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GFWC Illinois extends
sincere sympathy to:

Judith Hampson, District 21
President on the loss of her
husband, Ronald.

Maxine Chandlee, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior
Clubs 1970-1972 on the loss of her husband, Walter.

Sympathy has also been extended for the loss of the
following members:

Eve Malizia, District 3 & District 11

Nelda Brackenhoff, 55 Year member
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Jeannine Henriksen and Pauline Voelcker
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GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP



**Gift of Leadership
Patricia L. Heitman
GFWC Illinois President
2012-2014**



Dear Members,

The holidays are over; reporting is finished; now it is time to turn our thoughts to Annual District Meetings and then on to Convention. The Convention Committee under the direction of Deb Strahanoski, Chairman, has been diligently working on the plans for a fun and exciting Convention.

This issue of the **GFWC Illinois Clubwoman** magazine has everything that you will need for registering and making plans for convention. Please keep this magazine because it has the convention agenda that you will need during Convention. We have strived to provide as much information as possible so that we can save on paper and mailings. The proposed revisions for the Resolutions and amendments for the Bylaws are also in this issue. Please review them. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.

We all are looking forward to seeing our friends, meeting new friends and ‘celebrating’ the accomplishments of the last year. We have some interesting workshops that you can attend and not only expand your knowledge of GFWC Illinois but your personal interests also.

Looking forward to seeing you in May -Pat



Trisha Schafer, Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014

Dear Illinois Junior Club Women & Federation Friends,

By the time you are reading this, you will have completed your club’s reporting for 2012. What a great time for club members to take pride in all of your accomplishments! **THIS**, is where you see the Difference you’ve Made! And after a year of helping others, hard work, efforts... you know what the next thing to do is, Right?!

CELEBRATE!! Where? In Naperville May 17-18 at our GFWC Illinois State Convention! And, **NOW**, those Differences you made in your Club join together with all our clubs across Illinois and the impact is truly amazing! My challenge to you is to attend convention this year and encourage a friend as well. We all take time for important things in life, and what is more important than to share the excitement of seeing all of the awards given out, the funds to CRF (Children’s Research Foundation), attend a workshop, get motivated, recharge yourself, see friends from other clubs and the list goes on!! I have had the opportunity to visit some of you and hear of your worthwhile projects... and EWE are to be commended! So, bring your sister club members, your Club “flair” such as t-shirts, hats, and bring some noise makers if you wish!

PLEASE, take this opportunity to celebrate!
I am looking forward to seeing EWE there!

**Thank “EWE” all for Making the Difference!
In Federation Friendship & Love ~ Trisha**



GIFTS OF TEACHING

2012 GFWC Great Lakes Conference by Diane Addante

This October, Great Lakes Region Conference was held at the Marriott Oak Brook Hills Resort. Prior to the meeting, a tour group of 30+ members visited Chicago Botanic Gardens to stroll the grounds and take a brisk Grand Tram tour of the Gardens. 172 members and 2 guests were registered for the conference, 85 of whom were from GFWC Illinois! Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC President and Babs Condon, GFWC President Elect were in attendance. We were very pleased to have our own Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC Treasurer and Becky Weber, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs on hand. Past GFWC President Rose Ditto was also among our attendees. President Laister was our Keynote Speaker on Friday Night. There were business sessions on Saturday with topics such as: Reporting; Give Kids a Shot@Life; Fundraising/Development and Club Management. At lunch, we were entertained by Kym Frankovelia, a dynamic and engaging singer. We concluded the event Saturday evening with Illinois State Night, followed by dancing to the music of the Bill Strahanoski Trio.

Great Lakes Region Officers for 2012-2014 are: Linda Clark, Michigan-President; Tric Heepe, Indiana-Vice President; Lin Wilkin, Ohio-Secretary and Paula Schlice, Wisconsin-Treasurer.

We all were proud of all our clubwomen who attended, ran workshops and made table favors. Special thanks to Judy Wagner and Karen Meyer for organizing the tour and making the registration process a breeze.

Congratulations to GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman and Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer for carrying out the conference plans so successfully on behalf of GFWC Illinois!

In October 2013, Great Lakes Region Conference will be in Indianapolis. Stay tuned!



GFWC Illinois Art School, Judy Sochor Chairman

It is hoped that when all club presidents receive the brochure for the GFWC Illinois Art School from Eastern Illinois University that you will contact a school and select a student to attend. It is such a fantastic experience for a high school student. It introduces the student to new techniques and helps them refine their aesthetic skills. They also make friends from all over the state and experience a taste of life on a college campus.

I would like to see a lot more clubs sponsoring a student to this program. If you have never sent a student and are not sure how to get started you can contact me by calling **217-763-4691** or e-mailing me at jsochor@yahoo.com.



PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

MEMBERSHIP “THE SOLE OF FEDERATION” Karel Volpert—GFWC Illinois Vice President



SOLES4SOULS

GFWC Illinois members have the opportunity to participate in a statewide volunteer project. Members are asked to collect shoes in their clubs and communities for Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls is an organization that collects shoes and delivers them to people in need. Since 2005 Soles4Souls has delivered over 19 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes in over 125 countries both for crisis relief and to support micro-enterprise projects to eradicate poverty. The donated shoes are sorted and graded by condition, style, and size. The new and A grade used shoes are given to victims of natural disasters and abject poverty. B and C grade used shoes support micro-enterprise programs in Haiti, Tanzania, Bolivia, Moldova, Togo, Honduras, and Pakistan. More than 99% of the donated shoes are used to help those in need. Less than 1% of all donations cannot be reused, but do not end up in landfills. These shoes are directed to a waste-to-energy facility where they are used to produce environmentally clean and renewable energy.

GFWC Illinois members are encouraged to collect shoes and to bring them to our Annual Convention in May. Donations of all types of shoes are accepted by Soles4Souls: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, or flip flops. The shoes that members bring will be placed in receptacles marked Soles4Souls and delivered to a collection site in Fox Lake, Illinois.

There are 2.2 billion children in the world and 1 billion of them live in poverty. It is estimated that 300 million of these children lack a pair of shoes. Soles4Souls shares shoes with needy people around the world who will treasure the gift for years to come. Every single pair of shoes that is donated turns into a great smile when delivered to a person in need. GFWC Illinois members are encouraged to join Soles4Souls in their mission to *“Change the World-One Pair at a Time.”*

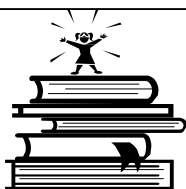
For more information, visit the Soles4Souls website at www.soles4souls.org. If you have questions, contact Karel Volpert at 217-497-7616, 217-759-7667, or karelvolpert@fullchoice.tv

BRING SHOES TO CONVENTION



GFWC Illinois Oswego Junior Woman's Club had a very successful day soliciting donations at the local Jewel in December. The \$733 dollars collected was used to provide Christmas dinners for those in need in Kendall County.

Way to go girls!



Bring Books to Convention

Teresa Sanford, Education Chairman, would like you to bring a new book or books to Convention. These books will be donated to a children's facility or an adult center.

118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION "CELEBRATING FEDERATION GIFTS"

GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs
OFFICIAL CALL
One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention
"Celebrating Federation Gifts"
May 16, 17, 18, 2013



Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel
1801 North Naper Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois 60563
(630) 505-4900 (800) 514-4684

The One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is hereby called for May 16, 17, 18, 2013 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel, Naperville, Illinois. Session I, Business will be called to order at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 2013 by Patricia L. Heitman, President, GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section 2. REPRESENTATION

- A. The voting body of GFWC Illinois shall consist of:
1. Club Delegates.
 - a. Two from each club of twenty-five members or fewer; one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major fraction thereof.
 2. District Delegates
 - a. Each district shall be entitled to seven delegates who shall be members of the district board, one of which shall be the District Director of Junior Clubs. Selection shall be made first from the district officers, not including the President who votes as a member of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors, then from the district chairmen.
 3. Members of the Junior Board of Directors, except the District Directors of Junior Clubs who serve as district delegates.
 4. Convention Committee officers
 5. Members of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.
 6. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents.
- B. Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.
- C. A delegate shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote in the annual convention.

- D. Any Club whose member dues are not paid by April 1st shall be notified and shall not be entitled to representation at the annual convention or to receive awards, except those clubs admitted at Pre-Convention Board Meeting.

Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS/ VISITORS

- A. GFWC Illinois club members who attend in addition to the voting delegates shall be considered non-voting members and may attend all sessions.
- B. Non-members attending Convention as a guest of a member, a personal guest of the President, or persons invited to be participants in the convention program shall be referred to as visitors.
- C. Visitor badges shall be issued at registration.

BRING TO CONVENTION

Delegates are requested to bring the Convention issue of the *GFWC Illinois Clubwoman* magazine.

Club Presidents, members of the Board of Directors, members of the Junior Board of Directors should bring Their 2012-2013 GFWC Illinois Yearbook.

CREDENTIALS / MEAL RESERVATIONS

The Credentials and Meal Reservation Forms have been combined and is now called "GFWC Illinois Annual Convention Registration Form" and can be found on pages 25 and 26 of this magazine.

Please fill out the Form and mail with check made payable to GFWC Illinois to:

Michelle Schultz Convention Treasurer
828 W Reynolds Street
Pontiac IL 61764

Registration Form must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2013.

118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION "CELEBRATING FEDERATION GIFTS"

Registration Fee is \$25.00. Registration Fee for late registration, those postmarked April 16 and later is \$40.00.

Non-voting members may register for one or more days at \$15.00 per day or \$25.00 for the entire convention.

Registration fee of the GFWC Illinois Past Presidents will be waived.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All sessions of the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention of GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel, 1801 North Naper Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois 60563.

The Hotel Reservation Form can be found on page 23. Reservations may be made by calling (630) 505-4900 or (800) 514-4684. Please remember to mention GFWC Illinois when making your reservation.

Per night rates are \$99.00 plus applicable taxes for a single/double/triple/quad. Rooms have either two queen beds or one king bed.

Deadline for hotel reservations is April 15, 2013.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Pre-Convention Meeting for the 2012-2014 Board of Directors for GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Conference Room A on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Patricia L. Heitman, President
GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

PRE-CONVENTION EVE DINNER

This pre-convention event "The Gift of Federation Friendship" hosted by Deb Strahanoski will set the tone for the 118th Annual Convention.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Session I—Business—The One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention will officially open on Thursday, May 16, 2013, beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Ballroom 1 & 2.

Session IV – Business on Friday, May 17, 2013 will begin at 9:15 a.m. in Ballroom 1 & 2.

Session VI – Junior Business Session on Friday, May 17, 2013 will begin at 3:15 p.m. in Ballroom 1 & 2.

Session VII – Business on Saturday, May 18, 2013 will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Ballroom 1 & 2.

Admittance will be by Credential Badge only.

FOOD FUNCTION SESSIONS

A Food Function Session is open to all Delegates and Non-Voting Members who have purchased a meal ticket for that event and who have a credential badge.

Opening Luncheon "The Gift of Happiness" hosted by Sarah Austiff and Dondi Maricle, Woman's Club of Kankakee, will begin at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 17, 2013 in Ballroom 4 & 5.

Federation Banquet "Sharing Our Gifts with Federation Love" will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2013 in Ballroom 4 & 5. Sarah Austiff and Dondi Maricle, Woman's Club of Kankakee, will host this evening honoring our Past State Presidents and our International President. During the social hour prior to the banquet, members will have an opportunity to greet all of the Past State Presidents. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Immediately following the banquet, a receiving line will be formed so that all members may welcome our GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister.

Unity Luncheon "Giving the Gift of Ewe" will be hosted by the Junior Organization Meetings and Banquets Co-Chairmen Sandi Lawson and Karla Burns-Anderson. It will begin at 12:00 Noon, Friday, May 17, 2013 in Ballroom 4 & 5.

Fun Night "The Gift of FUN IN THE SUN" can be enjoyed by everyone beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2013 in Ballroom 4 & 5. Betty Koran will be your hostess.

Closing Luncheon "The Gift of Celebrating Success" will be hosted by the members of District 12, Marsha Vaughn, President. It will begin at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 18, 2013 in Ballroom 4 & 5.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be presented in two time slots on Thursday, May 16, 2013—8:15 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

"LINDT CHOCOLATE FROM THE BEAN TO THE BAR" Learn how chocolate bars are made and the difference between types of chocolate. **Presenter Pat Hansen**, a chocolatier with Lindt Chocolate RSVP has a true love for her product and a love for sharing it. Pat started teaching Cake Decorating over 20 years ago and people started loving what she creates. Expanding into chocolate was a natural progression. Walking the fields where the cacao (pronounced Ca-Kow') grows and becoming an expert brought her to Lindt where she found a top quality product and has the joy of sharing it. She is one of only 3 Lindt chocolatiers in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. Today, Pat spends her time split between doing local Chocolate Tasting Parties and hiring and training new fledgling chocolatiers. Pat is honored to bring us a short education on Cacao and of course telling what is the difference between Cacao (Ca-Kow) and cocoa (Co-Co).



LET'S HEAR IT FOR LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Let's hear it for.....Leadership! Most often, people will be more likely to accept leadership positions if they have a good idea of what is expected and what they need to know as taking the top leadership positions. Current leaders need to help nurture and support them along the journey. Come to this workshop to brainstorm ideas that will help a club become a "Team" in getting all members involved in leadership!



Let's hear it for.....Communication and Public Relations! Your club's communications efforts are the vehicle by which you achieve your public relations goals. Get ideas, resources, tools, and tips necessary for achieving successful public relations and professional communications to promote your clubs, and districts.

Let's hear it for.....Membership! Looking for ways to get new members? Get the tools you need to have a successful new members recruit event. You know the more you tell, the more you sell, so tell of the benefits of being a GFWC member. Assure prospective members that their experience will be rewarding, challenging, and stimulating. **Presented by the GFWC Illinois Vice Presidents, Phyllis Skubic, Karel Volpert and Jaclyn Hancock.**

REFRESH YOUR HOME...

AN AFFORDABLE APPROACH TO HOME STYLING...

Does an area in your home need a 'facelift'? Tired of the color scheme, style, and overall look? Accent Pieces outdated? Di's Decorating Accents can help you with simple, affordable ideas to revitalize and update a new look with you! **Presenter Diane Larson**, loved decorating her own home and that is where the idea for Di's Decorating Accents began. Diane loves to help others Refresh, Restyle, Recycle, Refurbish, Repaint an area or room. Di's Decorating Accents is located at Antiques on Main-Curiosities in Historic Downtown Crown Point, IN. Diane's area features New, Gently Used, Custom Created Accent Pieces, Furniture & More. And, the best part is...SHE LOVES IT!



INVITATIONS

Pre-Convention Eve Party "The Gift of Federation Friendship"



Let's get the party started! Please make your convention plans start off with *The Gift of Federation Friendship* on Wednesday evening May 15, 2013. All attendees are invited to share an evening with your federation sisters. The evening begins with dinner and then a whole lot of fun and laughter! We'll save you a spot! See the Convention registration form for further details.

FUN NIGHT

The Gift of ... "Fun In The Sun"

Hostess by Betty Koran

That's right ladies we're heading to the beach for some fun in the sun. Join us as we take a step back in time to those crazy, dance filled beach parties of the 60's. Put on your clam diggers and beach attire, pack your beach ball and sun glasses and join us Friday, May 17, 2013 as we put the fun back in Fun Night. Betty Koran, your hostess for the evening has plenty of activities planned like dancing to the music of the Beach Boys, playing a little Beach Blanket Bingo and other **Fun in the Sun** events. So don't be square daddy-o sign up now, Frankie and Annette will be there we hope you will be too.



SPEAKERS / ENTERTAINMENT

2012-2014 GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister will be keynote speaker for the **Opening Luncheon**. Mary Ellen has successfully blended a 35-year career in the insurance business with her Federation volunteer activities, and currently serves as GFWC International President.



In addition to her volunteer work, Mary Ellen is a member of King of Glory Lutheran Church; a past member of Zonta International of the East Valley; a past president of PROFIT Executive Club; past president and three-term ball committee chairman of The GOVERNORS; and past trustee of St. Luke's Health Initiative. A graduate of Walsh College in Miami, Florida. Mary Ellen resides in Arizona with her husband of 45 years, Mel. They have one married son and a granddaughter.



Debbie Bach, President of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Board of Directors will be the Keynote Speaker at the **Federation Banquet** on Thursday evening. Debbie has been a Board member for 8 years. Debbie is also a GFWC Illinois Past President and a GFWC Past Director of Junior Clubs.

Friday Morning Business Session will feature **Kym Frankovelgia** who began her career in Night Clubs and on Cruise Ships some years ago. In New Orleans aboard The Mississippi Queen Steamboat, she had the privilege of working with outstanding entertainers like: The Ink Spots, The Four Lads, Allison McKay and Connie Haines.

She has a powerful love and respect for the music of a bygone era. She has updated arrangements to the great songs of the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, and 60's. Her renditions of the best known songs, many favorites, are brand new as well as CLASSIC!



Saturday Morning Business Session will feature Dr. Maria Rago .



Dr. Maria Rago, Ph.D., will be talking about her book ***"Shut Up, Skinny Bitches"*** which empowers readers to love their bodies at any size, and to not worry so much about what they eat. In the culture we live in, it has become almost second nature to feel guilty about eating, and to feel ashamed about our bodies. ***"Shut Up, Skinny Bitches"*** is

a message that all sizes are beautiful and truly we need to understand that it's what's inside that counts. Research is also presented about many misconceptions about health and size, and food which can help ease guilt that people may feel about not **"eating healthy"**.

She grew up in Elmhurst, IL, went to York High School, Licensed Clinical Psychologist since 1994, Ph.D. in psychology, owner & Clinical Director of Rago & Associates Counseling Services in Naperville, Geneva, and New Lenox IL, have been Clinical Director of Eating Disorders Inpatient, Outpatient, and Residential Programs for over 10 years, Current National Vice President of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, the world's first eating disorder advocacy organization. She stated: "I love to empower people to fight back against our culture against shame over body image and eating, and to replace shame with love and acceptance for ourselves and others."

Her mother, Nita Rago, is a past president and member of the Elmhurst Woman's Club. Dr. Rago says that "It is an honor for me to speak to such a dedicated and special group of women."



JESSE WHITE TUMBLERS

The Jesse White Tumblers will be featured at the

Closing Luncheon on Saturday.

The internationally known Jesse White Tumbling Team has been thrilling audiences since 1959. Their acrobatic performances can frequently be seen during half-time shows for the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and Major League Baseball games. The team entertains at business and sporting events .

A number of the Jesse White Tumblers, beginning as young as 6 years old, are residents from throughout the Chicago-land area. Jesse White, founder and coach, created the team in 1959 to provide a recreational, athletic, educational and cultural enrichment experience for the team members. This is a juvenile delinquency prevention program that is designed to help youngsters grow tall and straight. The members are required to abide by Jesse White's strict rules, which include staying in school, maintaining a "C" average in academic coursework and staying away from gangs and drugs.

PROPOSED REVISIONS OF RESOLUTIONS FORMERLY ADOPTED BY GFWC ILLINOIS

Proposed revisions are ***written in italics*** ; deletions are noted by **underlined text**.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION TRAINING (CPR) AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS(AED)

Adopted 2003—Revised 2007

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association reports that sudden cardiac arrest occurs more than 600 times per day in the United States and 50,000 lives could be saved each year if Automated External Defibrillators (AED) were more available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Survival of ***sudden cardiac arrest*** is directly linked to the amount of time between the onset of cardiac and defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are proved lifesaving techniques; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association estimates ***states*** that 100,000 lives could be saved each year if Automated External Defibrillators (AED) were more available to the public; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs its members to:

1. Promote the availability of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in all public places; and
2. Participate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and (AED) education, training and re-certification, and encourage them for all members of the community; and
3. Encourage CPR and AED training in public and private schools; and
4. Work through local and state legislatures, school boards, education groups and other organizations for the implementation of CPR and AED training in public and private schools. Promote CPR and AED education, training and re-certification for all members of the community.

Rationale: Removing statistics that need to be renewed. Resolved 2 & 3 are restated in 4.

DIABETES

Adopted 2006 – Revised 2009

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 21 million people in the United States, or 7.0% of the population, have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes can cause and/or complicate other health problems including heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, nervous system damage, dental disease, amputations, and complications of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Children and adolescents with diabetes commonly have additional risk factors for cardiovascular disease including high cholesterol, triglycerides and blood pressure and increased waist circumferences; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 30% (6.2 million) of diabetes cases are undiagnosed and diabetes rates are rising; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is more prevalent among minority groups and elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, Discrimination against those with diabetes has occurred in the workplace, daycare centers and schools; **therefore**

WHEREAS, In order to manage their disease, students with diabetes must have access to the means to balance food, medication, and physical activity levels at school and at school related activities; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the enforcement of disabilities rights laws prohibiting discrimination against those with diabetes; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports funding for quality medical care for those with diabetes; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs support programs to train school personnel to identify symptoms and treatment options in order for students with diabetes to be medically safe; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs strongly supports increased funding for diabetes research and prevention programs.

Rationale: Removing statistics that fluctuate. First Resolve covers other Resolves intent.

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER

Adopted 2007 – Revised 2010

WHEREAS,

1. The Centers for Disease Control report that more than 71,000 women were diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer such as uterine (endometrial), ovarian, or cervical.
2. An estimated 27,000 women in the United States die annually of gynecologic cancers.
3. Uterine (endometrial) cancer is the most common gynecologic cancer.
4. Ovarian cancer is the most deadly gynecologic cancer.

5. Cervical cancer, once the leading cause of death for women in the U.S. has significantly declined in incidence and mortality.

6. Early detection and appropriate treatment of gynecologic cancers are key in lowering mortality rates.

7. Many are unaware of the risk factors, symptoms, and diagnostic tools available to screen for these factors contributing to late stage diagnoses and increased mortality.

WHEREAS, Negative media coverage has brought attention to undermining the importance of having yearly breast examinations, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs strongly urges member clubs to: support, participate in and sponsor awareness campaigns; support comprehensive screening and treatment programs for gynecologic cancer; and strongly supports funding for research for the continued development of screening methods, treatments and cures; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs strongly urges its member clubs to encourage young women to become informed on the prevention of the Human Papilloma Virus and its benefits; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to strongly encourage all women to have yearly breast examinations at an early age.

Rationale: Removal of changing statistics. Removal or previously made statements.

INCREASED USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Adopted 1996 – Revised 1999

WHEREAS, Smoking starts at an early age and yet in Illinois it is illegal to give or sell cigarettes to anyone under 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Advertisers of tobacco products are targeting the American youth; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to educate themselves, the children and youth on the dangers associated with the use of tobacco products; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the use of stronger fines against those who make or sell tobacco products for the use of children and youth.

RATIONALE: Incorporated into Use of Tobacco Products.

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Adopted 1988 – Revised 2011

WHEREAS, Tobacco use, including cigarette, cigar and pipe smoking and smokeless tobacco, use remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Each year over 400,000 Americans die from causes attributed to tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, Cigarette smoking costs billions of dollars **creates large expenditures** each year in lost productivity and health care expenses, with only 5 in 100 people who try to quit succeeding; and

WHEREAS, Each day more than 3,500 people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and another 1,100 **significant group** become regular daily smokers **that increases their chance of dying from a smoking related disease.** About one-third of these young people will die from a smoking-related disease in the future; and

WHEREAS, Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is a known human carcinogen and persistent exposure to ETS is associated with an increased risk for lung cancer and other disease; and

WHEREAS, Children are at particular risk from ETS, which may exacerbate allergies and asthma in susceptible children, and also, greatly increase the risk for lower respiratory tract illnesses among young children; and therefore,

WHEREAS, of children 3 to 11 years of age, almost 60 percent or 22 million, are exposed to ETS; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs supports the use of stronger fines against those who make or sell tobacco products for the use of children and youth; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges the enforcement of legislation prohibiting smoking in public places, except in those areas specifically designated for smoking; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs promote the education of children and youth, as well as parents and the public regarding the danger of all tobacco products and ETS.

RATIONALE: Combining two Resolutions; removing statistics that could change.

LONG-TERM CARE

Adopted 2003

WHEREAS, The aging population, coupled with longer life expectancy, is creating an increased demand for a full range of long-term care services to supplement the care provided

by family members; and

WHEREAS, Americans over the age of 65 face a 40% **significant** risk of entering a nursing home for long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, The cost of long-term care can be prohibitive, and in most cases is not covered by comprehensive major medical insurance policies, or by the Medicare program; and

WHEREAS, The federal-state funded Medicaid programs covers the cost of nursing homes only after a family has exhausted most of its personal financial resources; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and its member clubs, work together with public and private sectors to:

1. Educate the public about the need for early and responsible financial planning, long-term care insurance and the limitations of Medicare and Medicaid programs; and
2. Support legislation, which increases the eligible premium tax deduction for long-term care insurance; and
3. Ensure all citizens access to quality institutional and community-based long-term care services, including home medical and nursing care, home health aides, and homemaker services, assisted living facilities and adult day care services.

Rationale: Removal of a fluctuating figure.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Adopted 2009

WHEREAS, Social Security is a source of income that is a right **for those who qualify if a person has contributed the correct amount of quarters;** and

WHEREAS, The Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) penalizes people who have dedicated their lives to public service by taking away benefits they have earned; and

WHEREAS, Nine out of ten public employees **have been** affected by the GPO lose **by losing** their entire spousal benefit, even though their spouse paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

WHEREAS, The WEP causes people to lose a significant portion of the benefits they earned themselves; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support education of and legislation in support of the Social Security Fairness Act that would repeal GPO and WEP **the review and revision of the Social Security Regulations to eliminate discrimination and to ensure equitable treatment of all.**

MEMBERSHIP

Adopted 2004 – Revised 2010

WHEREAS, Membership development is critical to the continuation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Membership planning and development must include forming new clubs, and recruiting, mentoring, and retaining members in existing clubs; and

WHEREAS, After more than 115 years **Since 1890** the General Federation of Women's Clubs remains one of the largest non-denominational, non-partisan, non-profit volunteer organization for women in the world; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs urges their members and member clubs, at all levels, to make membership planning and development their primary focus, by forming new clubs and recruiting, mentoring and retaining members in existing clubs.

RATIONALE: Removal of a statistic that could be restated.

All other Resolutions have been reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and have been proposed to remain unchanged.

Resolutions Committee –

LeeAnn Conlon, Chairman
Marsha Vaughn, District President
Betty Peters, Board Member
Diane Addante, President Elect
Phyllis Cossarek, Parliamentarian
Patricia Heitman, President Ex-officio

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC ILLINOIS BYLAWS

Page 43, ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS, Section 2. REPRESENTATION

STRIKE subsection 1. a and INSERT:

- a. Any member in good standing may attend
Convention as a delegate.

STRIKE subsection 2. District Delegates; 3. Would become 2.; 4 become 3; 5 become 4 and 6 become 5.

STRIKE 'except District Directors of Junior Clubs who serve as district delegates' in subsection 3.

INSERT 6. To read "6. GFWC Illinois Past Directors of Junior Clubs.

Section 2. REPRESENTATION would then read:

- A. The voting body of GFWC Illinois shall consist of:
1. Club Delegates.
 - a. ***Any member in good standing may attend Convention as a delegate.***
 2. Members of the Junior Board of Directors.
 3. Convention Committee Officers.
 4. Members of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.
 5. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents.
 6. ***GFWC Illinois Past Directors of Junior Clubs.***
- B. Delegates shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.
- C. A delegate shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote in the annual convention.
- D. Any Club whose members' dues are not paid by April 1st shall be notified and shall not be entitled to representation at the annual convention or to receive awards, except those clubs admitted at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting.
- E. Members paying daily registration shall have no voting privileges.

Page 43, ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS, Section 3. NON-VOTING MEMBERS / VISITORS A.

STRIKE "who attend in addition to the voting delegates".
INSERT at end of sentence "occurring on the day(s) paid."

- A. GFWC Illinois club members ***paying daily registration*** shall be considered non-voting members and may attend all sessions ***occurring on the day(s) paid.***

RATIONALE: To expand attendance at Convention.

Bylaws Committee -

Diana Taylor, Chairman
Barbara Potter, District President
Maryanne DeGiacomo, Board Member
Diane Addante, President Elect
Trisha Schafer, Director of Junior Clubs
Phyllis Cossarek, Parliamentarian
Patricia Heitman, President Ex-officio

FLOWERS

Flowers (corsages/bouquets) may be ordered through:

Phillip's Flowers
1007 E Ogden Ave, Naperville IL 60563
630/357-5235 or
FAX 630/357-5239
Phillipsflowers.com



****DAILY HOURS****
REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS
 Thursday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CONVENTION OFFICE / INFORMATION
 Thursday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM
 Thursday, May 16 – 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Receiving Artwork
 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Closed for Judging
 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Opened for Viewing
 Friday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Open for picking up of Artwork

EXHIBITORS – Bailey / Hobson
 Thursday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PRE-CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

1:00-3:00 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting
 4:00-5:30 p.m. – Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE Immediately following Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting

Convention Committee
 2012-2014 Executive Committee
 2012-2014 Board of Directors
 President Elect with Chairmen
 District President
 Vice President with District Presidents
 6:30-7:00 p.m.Social
 7:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Eve Dinner
"The Gift of Federation Friendship"
 Hosted by Deb Strahanoski

Thursday Morning - May 16, 2013

CONVENTION SESSIONS
 (Program Agenda is subject to change)

8:15 - 9:15 a.m. – Workshops Conference Room
 A – Lindt Chocolate Conference Room B – Leadership, Membership
 Communications/Public Relations
 Conference Room C – Refresh Your Home

CONVENTION OPENING SESSION I – BUSINESS

**CALL TO ORDER of the
 ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
 CONVENTION GFWC ILLINOIS
 FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB**

9:15 – 11:00 a.m.Ballroom 1 & 2
 Presiding.....Patricia L. Heitman
 GFWC Illinois President
 Invocation.....Patti Kuchar

PRESENTATION OF COLORS National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America –
 Led by Evelyn Dill, Public Issues Chairman

Welcome.....Patricia L. Heitman
 GFWC Illinois President
 Trisha Schafer
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Credentials Report.....Carolyn Riggs
 Credentials Chairman

Greetings.....Mary Ellen Laister
 GFWC International President

(Doors Close)

Presentation of Convention Rules.....Deb Strahanoski
 Convention Chairman
 Presentation of Convention Programs.....Jackie Haddad
 Convention Program Chairman

Minutes of the 117th Annual Convention 2012.....Candy Godbee, Secretary

Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes of the 118th Annual Convention

Greetings.....Nancy H. Willis
 GFWC Illinois President 2010-2012
 Candy Godbee
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

Executive Officers Reports on Reaching Goals
 Vice President Phyllis Skubic
 Vice President Karel Volpert
 Vice President Jaclyn Hancock
 President Elect Diane Addante
 Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer
 President Patricia Heitman

SESSION III FEDERATION BANQUET
“Sharing Our Gifts with Federation Love”
Hosted by Sarah Austiff & Dondi Maricle
WC of Kankakee, District 8

Processional Introductions.....Carol Rich
Platform Hostess/Protocol Chairman
Presiding.....Patricia L. Heitman
GFWC Illinois President
Greetings.....Martha A. Bein
GFWC Illinois President 2004-2006
Jacquelyn M. Pierce
GFWC Illinois President 1992-1994
GFWC International President 2006-2008

Dinner Grace.....Kenna Brier
President’s Assistant
Dinner

(Doors Close)

Introduction of Special Guests.....Patricia L. Heitman
GFWC Illinois President

Keynote Speaker.....Deborah J. Bach
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Board of Directors’ President

(Doors Open)

Presentation of Funds GFWC Illinois State Project
“*Our Promise.....A Safe Place For Every Child*”
Presenting Patricia L. Heitman, President and
Kathy Koran, Chairman
Accepting Roy Harley, Executive Director
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Isabella Candee Foundation Recognition Ceremony
Lou Brown, Chairman

Presentation of 2013 LEADS Representative
Phyllis Skubic, Leadership Chairman

Presentation of Awards.....Diane Addante
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

GFWC Illinois State Project
Kathy Koran, Chairman

Communication and Public Relations
Jaclyn Hancock, Chairman

Leadership
Phyllis Skubic, Chairman

Membership
Karel Volpert, Chairman

Door Prizes.....Terri Soehrmann
Convention Vice Chairman
Announcements.....Deb Strahanoski
Convention Chairman
Closing Thought.....Michelle Schultz
Convention Treasurer

RECESS

Friday Morning – May 17, 2013

8:00—8:45 a.m.....Ballroom 1 & 2
Junior Board of Directors Pre-Convention Meeting

9:15—11:00 a.m.....Ballroom 1 & 2

SESSION IV BUSINESS

Presiding.....Patricia L. Heitman
GFWC Illinois President
Invocation.....Brook Henschen
District 11 Director of Junior Clubs

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of
the United States of America
Singing of “America the Beautiful”

Led by Patti McNaught, Junior Public Issues Chairman

Greetings.....Marge Nelson
GFWC Illinois President 2002-2004
Lou Brown
GFWC Illinois President 1984-1986

Resolutions continued if necessary.....LeeAnn Conlon
Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

GFWC Illinois updates:
Illinois Leadership Seminar.....Phyllis Skubic
Leadership Chairman
GFWC Illinois Art School.....Judy Sochor
Chairman
Jennie Award.....Lois Farber
Chairman
Community Improvement.....Betty Peters
Chairman

Presentation of Awards.....Diane Addante
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)
Maryanne DeGiacomo, Chairman

Make A Difference Day
Betty Peters, Chairman

Musical Interlude.....Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman

Kym Frankovelgia, Singer

Door Prizes.....Terri Soehrmann
 Convention Vice Chairman
 Announcements.....Deb Strahanoski
 Convention Chairman
 Closing Thought.....Carol Jablonski
 District 5 President

RECESS

Friday Afternoon – May 17, 2013

11:45 a.m. Musical Prelude.....Ballroom 4 & 5
 Mabel Lou Weber, Convention Musician
 11:45 a.m. Processional Assembles.....Pre-Function Area
 12:00 Noon—3:00 p.m.....Ballroom 4 & 5

SESSION V UNITY LUNCHEON

“Giving the Gift of EWE”

***Hosted by Sandi Lawson & Karla Burns-Anderson
 Junior Meetings & Banquets Chairmen***

Processional Introductions.....Carol Rich
 Platform Hostess/Protocol Chairman
 Presiding / Opening Remarks.....Trisha Schafer
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
 Greetings.....Deborah J. Bach
 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs 1994-1996
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 1988-1990
 Debra Strahanoski
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002
 Greetings from GFWC.....Mary Ellen Laister
 GFWC International President
 Remarks.....Patricia L. Heitman
 GFWC Illinois President
 Luncheon Grace.....Teresa Sanford
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2008-2010

LUNCHEON

Presentation of Funds
 Children’s Research Foundation Presenting Trisha
 Schafer, Director of Junior Clubs and Cherie Sieger,
 Junior Special Projects Chairman Accepting Pat
 Broggi, CRF Liaison

“EWE’nique & Different”.....Trisha Schafer
 New Club Start
 Juniorette Club Start
 Club Renovation “Want to,
 Used to, Have to” New
 City—New Club
 Encore Club

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Unity Award.....Diane Addante
 President Elect / Dean of Chairmen
 Jeanette T. Wells
 Junior Dean of Chairmen
 Leadership Awards.....Nancy Spartz
 Junior Leadership Chairman
 Junior of the Year
 Outstanding Junior Service
 Spark Plug Award

Door Prizes.....Terri Soehrmann
 Convention Vice Chairman
 Announcements.....Deb Strahanoski
 Convention Chairman
 Closing Thought.....Bonnie Heydorn
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 1998-2000

RECESS

3:45—5:00 p.m.....Conference Room A

PROGRAM BUREAU SHOWCASE

Presented by Alice Betlach, Chairman

3:15—5:15 p.m.....Ballroom 1 & 2

SESSION VI JUNIOR BUSINESS

“The Difference Ewe’ve Made!”

Call to Order.....Trisha Schafer
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs
 Inspirational Thought.....Joanne Meyer
 Junior Education Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 of the United States of America

Led by Patti McNaught, Junior Public Issues Chairman

Junior Pledge.....Kris Kleiber
 District 16 Director of Junior Clubs
 District Roll Call.....Karyn McCarthy
 Director Elect of Junior Clubs/Dean of Directors

Remarks.....Debra Strahanoski
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002
 GFWC Illinois President 2008-2010
 GFWC International Treasurer

Approval of 2012 Convention Minutes
 Appointment of Committee to Approve 2013 Minutes

Financial Report.....Loretta Revesz, Junior Treasurer

Credentials Report.....Sue Bielenda Junior Secretary
 Credentials Chairman

Junior Special Projects.....Cherie Sieger

Reports of 2012-2014 Junior Executive Committee
 Loretta Revesz, Treasurer
 Sue Bielenda, Secretary
 Jeanette T. Wells, Dean of Chairmen
 Karyn McCarthy, Director Elect of Junior Clubs
 Trisha Schafer, Director of Junior Clubs

Greetings.....Carol Rich
 GFWC Illinois President 1990-1992
 Agnes M. Simms
 GFWC Illinois President 1982-1984

EWE'nique & Different continued.....

Presentation of Club Awards.....Jeanette T. Wells
 Dean of Chairmen
 Split the Pot Drawing.....Deb Holmes
 Junior Fund Raising Chairman

Closing Thought.....Sandi Christofanelli
 Director's Special Assistant
 Gina Fritz
 Director's Special Assistant
 Adjournment.....Trisha Schafer
 GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs

GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE

Please report for photos 10 minutes before your
 scheduled time.

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Pre-Function Area

5:30	Junior Board/Junior EC		
5:40	District 15	6:05	District 21
5:45	District 16	6:10	District 22
5:50	District 17	6:15	District 23
5:55	District 18	6:20	District 25
6:00	District 19		

Friday Evening – May 17, 2013

6:30-7:00 p.m. SocialPre-Function Area
 7:00–10:00 p.m.....Ballroom 4 & 5

FUN NIGHT

“The Gift of FUN IN THE SUN”
Betty Koran, Hostess

Saturday Morning – May 18, 2013

7:30-8:45 a.m.....Conference Room A
Junior Board of Directors
Post-Convention Board Meeting

9:00–11:00 a.m.....Ballroom 1 & 2

SESSION VII BUSINESS

Presiding.....Patricia L. Heitman
 GFWC Illinois President

“CLUB COLLECT”
 Sung to the tune of “America the Beautiful”
 Led by Karyn McCarthy, Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; At fault finding be done;
 Let us be large in word and deed each day from sun to sun.
 Help us fault finding to leave off self seeking not to wish;
 Let's meet each other face to face without a prejudice.
 May hasty judgment be left out,

Our thoughts be generous;
 Make us be gentle, calm, serene and too, industrious.
 Grant us that we may realize small things may be ignored;
 That all the greater things in life no difference afford.
 Dear Lord, we ask in earnest prayer

That we may strive to know
 The common human heart of all as on through life we go.
 Thy help, dear Lord, we humbly ask to strive with heart
 and mind;

In all the work that we may do, Forget not to be kind.

PRESENTATION OF FUNDS

These funds are the cumulative amount s
 received from the Project Contributions Form.
 All agencies have been invited to attend.

Arts.....Elena Lipinski, Chairman
 Sue Lucio, Vice Chairman

Pennies for Art
 Very Special Arts

Conservation.....Gerri Eck, Chairman
 Shawnee National Forest Reforestation

Home Life.....Elaine M. Bush, Chairman
 Canine Companions for Independence
 Easter Seals
 Winning Wheels

International Outreach.....Phyllis Nightlinger, Chairman
 Helping Babies Breathe
 Operation Smile
 Cre Ser Woman's Club, Sao Paulo

Public Issues.....Evelyn Dill, Chairman
 Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Camp “I Am Me” American
 Indian Center
 Native American Scholarship

GFWC Signature Project.....Marge Nelson, Chairman
 Survivors Scholarship

Scholarships.....Darla D. Weltmer, Chairman

118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION "CELEBRATING FEDERATION GIFTS"

Presentation of Awards.....Diane Addante
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen
Fund Raising
Terry Lahue, Chairman—Lenora Welko, Vice Chairman
WHRC
Mary Truitt, Chairman

Program Introduction.....Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman

Dr. Maria Rago Ph.D.
"The common sense guide to following
your hunger and your heart"

(Dr. Rago's book may be purchased after this session and
she will be available for signing of same.)

Door Prizes.....Terri Soehrmann
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Deb Strahanoski
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought.....Annette Andretich-Gross
Convention Exhibitors Chairman

Saturday Afternoon – May 18, 2013

11:45 a.m. Musical Prelude.....Ballroom 4 & 5
Mabel Lou Weber, Convention Musician

11:45 a.m. Processional Assembles.....Pre-Function Area

12:00 Noon—3:00 p.m.....Ballroom 4 & 5

SESSION VIII CLOSING LUNCHEON

"The Gift of Celebrating Success"

Hosted by District 12

Marsha Vaughn President

Processional Introductions.....Carol Rich
Platform Hostess/Protocol Chairman

Presiding.....Patricia L. Heitman
GFWC Illinois President

Greetings.....Nancy F. Lee
GFWC Illinois President 2006-2008
Shelli R. Fehr
GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs 2006-2008

Luncheon Grace.....Marsha Vaughn
District 12 President

LUNCHEON

Program Introduction.....Jackie Haddad
Convention Program Chairman

JESSE WHITE TUMBLING TEAM

Recognition of 100th Anniversary Clubs

Woman's Club of Rock Island, District 14
Vandalia Woman's Club, District 23
Marion Woman's Club, District 25

Recognition of New Clubs

GFWC Illinois Oswego Junior Woman's Club
District 11, Brook Henschen, President

GFWC Riverbend Juniorette Club
District 22, Amber Hobbs, President

Presentation of Awards.....Diane Addante
President Elect / Dean of Chairmen

GFWC Signature Project:
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
Marge Nelson, Chairman

Arts
Elena Lipinski, Chairman—Sue Lucio, Vice Chairman

International Outreach
Phyllis Nightlinger, Chairman

Public Issues
Evelyn Dill, Chairman

Door Prizes.....Terri Soehrmann
Convention Vice Chairman

Announcements.....Deb Strahanoski
Convention Chairman

Closing Thought.....Julie Stiles
District 12 Director of Junior Clubs

"Let There Be Peace"

Led by Karyn McCarthy, Director Elect of Junior Clubs

Patricia L. Heitman, GFWC Illinois President

Adjournment - Sine Die~



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Joel Karesh and his assistants:

International Convention Photography

118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION "CELEBRATING FEDERATION GIFTS"

GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION OFFICERS

Chairman.....Debra A. Strahanoski
Vice Chairman.....Terri Soehrmann
Secretary.....Patti Kuchar
Treasurer.....Michelle Schultz

CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Arts & Crafts.....Elena Lipinski & Sue Lucio
Badges.....Patti Kuchar
Credentials.....Carolyn Riggs
Doorkeepers.....Faith Cromwell
Door Prizes.....Terri Soehrmann
Elections.....Janice Perkins
Exhibitors.....Annette Andretich-Gross
Fund Raising.....Terry Lahue & Lenore Welko
House Chairman.....Faith Cromwell
Information.....Faith Cromwell
Musician.....Mabel Lou Weber
Non-Voters Registration.....Jo Koenig
Platform Hostess.....Carol Rich
Program Bureau.....Alice Betlach
Public Relations.....Jaclyn Hancock
Timekeepers.....Janice Kretschmer
and June LaMantia

CONVENTION ASSISTANTS

President.....Barbara Jean Daugherty
Kenna Brier
Director of Junior Clubs.....Gina Fritz
Sandi Christofanelli
President Elect.....Ellen Leitschuh
Convention Chairman.....Bonnie Heydorn
Convention Vice Chairman.....Nancy Spartz
GFWC International President.....Debbie Bach

BREAKFASTS AT CONVENTION

ORGANIZATION OF PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS The Annual Meeting of the Organization of Past State Board Members of GFWC Illinois will be held on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 7:15 a.m. The breakfast will cost \$19.00.

You are cordially invited to the breakfast meeting if you are currently serving on GFWC Illinois Board of Directors or have previously served on a GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.



Dues of \$3.00 for the year will be collected with the breakfast reservations; both are due by April 15, 2013.

Send your reservation with your dues (\$22.00) with check made payable to the Organization of Past State Board Members to Linda K. Bowlby, 804 N 200 East Rd, Cerro Gordo IL 61818-4303.

Please send the name of any members who have passed away since May 1, 2012 to President Elaine Bush, emb118@charter.net or call 618/533-1403.

Looking forward to seeing you on May 17, 2013.

JACKIES' BOW TIES

President Sheila Stock invites you to join the ladies of Jackie's Bow Ties on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$20.00.

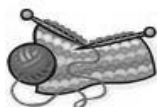


BRING YOUR ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECTS



Don't forget to bring your paintings, artwork and craft projects to the Arts and Crafts room at State Convention on May 16, 2013. You can drop off your Arts & Crafts from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m.. The Art Room will be open for viewing of all projects from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16th. Friday, May 17th the doors will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts must be picked up on Saturday, May 18th between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



DEBBIE'S DIAMONDS EVERYONE is

invited to this get together that will honor Deb Strahanoski our GFWC International Treasurer. Please join us in celebration of Deb. This is her first year and we know that she would love to see you all.



A continental breakfast will be available.





Phyllis Cossarek, GFWC Illinois Parliamentarian

DEBATE PROCEDURES

The presiding officer is responsible for handling the debate efficiently and accurately.

- 1. To control and expedite.**
- 2. To protect the rights of members.**
- 3. To maintain order and keep the debate germane.**

While the presiding officer has the responsibility of maintaining an effective debate, the members are equally responsible for becoming more informed participants in debate and decorum. Members may speak on motions only when recognized by the presiding officer, and then only when a motion is before the assembly. Members are allowed to speak as long as the rules of the Convention are observed. All remarks **MUST** be germane and **MUST** be addressed directly to the chair, not toward the other assembly members. If a member wishes to read a paper, this can only be done with the permission of the assembly. Should a member have difficulty in wording a motion, then the chair may offer assistance. Dilatory tactics during debate should not be allowed by the presiding officer. Any member may call a point of order and demand that decorum be maintained. The chair should remain impartial at all times, in spite of what we call "*Darlings of Debate*" or "*Silent Mary*." Motions to help debate are Limit Debate, Postpone, Refer, Previous Question, Adjourn, Extend Debate, Informal Debate, Divide the Question, Suspend the rules, Special Rules, Table, Recess, Postpone Indefinitely, and Object to Consideration.

The essence of my article is that debate can be conducted most efficiently by following the rules...and having a good sense of humor to help glide over occasional contentious situations.

Carol Rich, Protocol Chairman **Convention Protocol "The Gift of Attention"**

Attend all Business Sessions especially if your fees have been paid by your club or district. It is your duty to truly represent those who are paying for at least part of your costs. Be on time and don't leave the meeting until there is either a break of the session or the session is recessed. If you must leave, do so as quietly as possible and only when there is a change of speaker and return as soon as possible and as quietly.

If for some reason you must speak to someone at the Head Table, approach the Table from either the side or behind the Table, if there is room. The rear view of most people is not their best view! And it is not polite to turn your back on the Assembly if at all possible.

Please do not talk to your neighbors, especially when someone is speaking on the platform. Many times it is tempting to discuss something but please refrain from doing so. If it really is important to convey some information, pass a note as discretely as possible. It is very distracting to a speaker to see people talking while she is speaking and it is difficult for others in the audience to hear what the speaker is saying.

If you are scheduled to be in a procession, please be in the specified area to line up at the specified time. Please pay attention to whoever is lining people up and try to keep your talking as quiet as possible. Stay where directed and don't wander off.

Turn off all cell phones and any other electronic devices or at least put them on silent mode before the session is called to order. It is so embarrassing to fumble in one's purse to find the offending device and it is extremely upsetting to the presiding officer. If you must conduct some kind of business by texting, do so as quietly and quickly as possible. After all, you are there to pay attention to what the presiding officer or speaker is saying.

Remember, the Golden Rule is the backbone of all protocol. Treat the presiding officer or speaker as you would wish to be treated. Perhaps some day you will be in that position and you will want those in the Assembly to treat you with such consideration. Attend Convention, learn, contribute, and most of all, enjoy!

**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
Proposed Convention Rules**

1. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
 2. A credential badge, signifying Delegate or Non-Voting status, is required to be worn by all persons at all business sessions, workshops, and Federation sponsored activities.
 3. Delegates with badges shall be seated in the section reserved for their Districts on the Convention floor. Non-Voting Members with badges shall be seated in the sections reserved for them, seating to be based on pre-registration numbers.
 4. Delegates with badges, who are members of the Junior Clubs, shall be seated in the section reserved for them during the Junior Business Meeting. Junior Non-Voting Members with badges will be seated in the section reserved for them during the Junior Business Meeting.
 5. There shall be a reserved section for State Board Members on the Convention floor.
 6. Delegates shall be in their seats at the opening of the Convention, be seated at all sessions and stay for the full Convention until the close.
 7. Those who are appearing on the program shall report to Platform Hostess one-half hour before their time to appear on the program, unless otherwise noted.
 8. All motions made from the floor shall be presented to the presiding officer in writing.
 9. A Delegate shall speak only once to a question. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Debate shall be limited to twenty minutes for each amendment.
 10. A motion shall be carried by an affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting.
 11. Printed copies of resolutions recommended by the Resolutions Committee, not included in the Call to Convention, must be in the hands of the Delegates at least six (6) hours before they are voted upon by the Convention body.
 12. No materials shall be placed on the chairs at any time except those approved by the Executive Committee prior to Convention opening.
 13. Hats are not to be worn on the Convention floor except for medical reasons/procedures or at the discretion of presiding officer.
 14. Smoking will not be permitted on the Convention floor or during workshops or food functions. **
 15. No food or drink, other than that provided by the Convention, will be permitted on the Convention floor.
 16. Cellular phones are not to be used on the Convention floor, in workshops or during food functions. Audible ringers on cellular phones and beepers are to be turned off.
 17. Doors will be closed at the direction of the presiding officer during business meetings. When doors are opened periodically, be seated as promptly as possible in your designated area.
 18. No recording devices, including cell phone cameras, may be used on the Convention floor or in workshops without the approval of the President and Executive Committee.
 19. A credentials badge and meal ticket are required for admittance into the room to all food functions. Meal tickets will be collected at the tables.
 20. There will be reserved banquet seating for all ticket holders. Table numbers will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.
 21. Written messages may be left with the Convention Information Chairman.
 22. All official Assistants as well as the Convention Chairman and Vice Chairman will be permitted to enter and exit all Sessions as needed.
- ** Please Note: as per Illinois law no smoking permitted in the hotel or within 15 feet of the hotel doors.



2013 DOOR PRIZE REQUEST



To: GFWC Illinois Clubs (General, Juniors & Junioresettes)
 From: Terri Soehrmann, Convention Vice Chairman
 630-620-5028 or email Soehrmann@comcast.net

The 118th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention will be held **May 16-18, 2013** at the Marriott Chicago Naperville Hotel in Naperville, Illinois.

A welcomed tradition of GFWC Illinois are the door prizes given away during meal functions throughout Convention. Your support of this tradition, by the donation of a door prize would be appreciated. Door prizes are to be a minimum of \$25. This can be a cash donation or a gift (such as a gift basket) valued at \$25 or more. To assure that proper recognition is given for your gift/donation, please complete the form below and return to Terri Soehrmann, Convention Vice Chairman.

Your kind donation will be accepted at any time, but to be included in the Convention Recognition Booklet please fill out the form below and send to me by **April 1, 2013**. You can also bring your door prize donation to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting, March 1 & 2, 2013, at the Marriott Chicago Naperville Hotel. If you do not plan to attend the Spring Meeting, please deliver your door prize donation to your District President or a GFWC Illinois Board member from your district, prior to the dates noted above.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. I look forward to receiving your donation.

PLEASE RETURN TO: TERRI SOEHRMANN, 127 S. 3RD AVE. LOMBARD, IL 60148
 OR EMAIL SOEHRMANN@COMCAST.NET

Door Prize Donation by (check one):

Individual _____
 Club _____
 District _____

DONOR: _____

TITLE or CLUB: _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/DONATION: _____

****For recognition in the Convention Recognition Booklet,**
 please return by: **April 1, 2013**

****Make checks payable to: GFWC Illinois**



**PROGRAM BUREAU SHOWCASE
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM**



You will not want to miss the Program Bureau Showcase on Friday May 17, 2013 all are invited to attend. The Program Bureau is a resource that can help your clubs or districts find the perfect entertainment for every occasion. After all, events, fundraisers, programs, and meetings can attract new members by having entertainment that makes the event memorable. I'm looking for new programs and talent acts for our showcase. If you have a recommendation please contact me: Alice Betlach, GFWC Illinois Program Bureau Chairman at 618-806-6964 or mom21girl3@yahoo.com.

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
May 16, 17 and 18, 2013**



**1801 NORTH NAPER BOULEVARD – NAPERVILLE, IL 60563
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

RATE \$99.00 plus tax for a King or a double with 2 Queen beds. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 630-505-4900 or toll free 800-514-4684. Please specify that you are with the **GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.**

NAME _____ **PHONE (____)** _____

ADDRESS _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ **DEPARTURE DATE** _____

____ **KING** ____ **DOUBLE**

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ **EXPIRATION DATE** _____

SIGNATURE _____

ROOMING WITH _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2013 BEFORE 5:00PM (local time).

All reservations require a one-night advance deposit on a major credit card. A 24-hour advance cancellation notice is required for deposit refund. Hotel check in time is 3:00pm and check out time is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 3:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms are available. Please be aware that although an adequate block of rooms has been reserved, the availability of reservations at the group rate cannot be guaranteed if the block has been filled or the cutoff date has passed.

118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION "CELEBRATING FEDERATION GIFTS"



FUNDRAISING

Terry Lahue Chairman & Lenore Welko Vice Chairman

How would you like an opportunity to win some honest to goodness cash? That's right — you can call it CASH, MOOLAH, BUCKS, PIN MONEY, DOUGH, BACON, VACATION BUCKS, STASH, FUN MONEY, SMACKERS, or MAD MONEY. It doesn't matter what you call it, we all know what it is!!!

Well, this year's Convention fundraiser will be a SPLIT THE POT raffle. Tickets will be 6 for \$5.00. District Presidents will receive tickets for distribution to all club presidents at the GFWC Illinois March Board Meeting. We are counting on the assistance of all club members to make this fundraiser a huge success. Thank you and Good Luck to everyone!

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DAILY CREDENTIALS REPORT

	May 16	May 16	May 17	May 17	May 18	May 18	
District	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting	Delegates	Non Voting	<u>SPECIAL DELEGATES</u>
3							Past State Presidents _____
4							Executive Committee _____
5							District Presidents _____
6							Community _____
7							Service Program _____
8							Chairmen _____
10							Standing _____
11							Committee Chairmen _____
12							Special _____
13							Committee Chairmen _____
14							Junior Executive _____
15							Committee _____
16							Junior Chairmen _____
17							Convention _____
18							Committee Officers _____
19							Special Delegates _____
21							TOTAL _____
22							<u>TOTAL REGISTRATION</u>
23							Delegates _____
25							Special Delegates _____
TOTAL							Total Delegates _____
							Non Voting Members _____
							Guests _____
							Total Registration _____



**GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S
CLUBS ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
CONVENTION**

**MAY 16, 17 AND 18, 2013 – MARRIOTT CHICAGO-
NAPERVILLE**

GFWC ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2013** to avoid a late fee. Please register early, as meal functions are available on a first-come first-served basis.

YOUR FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Official Convention Badge | Convention Welcome Bag | Convention Program | Admission to Convention Business Meetings | Admission to the GFWC IL Exhibitor Area | Interactive and Information Workshops on Thursday May 16 | All Speakers and Entertainment featured at Convention Business Sessions.

MAIL – checks payable to GFWC ILLINOIS

Mail your Registration Form by APRIL 15, 2013 with your payment to:
MICHELLE SCHULTZ, GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION TREASURER
828 W REYNOLDS STREET
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764

MEMBER INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name
Badge Name	Email Address
2012-2014 General or Juniorette Club Name District	2012-2014 Junior Club Name District

MAILING ADDRESS

Address	City	State	Zip
Daytime Phone	Evening Phone	Cell Phone	

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Registration/Credentials Fee is \$25** for the entire Convention. Late fee for Registration/Credentials **postmarked after April 15, 2013 is \$40**. Delegates (Voting) must be registered for the entire Convention.
- Registration must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2013**.
- Non-voting members may register for one or more days at **\$15 per day** or **\$25 for the entire convention**.
- Registration fee of the GFWC Illinois Past Presidents will be waived.

Select your registration type

- ☐ Voting GeneralMember-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee ☐ Voting Junior Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee
☐ Voting Juniorette Member-\$25 registration/\$40 late fee

VOTING MEMBER - PLEASE INDICATE THE CAPACITY IN, WHICH YOU ARE VOTING. SELECT ONLY ONE.

- ☐ Past GFWC Illinois President
- ☐ General, Junior or Juniorette Club Delegate Club Name _____ District _____
- ☐ District Delegate (include District Director of Jr. Clubs as a district delegate) District _____
- ☐ GFWC Illinois Executive Committee Office _____
- ☐ 2012-2014 GFWC IL Board of Directors District President/Chairmanship _____
- ☐ GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Committee Office _____
- ☐ 2012-2014 GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors Chairmanship _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS – PLEASE SPECIFY DAY(S) ATTENDING:

- ☐ 1ST Day, May 16th ☐ 2nd Day, May 17th ☐ 3rd Day, May 18th ☐ Attending all three days
(Non-voting members **\$15 per day** or **\$25 for the entire convention**.)

NAME: _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

☐ 7:00PM – 10:00PM PRE-CONVENTION EVE | \$ 46.00

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

☐ 12:00PM – 3:00PM OPENING LUNCHEON | \$ 25.00

☐ 7:00PM – 10:00PM FEDERATION BANQUET | \$ 48.00

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013

☐ 12:00PM – 3:00PM UNITY LUNCHEON | \$ 25.00

☐ 7:00PM – 10:00PM FUN NIGHT | \$ 46.00

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

☐ 12:00PM - 3:00PM CLOSING LUNCHEON | \$ 25.00

NOTE: MEAL FUNCTIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATES AND NON-VOTING MEMBERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED A

MEAL TICKET FOR THE EVENT AND WHO HAVE A CREDENTIAL BADGE.

EACH MEMBER ORDERING MEAL TICKETS MUST COMPLETE THIS MEAL RESERVATION FORM

NO RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2013.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (Please inform us of any medical or food allergies restrictions)

☐ No restriction

☐ No dairy

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Gluten free

☐ Chicken for pork

☐ Diabetic

☐ Chicken for shrimp

☐ List Food Allergies/Medical _____

☐ Chicken for red meat

IF YOU DID NOT CHECK A RESTRICTION, THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD SUBSTITUTIONS DURING CONVENTION.

INTERACTIVE AND INFORMATIVE WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013 / 8:15AM – 9:15AM

☐ **REFRESH YOUR HOME – AN AFFORDABLE APPROACH TO HOME STYLING** ☐

Presented by: Diane Larson

☐ **LINDT CHOCOLATE FROM THE BEAN TO THE BAR**

Presented by: Pat Hansen

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013 / 3:15PM – 4:15PM

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FINAL CHECKLIST

Registration/Credential Fee \$ _____

Total Meal Reservations \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO GFWC ILLINOIS

MEAL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

REGISTRATION FEE & MEAL RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2013

LET'S HEAR IT FOR LEADERSHIP MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
Presented by GFWC Illinois Vice Presidents

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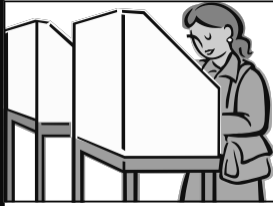
See you at the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs | One Hundred Eighteen Annual Convention May 16, 17 and 18, 2013 at the Marriott Chicago Naperville Hotel

A Look Into the Future - 119th GFWC Illinois Convention in May 2014

**Report from the Election Committee—Janice Perkins, Chairman,
Betty Koran, District President, Phyllis Cosserek, Parliamentarian**

One of the most important items GFWC Illinois has provided for you is your 2012-2013 GFWC Illinois Yearbook. Today I am going to be referring to this treasure as a reference for the elections as we will be moving into at the 119th Annual GFWC Illinois Convention.

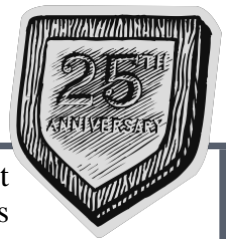
In May of 2014, we will have our next election for a new GFWC Illinois President Elect, three Vice Presidents (one from each region of our state (Northern - Central - Southern)), Secretary, Treasurer and President Elect of Junior Clubs. The GFWC Illinois President Elect and Director Elect of Junior Clubs of the May 2012 elections will be moving into their respective offices as President and Director of the organization.



For reference and guidance purposes please take out your 2012-2013 Yearbook and turn to pages 33-42. Of most immediate concern at this time are the sections on ***candidacy eligibility, endorsement, and nominations***. Under eligibility, the prior service on the GFWC Illinois State Board is carefully noted as well as conditions under which a member may not be nominated. This is all on page 33 of your yearbook. Endorsement instructions begin on page 33 and carry over to page 34. The timing and procedure to be followed are very specifically written out for your benefit. Read and carefully follow these instructions. Nominations gives very specific instructions. The length of presentations is explained as is the timing. This is on page 34 also. The next eight pages cover topics such as the election procedures and office terms. The duties of the officers, executive board, and board of directors are also covered here. In the fall we will discuss the specific details of the process. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to call me at 815-568-6254.

Saving the Future Through Donations to the Isabella Candee Foundation

By Lou Brown, Chairman 815-879-7431



The Foundation was named in honor of Isabella Candee, of Cairo, Illinois who was the first president of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs 1894-1896. The Foundation was established in 1987, to create an investment structure from which interest would be withdrawn and placed in the general fund to offset the budget.

Contributions of any amount are accepted, and all contributions are cumulative. Be sure to fill out the form in its entirety when donating. A new "In Recognition" has been added this year. *Example:* this is for someone who is donating to the Isabella Candee Foundation, in lieu of sending out Christmas Cards. The line would be stated "In Recognition of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors in lieu of Christmas Cards".

The Foundation celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2012, let's celebrate by "Giving a Gift" In Recognition of the 25th Anniversary and help secure the future of GFWC Illinois. Thank you for your continued support for this great fund.

BLUE RIBBON FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

**GFWC Illinois in Partnership with PCA Illinois
Cordially Invites You to Attend
The Sixteenth Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon and Fashion Show
“The Gift of... A Promise”**



Sunday, April 7, 2013 Bolingbrook Golf Club
11:00 a.m. Social Hour 2001 Rodeo Drive
12:15 p.m. Luncheon Bolingbrook Illinois
1:15 p.m. Fashion Show
3:00 p.m. Raffle/Silent Auction Results

\$40.00 per adult - \$18.00 per child 12 years or younger

Members of GFWC Illinois this is your chance to support our only State fundraiser by asking as many family and friends as possible to attend this annual event. For the past sixteen years we have been raising funds for our state project the prevention of child abuse and, Our Promise... A Safe Place for Every Child. For those of you who have attended in the past you know what a fun afternoon of fashions, federation camaraderie and good food will be enjoyed by all. Please plan to come early to participate in our lovely Basket raffle, Split the Pot and Silent Auction. So don't delay, fill out your reservation below and send it in before the deadline of March 22, 2013. We'll be waiting to hear from you.

Reservation for the Sixteenth Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show

Name: _____ Club _____

Address: _____ District _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE REPLY BY MARCH 22, 2013

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$40.00 per adult

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$18.00 per child 12 years and younger

I will be unable to attend, please accept this monetary donation \$ _____

SEND RESERVATIONS with check made payable to GFWC Illinois to:

Kathy Koran
5436 S 73rd Ct
Summit IL 60501



Conservation - Gerri Eck, GFWC Illinois Chairman



GFWC Conservation has a new partner, Alliance for Community Trees. Partner Spotlight: ACTrees "Tree by Tree-Street by Street"

The Alliance for Community Trees supports the needs of communities, nonprofits, businesses, and others engaged in urban forestry. Its founders shared a vision of healthy, functioning urban ecosystems nurtured by a broad base of community stewards. Since its founding in 1993, ACTrees has grown into a vibrant network of more than 200 nonprofits and agencies that promote the environmental, economic, public health, and social benefits of trees and urban forests. With the combined effort of local ACTrees member organizations and their partners, 15 million trees have been planted. As your chairman I will get more information and give it to the District Presidents for all of the clubs.

The above information was taken from the GFWC News & Notes

HOME LIFE

ELAINE BUSH, Chairman



GFWC Illinois President's
Special Emphasis Easter
Seals

Will there be Home Life concerns at our GFWC IL 118th Convention??? Yes, in the form of monetary contributions to our GFWC Partnership Organizations and Illinois Projects. The partnerships are listed in the Club Manual and the Illinois Projects are in the GFWC Illinois Treasurer's Information Packet 2012-14. In order to be included in amounts presented at the 118th Convention in May, the contributions must be received on or before April 1, 2013 at State Headquarters. Club Presidents and Treasurers please note that on the Monetary Projects Contribution Form, listed second is the **GFWC Illinois President's Special Emphasis - Easter Seals**. On that same form under Home Life are: Brain Research Foundation, Canine Companions for Independence, and Winning Wheels. Each of these groups are able to help more people with our contributions so please give them serious consideration!



Public Issues - Evelyn Dill, Chairman

Reports are completed and mailed, now we look forward to Convention and hope fully receiving rewards for our volunteer service. As the club year is coming to a close I hope you are planning projects for the summer months. Public Issues should be addressed all year. There are many events in the summer that your members can participate in, Memorial Day activities, July 4th Parades, and Labor Day activities. This is a good opportunity to get publicity for your club. You can continue to support our Veterans through the ***Sew much Comfort*** and the many ***USO projects***, especially the ***Reading Program***. Remember the needs of the ***American Indian Center*** with donations of clothing and school supplies. Promote safety in your community as the children are out of school and playing or riding bicycles in the street drive safely.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Convention.

CLUBS SHARING 'GIFTS' MAKING A DIFFERENCE

District 16 - President Diane Owens

In December, the 16th District had a Christmas Fun Time. They met at the Grecian Gardens in Chillicothe. Many fund-raising activities took place – purse auction, 50/50, sold chances on a Christmas Ham, offered books & puzzles, baked goods, and white elephant items. They even had a Tupperware representative offering a great fundraiser program for the District and the local clubs. Door prizes were won and a great fellowship time was had by all.

The Pekin WC, President Joann Seward, offered a **“Loaded Christmas Tree”** – selling chances at 3 for \$2. The tree was loaded with gift certificates/cards from various local merchants. All in all, the tree was valued at over \$300. The profit from this raffle was donated to the Miller Center Senior Citizens’ Center for their transportation fund. This van will come and pick up citizens to take them to various appointments even if the person cannot pay. They provide a great service to the Pekin area. The District’s parliamentarian, Eleanor Flynn, won the tree. Pekin held their annual Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon in December. Many white elephant items were available and offered jewelry plus baked goods for sale.



President Linda McLendon and the ladies of the East Peoria WC provided community service by decorating the East Peoria Historical Community House, The Doering Home, for the Holiday Open House on November 25th and December 2nd. They also donated to the Church Food Pantry and books to the Children’s Hospital in Peoria. For their fundraising, they sold Rada Knives and Kitchen utensils via catalog, sold Uncle Al’s Nuts, and held a silent auction. They plan a “No Bake Sale” in February of 2013, a card party/luncheon in the spring, and are making necklaces and scarves for the Vendor Blender in June.

The Princeville WC led by President Mary Arnold participated in the **“Make a Difference Day”** in November. The ladies made cookies for the annual Veteran’s Day party at the Princeville Grade School. Every year the Veterans and their families are guests. The program consisted of a flag presentation by Veterans and short talks. The grade school children sang patriotic songs. About 11 women participated and made 30 dozen cookies for this event.

Cheri Swanson President and the members Princeton Junior WC held an Ice Cream Social and Baby Contest in September. In November, they participated in the Princeton Christmas Walk and held a Vendor Fair – charging \$10 to vendors.

District 21 Nokomis WC

In October the annual fall craft show booth sold decorated wine bottles and other items. The proceeds were earmarked for the Honor Flight. December events included decorating the town’s Christmas tree, hosting treats with Santa for the children and participating in the club’s annual Christmas party.

District 23 GFWC Illinois Farina WC

In November from the GFWC Farina Woman’s Club met at the Farina Village Park to decorate it for the Holiday Season. The Village employees appreciated the help from the ladies and one of the member’s husband.

In December the club’s Christmas meeting and party was held, as well as collection of shoes for the needy at the local elementary school. Each member

GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman attending one of many club functions through out the state. Franklin Park WC celebration Fashion Show & 115th Anniversary October 20, 2012. Pictured also is Marie Fitzgerald, Club President, Diane Addante, President Elect and Beth Magoon District 7 President.



CLUBS SHARING 'GIFTS' MAKING A DIFFERENCE

From
District 3
President
Karen
Myer



In 2012, Morgan Park Juniors placed emphasis on the GFWC Signature Project by providing a domestic violence awareness and prevention informational seminar for the community. Speakers from several governmental and non-profit agencies presented or provided information at the event. March 23, two weeks later, the Juniors sponsored a community-wide benefit day promoting domestic violence awareness by partnering with twelve fitness facilities and many more fitness professionals and a local bank to produce Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence benefit day. A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park, a local non-profit counseling and advocacy agency serving victims of domestic violence was awarded \$6000 in proceeds.

The GFWC Zion Woman's Club celebrated **105 years** of serving the community at its December Meeting. The club was established in October 1907. Zion's WC also installed eight new members to their club.

Pictured new members seated: Maggie Grobelch, Audrey Orawiec, and Angie Houghton; **standing:** President Patricia A. Lord, Martha Corcoran, Sandy Good, Beatrice Idelberg, Mary Jane Sterbenz and Vice President Marilyn Goodman; **new member not pictured:** Elizabeth Viau.



GFWC Cerro Gordo WC, District 19 celebrated their 100th Anniversary in the fall of 2012. President Judy Sochor and club members rode in the Far Hill Fest Parade. Club members held a celebration luncheon with special recognition for 50 year members and past presidents.



GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman is so busy that her life has been described as a whirlwind of greets & meets. Here pictured are the officers attending this productive Winter Board Meeting in Effingham, Illinois.

(left) President Elect Diane Addante, Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer, Southern Region Vice President Jaclyn Hancock, GFWC Illinois President Pat Heitman, Northern Region Vice President Phyllis Skubic, Central Region Vice President Karel Volpert, Secretary Candy Godbee, and Treasurer Linda Bowlby





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District 4 - Marengo Woman's Club
The Community Go-Girls

September

Phyllis Mueller pleased the Marengo WC at their September Meeting with her sounds of many drums. Through her **"Drumming for Health"** program, she's brought the experience of the drum full circle to diverse groups and individuals for therapeutic purposes or for just plain fun.



Phyllis Mueller drumming

Left: Home of the Sparrow Director, Sophia de Vries; Marengo WC Publicity Chairman, Brenda Rommel; Home of the Sparrow Events Coordinator, Leslie Coen



Left: Juanita Kirkman, Peggy Visser & Doris Mulaslajic, Coordinator of Joy Bags Project



Make A Difference Day 2012

For the 16th year the Marengo WC has made 50 colorful drawstring Joy Bags and gathered together contents for each age appropriate bag including reading books, stuffed animals, tooth brushes, tooth paste, games, coloring books and crayons for younger children and pads of paper, colored pencils, pencils and markers for older children. Marengo WC has delivered 50 to 60 bags to Turning Point and Home of the Sparrow for Make A Difference Day each year.



October Meeting

was Ghost Stories with speaker Mike Bigalke and a buffet luncheon.



Arts & Crafts Fair held in October by the Marengo WC in which 32 crafters displayed their works. Quilts were raffle off and the proceeds went toward scholarships for local High School seniors.



President Vera Rimnac and Chairman of the Craft Show Norma Lowery check the ticket box for the raffle.