' is read. The winner is gifted with a prize and sometimes her husband and children will show up with a bouquet.

Georgetown Ladies Community decorated and manned a booth at the annual Georgetown Agricultural Fair in August. Members used this venue as a way to advertise their club and recruit new members. Raffle tickets were sold to win donated wreaths and a lovely throw made by one of their members. Four new members were gained!

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club's Membership Drive was a birthday party theme since they were celebrating the 45th Anniversary. An announcement was published in two local newspapers, a magazine, and on Facebook. The Membership Chairman extended a welcome followed by introductions, the benefits of belonging, and the responsibilities of membership. Three new members were added to the club.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

3,052 Projects

44,806 Hours

\$994,478.34 Raised

“Storybook” Scarecrow Trail—Partnering with Lemont Township, the Lemont Junior Woman’s Club sponsored a Scarecrow Trail competition to bring awareness to the 59-acre Heritage Woodland Sanctuary in Lemont. The competition was open to all schools, organizations, youth groups, families and businesses in Lemont. Participants paid an entrance fee and were given the theme of a “Storybook” and the scarecrow structure to decorate along the trail. The competition brought over 500 people to the Heritage Woodland Sanctuary to vote on their favorite scarecrow. Not only did the Club generate funds, but they also generated awareness to their beautiful Community. The Project raised \$380 but in addition, also promoted conservation awareness, the arts, and education. **\$380 Raised**

Project Playhouse 2016—The Glen Ellyn Junior Woman’s Club partnered with two local homebuilders to build two, 6x10ft playhouses, fully finished, furnished and decorated. The club then worked with the Park District to have the two houses placed in a high traffic local park. They were on display in September and every Saturday club members sold raffle tickets while others gave tours of the playhouses. The club sold tickets online, at local retailers and at area events. **\$12,221.36 Raised**

Eat, Drink and Be Scary—Downer’s Grove Junior Woman’s Club, Inc. launched this new Halloween Party fundraising event that cost \$50 per person and included a limited number of drinks, finger foods, DJ/dancing a photo booth and other fun Halloween activities. In addition, the event included basket raffles and silent auctions. The club held a costume contest. **\$17,000 Raised**

Mother/Son Gym Jam—Downer’s Grove Junior Woman’s Club, Inc. held this event as a chance for sons and mothers (or substitute) to have a fun evening of activities, snacks, and games all with a live DJ. **\$4,000 Raised**

Waukegan “Historic” Afghans—The Waukegan Woman’s Club sold afghan throws that club members made with several historical sites of Waukegan displayed on them. Due to the wonderful displays on the afghans, the club received numerous orders from people who came back to Waukegan for a large high school reunion. A member then posted and advertised the afghans on Facebook and website called: “Born and Raised in Waukegan”. **\$315 Raised**

Fairy Garden Luncheon—GFWC Illinois Polo Evening Women’s Club held this new event that featured Fairy Gardens made by club members that were used as table centerpieces and auctioned off. The décor was all garden fairies, including fairy tea lights at each table and a different fairy garden saying. The event included lunch, raffle prizes and a 50/50 and was colorful, creative and unique for spring. **\$971 Raised**

Supermarket Cookout—The Princeton Junior Woman’s Club held a Saturday Cookout at their local supermarket. The grocery store donated all of the grocery goods and the Club provided the “manpower”. The club prepared pork chop sandwiches, brats, and hot dogs and served them along with chips and drinks. **\$150.50 Raised**

Furever Love—Antioch Junior Woman’s Club created a Furever Love Committee and had a booth at the Antioch Summer Arts & Craft Fair. The club made doggy/kitty craft items and home baked sweets. **\$859.33 Raised**

9. Holiday Sip & Shop—Homer Glen Junior Woman’s Club held this event at their American Legion Hall. This ladies night out event gave women the chance to jumpstart holiday shopping. The room transformed into a “holiday winter wonderland boutique” ready for guests to shop. A red backdrop, string lights, seasonal ornaments, and holiday music created the perfect atmosphere. Vendors reserved a spot for \$35 fee and donated a \$25 raffle item. A \$3.00 admission was charged. Refreshments were served. Promotion was via Facebook, the club’s website, local newspaper, flyers displayed at local businesses, and on vendors’ social media pages. **\$1,308.38 Raised**

Old Fashion Box Lunch Social—East Peoria Woman’s Club held this as a “recycled” event. Members decorated boxes, filled them with a lunch and brought them to a meeting. They were then auctioned off before the members could enjoy their “box” lunch. **\$201 Raised**

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

148 Projects 2350 Hours \$5,086.36 Donated \$274 In Kind

Woman's Club of Aurora went above and beyond to celebrate their 125th Anniversary in 2016. They began planning in January for the celebration in October. As a kick-off, they performed a play "The Sitting" which is based on a favorite painting by David Robinson called "The Woman's Club." They planted a bi-colored oak tree on the grounds of the Aurora Historical Society. At their Anniversary Luncheon, members recounted their past and there was a large exhibit showcasing their history, accomplishments and significance in the community. The Mayor and GFWC 2nd VP Deb Strahanoski were on hand, as well as other state officers and clubwomen. Their history was also recounted in the lovely Program Booklet given to all attendees.

GFWC Illinois Morgan Park Woman's Club worked to preserve the history of their community during monthly gatherings at the local historical society. There, they clip and paste, in archival manner, articles of importance about the town and/or residents. The articles are filed by category, so anyone who needs to know more about the people, businesses, schools, churches, non-profits, police district, municipal issues or events in Morgan Park will have ready access to information.

GFWC Illinois Federated Woman's Club of Greater Belleville had a monthly meeting segment called "Did You Know?" and they shared facts about Federation with those in attendance.

Princeton Junior Woman's Club, in conjunction with their 45th Anniversary, entered the 45th Annual Bureau County Homestead Festival Window Display Contest. Homestead weekend draws many visitors into town. The club's entry was a mix of antiques and patriotic décor, with information regarding club history, activities and membership. The club was pleased with 2nd Place for Organizations and Clubs.

GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club has a committee of dedicated clubwomen who meet once a month at the Ridge Historical Society to archive club records. All papers going back to 1934 have been reviewed and are being placed in chronological order in binders stored at RHS.

Mokena Woman's Club hosted Historian James Gibbons who presented a one-hour program on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. As a result of the program, a club member researched Mrs. Roosevelt's involvement with GFWC and reported her findings to the club.

GFWC Women's Club of Princeton celebrated its 125th Anniversary. After time spent researching, a brief history of the club was written and published in the local newspaper.

GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today hosted a jewelry event at a meeting. Each member brought in a piece of jewelry that had special meaning or memories attached to them. Pieces included an engagement ring from the Great Depression, a black opal necklace from serving in the military in Australia, a 70th Anniversary ring and a charm bracelet with all of life's special times. The members shared the significance of each piece.

GFWC Joliet Junior Woman's Club used the occasion of their year-end Reciprocity Meeting to honor their Past Presidents and provide a scrapbook to their outgoing President. The evening included presentations by three of their top philanthropic causes and several of their scholarship recipients.

Mokena Woman's Club member created and presented a PowerPoint entitled "An Overview of the Mokena Woman's Club" at their September Kick-Off meeting. It was a 30-minute presentation on the 56-year history of the club and the highlights from the previous year. Explanations of Standing Committees were also included.